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## Editorial

I have been told that it is journalisticly incorrect to combine too much of a news story with an editorial, but I would like to verbalize a little on my impressions of our annual revival of a few weeks ago. To me, this revival is one of the most important activities of our campus for the whole year.

It was very inspirational to see well over a third of our entire student body rise and go to the front of the auditorium signifying that they had already dedicated their lives to full time christian work by being preachers, missionaries, and so on. But it was even more inspirational to see almost all the other students rise to signify that they would dedicate their lives to the Lord in whatever field He chooses for them to work. It really is wonderful to know that most of our students want to be "fulltime" Christians.

But, like Dr. Morrisett said in chapel, I would like to call attention to the seriousness of such a profession. Do we all realize what this Christian Religion is? Webster says that religion is "An awareness or conviction of a supreme being, arousing reverence, love, gratitude, the will to obey and serve, and the like." Therefore a christian is one who believes in Jesus Christ, and the truth as taught by him; and this realization must make us love, reverence, and serve Christ and want to help others find him in any way that we can.

In order to serve Christ best, we must have open minds and hearts to the teachings of our faculty. The prejudice of the closed mind is one of the penalties of ignorance—a tragedy to a christian life. It builds an impenetrable wall around preconceived notions and makes progress impossible. We must also find and follow God's will for our lives. One of the worst penalties of spiritual illiteracy is the failure to do this.

Yes, I was happy that so many have dedicated their lives to Christ, but I will be even happier if all of us will get a fuller realization of this dedication and work even closer together in winning others to Christ.—(G. W.)

## Vital "Statics" On G-W Students

There are students from 40 North Carolina counties and nine other states here at Gardner-Webb this year. Among the North Carolina counties, Cleveland is ahead with 118 students. There are 54 students from Rutherford, and Gaston has 37 students.

The states represented are North Carolina with 319 enrolled, South Carolina with thirteen, Georgia with eight, Florida with six, Virginia with two, and Iowa, Louisiana, Pennsylvania, Tennessee, and Texas with

one each. There is a total of 374 students this year.

The registration cards for this year indicate that students on the campus are studying for any one of 38 different professions. These range all the way from auto business to medicine. Among the professions, most students have chosen the ministry with 54. It is followed by the following: teaching, 27; religious education, 22; nursing, 21; missions, 17; business administration and commerce, 16; secretarial, 14; athletics, 11; agriculture and farming, 10.

Most of the students are Baptists (305 of them), but there are six other faiths represented in the student body.

## Living Memorial To The Growth Of Gardner-Webb

By Glenn Pettyjohn

In the year 1940, when Gardner-Webb survived the closing of its doors only by the valiant efforts of a limited few, there emerged a symbol of the hard work going on at that time, and it has lived through the years, remaining today as a landmark of Bolling Springs.

The gymnasium, the large rock building that stands in front of our new library, previous to the turn of the decade of 1940, existed only as a weather-beaten, gloomy structure. Although described by some as an "eyesore," and suggested

he had reconstruction at the halfway mark on the E. B. Hamrick building.

The amazing thing about the work done by Gardner-Webb's former president is that he personally raised practically all the money used in the building that he did up until the time of his retirement.

Today, he is the pastor of Lattimore Baptist Church, which also he led in building. In addition to that, he teaches a veteran's class in agriculture at Bolling Springs High School.

Now that the new library has been erected behind the old stone gymnasium, it will either have to be moved or torn down. Nevertheless, the big boy will have served a good purpose for the college and community. For many years, it has been the only place in the whole community where the college and high school could meet for practice and games. Many have the times been also when successful parties were staged there. When the time comes, there will be many to say, "That is one Joe we hate to see go."

## ALUMNI NEWS

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Missionary, Box 315, Kahului, Maui, T. H.

James M. Kirby ('48)  
Attorney, Paelet Mills, S. C.

Kay L. Kiven ('39)  
Chemist, Bishopville, S. C.

Leonard W. Long ('40)  
College Teacher; 309 Woodburn Road, Raleigh, N. C.

Eugene McSwain, ('39)  
Theater manager, Kings Mountain, N. C.

Loretta Phillips, ('49)  
Educational Director; Bessemer City Baptist Church

Dr. Eugene Poston, ('43)  
Pastor, Wallace Baptist Church, Wallace, N. C.

**NEW CLERK** (in department store). Our opening sale has closed. What now?

**EXPERIENCED CLERK:** Our closing sale opens.

Any average man who works will accomplish more than a genius who doesn't.

There was, on hand, 10 loads of stone and 40 bags of cement, but no money was available for the purchase of more, nor was there any funds to hire labor. Nevertheless, Mr. J. R. Cantrell, the stable, firm-minded president, undertaking the project, hired the men to do the work, and then set out to raise money for their weekly wages and for more supplies.

Day by day and week by week, he labored, approaching men on the street, in the stores, and in the fields. Many were not interested in such an endeavor, but many reluctant contributions were made. Somehow, each week there was money enough for wages of the men building the rock gem walls.

The granite they worked with was the native flint of Bolling Springs, hauled from the fields right here in the community, and erected into a structure of lasting endurance.

To look upon it now, at first glance, we wouldn't see that it is a \$6,000 project that took 6 months of sleepless nights, and weary days to complete. We wouldn't see the uncertainty that existed at the time about its completion. Today Mr. Cantrell modestly admits that it was a stab in the dark, and an act of faith, that he wouldn't undertake again. But it is a living reflection of his perseverance and staid-mindedness.

While at Gardner-Webb he made many other improvements which probably seem small to us today, but at that time were of great importance. With only 3 buildings on the campus (including the gym) there was much needed work to be done. Even the E. B. Hamrick building stood in ruins because of a fire that destroyed everything but the four walls that held it together. Before retiring from the presidency,