



The above pictures the May Court attendants elected by the Student Body for this year. Pictured on the front row from left to right are: Janet Beam; Queen of May Court Festival Pat Stout; Maid of Honor Faye Branch; Margaret Hazeltine. Second Row, Sarah Farrow, Ann Ellis, Ruth Turner, Irva Smith, Betty Jo Williams, Barbara Zidonis, Margaret Gold, and Cordie Hardin.

ALUMNUS RELATES GARDNER - WEBB HISTORY

This story, written by Jay Jenkins, class of 1938, first appeared in the March 18 issue of the Charlotte Observer—Ed. Note.

RALPHIGH—When Eastern North Carolina towns were bidding for the Presbyterian college which finally went to Laurinburg, the money offerers made the section sound like a slice of Wall Street.

Those offers stir memories of the struggle of a college which counted its blessings not in terms of millions but in terms of \$3 and \$10 bills—and had labor donated for campus construction.

For the true test of a community's loyalty to a college, and its desire to maintain one, comes only when the chips are down.

In these prosperous days, the Presbyterian site-seekers proved that nearly a score of towns in the agricultural East could cough up a million dollars in return for a college.

In the not-so-long ago, the little community of Boiling Springs—in Cleveland County—was a showplace for loyalty. It was a village at that time of less than 1,000 population and most of the folks, then as now, farmed for a living.

Boiling Springs Junior College, later to become Gardner-Webb, never would have survived those rough depression days without the support

of folks who refused to surrender. It is often trite to talk about sacrifice. Yet no other description fits the efforts of people in Boiling Springs and Cleveland County to keep their school alive.

At a time when a man was hard put to feed and clothe his own family, these folks continued to give the college transfusions in the form of money, food and free labor.

Individuals contributed far out of proportion to their ability to do so. When the time came to build a gymnasium, townspeople donated their labor for the job.

On more than one occasion, the lender was dangerously low and student appetites are no respecters of depressions. So many times, E. E. Hamrick loaded some supplies at his big country store and replenished it.

To meet current bills, several trustees borrowed money on their personal notes. They did this even when the college's prospects were such that, on a purely business basis, they wouldn't have risked a dime.

On one memorable fall, Boiling Springs had a state championship football team. It was a humdinger.

The dietitian-magician was a gracious lady, the late Mrs. Ella Rich. She lent her magic to Irish potatoes, a staple that was no small item in keeping costs down and

paying for that football team. It's difficult to capture the spirit of that time against the background of this more prosperous day. But there was something uplifting about watching, and now remembering, a Baptist church straining and giving to keep the college going.

The spirit of the college was contagious. Otherwise, the teachers would not have worked for the pitances they received. Financially, the school may have been in a precarious position, but it was—and is—rich in many other ways.

Students who left there held their own in the four-year colleges with men and women who had graduated from larger, richer institutions. And they have continued to compete on equal terms with their fellows in the professions outside of college.

Gardner-Webb College now is an up-to-date institution, with modern facilities and an excellent staff. When it appeals for money, it does so because of growth and not out of a need for funds with which to eke out an existence.

It must be a rewarding experience for the people of Boiling Springs and Cleveland County to look upon the fine buildings of Gardner-Webb and to realize that it is a tribute to their loyalty and unwavering determination that this college, at least, would never die.



CUTEST COUPLE

The cutest couple of the Gardner-Webb Campus this month is "Margie" Norville and Jerry Hudson.

Margie graduated from Gastonia High in '55 and Jerry came to us from Bessemer City High in 51, where he was President of the Freshman class and played basketball and baseball.

There seems to be a number of girls getting rings from the boys and Jerry chose January 27, 1956 to give Margie a diamond. The wedding is planned for August.

The couple will make their home in Boiling Springs, and Jerry will return to Gardner-Webb this Fall as a Sophomore.

SYLLABLEGRAM

ANSWERS

Solution: "Peace hath her victories no less renowned than war."

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| 1. Par-son | 8. Tri-ple | 15. Cat-a-ract |
| 2. Er-a-to | 9. Her-on | 16. Thor-ough |
| 3. An-vil | 10. Hel-ic | 17. O-me-ga |
| 4. Cir-cle | 11. Ere-now | 18. Rai-sin |
| 5. Ex-cess | 12. Ru-in | 19. In-flow |
| 6. Har-ass | 13. Val-ue | 20. Ex-tra |
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