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My dear Miss Roper:

Since you were Santa's Helper at Gardner-Webb last year and since you now hold such an august and responsible position at your college — a veritable Harvard among junior college (or is it Yale?), I thought I'd let you know of some of the letters that have been coming my way from the eds and the co-eds of Gardner-Webb.

Some of the letters, Dear Helper, frankly are a little puzzling. Is it really true that the professors' jokes are as stale, flat, and insipid as some of the letters would indicate? One student literally begged for a new joke book for Mr. Moseley. C. A., a co-ed, pled for a new joke for Mr. Lamm. As she put it, "After hearing it fifty times, I feel that I cannot laugh (anymore) at his joke, 'The man is the head of the house, but the woman is the neck that turns the head.'"

And I got some of the oddest requests from your classmates. D. L., for instance, wants me to bring her straight-A's. She was promised a Thunderbird if she could get such grades. "The grades," she says, "really don't count but the car is important." A freshman debater writes, "I want a baby doll and a Cadillac. I haven't had a doll in sixteen years and I'm tired of walking." Miss M. B. wants me to bring her roommate a stuffed tiger. I quote: "Yes, I know she has a bed full of stuffed animals and a stuffed tiger on her chest. But, Santa, she needs a stuffed tiger." Why?

And then there came a request from B. M. for an octopus to help her take notes in class. In addition there were several requests for something like a year's supply of Stauffer treatments. Another co-ed, hearing that lipstick would be put next, after cranberries, on the taboo list, ordered a whole carload of the smeary stuff while supplies are plentiful. Miss B. B. is determined not to run short. And B. L. W. wants a panic button. As she puts it, "My roommate has worn hers out."

A boy (J. D.) wants a "volume entitled 1001 Essays That College English Professors Haven't Read." His reasons, he says, are obvious. A freshman debater wants a key to the hall door that leads into Prof. Jolly's history class. The door, it seems, is always locked by the time the boy arrives on Mondays, Wednesdays, and Fridays. And one student (N. H.) wants a grammar book written by a student. Now, wouldn't that be awful!

And, Dear Helper, your assistant editor wants you to have a boatload of wigs so that you won't have to tear your hair out every week before the Pilot comes out. She's afraid you'll get bald before the year's out.

Well, I'll see what I can do about these requests — very odd though they be.

I'll see you Christmas Eve. Prancer sends his regards. Be sure to leave old Santa a hot flagon of mead by your tree.

Ever yours,  
Santa Claus

P. S. I think I'll leave a whole load of smear-proof lipstick under the Christmas tree in Stroup Dorm with my compliments. I understand it's needed.

## G-W Forensics Squad Takes Nine Honors

The Gardner - Webb Forensics Squad received one team award and eight individual awards December 5 at the close of the Appalachian Mountain Forensic Tournament at Boone, N. C.

Second place honors in the affirmative division of debate went to the team of Joyce Philbeck and Joan Parker. In all the Gardner-Webb debate teams won five debates, taking two victories from Leinor Rhyne, and one each from Appalachian State Teachers College, Maryville College, and Mars Hill College.

The query debated was the national collegiate question: "Resolved, that the Congress of the United States should be given the power to reverse decisions of the Supreme Court."

Margaret England, sophomore English major, received three individual forensic awards. She received second honors in the women's division of extemporaneous speaking. She also received second honors in the women's division of poetry reading and a third place award in women's radio newscasting.

Five other Gardner-Webb students received individual awards. Larry Hinks was given a second place award in men's oratory, and Lora Lipscomb received a similar award in women's oratory. Denny Turner took third honors in the men's division of extemporaneous speaking. Joyce Philbeck placed third in women's after-dinner speaking, as did Joan Parker in the women's division of problem solving.

The Gardner-Webb forensic squad is coached by Professor F. B. Dedmond, head of the English Department.

Representing Gardner - Webb in the Mountain Forensic Tournament were Joyce Philbeck, Bolting Springs; Lora Lipscomb and Larry Hinks, Mountain View; Denny Turner, Waco; William Fields, Charlotte; Margaret England, Marion; Robert Oster, Clover; S. C.; Doris Hartley, Kingston; and Joan Parker, Concord.

Colleges participating in the tournament were Duke University, Leinor Rhyne College, Maryville College, Mars Hill College, Appalachian State Teachers College, and Gardner-Webb College.

