

# SOME REGULATIONS OF THE OLD BOILING SPRINGS HIGH SCHOOL

By MRS. J. D. HUGGINS

EDITOR'S NOTE—Mrs. Huggins is the wife of the late Mr. J. D. Huggins, first principal of this institution when it was Boiling Springs High School. Mrs. Huggins is a former member of the Gardner-Webb faculty. She is retired and now resides in Boiling Springs.

This article should prove to be of interest to many readers; both students and alumni.

Every school must have some regulations. Then it must be remembered that the social standards of the home and of the school then were much stricter than they are now.

Some of the regulations for the girls were: Lights must be out at ten o'clock. At first, oil lamps were used for lights. If the lights were not out at exactly by ten o'clock, the lady principal would go down the halls calling, "Blow out your lights, girls."

There must be no visiting nor loud noise during study hours. If a girl was found out of her room, she would have to take some sort of punishment. No girl was to be out in the halls before six o'clock in the morning.

All students were required to attend church and Sunday School. The lady principal called the roll for the girls. Prayer meeting was optional, but normally a good number attended. The girls were accompanied to all church services either by the lady principal or some lady member of the faculty.

If a boy wanted to accompany a girl to some public function of the school, he would write a note and hand it to the lady principal. She would pass the note to the girl. The girl would write her acceptance or rejection, give it to the lady principal, and she in turn would pass the note to the boy.

Ordinarily a boy could not accompany the same girl to the public function but once a month, but sometimes some of the boys would plead for "the rules to be taken off." After much pleading the consent would be given. What a time of rejoicing for the boys who wanted to be with their "special girl!" At some of the public functions there would be a social period. This was about thirty minutes immediately after the program, but unless the rules were off a boy could not talk to the same girl but ten minutes. Then they would have to "change partners."

In the early history of the school, there were only two stores in Boiling Springs. Once a week the lady principal would walk with all the girls to C. J. Hamrick and Sons' Store. It was one mile to this store. As they came back they would stop at A. W. McSwain's Store. This store was on the same site as McSwain's store is now. The girls had to make a list of their needs because they would only go once a week to the stores.

It was absolutely against the rules to pass notes to the boys, but some did anyway. If a girl was caught violating this rule, she had to do some extra writing.

There was to be no cooking in the girls' rooms. At first, stoves were used to heat the rooms. Some of the lids were flat and it was easy to make candy, hot chocolate, or coffee. Some of the girls took the risk, but the aroma from the cooking could be smelled farther than the girls' room. They would immediately have a visit from the lady principal. The punishment would be to

# American Colleges: "Four Year Country Clubs"

Washington, D. C.—(I.P.)—American universities and colleges will turn into "four-year country clubs" unless they revise their admission procedures to place greater emphasis on more deserving students. This warning is issued by Robert E. Ifert, a research specialist with the U.S. Office of Education.

"Such a revision will go a long way in easing the enrollment problem which most institutions are or will be facing within the next decade," Ifert said. "At present, there are two types of admission policies in general use. One is the open door policy whereby any student with a high school diploma is admitted; the other is the 'keep hole policy' whereby admission is granted to anyone with a prep school background or something of equal social value.

"The colleges can go too far, in fact they can turn into four-year country clubs, if one or the other policy is allowed to go to its fullest extreme. It's time the colleges and universities stop selecting solely on the basis of intellectual background or social prestige and considered other factors."

That fact, Ifert declared, are "sincerity and strength of purpose, and traits and characteristics as well as intellectual background."

"The student who knows what he is after instead of entering college because it is the thing to do will be the best student in the long run," he said. Along this line, Ifert struck out at scholarship funds. "Many students have the wherewithal to start to college, but do not have the aptitude to stay in college."

"The student who uses the funds he himself has to start and then demonstrates on the college campus he is a good student is a much better investment than the student who is lured to the campus as a reward for the good grades he earned in high school."

"Son," said a Texan with his offspring. "I just heard you asking that man what state he was from. Now my boy, I want you to always remember that I mean comes from Texas, he'll tell you; and if he isn't from Texas, there's no need to embarrass him."

If he can remember so many jokes. With all the details that mold them. They can't be recalled with equal accuracy. How many times he's told them? Also on Washington's birthday the lady principal planned a party for all students and faculty members. This was always a delightful affair.

In April the Athenian and Kalgathians gave a joint reception to the Ramsour and Kallergreonian societies. How much the students and faculty did enjoy these different functions which were planned by one member of the faculty and groups of students.

Another highlight of the school year was the Hoey Oratorical Contest and the Selma C. Webb Reader's Contest. This was held in Shelby sometime in April. The majority of the students attended and sat in a body as did all the students of the other high schools who had a representative on the program.

Then there were class parties. Sometimes a group of students, accompanied by a faculty member, would go to some home in the community for singing. Some of the songs used were "Down by the Old Mill Stream," "I Was Sent to Uncle Home," "Take Me Home Again, Kaskheim," and "Yankee Doodle." Sometimes even for a change a group of boys and girls accompanied by several members of the faculty, would go "possum hunting."

So despite the seemingly rather strict regulations, if one could ring the old school bell, and call the roll, believe me, there would be several thousand to answer in one swelling voice. We had a good time at old Boiling Springs High School.



"I make it shine," says Milas Martin, custodian at Gardner-Webb. As shown by this picture it is through his hard work that they do shine.

By CHARLES LOFTIN

Many people on Gardner-Webb campus have noticed the clean appearance of the Hamrick Building and the grounds surrounding it. This can be credited to the faithful care of Milas Martin, who in his four years of service, has endeared himself to everyone at the college.

Milas, as he is known to his many friends, has embodied in his person a rare sense of humor, a pleasing disposition and a keen sense of duty. A resident of Mooreboro, he attends Zion Methodist Church, where he is a steward and the treasurer; in addition to this he is a member of the Masonic Lodge. Being a man of vision, he saw that his four daughters received at least two years of college training. One recently graduated from State Teachers College in Winston-Salem.

When asked for his philosophy, Milas thought a moment and replied reflectively, "I love to help my neighbor." Through his work and his friendly ways, he is helping his neighbor, and through this he is serving God.

By PATSY WRIGHT

Did you ever wonder who kept the flowers in the girls' dormitory so lovely? Or who shined the floors in the halls and lobby until they sparkled? Or who arranged so neatly the magazines on each of the tables? Well, all the credit goes to Smilie Barrow, the maid who deserves that first name of hers.

Mrs. Barrow has been a maid at Gardner-Webb for eight years. A native of Mooreboro, she is an active member of Young's Chapel there. Among her many duties at her home church, she is assistant superintendent and treasurer of the Sunday School, superintendent of the children's group, and district worker for the Women's Home Missionary Society.

Before assuming her present duties, Mrs. Barrow attended Fayette College for a year. She then attended Band's Beauty College in Charlotte where she received her cosmetology license. Though she practiced cosmetology for a while, Smilie liked being a maid, so she came to Gardner-Webb.

On any of the six week-days Smilie is working, the girls can find a smile to greet them at the door.

Her attention to and care of the girls' second home is deeply appreciated, so from our hearts, we wish to thank Smilie for her services—and her smiles!

"Do you ever have to hurry to catch your morning train, Mr. Baltimore?"

"Well, it's fairly even, you know. Either I'm standing on the platform when the train puffs in, or I puff in when the train stands at the platform."

You have heard about the little boy whose mother made him sit in a corner for bad conduct.

His retaliation went like this: "I may be sitting down on the outside, but remember I'm standing up inside."

# LITTLE MAN ON CAMPUS

by Dick Biber



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