

UNIQUE IN THE SOUTH

Huggins Memorial Radio Communication Center

By JACK EDWARDS

On Friday, September 19, 1948, the Huggins Memorial Radio Communication Center was dedicated in a ceremony that marked the origin of the first broadcast from this new studio.

This radio center was given to the college by Mrs. Paris Yelton O. Shelby, in honor of her late instructor, Professor J. D. Huggins, first dean of the college. The new studio is just off the auditorium stage of the E. B. Hamrick building. From it has originated a variety of student-talent radio programs for thousands of listeners throughout the Carolinas.

The radio center has produced half-hour programs every Friday afternoon at 3:30 during the current school year, with WOBH of Shelby handling the regular productions, and WGNB of Gastonia and WBBQ of Forest City being added for the special programs.

The program and rehearsal staff is directed by Professor Rev. M. Frye, speech and physical education instructor and baseball coach, who supervises the rehearsals, as well as the finished programs.

The programs include entertainment in drama, music, sports, and special events. The drama is chosen for interest and educational value, such as, Little Women, the story of Mark Twain, St. Valentine, the life of Beethoven, and Joan of Arc. The drama series are usually co-directed by Mrs. Frances Cuthbertson Vick, dean of athletics and director of college dramatics, and Professor Frye. These dramatizations bring to radio life such notable figures as Benjamin Franklin, Stephen Foster, and Washington Irving.

The engineering crew is supervised by James Eridrea, a student technician who is combining his college studies with the radio experience to prepare himself for future study at a larger radio university in Washington, D. C. The drama staff includes trained sound effects personnel who produce everything from foot-steps to busy traffic jams by using everything from brass drums to shower faucets. They contribute a major part to the college radio series.

The college choir and glee club are always prepared for a musical program. Miss Zmaly Gambie, director of the glee club, conducts her group in the accompaniment of the musical dramas, while Professor Joseph Morrisette, director of Gardner-Webb's widely known capella choir, presents his singers in sacred concerts. In addition to the regular choral groups, the music program includes Stephen Morrisette in recitals on the college's Fitcher pipe organ, as well as piano and violin recitals by Misses Abbie Miller and Shirley Smith, college music instructors.

Among the equipment valued at around \$2,000, the radio center also has a new Stephens recorder in Majestic Wire recorder, and a Western Electric disc recorder. These special recording machines are used for recording the programs before air time and aid the novice in correcting speech faults.

The center has plans for expansion to receive wire special radio lines directly to the WOBH transmitter. Plans for securing a tape recorder are also being made, to enable the engineering staff to send their programs to all stations with the recording facilities.

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Gardner-Webb Plans For The Future

By ALAN BROWNING

The Gardner-Webb campus began to grow in 1941 with the erection of the Washburn Memorial Building. This building was built by Mr. Sexton A. Washburn in memory of the Washburn families, and is now being used by the commercial department.

A new dormitory was constructed in 1946 for veterans. This fireproof building accommodates fifty students at the time. Two new wings were added in 1947, and the dorm was turned over to the girls, who now enjoy the conveniences of modern facilities, parlors, kitchens, and parlors.

Enlargement of the campus continued in 1948 when 35 apartments and prefabricated houses were erected for occupancy by married veterans. There are 3-room and 4-room apartments, with all the comforts of home.

With the dedication of the new Gardner Memorial, and the school's recent entry into the Southern Association of Junior Colleges and Secondary Schools, Gardner-Webb College will have officially been launched into an era of increased development and expansion. This began years ago under the auspices of the school's great benefactor—the late Ambassador O. Max Gardner. The actual plans is about to undergo many great developments. The new boys' dormitory, now un-

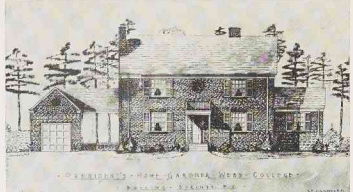
der construction, is rapidly progressing. There is every indication that the contractors will meet their promise to complete the structure before the opening of the fall semester in September. In addition to four large class rooms and six conference rooms and teachers' offices, the building will accommodate 100 men. Reservations are now being made for rooms.

Plans have been completed for the new health center and student infirmary, which will offer 24-hour service to the college, as well as to the community. It is hoped this structure will be completed by the fall semester.

The president's home is also nearing completion. This structure should be ready for inspection this afternoon of dedication.

Another planned addition to college facilities, which should prove to be a tremendous asset by the Gardner Memorial Library. Given by Jack and Charles Doyne and the Doyne Foundation, the memorial honors the late J. R. Doyne, noted industrialist and Christian leader in this area. The library will be constructed during the 1949-50 term and will probably be located on the west side of the campus—near the Gardner Memorial.

Colonel J. W. Harrelson and Dr. J. Henry Highsmith, special consultants for the college, have also



This picture was made from an architect's drawing of the new home for the college president. The two-story brick structure has just received the finishing touches by the contractors, A. A. Ramsey & Son of Shelby. The house is open for inspection today and will be occupied by the college president very soon. It is located in a beautiful pine grove on Memorial Drive on the college campus.

Gardner-Webb Expands Financially

By TOMMIE PAINTER

Financially, Gardner-Webb Junior College ranks high in comparison to the other schools in the state. From a plant asset of \$278,900 on August 31, 1943, the school increased to \$863,000 for the year of July 31, 1948. The endowment received by the school yearly has ranged from \$7,750 in 1943 to \$187,000 in 1948. The income of the school has more than doubled in five years, but the expense has also increased with the times. In 1943, \$70,000 was brought in while \$76,000 was put out for expenses; while in 1948, \$182,000 came in, and \$186,700 was spent.

Breaking down the income of \$182,000 in 1948, the following interesting findings are available: From tuition and music fees, there is an annual income of \$60,000. The tuition at Gardner-Webb is lower than any junior college in the state with the exception of Pinebluff Junior College. The annual endowment income is \$4,200, while the Baptist State Convention contributes \$34,900. From the students, the room and board fees amount to \$46,000. The bookstore brings in an annual amount of \$16,000. The amount paid in for summer school is \$10,400. Other miscellaneous incomes amount to \$11,300.

The annual expense of \$186,700 is spent to the best advantage of the school and the students. The annual administration expense is \$27,100, while \$42,400 is spent on instructions. Plant operations run up to \$18,900 a year, and the bookstore puts out \$15,900 annually. The expense of the dormitory and cafeteria runs about \$5,900 yearly. For the athletic fund, the school puts out \$4,700, and the same for student publications. Scholarships and ministerial fees cost \$2,400, while the endowment campaign is \$3,000. The library annually costs \$3,700, and the amount is spent wisely. The

recommended for construction in the near future a new gymnasium and physical education building. Preliminary plans have already been made for this unit.

miscellaneous expense of the school is about \$600.

Gardner-Webb College is undergoing a large expansion program. The recently built girls' dormitory cost the school \$172,000, and \$15,000 was spent building an athletic field. The boys' dormitory under construction is estimated at \$200,000. The new home for the president cost \$30,000, while the faculty homes and faculty drive cost \$27,000 and \$3,500 respectively. The newly-erected heating plant behind the E. B. Hamrick building cost \$21,000. The O. Max Gardner Memorial, contributed to the school by the family of O. Max Gardner, cost \$150,000, but, being a gift, its cost does not come under the school's expenses.

The income for the year 1948 is \$182,000, and the expense is estimated to be \$200,000.

Gardner-Webb Junior College operates on a strict budget. All the money spent is approved by the Board of Trustees of the college. Gardner-Webb is expanding, and someday will be one of the leading junior colleges in the nation.

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