## Gardner-Webb Males Tour 'No-Man's Land'

Dust swept under the bed, wrinkles smoothed out of the bedspreads, and certain "unmentionable garments" carefully tucked away in secret hiding places — why all the unusual happenings? The boys were coming over! Such was the case in Stroup Dorm on Tuesday, December 5. The girls invited the faculty and male members of the student body over to the dorm for an open house followed by some food and entertainment. Although the boys often come "almost close" to touring the dorm, this was one of those rare instances where they were issued a very special invitation to do so. The girls had decorated their doors in numerous ways. Everything from Santa Claus to Scrooge was portrayed. Some of the girls even went so far as to entice the boys by means of a candy wreath hung on the door.

After seeing the numerous unnecessary (?) items in each room, some of the boys wondered how the girls ever got everything into place in time for "Mom's" scrutinizing eve every morning.

Indeed it was a rare privilege to clean house for several hundred boys. Some of the girls said they would gladly do the same for just one if the right one would soon come along. Cheer up girls, maybe Santa heard your special request!



The Reverend T. Max Linnens is shown looking through one of his many books on counseling and pastoral care. His help is always available to those who seek his advice.

## Pastor, Counselor, Friend Views Christmas

When is a faculty member not a faculty member? Perhaps the preceding question sounds like a riddle, and yet it aptly describes the position of the Reverend T. Max Linnens, the college pastor. Although he is an "honorary faculty member," Reverend Linnens has no official connection with Gardner-Webb. His "official" days with the college terminated with his graduation from G-W several years ago. Although he is not directly associated with the college, he plays an important role in the lives of G-W students and faculty.

Mr. Linnens' purpose is two-fold. He is both pastor and counselor. Because of his position as pastor, he stands before large numbers of students each week. From his pulpit come sermons with words of hope and encouragement as well as those with soul-searching impact. In addition to his pastoral duties, Mr. Linnens deems it a real privilege and challenge to be able to counsel with college students. He strongly believes that during these two years some of life's most important decisions are made. Because of his interest in counseling, Mr. Linnens tries to arrange his schedule so that he will be in his office during the morning. He makes it quite plain, however, that any student desiring counseling has only to make an appointment with him. His schedule is never so rigid that it cannot be altered to meet the needs of the individual.

Thinking of Christmas reminded Reverend Linnens of a custom practiced by people in Ireland. For some time preceding Christmas, the people begin cleaning and repairing everything. Every piece of clothing and furniture is cleaned and mended. Most important to the people, however, is the preparation of their hearts. All individual differences must be settled. Without a complete cleaning of their hearts, these people do not feel they can appropriately celebrate Christmas. Oh, that the Christians in America might grasp a glimpse of this type of thinking! How trivial and insignificant our gifts would seem when compared with God's gift of love—His only Son.

As this Christmas draws nigh perhaps it would be wise for college students and all Christians to re-examine their ideas of the significance of Christmas. After a re-evaluation it might be easier to understand the awesome enthusiasm which Reverend Linnens has for Christmas and the incarnation. "What better gift could a person give than to pledge himself anew to the One whose birthday we celebrate on Christmas!"

## MUSIC BUILDING TO BE RAZED SOON

Soon one of the old Gardner-Webb landmarks will be razed to make way for a new Administration Building. The Music Building—known affectionately among the old grads as "The Barn"—will soon be torn brick from brick, and in its place will be erected the Webb Administration Building.

The building is made possible by a \$75,000 gift from the Gardner Foundation. It will be named for Mrs. O. M. Gardner, Sr.'s family.

The music department will, as soon as possible, move into the second floor of the E. B. Hamrick Building. Until that time is possible, the music department will occupy the west wing of HAPY dormitory.

Ultimately, when the administration is snugly settled in the Webb Building and when the New Science Building is no longer on the drawing board but is a reality, the music department will occupy all or most of the E. B. Hamrick Building. Then the ticking of the ivories and the singing of the scales will replace the making of hydrogen sulfide, which is, as Hamlet would say, "a consummation devoutly to be wished."



Wearing smiles of victory are Gardner-Webb's four varsity debaters. Left to right are: Denny Turner, Joan Parker, Margaret England, and Ray Rutledge.