

## Life Itself Is Greatest Interest Of G-W Language Professor

By KEN ARCHER

Mrs. John M. Pollock of the Language Department of Gardner-Webb College was born in Charleston, South Carolina. She spent most of her early life in St. Augustine, Florida. It was here that she first became interested in languages. She began to live the language of the Spanish children with whom she grew up. Life with the Spanish boys and girls was very interesting and enjoyable for Mrs. Pollock as a child.

Mrs. Pollock began her formal education in St. Augustine, attending grammar and high school there. Later her family moved to Pollockville, North Carolina. She graduated from the Pollockville High school. But she was not satisfied with just high school; she wanted to continue the study of the things she loved most—romance languages. Mrs. Pollock then enrolled in the Woman's College of the University of North Carolina at Greensboro, soon becoming an outstanding student in the language department. After receiving her B.A. degree from the Woman's College, she went on to the University of North Carolina to get her Master's degree.

Not only did Mrs. Pollock enjoy Spanish, she liked French as well. To further her study in French, she went to the La Maison Française—the French House—of the University of Maryland. This department of the University is entirely for students who wish to study the French language, its history and development.

Mrs. Pollock's love of these languages prompted her to dedicate her life to teaching them to others. She began her teaching career 27 years ago, teaching in Reynolds High school, Winston-Salem, North Carolina. Before coming to the language department of Gardner-Webb College in 1936, she taught at Pollockville, North Carolina.

Mrs. Pollock says that life has been too full and too interesting to have any one particular hobby or interest. She has been interested in dramatics, and while in college she was in quite a few plays. The plays she liked best were those French plays in which she participated. She also likes to cook for small groups, experimenting with different dishes and making her own recipes.

"But what is life without love"—And love came to her in the form of John Mark Pollock, the man whom she married. Mr. Pollock is now living in Pollockville, North Carolina. His main interests are agriculture and auctioneering. As a pastime, Mr. Pollock enjoys playing the piano, confining his interest mainly to sacred music.

Mrs. Pollock is a member of the Eastern Star, the Modern Language Association, the American Association of Spanish Teachers and French Teachers, and the American Association of University Women.

We are fortunate and indeed grateful for having Mrs. John Mark Pollock on our campus.



MRS. JOHN MARK POLLOCK

### PLAY TO BE APRIL 21

"The Barretts of Wimpole Street," a three-act comedy portraying the love and courtship of Elizabeth Barrett and Robert Browning, English poets of the Victorian era, will be given in the E. B. Hamrick Auditorium, April 21, at 7:30 p.m. by members of the dramatics class of Gardner-Webb.

Luanaa Eredson of Rutherfordton, and Jim Spivey of Kings Mountain are starring in this production. Luanaa will play the part of Elizabeth Barrett, and Jim Spivey will portray Robert Browning.

## Gardner-Webb Students Take Active Part In Recreation Program

By MARGARET TRENTHAM

Several students of Gardner-Webb College have been working with the park and recreation program of Shelby. Every day, Monday through Friday, an afternoon program was held at each elementary school playground where play was supervised by two coaches, one boy and one girl. Seasonal games were played, and children too small to play such games enjoyed other less trying games.

Gardner-Webb students participating and their assigned schools were: Lou Crowder and Hilton Eades, Marion; Sara Humphrey and Jimmy Roberson, Jefferson; Margaret Trentham and Max Fish, South Shelby; Doris Whisman and Solon Womack, Graham; Catherine Love and Bob Humphrey, LaFayette; and Norris Jones, Washington.

The season opened with the girls playing kick-ball and the boys football. Competition was the basis of first team selection, and then cheerleaders were chosen to represent each team. The cheerleaders were outfitted in costumes displaying their school colors. They were taught yells, and they kept up the morale of those not actually playing. South Shelby girls defeated Graham, and South Shelby boys defeated Graham for the championship.

Basketball season followed. Much interest was shown in this sport both by the school children and their parents. Competitive games were played every Saturday afternoon in the Shelby High School Gymnasium. At the end of the season, a tournament was held. Graham's girls defeated South Shelby

for the championship and were given a trophy. Graham's boys defeated South Shelby to win the trophy.

One of the most interesting features of this program was a marble tournament. A winning boy and girl was chosen from each school, and they competed with representatives from each of the other schools. From them a city champion was chosen.

At the end of each week, the playground directors met to make reports on progress and interest shown at each school to director C. L. Perreault. At the end of the season, each school awarded letters and certificates to participants who made either first or second teams. The various playground directors went to High Point to attend a recreational meeting. The purpose of this meeting was to learn new games to be taught on the playgrounds.

All G-W students are from the Physical Education department of the college and are majoring in that field. They are planning and hoping to be used this summer in various recreation projects. "Such training is very helpful in that supervised play after school is provided for, and experience is made possible for embryo playground and recreation leaders."

The Shelby program was discontinued March 15 because of a lack of funds. It will be reopened sometime in June. During the summer months, swimming and other water sports will be emphasized. The Industrial softball leagues will be carried on.

Superintendent Perreault complimented the playground directors from Gardner-Webb for their efficiency and good sportsmanship.

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