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A Founders Day Welcome

To the former students and teachers of Bowling Springs High School, Bowling Springs College, and Gardner-Webb College and to the special guests and Friends of the College, we, the students of today's Gardner-Webb welcome you.

Many changes have taken place since you were last here, the most recent ones being the new sciences building and a new president. We hope you will have time to relearn Gardner-Webb as well as recall with friends the days that you were here.

We wish for you to have a most pleasant and enjoyable weekend, so that you may return home with a long-lasting memory of this day.

The First Founders Day

Gardner-Webb College had its beginning at the 1903 meeting of the Kings Mountain Baptist Association. A committee was appointed to investigate the possibility of building a Baptist High School.

At the 1904 meeting, the committee recommended that a Board of fifteen Trustees be appointed. They were to be representatives of the Association to collect funds, acquire a site and property, and to erect buildings.

On Monday, May 8, 1905, the Trustees met to receive propositions from those communities who were bidding for the school to be located in their particular locality. The idea of a denominational school was of special interest to the people of the Association, especially the location of the school.

The Bowling Springs Church offered their old church building and two acres of land. A committee was sent to Shelby to appear before the trustees. A buggy furnished transportation for these men. When they came out of the meeting, the men found a doll in the buggy evidently left there by some child. They jokingly remarked, "We have brought the first student to the new school."

At a meeting of July 10, 1905, the Trustees selected Bowling Springs as the site for the new school.

At the 1905 meeting, the Association voted to ask the Sandy Run Baptist Association to join them in their project. Sandy Run eagerly accepted and elected 10 trustees to serve jointly with Kings Mountain Association trustees.

The Trustees held their first joint meeting on October 27, 1905, at which time they decided to call the school the Bowling Springs High School. A committee was elected to secure a charter.

On November 13, 1905, the Trustees decided to erect a brick building costing \$10,000. June 1 of the next year the men received the architect's drawings. D. F. Queen was given the contract to construct the building.

The first load of bricks was hauled by a woman — Mrs. J. V. Devenny. She refused help from anyone.

A groundbreaking ceremony was held in the spring of 1907. Work on the building started. The cornerstones were laid on June 29, 1907, one for each of the associations.

The school opened in October 1907 with Professor J. D. Huggins, Sr., filling the capacity as principal.

Ever since the school became a college, Founders Day and Homecoming has been observed on the weekend nearest the 27th of October. It is on this day that former students and professors return to see the ball game and relive old times.

November Cometh

The wild November comes at last
 Beneath a veil of rain.
 The night wind blows its folds aside,
 Her face is full of pain.

Beneath this "veil of rain" is the month that many people would call gloomiest — the dead month. The trees have lost their gold and scarlet splendor of October and stand stark and bare against the gray November sky. One and lonely they stand under the hazy glow of the sun.

The somberness of the month is reflected in the hues of the bronze of chrysanthemums and the amber of topaz, in the brown, sage grass and the gray fearful sky.

The month in between — a transition period. All the glory of autumn has faded and winter has not yet brought the grace and veneration of old age.

And yet, beneath the gloom and somberness lies a strength and courage and hope — buried, perhaps, beneath the face "full of pain," buried deeply in the heart of November.

November is humble, thankful — thankful for the simplest thing in the bareness of her life.

The wind stills; the folds of the rain veil slowly close; the face of pain is covered by the pure whiteness and calm of December snows.

Contest Slated For Miss G-W

The annual Miss Gardner-Webb contest is less than a month away, according to an announcement from Dean of Student Activities John B. Hiett. The contest will be held early in November, so that the winner may participate in various Christmas parades around and after Thanksgiving.

An entry fee of \$150 is charged various clubs, classes, and other organizations that sponsor girls for the contest. Dean Hiett indicated that the money is used to cover costs of flowers, crown, ribbons, and other materials for the contest.

Miss Gardner-Webb is chosen by our 400 judges on the basis of beauty, poise, and charm, and fulfilling the ideals of Gardner-Webb in every-day living.

Miss Ellen

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 the College.

BAND

The Kings Mountain High School Band will perform as part of the half-time ceremonies.

Sponsors for sopranos are: Holy Trinity Temple for Ken Sanford, Cheryl Earley for Larry Hyder, Christine Parker for Gene Allen, Donna Hennessie for Erna B. Mellette White for Calvin White, Mary Ann Hill for Bill Smarr, Janice Wilson for Edsard Cox, and Peggy Hoyle for Roy Crisp.

During pre-game activities, the Gardner-Webb College chorus will present three selections: "It's a Grand Night For Singing," "Stout-Hearted Men," and "Battle Hymn of the Republic." The chorus is directed by Mrs. Nettie R. Gidney.

Festive Game

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ALMA MATER

Following these numbers the choir, under the direction of Mrs. Robert Gidney, will lead the students, alumni, and other spectators in the singing of the Alma Mater.

