

MRS. HUGGINS TO "GRADUATE"

CLOSING A HALF CENTURY OF SERVICE

As this year draws to a successful conclusion, another group of men and women will graduate and next year another group will come to fill the gap that they left, and on and on the cycle repeats itself through the years. This year, however, Gardner-Webb is "graduating" one woman who has made herself beloved in the sight of all who know her. After almost a half century of teaching, guiding, and loving boys and girls, Mrs. J. D. Huggins, will step out of her official position at Gardner-Webb. To say that Mrs. Huggins is retiring would be far from the truth for everyone who knows Mrs. Huggins knows that she will always be in the line of service rendering herself wherever she is needed.

Mr. and Mrs. J. D. Huggins came to Boiling Springs in 1907. One year later Mrs. Huggins started teaching in the old Boiling Springs High School. In that year there was just one building. It was the one we now know as Huggins-Curtis. The students were housed on the second and third floors and the auditorium and classrooms were on the ground floor. The rooms were lighted with kerosene lamps and water was obtained from a well. Mrs. Huggins taught English, Latin, and Greek.

During the First World War, the student body was almost depleted because so many of the boys had to go to the service of their country. These war years were followed by depression years and the school was almost closed. Because of people like Mrs. Huggins and her husband the school remained opened. "It must not die" came to be their slogan. Through the wonderful spirit of co-operation and sacrifice the student body and faculty pulled the school out of some of its worst years.

Gardner-Webb College did not just happen. It came about through the blood, sweat, and tears, and many years of sacrificing rendered by people like Mr. and Mrs. Huggins. Mr. Huggins was the principal of the High School and was the first dean of the college. He remained the dean of the college up until his death in 1932. Through the years this fine Christian couple spent their lives together working and praying for the school and watching it develop.

Although Mrs. Huggins is leaving her official position at Gardner-Webb, we know that she will always be vitally interested in all that happens here and will be close by to lend a helping hand when called upon. Her ready wit and continual smile will be missed by all but especially the girls because she was always on hand to offer a comforting word, a bit of wit, and encouragement when the road seemed the hardest.

She is leaving, but her influence is imprinted indelibly on the hearts and in the lives of all who have come in contact with her and the beautiful life of service that Mrs. Huggins is rendering is being exemplified in the lives of many, many people who have come to Gardner-Webb and gone on from here with their lives enriched and inspired by the example she has set.

To Mrs. Huggins, our most honored "graduate" of 1952, we wish for you the best that life has to offer and pray that God will continue to use your life to bless others and thank you for showing us the Life Beautiful.



MRS. J. D. HUGGINS
PIONEER OF
GARDNER-WEBB COLLEGE

Student Government Officers Installed

In an impressive candlelight service in the E. B. Hamrick Auditorium on April 30, the members of the 1952-1953 Student Government were officially installed in their new positions.

The new officers are: Glenn Henson, President; Cathy Prince, Vice-President; Betty Ledford, Secretary-Treasurer; Yates Campbell, Day Student President; Betty Rose, Girls' Home House President; Paul Thomas, Editor of Anchor; Don Bynum, Business Manager of Anchor; Charles Rich, Editor of Pilot; and Rachel Scroggs, News Editor of Pilot.

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Henson Elected President Of Student Body For 1952 - 53

Climaxing two weeks of campaigning and speech making, Glenn Henson was elected to the office of President of Gardner-Webb Student Government Association, highest honor accorded to any student at school. Glenn is from Forest City, N. C. and he attended Harris High School. Although this is a new school for Glenn, the office is old to him, for in his senior year at Harris he was also president of their student body. Glenn was also a member of the F. F. A. and public speaking club of that school. After his junior year in school Glenn enlisted in the Marines and reached the rank of Corporal spending 16 months in the service. Then upon returning and finishing his high school education he came to G-W. Glenn has been very successful here on the campus not only which is shown in office which he holds but in that his judgment and outlook on life is respected by all students who know him. During the tapping services of the Marshall's Club last week, Glenn was tapped as an accented by our faculty. We are proud of Glenn and we are sure that this next year's school year will be one of the greatest ever. Glenn plans to enter the engineering field and to go to either Clemson or N. C. State upon graduation from G-W. He now holds the rank of Sergeant in Battery "B", Spindale National Guard. And if Uncle Sam does not call him, we predict a banner year for Glenn in his new office and also for the college and students.



GLENN HENSON

B.S.U. Council Plans 52-53 Calendar

The incumbent officers of the B. S. U. Council have already planned and prepared the 52-53 calendar schedule for the religious activities for next year. The group has met two times during the last two weeks and will continue working even after school closes.

According to the early accomplishments of the B. S. U., it is conceivable that the spiritual activities of the students will be in the hands of very efficient workers.

The new officers are as follows: Wayne Sorrells, President; Geraldine Woodly, Enrollment Vice-President; Mildred Laney, Social Vice-President; Rebeckah Luffman, Devotional Vice-President; Jean McSwain, Secretary; Joan Rogers, Treasurer; Charles Ledford, Sunday School Superintendent; James Parham, Training Union Director; Billie Sue Richardson, Y. W. A. President; Joe Jackson, Music Director; Bobby Bray, Publicity Director.

Dramatics Class Has Outing

Tuesday, April 29, Mr. and Mrs. J. Y. Hamrick entertained the dramatics class and play cast with a winner roast.

The group left at five o'clock for Felix Hamrick's lake. An enjoyable time was had by all. The afternoon was concluded with a non-professional baseball game.

The dramatics class and play cast wish to take this opportunity to thank Mr. and Mrs. Hamrick for their hospitality.