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Gardner Webb To Present Romeo and Juliet

Founders Day Observed At G-W

Rev. David B. Roberts, associational missionary to the French Broad Association, delivered the address for Founders' Day, October 29. The Rev. Roberts is a graduate of Gardner-Webb in the class of 1925, when it was Boiling Springs High School. He is also a graduate of Wake Forest College and the Southern Seminary in Louisville, Ky.

This occasion marked Gardner-Webb's 47th year as a Baptist school, chartered in 1907 by the Kings Mountain and Sandy Run Associations. It opened in October, 1907. Professor J. D. Higgins was principal of the student body, which had an enrollment of 130.

In 1942 the name was changed from Boiling Springs High School to Gardner-Webb Junior College, in honor of two prominent Cleveland County families. Six years later, when the institution became a member of the Southern Association of Colleges and Secondary Schools.

Since its inauguration in 1943 President Philip Louis Elliott has directed the administration. Golden Anniversary, authorized for October, 1957, an expansion and building program, under the direction of Dr. Charles W. H. Bridge, Jr., is associated with that date. This program includes a drive for \$1,750,000 for building fund endowment, and student loan funds.

SS Conference Held November 16

The Conference of the Social Studies teachers in the high schools and eighth grades of Cleveland County met at Gardner-Webb College on Tuesday, November 16.

The conference is designed to benefit the teacher of Social Studies in Cleveland County by providing an opportunity for professional fellowship, a forum for a candid and confidential discussion of current problems and for the airing of ideas about the solution of these problems, an opportunity for an appraisal of professional integrity through self-examination, and an opportunity for professional growth through self-imposed disciplines.

The conference was instituted by the Schoolmaster's Club of Cleveland County under the presidency of O. Terrell at its March 18, 1954 meeting. William F. Troutman, Jr., head of the department of social studies at Gardner-Webb, had earlier recommended the project to the Schoolmasters and with the permission of President P. L. Elliott, had earlier the services of Gardner-Webb College as sponsor of the conference.

The program of the conference began at 3:30 p. m. The first session was highlighted by two provocative discussions which were designed as preliminaries for the general "round-table" discussions of the evening session.

Gardner-Webb had agreed to assume all the costs of the conference proper. However, de-



Gardner-Webb College held its ninth annual homecoming celebration on October 30. The weekend festivities began with the observance of Founders' Day on Friday, October 29, featuring the Rev. David B. Roberts as guest speaker. Friday at 7 p. m. the band, followed by the cheerleaders and students, began at the Hamrick building and marched through the community to the athletic field where there was a bon fire and pep rally.

At 6 o'clock Saturday afternoon in Shelby there was a parade led by the Boiling Springs Band, followed by the cheerleaders, the Homecoming Queen, her attendants, homecoming sponsors and various groups of students.

Back on the Gardner-Webb campus at 4 o'clock a variety show was

held in the Hamrick building featuring present and former students of Gardner-Webb and members of the faculty. At 5 o'clock a banquet was held out on the knoll overlooking the athletic field. The climax of the Homecoming festivities came Saturday night when the Bulldogs defeated Asheville-Biltmore 25-6 in a most outstanding football game.

During the half-time activities W. Lawson Allen, director of public relations, in the absence of President Phil Elliott, crowned Grace Rollins, a sophomore from Shelby, Homecoming Queen. Her attendants were Betty Staton, a sophomore from Charlotte and Phyllis Mundy, a freshman from Granite Falls.

Club sponsors were: Barbara Will and Howard Proctor, sophomore

class; Perry Dean Davis and Joe Saunders, day students; Nancy Latimore and Richard Ployer, student government; Doris Phillips and Bob Tryack, B. S. U.; Leona Lamm and Reginald Stroepe, Marshal Club; Pat Stout and Lee Jefferies, freshman class.

Individual sponsors were: Patricia Adams of Southport for Co-captain Dean Upton; Betty Jo Williams of Shelby for Co-captain Ronald Burns; Doris Vance of Boone for James Parker; Grace Rollins of Shelby for Henry Fogle; Grace Morrow of Gastonia for Bill Fitzpatrick; Pat Stepp of Gastonia for Alfred Stepp.

A great many of the alumni returned for Homecoming this year. Their familiar faces brought back many fond memories as old friendships were renewed.

Scout Group Meets At Gardner-Webb

Over 250 officers, scoutmasters, commissioners, and other volunteer officials attended the 1954 Scouter-Cubber Round-up of the Piedmont Council, Boy Scouts of America, held at Gardner-Webb College Tuesday, November 16.

