

## FEBRUARY IS A MONTH OF MANY BIRTHDAYS!

February is a Red Letter month, a month of birthdays of famous personages, as you can readily see by reading the second chapter of your calendar, hanging on the wall of your room in the dorm. Among the famous people born in February can be named Lindbergh, Lincoln, Washington, Longfellow, Lowell, Edison, Dickens, and Charles Lamb.

And February 14 is the birthday of the patron saint of lovers, St. Valentine. Of the life of St. Valentine we know little, only that he was a saint and a martyr of the third century, but his birthday has come to be a day for messages and deeds of kindness to those we love.

Lindbergh was born in Detroit, Michigan, February 4, 1902. His flight across the Atlantic represented the triumph of youth and idealism. Abraham Lincoln was born February 12, 1809. Carl Sandburg says that though Lincoln "was born in a house with only one door and one window, it was written he would come to know many doors, many windows; he would read many riddles and doors and windows."

Did you know that George Washington was born on February 11, 1732 . . . a date which has now become February 22, through a change in the calendar?

The house in which Washington was born was of the better class of plain Virginian farm houses and it was burned down long ago. Not far away is the Potomac. The infant born to the Washington family on that February morning was destined to cause the name of Washington to be known to the far corners of the world.

It is a good thing to observe anniversaries and to call to mind special days for honoring those who have contributed to the welfare of a community. During February we honor some important people on the Gardner-Webb campus who have birthdays.

Among the faculty staff we honor Mr. W. Gordon, Jr., February 7; Mrs. Prisca G. Moore, February 27; and Mrs. Janelle Hicks, February 28.

It must be more than a co-incidence that the beloved Saint Valentine and the Reverend Donald D. Moore have birthdays on February 14.

Since Hubert C. Dixon is considered a great mathematics teacher, it is fitting that his birthday comes on Washington's birthday.

Gloria Poston, daughter of college president, Dr. E. Eugene Poston and Mrs. Poston, has a birthday on February 18.

Among the students Don Butler has a birthday on the first of this month of famous birthdays. Others having February birthdays are Gary Robinson, February 2; Gene Swink and Becky Lewis, February 3; Aquilla Brown and Sherrill Eskew, February 5; Nancy Rider, February 7; Artie Treadway, February 8; Sam Tallant, February 9; David Andrews and Steve Warren, February 10.

Allen Pace celebrated his birthday on Valentine's Day. Also born this month are Brenda Caussy, February 16; Stewart Gilmer, February 17; and George Clemmer, February 18.

Herman Hamrick, Rick Bradley, Richard Duncan, and George Ferrell must have possibilities for greatness since they were born on Washington's birthday.

Malinda Roberts and Billy Way celebrate birthdays on February 23. Gale Early was born on February 25. Tim Davis and Amanda Warlick on February 26, and Billy Bridges and Lewis Nicholson on February 28.

GOD GRANT ME THE SERENITY  
TO ACCEPT THE THINGS I CANNOT  
CHANGE; COURAGE TO CHANGE  
THE THINGS I CAN; AND  
WISDOM TO KNOW THE DIFFERENCE.

—REINHOLD NIEBUHR

## Program In The Arts

### G-W Students Appear On TV

This is a banner year for Gardner-Webb in the field of the performing arts. This is particularly true in dramatics and television debating.

The Gardner-Webb Playcrafters' production of Oscar Wilde's "The Importance of Being Earnest" was really good college theatre. The cast, led by Professor Thomas Harris, Clyde Buckner, Glenda Turner, Dottie Pennington, and Suzanne Jolley, got hold of the essential attitude of farce. The premises of farce are trivial, even absurd, but they must produce serious circumstances that seem tragic to the characters. "The Importance of Being Earnest," depending heavily on coincidence and accident, set the characters upon a course that sped them from simple problems to complex dilemmas. These problems and dilemmas were well handled by the able cast.

And as this paper goes to press, the Playcrafters are in the early stages of rehearsal for their spring play. It is a Broadway comedy of six or eight years back, "The Happiest Millionaire," starred Walter Pigeon as the irrepressible Anthony J. Drexel Biddle and Ruth Matteson as his wife. The Broadway show featured Diana Vreba as Der Vlis as the beautiful prize-fighting Cordy Biddle and Joe Bishop as the beaten Charlie Taylor. The part of Angler Duke, tobacco heir, was played by George Grizard. The Gardner-Webb production will find Clyde Buckner, Nancy Dyson, Pat Freeman, and John Gay in the starring roles.

Television debating is new to Gardner-Webb, but several students have made excellent showings as they matched wits with teams from other colleges over WSPA-TV, Spartanburg, S. C. The whole series—called Carolina Debates—will be climaxed with an hour-long debate with the University of South Carolina on the query, "Resolved, that the non-Communist nations of the world should form an economic community." Gardner-Webb lost the first two debates to Davidson and Lenoir Rhyne (a split decision) but soundly trounced North Greenville Junior College on the first Sunday in January and nearly as soundly thrashed Appalachian the first Sunday in February.

The debate with South Carolina will be video taped on April 7 for telecast at some later date.

## What Do You Think?

Someone has departed from our midst. We shall miss him immensely—no one could take his place, and yet—most of us have forgotten him already. He was a fellow we rarely noticed; but insignificant? No, because he was the kind of guy we think of now and feel the better for having known him. Yes, Pouryouself! was quiet sort; about the only thing you ever expected from him was a nod, a smile, a "Hi, Friend." And always, that's what his greeting was, to you, and me, and everyone, "Hi, Friend." No, that's not much; is it? But do you and I always greet each other that way? Ah! worked in the lunchroom. He never complained about his hardships. The professors who taught him will tell you he was a good student. All just wanted to learn, to study. He did not even use crib notes or ask you or me what was on the test, did he? All loves Gardner-Webb. Do you know he comes back every holiday, every chance he gets, just to see the campus? No, that's not much either. Do we love Gardner-Webb, even with its faults for what it has given us? All is not a Baptist, but he worships God in his way. And he worships him with dedication, not just empty words and lip service. Do we love God as All does? No, I guess All isn't much. But thank God there are the Alis to make up for us—to make the world just a little more pleasant with a nod, a smile, and a "Hi, Friend."

D. J.