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New Marshals Tapped

In a very effective candle-light tapping ceremony during chapel on May 7, 1951, thirty-one new members were admitted to the Marshal Club of Gardner-Webb College. Preceding the tapping, the active Marshals of 1950-51 presented a short program giving the purposes and the ideals of the Club and the standards a student must reach to be eligible for membership.

The primary qualifications as stated in the constitution of the Marshal Club are leadership, scholarship, character, and service. Upon these aspects the students were chosen. Names to be considered for this honor were submitted by the faculty, and approved and voted on by the club members.

The prerequisites of a marshal were illustrated both in poetry and song before the tapping began. Then each old member went down into the audience and tapped the new members. Many of the students were surprised to find themselves being tapped and told to come up on the stage. Each was given a candle lighted by Sara Reece, Chief Marshal, and they all repeated the Club pledge.

The highest honor Gardner-Webb College offers, the office of Chief Marshal, was given to Faith Johnson and Gaylord Lehman. The active Marshals for 1951-52 include: Thurman Allred, Gene Washburn, Robert Bolick, Max Lippens, Jack Meacham, Jo Lena Bridges, Koll Hawkins, Freida Moss and Marquetan Ross.

Honorary members of the Marshal Club from the freshman class are: Jo Mize, Grace Neilson, Margaret Swann, Bobby Denny, Doris Adair, James Ward, Joan Bridges, Nancy Abernathy, Martha Coffey, James McAllister.

Honorary members from the sophomore class are: Iris Champion, Alberta Hamrick, Mary Frances Howard, Julius Pinkston, Frances Quinn, Dan Roberts, Sue Seism, Mickey Shull, Alice Swann, Alma Thrift.

Officer: "Did you know you missed that old man by an inch?"

Driver: "That's all right, I'll get him going back."

Grace: "I didn't accept Bob the first time he proposed."

Mabel: "No, dearie, you weren't there."

"Do you believe in love at first sight?"

"No. Do you?"

"No. That is just why I want to see you again."

There is two things in this world for which we are never fully prepared, and them is—twins.

88 Graduate

The graduating class of 1951 is composed of 88 students and is almost evenly divided with 41 girls and 47 boys. The number of boys would have been larger if Uncle Sam had not stepped in.

The day students of the class number 28 and claim 4 of the 16 sophomores who made the honor roll. Of the three who made the "A" Honor Roll, one is also a day student.

One of the number is graduating without having completed her high-school education. She is Dorothy Whisenant Maye who entered Gardner-Webb College by taking the Civilian Form of the G. E. D. Test. This test was first made possible at Gardner-Webb several years ago by President Elliott. It is a test for people over twenty-one years of age who wish to continue their education but who have not graduated from a high school. Dorothy Maye is the third student to graduate from the college under this plan. The first two were members of last year's sophomore class, one of which has already been accepted to a senior college.

We, who are freshmen, say goodbye and wish that each of the 88 will find his key to happiness and good luck.

Students Hear Symphony

The generosity of Mrs. O. Max Gardner made it possible for a large number of college students and faculty members to attend the annual concert given by the North Carolina Symphony Orchestra in Shelby on Thursday evening, May 10, at eight-thirty o'clock.

A varied program of symphonic music was presented. From the opening measures of Strauss' "Die Fledermaus" to the closing melody of hit tunes from "South Pacific" the audience was enthralled and entertained. "Tchaikowsky's "Nutcracker Suite" was a favorite with many; Beethoven's "First Symphony, op 21" was played in a scholarly manner with classic restraint.

General comment heard from various sources indicated that the Orchestra has made vast strides in improving both the quality of its music and the selection of compositions played.

We look forward with keen anticipation to another concert by this distinguished group of musicians next year. And, too, we are deeply indebted to Mrs. Gardner for making it possible for us to enjoy an evening with the North Carolina Symphony Orchestra.

I. R. C. Elects New Officers

The International Relations Club at its regular weekly meeting, Wednesday, May 9, initiated the new officers for the coming 1951-52 school year.

The officers are: president, Bob Ward; vice president, Jo Lena Bridges; secretary, Barbara Huggins; publicity chairman, Jim Weaver; and reporter, Zeb Wright.

Commencement Speakers Announced

The speakers for the Commencement exercises at Gardner-Webb College were announced today by President P. L. Elliott. Dr. Harold W. Trumble, President of Wake Forest College, will deliver the Baccalaureate sermon in the church auditorium at 8:00 P.M., May 20.

Mr. Thomas Pruitt, outstanding Hickory attorney and Baptist layman, will deliver the Commencement address in the College auditorium, at 10:30 A.M., May 24. Following the Trustees meeting on May 23, the annual Alumni Banquet will be held in the O. Max Gardner Memorial Student Building at 7:00 p.m. Advance reservations reveals that a large group of Alumni will be present.

The Alumni speaker, Dr. N. N. Barrette, Executive Secretary of the Sunday School Board of the Southern Baptist Convention is of Nashville, Tenn. Dr. Barrette, an alumnus of the college was born and reared in Cleveland County.

Science Club Elects New Officers

The Science Club elected new officers to serve next year the other day. Jack Meacham, one of the Georgia boys from Summerville is the new president. He succeeds Wayne Bridges from Rutherfordton. Robert Denny from Nantahala is the new vice-president, and he is to try to fill the shoes of Bryan Gillespie from High Shoals. Margaret Swann from Statesville is to take Jean Delvin's place as secretary. The Faculty Sponsor will again be Mr. Dixon, our math teacher.



Shown above is Miss Mabel Starnes, Dean of Women, and a group of students at Gardner-Webb College enjoying the new parlor furniture of the Girls' Dormitory recently donated by Carson Stout, president of Carson's Inc., High Point. The furniture was especially designed for the dormitory party to have the color and warmth of a tastefully furnished home and at the same time to have the strength and durability required for institutional use. Left to right is Miss Starnes, Mary Frances Howard, Statesville; Alice Swann, Rutherfordton; Patricia Thompson, Statesville; Margaret Swann, Statesville; Nadain Ostwalt, Troutman.