The delegation gathered in the E. B. Hamrick auditorium at 4 p. m. with C. K. Bryant, Sr., of Gastonia, president of the Piedmont Council.

County district meetings of the 11 counties represented in the Piedmont Council were held at 4:15 with group conferences taking place at 5 p. m. Attending these group meetings, held in the auditorium also, were Scoutmasters, assistant advisers, troop committeemen, and leadership training committeemen. Other groups branched off into meetings of the college to hold meetings.

The annual meeting was highlighted as were expected to pay for their transportation to and from the college and for a meal while on the campus. Dinner was served at the lowest possible cost to delegates in the College dining hall at 5:30 in the afternoon.

lighted Tuesday night with a banquet held in the college cafeteria. D. R. LaPar, Jr., of Gastonia, chairman of the Council, gave a report of the Council nominating committee. Officers to fill the offices of president, executive vice-president, treasurer, scout commissioner, honorary officers, and members of the National Council were elected. Counties represented were Burke, Caldwell, Catawba, Cleveland, Gaston, Lincoln, McDowell, Polk, and Rutherford.

The welcome was given by Lawson W. Allen, and Dr. Robert N. Elliott addressed the conference on "The Common Weaknesses Found Among Students of the Social Studies in Their First Two Years of College and What Can Be Done About These Weaknesses."

Deidmond Organizes Debating Team

A debating team has been organized under the direction of Francis B. Deidmond, Professor of English at Gardner-Webb College. The team, at the present time, consists of the following people: Sara Ballard, Mary Philbeck, Lois Hoyle, Perry Redding, Lewis Ballard, and Reginald Stroepe.

The group, along with Prof. Deidmond, who has had previous experience in working with debate groups, plans to attend practice debates at Appalachian College on the second, third, and fourth of December.

The query for the present debate is: Should the United States extend diplomatic recognition to Communist China?

Fellowship Fun

Have all you fellows and gals discovered where to find forty-five fulfilled minutes on Sunday night? Well we have, and if you listen closely, we will let you in on our secret. The Freshman class is responsible for it (so you Posh) come! and the programs are planned by a committee consisting of eight girls and

Five-Act Tragedy Set For Dec. 8-9-10

On December 8, 9, 10, the E. B. Hamrick Auditorium will be the scene of the third Shakespearean play to be presented at Gardner-Webb College. Last year J. Y. Hamrick, professor of English and dramatics at Gardner-Webb, and Felix Hamrick, local businessman, collaborated in staging Shakespeare's comedy "Measure For Measure."

"Romeo and Juliet" is one of the most popular of Shakespeare's tragic love stories. It is the story of two families, the Capulets and the Montagues, whose hatred for each other brought about the death of their children.

Seventeen students have been cast in the production. Eddie Hudson of Cranston, as Romeo, and Betty Staton of Charlotte, playing the part of Juliet, have leads in the tragedy.

Other leading parts have been assigned to Myron Ruppe of Ellenboro, who will play Paris and Richard Merritt of Winston-Salem, as Tybalt; and Ralph Joyner of Waxhaw has the part of Friar Lawrence.

In addition to the above-mentioned assignments, parts in the tragedy have been given by the following students:

Connet, Conrad Morris of Spartanburg, S. C.; Lady Capulet, Nancy Lattimore of Lawndale, Montague; Nurse to Juliet, Billie Sue Ballard of Gibson; Myron, Max Whitlock of Forest City; Convolto, Charles Starnes of Fayetteville; Escalus, Bobby Porter of Gastonia; Samson, Hugh Price of Casar; Gregory, Don Bridges of Shelby; and the Apothecary and officer, Dwight Snipes of Hickory.

J. Y. Hamrick is director of the play, and Phyllis Smith of Winston-Salem is student director.

125 Students Give Blood

When the Bloodmobile visited Boiling Springs on Friday, November 12, a total of 220 pints of blood were given, 125 pints of them by Gardner-Webb students.

Gardner-Webb students were urged, if at all possible, to give blood for this worthy cause. In advance the program was presented to the students by the pastor of the First Baptist Church, the Rev. John Parrar. Students under 21 were given blankets to use, which their parents or their parents in order to receive permission for the student to give blood.

Four boys: Joyce Stephenson, Betty Barker, Shelia Mayberry, Virginia Singleton, and Betty Williams, Kitty Swager, Ellis Ann Phillips, Marlene Steele, Jerry Keeter, Jerry Ballant, Don McCasron, and Lee Jefferies.

In the past few months this committee's efforts in bringing us films, debates, panel discussions, game periods, and sing-alongs, John Sunday, night in the Gardner Building after the evening worship service and have a peak of fun. See you there.