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## Consolidated College Name Officially Announced Saint Andrews Presbyterian College

### Welcome To The New Faculty

The doors of Flora Macdonald College have again swung open revealing the challenge of new opportunity from many and various pathways. Each department has something of its own to share with the students, and some divisions have new personalities to present. These faculty additions show wide variations in ability and experience and have already become a part of the spirit of Flora Macdonald.

Miss Anneliese Schober has joined the Conservatory of Music. She received her music degree with honors from Converse College, and continued there where she received her Master's Degree in Music. Her past teaching experience was also at Converse. Miss Schober now holds the position of Assistant Professor of Voice in the Conservatory of Music.

In the English department Miss Rosalynde Gibson holds the position of assistant professor of English. She received her B.A. from Flora Macdonald College and her Master's Degree in English from the University of North Carolina. Miss Gibson previously taught at St. Pauls High School.

The library has received two additions — a director and an assistant professor. Mr. Yates M. Forbis, holding the director's position, received his De-

gree in Library Science from Appalachian College and his M.A. from Columbia University. Wingate Junior College and Arlington County Virginia have been the places of Mr. Forbis' prior work. Mrs. Margaret Weir Bennett, who is Assistant Professor in the library, received her B.A. in Library Science and then did graduate work from Emory University. She has had experience in the libraries of Asheville, North Carolina, Agnes Scott College, Mercer University, and Emory University.

Dr. and Mrs. Clifford Nixon fill the positions of Professor of Psychology and Education and Assistant Professor of the Guidance Center, and Assistant Professor of Psychology and Education and Assistant Professor of the Guidance Center respectively. They both received their A.B., M.A., and Ed.D. degrees from the University of California at Berkeley. Mr. Nixon has worked as a Home Missionary and as principal of an academy in California. He has also been Chairman of the Education and Psychology Department at Bryant College. His latest position was at King College where he served last year as the Director of the Presbyterian Guidance Center. Mrs. Nixon has been an elementary teacher and a teacher in the field of Christ-

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St. Andrews Presbyterian College was the name recently given to the Consolidated Presbyterian College at Laurinburg. This name was announced on September 23, and is very appropriate as it enhances the deep Christian convictions and Scottish traditions behind this new venture in Christian higher education. St. Andrews is the patron saint of Scotland.

In recent months considerable progress has been made in the construction of the new college. Much progress has been made on the academic building, and the roof and floor are now in place. They are now placing materials on the exterior of this building. The academic building, which will be a very beautiful structure features unique architecture and design. The solar screen exterior is now under construction and several of the white celtic crosses are in place.

New bids on the construction of the dormitories were received September 29, and construction will begin immediately afterwards. Basic plans for the student center have been approved and working drawings are being made. These plans will be put up for bids in early October. The plans for the library are to come up for final approval soon. A catalog will be coming out in October, and committees will probably be appointed in the near future to make the transition to

the new college smoother and easier.

The academic building, dormitories, library, and music building are to be completed by September, 1961, with the auditorium gymnasium, and chapel being under construction at that time.

The administrative offices formerly located in Laurinburg, have been moved to a remodeled farmhouse on the campus site. The Christianity and Culture team has moved into the offices formerly occupied by the administrative staff in Laurinburg.

Dr. Harry L. Harbin, historian, and Dr. David B. Hawk, sociologist, have joined Dr. Bullock and Mr. Bennett in the preparation of the Christianity and Culture program. Mr. Bennett, Dr. Harbin, and Dr. Hawk are living in Laurinburg. Dr. Bullock is teaching one course at Flora Macdonald College and commuting. It is hoped that a philosopher will be added to the team by mid-semester. Dr. Harbin is formerly the head of the history department of Columbia College, Columbia, S. C. He received his Ph.D. degree from Duke University. Dr. Hawk formerly taught at Georgia State College, Atlanta, Georgia and also holds a Ph.D. from Duke.

Tremendous interest has been shown in the new college by faculty and students alike. Around 200 inquiries from college and university teachers across the

country interested in joining the faculty have been received. Quite a number of the people on present faculties will transfer to the new campus.

More than 200 inquiries have been received from prospective students, and around 40 have completed their information blanks and paid their registration fees. There is tremendous interest across the country in this new venture of Christian higher education.

### FMC Has Largest Enrollment Ever

The promise of graduation from St. Andrews Presbyterian College, formerly the consolidated college, has brought the largest enrollment ever to Flora Macdonald. Our student body consists of 412 members. Of this number, 305 are boarding students which is 34 more than last year's enrollment. This year there are 163 new students including both transfers and freshmen. To each newcomer we extend a hearty welcome to the campus life of the college.

In order to accommodate the additional boarding students, it has been necessary to provide new dormitory rooms. In addition to the three freshman halls, Page, Fleming, and Vardell II, used last year, Morgan III and one third of McCain II have been converted to freshman halls. The sewing room, which was on Page Hall, Mrs. Bullock's old office, which was located on Vardell II, and two rooms built off of the society rooms have been converted into dormitory spaces.

Provisions have been made for students to live off campus. Located just off campus, the Vardell House, home of the late President Emeritus, is being used exclusively for boarding students. Previously only one side of the house was used for dormitory space, and the hall and other rooms were used as offices for professors and college personnel. The Vardell House, occupied by eighteen girls is now equipped with new furniture, a kitchen, and a living room.

Four student started the year rooming at the Home Management House. These girls will be moving over to the main building soon, but where they will be placed remains to be seen. As we stand away and look at the bulging walls of Flora Macdonald, we think of the new college where there will be room for all.

### New FMC Students Greeted by Day Students

