

Alumni Banquet Saturday Night May 24. Make Reservations Now



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Alumni Banquet Expected To Attract Largest Crowd In History

Business Manager, Frank Richardson asks that reservations for May 24th Banquet be sent in early.

Now hear this! Now hear this! Calling all Alumni! Calling all Alumni! Come in! Come in immediately with your reservations for the big alumni banquet which will be held this year on Saturday evening May 24 in the O. Max Gardner Building.

Because of the large crowd which is anticipated, Mr. Frank Richardson, Business Manager, is requesting that dinner reservations be mailed in at once.

Mr. Arnold Kincaid of Kings Mountain, President of the Alumni Association is urging all alumni this year who can possibly make it to attend.

Mr. L. R. Harrill, for many years head of the 4-H Club work in North Carolina and a distinguished graduate of our institution, will be on hand to speak.

Following a custom of many years, the graduating class of the college will be guests of the Alumni Association and during the evening will be voted in as members.

Of special interest to the Alumni will be unusually excellent program planned in connection with the commencement exercises:

May 23 — Testimonial Dinner for Judge E. Y. Webb: Speaker, Judge Wilson Warlick

May 24—Alumni Banquet: Speaker, L. R. Harrill, State College.

May 25—Dedication of the Dover Memorial Library 2:30 P.M. Speaker, Grover Jones, President of the Baptist State Convention.

May 25—Sermon, Dr. Sydnor L. Stealey, President of South Eastern Seminary.

May 26—Address, Dr. J. Ollie Edmonds, President of Stetson University.

Music Department To Be Strengthened

Dr. Charles G. Vardell, head of the Department of Music at Flora McDonald College and member of the National Association of Schools of Music, recently led the Gardner-Webb administration and music faculty in a two-day study for strengthening and improving the department of music. Said President Elliott, "It is our hope to have on the campus of Gardner-Webb College in the near future a much improved department of music which will include an enlarged staff and more adequate facilities.

After individual conferences with President Elliott and Dean of Instruction, J. O. Terrell, and a careful study of the present instruction program, Dr. Vardell concluded his study by leading a group discussion on the following subjects: curriculum, personnel, equipment,
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NEW DOVER LIBRARY TO BE DEDICATED

Highlighting the commencement roster this year will be the dedication of the new John R. Dover Memorial Library on Sunday afternoon, May 25 at 2:30 P.M.

President Elliott recently announced that Grover Jones, President of the Baptist State Convention has accepted the invitation to make the dedicatory address.

Experts say that the new Dover Memorial Library is one

of the finest library buildings in the country. Built at a cost of approximately 160,000 dollars the building comes as a gift from the family of the late John R. Dover.

Although the building has been in use since the first of the year, it was only recently that the last of the custom-built shelving was installed by Remington-Rand.

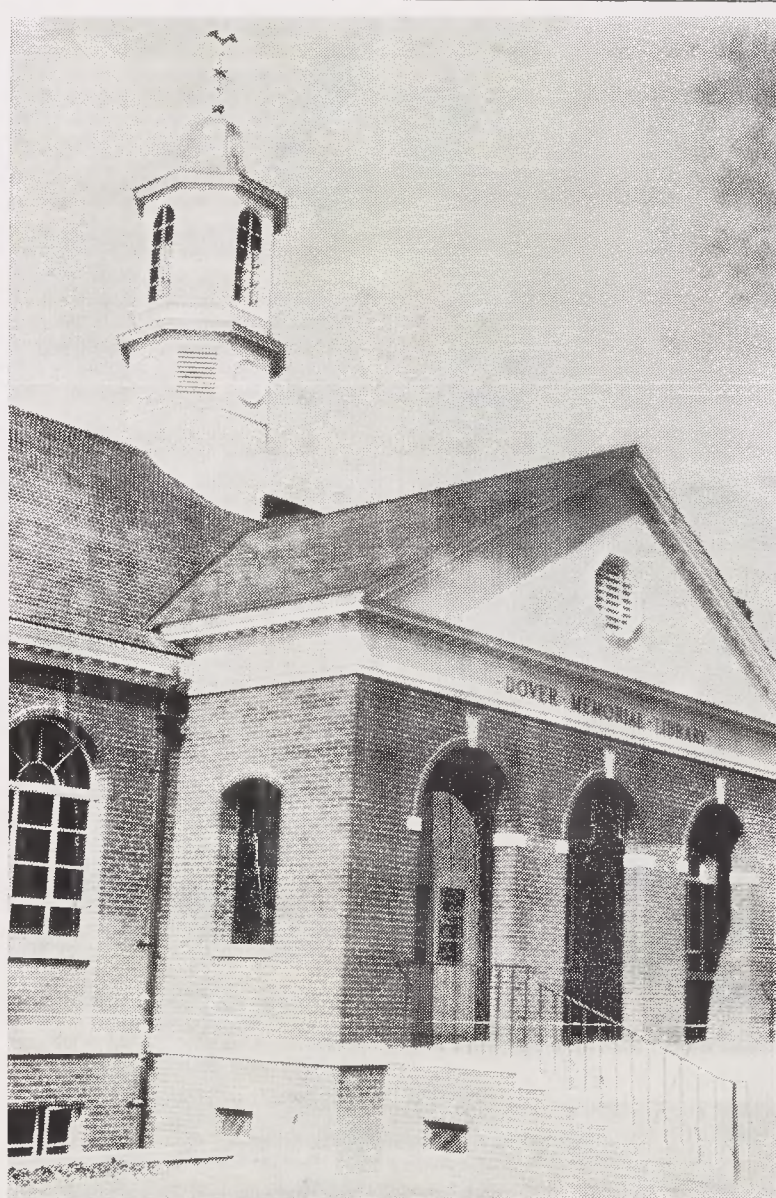
Visitors from a wide area, especially those who are interested in building new libraries for their own institutions, have come in a steady stream to study the layout of the Gardner-Webb plant which is a modified Harvard plan.

The main floor of the library contains two large reading rooms, the librarian's office, processing rooms, a stack area for 55,000 volumes, and on each end rooms for housing rare books and special collections of North Carolina history and literature.

The basement floor of the library has been given over to classrooms and counseling rooms. At the present time, English, History, French, Spanish, and Social Science are being taught in the five large classrooms which the building affords.

One of the features of the dedication program will be the formal acceptance by the college of several rare and valuable collections of books and manuscripts. These include the Thomas Dixon collection consisting of several hundred volumes, the Clarence Griffin collection centered around North Carolina History, the T. Farris collection of books in the field of sociology, the John Charles McNeil collection of original letters and manuscripts, and the recent gift of books to the rural church department by members of the State Grange.

Following the dedication ceremony, Miss Carolyn Wray, librarian, announced open house and cordially invites all of the alumni to be present for the ceremonies and to visit the building afterwards.



DOVER MEMORIAL LIBRARY BUILDING

Troutman Returns

The return of Professor William F. Troutman as head of the department of history and social sciences, Gardner-Webb College, has been announced by President P. L. Elliott.

Professor Troutman has been away on leave of absence for the past year at Duke University where he

has completed resident requirements for the Ph.D. degree.

A native of Asheville, N. C., Mr. Troutman has a B. S. degree from Western Carolina Teacher's College and an M. A. from Duke University. His doctoral thesis is on a subject of definite current interest, "Theories of the Relationship of Church and State in America."