

OUR LIBRARY

On May 29, 1943 Governor Gardner presided over a commencement program at which the E. B. Hamrick and the Washburn Memorial Library were presented dedication by the Reverend John W. Suttle.

In 1946 there was an increase from \$75,000 to \$100,000, given by the Dovers, to erect the John R. Dover Memorial Library.

This library was to be built with the hopes to be the "best college library of any junior college in North Carolina."

Even before the construction on the John R. Dover Memorial Library was begun, two new special collections of books for the library were secured. One was to be known as the "J. L. Jenkins Memorial Library for Rural Pastors." This special collection was a tribute to a man, who, at that time, had already devoted more than thirty years to preaching and teaching.

The other special collection was the library of the late A. C. Dixon, whose library the College had acquired earlier, and one of the most celebrated preachers of his days. It was given to the College by Mrs. Clara Dixon Richardson of Black Mountain, N. C.

In the Dover Memorial Library the best available books in the field and a special file of materials were to be collected and made available for on-the-premises research.

On May 25, 1952, the dedicatory ceremony was held in the E. B. Hamrick Auditorium. Grover H. Jones delivered the principal address. Reverend John S. Farrar delivered the invocation.

Formal presentation of the \$160,000 building was made, on the behalf of the Dover family, by Charles I. Dover.

The building was accepted on behalf of the Gardner-Webb board of Trustees by Mrs. Rush Stewart, on behalf of the College administration by President Phil Elliott, and on behalf of the students by Glenn Henson, President of the Student Body.

In 1945 through the efforts of Lee B. Weathers, publisher of the *Shelby Star*, a valuable gift of books from the personal library of the famous novelist, Thomas Dixon, Jr., was given to the College. This is the collection which appropriately is now housed in the Cleveland Room of the Dover Memorial Library.

Clarence Griffin, publisher of the *Forest City Courier*, gave the College the North Carolina Collection of History and Publications, which is housed in the North Carolina Room of the Library.

Jav Jenkins presented his gift of the John Charles McNeill Collection to the College; and the Reverend Garland Hendricks presented the North Carolina Grange Collection on Rural Life.

The Dover Memorial Library is known as the "heart" of the campus.

What does our library mean to you? Is it a place for congregating of friends, to meet that special someone, to get out of closed study hours in the Dorm? If so, we need to take a closer look at the library and find out what is really in store for us there.

Almost every class that you attend in college demonstrates the importance of knowing how to prepare a paper based on printed materials which may be found in a library.

You may, later in your life, have occasion to prepare a paper based on original experiments, or perhaps on the study of original documents. If that time comes, you learn the first rule of scholarship: "Before you begin

EXPANSION

For the past fifteen years Gardner-Webb College has averaged one or more buildings per year in their expansion program.

The last buildings have been the gymnasium, the Webb Administration Building, and the science building, which was used for the first time this past year.

For the past few years, the HAPY dormitory has been used for young men, but it was originally designed and built for young women. The next building completed is a men's residence which will allow the use of the HAPY dormitory for its original purpose—mainly young women. This means that the completion of another men's dormitory will put the young men on the south side of the campus and the young women on the north side of the campus.

These plans are in the making at the present time, and we are hoping that this dormitory will be in use by September 1, 1963. This is only one step in our long range goal of being able to take one thousand students.

Slightly more than six hundred students have registered for the 1962-63 session, but approximately two hundred applications had to be turned down.

What we have worked for at Gardner-Webb has been an orderly and gradual expansion in both physical equipment, faculty and student body. Our long range goal is to be able to accommodate one thousand students by 1970.

In addition to the dormitory, the cafeteria will be enlarged and expanded so that we might be able to serve a double line instead of a single line at present. The administration recognizes the long delay of students in obtaining their meals at the present time. Steps are being taken to alleviate the situation.

Part of our long term goal is three men's residences of one hundred beds each, a new classroom building, completion of the athletic field, a student union building, a fine arts building, and a new auditorium, seating twelve hundred people.

The administration of Gardner-Webb recognizes the possibility of becoming a four year institution in the future. However, we have no intentions of becoming a second rate four year institution, but would greatly prefer to remain a second year institution. The difference in cost in operating a four year institution and a second year institution is tremendous.

Whenever the alumni, friends and supporters of Gardner-Webb are willing to contribute the necessary funds, Gardner-Webb College will go to the four year status. It is our present intention of maintaining the standards in faculty and physical equipment as quickly as possible so that the transition will not be so abrupt when that time comes.

your project, first learn what has already been done in your field; In other words, go to the libraries!

There are other values and skills to be got from writing a library paper:

1. You will get practice in preparing the term papers that will be required in many of your courses.
2. You will get a great deal of interesting and perhaps useful information about a special subject.
3. You will learn how to sift material as well as to find it, to judge its worth, to organize it, and to present it in pleasing form. And that is a skill that will be useful some day, whether you compose a talk for your club meeting or write an article for your company journal.