



Beaming with smiles of confidence are Gardner-Webb's three returning basketball lettermen. Left to right, they are Jimmy Summey, Garland Hamrick, and Ned Duncan.

## BULLDOGS SPRINT FOR LEAD IN CONFERENCE

Coach Blackburn reports with a twinkle in his eye that he is "real optimistic" about the prospects for his varsity basketball squad this year. With only three returning lettermen for a framework, the coach has whipped up a team that should rate high in the Western Carolina Junior College Basketball Conference this season. Although the Bulldogs have suffered two losses in the three non-conference games already played, the future still looks bright. "These are the toughest teams we expect to face," replied the coach when the previous games were mentioned. "We expect to do quite well in the conference."

And do quite well he should with centers Garland Hamrick and Ernie

Wall, two trump cards the coach can play just any time. Hamrick is a letterman from last year, and Wall has joined the team after a recent discharge from military service. Both men tower to a neat 6 feet-4 inches mark on the yardstick.

To back up these centers at the guard positions are Ned Duncan and Jimmy Summey. Both are returning lettermen, and the coach expects them to be quite effective on defense and in scoring as they were last year. Other guards are Doug Tolley and Paul Brooks, latecomers to the team from the football squad. Already these two have added much to the strength of the team. Also vying for the guard positions are Johnny White and Randy Eford, two players who give depth to the guard position.

To round out the team are ace forwards Jerry Beane and Lloyd Wall, who have led the team in scoring in the previous games. Wall for the past two years has been the most valuable player in Cleveland County. Beane comes to Gardner-Webb from Lenoir, where he was on the All-Tournament team in the Northeastern Basketball Conference last year. Constituting a strong line of substitute forwards are Sophomores Paul Wright and Roger Gladden and Freshman David Rogers of Walhalla, South Carolina. These men are expected to see considerable action this season as the team takes formative strides.

Each member of the team has displayed a sharp eye for the basket both in practice and in competitive games. Spectators have also been made aware of the excellent rebounding ability of the players on defense. Such a combination of defensive and offensive prowess should spell a number of victories for the Bulldogs in their 22-game schedule this year.

## Linda Sharpe Selected As Miss Gardner-Webb

"Mirror, mirror, on the wall, who's the fairest of them all?" According to the decision of the judges in the recent Miss Gardner-Webb contest, Miss Linda Sharpe must be the fairest of all lassies on the G.W. campus this year. Linda, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Paul Sharpe of Lenoir, North Carolina, is a freshman Liberal Arts student.

The pageant, held in the gymnasium, was a spectacle to behold. Seventeen of G-W's most attractive young co-eds were voted on by various clubs to be contestants in the annual affair. The girls, dressed in evening dresses, were judged on poise and gracefulness in addition to beauty.

The five semi-finalists in the contest were: Miss Olivia Nash, Essameer City; Miss Lillie Belle Martin, Ronda; Miss Peggy Jo Puett, Rocky Mount; Miss Jackie Jones, Cliffside; and Miss Linda Sharpe, Lenoir.

From these five, the three finalists were selected. Second runner up, Miss Peggy Jo Puett; first runner up, Miss Jackie Jones; and Queen, Miss Linda Sharpe.

What a nice surprise it would be for some lucky boy if Gania were to leave Miss Gardner-Webb in his stocking this Christmas Eve!

## Gardner - Webb Faculty Men Hear Erudite Paper On The Chinese People's Commune Movement

Sensing the need for intellectual stimulation not received from the preparation of lectures, quizzes, make-up tests, and the like, the Gardner-Webb faculty men are meeting monthly to hear learned papers read on subjects of political significance, literary importance, and philosophical interest.

The initial meeting was held on Wednesday evening, December 16, at Prof. Allen Burris' home.

Prof. F. B. Desmond, head of the English department, read a paper on "The Chinese People's Commune Movement." The commune movement in China, Prof. Desmond insisted, is of vital political importance since the commune is now the new politico - social - economic unit of the new China. The commune, the Chinese insist, is the organization that will enable the Chinese to make the transition from socialism to communism.

Max Tse-tung is committed to the commune movement as China's best bet to make the tremendous economic strides he feels China must make to become a world power, to feed her teeming millions, to harness the tremendous manpower of China, and to control the potential of the masses.

Professor Desmond traced the development of the commune movement through the Chinese agrarian reform, to collectivization of agriculture, and on to the establishing of the first communes in April of 1957. He also discussed the Communist ideology back of the commune movement, the break-up of the Chinese family, the spread of the communes over almost all of China, the terrible condition of the peasants in the communes, and the hold of the Communist party and the cadres over the people.

A lively discussion followed the reading of the paper. The profs showed a lot of interest in Chinese Communism in theory and in practice.

In the months ahead, the faculty men plan to consider more erudite topics which will provide them with some intellectual food to chew on. Like Chauver's clerk, these men seem glad to hear and, to echo Abu Ben-Adam, may their tribe increase!

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