

GARDNER-WEBB OPENS 46th YEAR

Banner Year Expected

At 10:30 o'clock on September 15, 1952, the formal opening of the 46th year of Gardner-Webb College was held. The speaker of the day was the Rev. T. L. Cashwell of the East Baptist Church of Gastonia.

Most of the students here on the campus have no idea of the struggle for mere existence which the college has gone through in order that it might offer every opportunity for the young people of the state and nation to secure a wide and varied scholastic education. Certainly it has been a slow process, just like a house that is being built. At first the foundation must be laid, then step by step it goes up and up regardless of its complexities. But, if due to some unforeseen circumstances work is impaired, the builder must wait until means to clear all obstacles have been secured.

Why do we have such a great school in which we may seek that long desired truth called Knowledge? Probably the first important thing that has made our school what it is today is the life's desires of those men and women who have worked hard in order to pave the way.

In 1905 on December 2, the school was chartered "The Boy's and Girls High School Inc." In 1907, the most collegiate building on our campus was erected, the Huggins-Curtis dormitory. Mr. J. D. Huggins, husband of our beloved Mrs. Bessie Adkins Huggins, was the first Superintendent. During the forty-six years that our school has progressed it has been marked with the fulfillment of its leader's highest ambition. During this time, there has been a steady increase in the number of buildings and the endowment funds of our school.

Our President, Dr. P. L. Elliott, the gentleman, who, to the students here at the school has proven that "Life can be Beautiful," has brought our school into the present by leaps and bounds.

Dr. Elliott has served our school faithfully for ten years. Others who have been struggling with him all the while are Mrs. Pollock, Miss Wray, Miss Miller, Dr. Stacy and Dr. Dixon. Others who have been here since 1945 are Dr. Fisher, Dr. Dyer, Dr. Morrisett, and Dean Terrell.

The most outstanding buildings on our campus are: Decker Hall, in memory of James Webb Decker Gardner; the Huggins-Curtis Dormitory, in memory of two great men in the history of our school; The O. Max Gardner Memorial Building; Dover Library; the Hoey, Anthony, Padgett, Young-McMurry and Sattle dormitory for girls; and certainly we all know of the E. B. Hamrick Auditorium.

When Dr. Elliott became president, there were thirty-five acres of land and five buildings dotting the campus. Today, there are one thousand and twenty-three acres of land and twenty-two buildings. There have been five buildings torn down since his arrival.

During the next ten years there



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is great expectation of the erection of five new buildings, from an allotted \$30,000 donated by the Baptist State Convention in 1951. These buildings are: one dormitory for boys and one for girls, one Science building, 13 stories; a gymnasium and an administration building. The total cost is expected to be close to \$1,000,000. In 1943 and in 1944 the total value of our school was approximately \$2,500,000. In these same years there were 71 students—59 girls and 12 boys. Today, there are 609 students in this our banner year.

Dr. Elliott maintains that the loyalty and work of the faculty and students, the Trustees, and the backers of the school has made our institution what it is today. A faculty that was willing to put forth, students who were willing to work, and backers who pitched in cheerfully the necessary funds to carry on a school. Our school has some forty professions represented within its halls of learning, with ministerial and religious majors constituting the greater part. The future plans of our school as far as scholastic education goes are: to enlarge and enrich the music department; to construct a Science Department for Organic Chemistry and Physics; to establish a Department of Art, and

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Five Join Faculty

The faculty of Gardner-Webb has five new members this year. They are Miss Kathleen H. Davis, Mrs. J. R. Barnett, Mr. William F. Troutman, Jr., Mr. F. B. Dedmond, and Mrs. Dorothy Sink.

Miss Davis, a quiet, modest, grey-haired lady, is a graduate of Western Carolina Teachers' College. She did graduate work at the University of North Carolina and Columbia University. Miss Davis' home is in Shelby, but last year she was supervisor for the practice teachers at W. C. T. C. and was associated with the commercial department. Although her official capacity is Secretary to Dr. Elliott, she teaches shorthand from Lieutenant Max Sink. He called this month for Germany. Mrs. Sink, who teaches Home Ec., says she has always loved Gardner-Webb.

Mrs. Barnett, Counselor to the Girls, comes to us from Asheville. Mrs. Barnett is a widow with one son, a senior at Wake Forest. She graduated from the Slippery Rock Normal School, Slippery Rock, Pennsylvania, and has attended A. S. T. C. at Boone and Columbia University. Mrs. Barnett, whose calm air of efficiency is especially impressive, says she likes our school because of its Christian ideals and cooperative students. She thinks we are very democratic and our system of student government is developing leadership.

Mr. Troutman is not new to Gardner-Webb, but he is new to the students. He has been away for one year and two summers of graduate work at Duke University. A graduate of Billmore College at Asheville and Western Carolina Teachers' College at Cullowhee. He has completed three years work toward a Ph. D. at Duke. Mr. Troutman teaches world history, sociology, and government. Noteworthy for his quiet dignity and intelligence, Mr. Troutman says that the fact he keeps returning proves that he likes G. W.

The lovely lady with the sparkling personality, whom you have seen around the campus these past weeks, is Mrs. Dorothy Elliott Sink, graduated Gardner-Webb and returned in 1951 from W. C. U. N. C. with a B. S. in Home Economics. A native of Fallston, N. C., she worked last year as assistant home agent in Guilford County. In February of this year she received her M. R. S.

Mr. F. B. Dedmond, our new head of the English department, is a brilliant man with a fine sense of humor. Mr. Dedmond graduated from Catawba College with an A. B. degree, Southern Baptist Seminary with a Th. M., and Duke University with a M. A. He has also done work toward a Ph. D. at the University of North Carolina. He taught for four years at Oak Ridge Military Institute, serving as head of the English department for two years. Prior to coming to Gardner-Webb, he taught and took graduate work at U. N. C. He thinks Gardner-Webb is "a fine place."

Phones Installed

Number, please! No, that isn't what we've been hearing on the Gardner-Webb Campus this year, because we have dial telephones. Telephones have been installed in every office and in the dormitories on the campus. The students and especially the faculty are very glad they have been installed. It saves members of the faculty from buying an extra pair of shoes each year, because now they can just take a few steps and pick up the phone instead of running all over the campus trying to locate a certain individual.

We have our own switchboard, too, and efficient workers which make things very convenient.

If you want to make a call, you surely won't have to go far. Go to the student center or to one of the dormitories. Gardner-Webb campus is very lucky to have telephones and we appreciate the person or persons who made them possible for us.