To bring to a peak the enthusiasm of the fans at homecoming, the Homecoming Queen will be crowned during the half-time program. To add to the spirit of homecoming and football in general, the visiting Kings Mountain High School Band, marching specialists, will also perform during half-time.

Special Dinner

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 From 1905 until 1928, when it was changed to a junior college, Gardner-Webb was known as Bowling Springs High School. In 1942, Bowling Springs Junior College became Gardner-Webb.

Letters were mailed to 134 former faculty members and administration, more than 250 children and grandchildren of the original trustees, and approximately 400 graduates of the old high school inviting them to the campus.

B. T. Falls, Sr. of Shelby is the only living member of the original board of trustees. Gardner-Webb will also be host to numerous alumni of the College.

Formal Opening

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 poets with Ordnance Missile Laboratories from 1951 to 1953.

Prior to this position, Dr. Swann was director of research for The American Mineral Supply Co., Chicago, a manufacturer and marketer of petroleum solvents and chemicals.

From 1941 to 1945, Swann was

The President's Page The World of the Future

We are now dealing with individuals of the 21st century. The average life span of a white person in the United States is now 71 years. Seventy-one years from the present time will be the year 2032. What will be some of the problems we must face?

The first great problem will be the great amount of leisure time. Electronics have already made the complete automatic factory a reality. We shall have to deal with it. We shall have the choice between allowing a small fraction of the labor force to produce our goods and the others to live at government expense or cut the work-hour week. I predict the latter. That means more leisure time. How shall we use it?

The second great problem we shall face will be to find an answer to the question, "What is life for?" People have been busy trying to earn a living. With a shorter work-hour week they will begin to ask for the true meaning of life. Shall we continue to go on our way seeing the answers to TV and recreation or shall we look for the answer in God's word and way? You and I must determine that.

— Eugene Poston

Travelling With Tillie

By Tillie Wilson

Thirty-five million years ago, the red, gray, and brown, weirdly-carved ridges and valleys of the South Dakota Badlands were lush valleys. Rains and winds have been, and are continually, wearing away the many-shaped ridges. Shall we find the formations we have been told of in dry grass covering; some rounded as a knob; others come to a sharp peak; and some have no definite shape — a combination of many forms.

In Pass, a small village, nestles in the Badlands. It is very quiet, looking almost like the TV cowboy towns. It seems to be hiding from the rest of the world, sheltered from all life there in that barren land.

Fossilized remains of prehistoric animals that once roamed the region have been found — an early species of the horse (three-toed), an early ancestor of the sheep, and other smaller animals such as mice. The animals, having rather soft teeth, became extinct when the lush grass and foliage began to toughen and they could not chew the coarser vegetation.

No Life

No human being has ever lived in these wasted lands, but there is evidence that some tribes of prehistoric Indians stayed for periods of time at different intervals, probably to hunt. The first white man to enter Mauvais Terres was a French-Canadian.

The Badlands played a small part in the settlement of the western United States. Here the last battle between red and white men was fought, although it was not important. The Indians, probably sensing eternal defeat, began a dance, praying for their savior to come. This activity alarmed the white men, who called for more cavalry to be sent in.

This in turn alarmed the Indians and many fled the Badlands, causing more apprehension among the settlers. An accidental shot started the battle, in which about 150 Indians and 30 cavalrymen were killed.

The fascinating formations also served as a natural fortress for the Sioux Indians.

To relieve the dull grays and browns, there is sometimes a splash of yellow or purple decorating the buttresses and pinnacles of the Badlands.

The silver of the moon illuminates the lustreless colors of the intricate maze that is the Badlands; there is a quick flip as a prairie dog hastily retreats and it is still.

G-W Spiritual Emphasis Week Very Successful Say Students

Spiritual Emphasis Week was brought to a close on Friday morning, October 6. The last service, held during chapel period, was one of the most inspirational ones, and a large group was in attendance.

The speaker for the week, the Reverend M. O. Owens, Jr., centered his messages around the theme "His Way—Mine."

In keeping with this theme, each student was encouraged to make Christ's way his way.

The Reverend Owens spoke in chapel Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, and during chapel period on Thursday and Friday, in addition to the services held Monday through Thursday nights at 8:30.

IMPRESSIONS

Although Spiritual Emphasis Week is over, definite impressions of the week remain in the minds of the students who attended the meetings.

Several of these Impressions were expressed: "Better than last year." "An effective speaker." "Spirit of the week seems to have had lasting effects." "The spiritual interest of the campus since that week makes one wonder what results would have been attained if the services could have continued another week."

Such comments as these sum up the student impressions of Spiritual Emphasis Week. To follow up this week, the B. S. U. Council is planning more programs that will result of special interest to students.