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G. W. Elects May Queen

REV. SUTTLE, "HERO" OF NEW BOOK

By JOHN ROBERTS
Don't let the preacher kid you when he prays for rain. He has probably already checked the weather report.

So reads a section of "Canaan In Carolina," a biography of the Rev. John W. Suttle of Shelby which was released for sale April 7 at Gardner-Webb College.

The author is Dr. W. Wyman Washburn of Boiling Springs. At Sandy Run Baptist Church many years ago, according to the book, a prayer service was to be held to ask God for rain to quench the thirst of dying crops.

As the crowds assembled, a few clouds and thunder storms were to be seen in the distance, but such clouds had been forming daily for several weeks only to drift away without a shower.

"Shall we go in and begin the service?" asked one of the preachers. "No let's wait a few more minutes. The wind is coming from the wrong direction," commented a colleague.

Another rain-story in the colorful biography is attributed to a Rutherford county preacher whose prayer for rain was followed by a flood that washed away all meadow crops.

"Let's get some other preacher to pray for dry weather," begged a farmer. "This one is good on prayer, but he shure don't know nothing about farming."

The Rev. John W. Suttle, who celebrated his 80th birthday April 7 at his West Marion Street home in Shelby, is a package of statistics hard to believe.

Tipping the scales as less than 100 pounds, he has accomplished the impossible in over 63 years as a country pastor of 39 Baptist churches. In addition he has other such credits as:

President of the Baptist State Convention 10 years ago.

Moderator of the Kings Mountain Baptist Association for 40 years.

Gardner-Webb college trustee for 45 years, serving seven years as board chairman.

Baptized 10,000 converts.

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Student Body Officers Elected For 1958 - 1959

To head the student council as president for next year is Mike Logan. Phyllis Wilson is the newly elected vice-president. Janice Anderson is elected new secretary.

In the publications department Ken Beane was elected as Pilot editor. The Pilot is the G. W. newspaper. To assist him as business manager is Sonja Hedrick.

As editor of the yearbook, the Anchor, Francis Hamrick will be assisted by Jerry Jackson, newly elected business manager.

The outgoing student body officers nominated the candidates, and after approval by the faculty, the student body elected the new officers' ball. Competition between all candidates was keen, and campaigns were carried out diligently in a clean, respectable manner.



Smiling prettily are escort Reid Armstrong and the G. W. May Queen Christine McSwain.

Christine McSwain Is May Queen

By KATHERINE LANCASTER

In a recent meeting of the sophomore class of Gardner-Webb College, Miss Christine McSwain, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Paul McSwain of Kings Creek, S. C., was elected May Queen and reigned over the May Day festivities on the campus May 3.

Miss McSwain, who was chosen from a field of candidates by receiving the highest number of votes, appears a fitting representative of a college which places emphasis on religious atmosphere and training. She has chosen for her major religious education with the intention of becoming a Christian educational director.

In her extra-curricular activities, Christine is active in several areas of campus life. Not only is she a cheerleader for the college basketball teams but she was chosen last fall as freshman class sponsor for the Gardner-Webb football team. She is active in student government, being a member of the student executive committee. In line with her religious interests, she is an active member of the Christian volunteer band and a member of the college choir.

Although Christine has only attended Gardner-Webb last summer during summer school and during this, her sophomore year, being a transfer from Limestone College, she is an active member of the sophomore class and a candidate for graduation this spring.

As for physical qualifications for Queen, Christine is a brunette with dark brown hair and brown eyes. She is five feet, seven inches tall, and by her own admission weighs around 125 pounds. Although Miss McSwain was hesitant about giving any figures on her measurements, even casual observation reveals that she was not misplaced in Queen's attire.

Christine's Maid of Honor was Joan Cline, who received the highest number of votes from the freshman class. Reid Armstrong was escort to the queen.

The sophomore attendants were Sheila Jean Packard, Margaret House, Sara Spangler, Jayne Smith, and Carolyn Sparks. The escorts were Roscoe Spellman, Jack Anthony, Hamilton Hudson, Reg Turner, and Joe Kennedy.

The freshmen attendants were Becky Cantrell, Ann Garrett, Phyllis Wilson, Betty Jean Wall, and Lib Smathers. The escorts were Pat Guyer, Wesley Hughes, Ronnie Noblitt, Bill Carden, Fred Snipes, and Mike Roper.

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G. W. FORENSIC SQUAD HAD VERY SUCCESSFUL YEAR

Gardner - Webb's forensic squad had a banner year in four tournaments during the current academic year.

Four freshmen girls, all novices, participated in the Wake Forest College Novice Tournament in November, 1957. The team (affirmative) composed of Kay Meadows and Pauline Davis defeated teams from Duke University, the University of

North Carolina, and Appalachian State Teachers College. Entered in the tournament were Georgetown University, the University of North Carolina, the University of South Carolina, the University of Pittsburgh, Duke University, Appalachian State Teachers College, Wake Forest, Lenoir Rhyne, and Gardner-Webb, the only junior college.

The entire forensic squad participated in the Mountain Forensic Tournament at Boone in December, 1957. Eight colleges—the University of South Carolina, Carson-Newman, Maryville, Tennessee Tech, Appalachian, and Gardner-Webb—participated in the forensic events and debate. Mars Hill entered only the forensic events. Kay Meadows won two individual honors. She was judged the second best debater in the Women's Division on total points, and she also took second place honors in the Women's Division of after - dinner speaking. Dean Bridges was awarded a first place honor in men's extemporaneous speaking for his speech on "The Illness." All of Gardner-Webb's debating teams were honored in one way or another. The highest honors in debate went to Mrs. Carolyn Eller and Glenda Parson, who were given a women's national award of first place. The affirmative women's team of Faye-lyre Davis and Kay Meadows and the negative team of Frances Hamrick and Bill Greene received second place certificates. Three third-place awards were given Gardner-Webb debaters. The affirmative team of Katherine Struggs and Dean Bridges received a third-place award. Both of Gardner-Webb's total teams—four debaters in the women's division and four debaters in

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Reading left to right, first row: Instructor Miss KayMcGee, Faye-lyre Davis, Dianne Fritetto, Fredis Stanley, Frances Hamrick, Katherine Struggs, Grace Ollis, Doris Walters, Nina Struggs, Carolyn Sparks, Becky Callahan, Sandra Gibson. Second row: Janelle Queen, Pat Crawley, Joann Wright, Betty Jo Hamrick, Winnie Benfield, Susanne Hargett, Christine McSwain, Betty Bridges, Pat Rector, Carolyn Eller, MaxAnn Hamrick, Ruth Ann Poole, Polly McIntosh. Third row: Charles Huey, John Jordan, George Joyner, Frank McFarland, Charles Dabbs, Carey Greene, Jim Hardin, Charles Christman, Ham Hudson, Lloyd Greene, Bill Greene.

G-W COLLEGE CHOIR ON SPRING TOUR

The Gardner-Webb College Choir began a spring tour on Sunday, Feb. 23.

The choir's initial appearance was in New Hope Baptist Church in East. Seven other visits included Baptist churches in Cleveland, Gaston, and Rutherford counties.

The musical program includes four parts and consumes one hour. Two parts consist of selected anthems. Another part is made up of a group of numbers from oratorios, performed by small ensemble groups. A fourth part consists of selected spirituals.

Miss Kay McGee, director of the choir, is instructor in fine arts at Gardner-Webb. She is a graduate in music from Furman University and has had private study in New York. The piano accompanist is

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