



Professor of the Month

MR. DEDMOND

Professor F. B. Dedmond (and he insists on that final "d"), like Chaucer's clerk, believes that a teacher is one who gladly learns and gladly teaches. A teacher worthy of the name is a scholar—a systematic learner—ever in search of knowledge and truth.

Mr. Dedmond came to Gardner-Webb in the fall of 1952, after a period of teaching and graduate study at the University of North Carolina, to head the English Department. This thing of heading an English department wasn't the first time he has filled such a position. From 1947-1949 he was head of the English Department at Oak Ridge Military Institute.

At a recent meeting at which Mr. Dedmond spoke, he was introduced as a plutocrat who "wintered" at Gardner-Webb and "summered" at Appalachian in the North Carolina mountains, where he has for the past two summers served on the visiting English faculty.

Mr. Dedmond has published rather widely in scholarly journals in this country and in England. He has published articles dealing with Edgar Allan Poe and his works, Henry David Thoreau, Ralph Waldo Emerson, and the southern poet Paul Hamilton Hayne. His most recent article is entitled "Poe in Drama, Fiction and Poetry: A Bibliography." And sooner or later *The Personalist*, published at the University of Southern California, will publish a chapter of Mr. Dedmond's master's thesis to be entitled "Thoreau and the Ethical Concept of Government."

Mr. Dedmond currently is teaching three sections of an English Literature survey, a course in American literature, and Shakespeare. He likes for his students to sit as near the front as possible. As he puts it, "The honey flows the thickest up near the front."

Interview Held With Local Pastor

By JOYCE STEPHENSON

What can Gardner-Webb students do for the church and what can the church do for Gardner-Webb students?

First we must understand that Boiling Springs Church is not a college church but a local church with its members consisting of mill workers, farmers, men who own their own business, families with all age children, as well as students and faculty members.

Many students come from churches where they are used to special duties and responsibilities but Rev. John Farrar says, "It's not healthy or wise for students to take responsibility for year-round jobs because of vacations and holidays. Students can participate in Training Union and Sunday School."

What students can do for the church:

"Students who come to Gardner-Webb College and stay on the weekends will most likely do for this local church as he did for the church at home." Two ways in which students show how much the church means to them are:

"Christian students will have a wholesome outlook toward the church in the college community. This outlook will express itself in faithfulness in attendance to services of the church and willingness to seek the help and guidance of the pastor in times of need."

"The earnest Christian student should be challenged by the church to know the reasons for his faith in God and how his faith can be most dynamically expressed in the student life at the present moment."

What the church can do for the student:

"This local church takes a position that the students who come to Gardner-Webb year after year constitute a part of the fellowship of believers in Jesus Christ and thus all of the services of the church are open to our student friends."

In the study and training experience of the church as well as the worship services the students are presented with an opportunity to develop their Christian beliefs into a deeper understanding of God and His work. That is to say, as we labor together as Christians we are presented with the challenge to grow into full and useful Christian personalities.

While in college, a Christian student should be loyal to the way of Christ by developing his Christian stewardship. This Christian stewardship would manifest itself in the act of giving, although many students do not have a great amount of money to give to Christ; however, that which a student does have is to be used wisely in all instances and God's share richly given through the church.

Rev. Farrar's conviction is that, "No student should deceive himself that he will decide to live a nominal or half-hearted Christian life here in college with the expectation of being a more radiant Christian at some future time. The pattern which a student sets now will almost inevitably be the kind of life he will live after he leaves this locality. The greatest thing which a Christian student can do is to seek God's purpose for his life and upon discovering that to possess, dedicate himself to its fulfillment, and if this church can play any part in a student's reaching this experience, then the church has been a blessing."

MISSIONARY PROVIDES GLIMPSE OF AFRICA

By BEULAH HUFFMAN

Gardner-Webb College was honored recently to have as guest chapel speaker, the Rev. Fred Forrester. Rev. Forrester chose to speak on his tour of the Southern Baptist Missions in Nigeria, West Africa. He showed slides of the activities and of the difficulties with which our missionaries are confronted. Habits and customs of the natives are two of the most important considerations when one deals with these people. The slides gave us some idea of the situation faced when an individual chooses to enter this field of work.

Rev. Forrester presented various phases of our mission work including education, agriculture, nursing, medical work and evangelism. He stated that it is difficult work among these people because so many are illiterate and can not read.

Rev. Forrester has recently resigned the pastorate of the First Baptist Church in Bessemer City to accept a position in Louisiana with the Baptist Brotherhood.