

FROM ONE ALUMNUS TO ANOTHER

Fellow Alumni, I wish it were possible for us to again walk across the campus of our dear Alma Mater, chat together on the porches of the girl's dormitory,—now Huggins-Curtis Hall,—or eat one of those delicious meals Mrs. Ritch used to serve us in the dining hall. Since this is impossible for most of us, I want to renew our fellowship by writing you in this alumni issue of the Pilot. During the years of our institution's infancy and struggles you have been faithful, loyal, generous, prayerful, and helpful. This spirit has had much to do with making possible a development of our college beyond our fondest dreams. I wish I had space in which to give you the story of this growth. My intention in writing you, however, is not to reveal what is being done here, but to better acquaint you with the activities of some of our alumni. I hope this magazine will be the medium through which we may find out more about all of you—your work, your success, your family and your friends.

T. N. Farris, a member of the first graduating class, is now teaching at the University of Louisiana at Baton Rouge, La. He has had phenomenal success with his work and is an alumnus of whom we are justly proud. Others of this first class are Dr. T. C. Holland, who took his Doctor's degree in theology and is now in the reserves of the U. S. Army, Mrs. W. F. Mobley (Louise Atkins) and Miss Ollie Moore, who are graduates of Limestone College and are now successful teachers.

The group of Alumni who possibly have had the most influence are those who have become pastors of our churches in the Kings Mountain and Sandy Run Associations, and elsewhere. Some of those who are most prominent in this field are Dr. R. C. Campbell, now pastor of the First Baptist Church of Little Rock, Ark.

Rev. W. T. Tate, pastor of the Pacolet Baptist Church, Pacolet, S. C.; Rev. Boyd Cannon, a leading pastor in our own Kings Mountain Association and president of our Alumni Association; Rev. H. G. Hammett, pastor of the Temple Baptist Church in Durham, N. C.; Rev. M. D. Blanton prominently associated with the work in the Sandy Run Association and Rev. W. G. Camp, one of our most loyal Alumni.

Many of our graduates have become doctors and dentists. Among these are Dr. X. I. Green of Jacksonville, Florida, Dr. A. B. Crowell of Lincolnton, Drs. D. F. and Victor Moore of Shelby, Dr. John Hamrick, well known surgeon of Shelby, Dr. Allen Cash of Charlotte, N. C. and Dr. Wyan Washburn, now Gardner-Webb College physician.

At least two of our number are in the latest edition of *Who's Who in America*—Ray Brown of Chicago, Ill., who has become an authority on the operation of hospitals and Dr. M. D. Whitaker, President of Lehigh University.

Jay Jenkins, a journalist, who was former editor of *The Wilmington-Herald* is now on the staff of the *Raleigh News and Observer*.

Those among our Alumni who have become successful business men are: Arnold Kincald of Kings Mountain, who operates his own mill machinery shop; Roy Armette, a manager of an ice cream company in Winston-Salem, N. C.; Dufaye Barber, manager of a telegraph company in Columbia, S. C.; L. W. and C. E. Hamrick, who operate a mercantile firm in Boiling Springs; Grady Putnam, manager of the S and W Cafeteria, Washington, D. C.; S. C. Lattimore, Vice President of the Federal Land Bank, Columbia, S. C. (recently retired); Carl Latham, who is an insurance underwriter in Gastonia, N. C.; Maynard Allen, manager of a telephone company in Charlotte, N. C.; Huber Gold, who married Selma Mauney, is a ginner and farmer of the New House section.

C. C. Horn and Audie Powell, lawyers in Shelby and M. A. Stroup, a lawyer in Cherryville.

These are a few of our Alumni who are beginning to greatly influence their communities. There are many others that it will be impossible for me to mention in this brief communication.

Not only have many of our men been prominent in the various fields but also a great number of our women have rendered outstanding service.

One of the most important of these fields is nursing. The following Alumnae have entered this profession, and are rendering much needed service: Lunette Odum, who has for the past twelve or fifteen years been a nurse in the Walter Reed Hospital of Washington, D. C.; Eunice Hamrick, who saw over-sea service in World War II; Mrs. Vess Falls of Lawndale and Marie England are graduates of the Shelby Hospital; Lella Jones, a graduate of the Baptist Hospital in Winston-Salem; and Marjorie Hamrick, a cadet nurse during the war.

So many of them have become teachers in our elementary, public and private high schools and colleges that it will be impossible to name them all here. They are rendering a distinct service to the boys and girls and are influencing students to come to Gardner-Webb.

Business has also claimed many of our women graduates. They have become secretaries, stenographers, cashiers, and some have even established businesses of their own.

Those of us who still live in Boiling Springs have been impressed with the number of students at Gardner-Webb who are sons and daughters of our Alumni. This group is growing and will soon become one of the chief sources of students for our college. Mr. Elliott and other college authorities tell me that these are worthy offspring of their parents and are making an enviable record in school.

I have enjoyed this little visit with you. So sorry that space and adequate information have prevented me from mentioning more of you. I hope the time will soon come when we can have an Alumni secretary through whom we can communicate more often, one that will bring our organization together into a living, vital force for the college we so dearly love.

—O. P. Hamrick, '11