

A Church Becomes The Opera House

The transformation of a church into a theatre became a reality at Gardner-Webb College. Mr. C. Robert Jones, chairman of the Theatre Arts Department, conceived the idea by comparing the architecture of several European Opera Houses with the old Boiling Springs Baptist Church. The church was built in 1920-21. The Church recently moved to a new location. In 1969 the Theatre Arts Department began using the old building for its theatrical productions. The department's old location had been E. B. Hamrick's inadequate facilities, limited space, equipment, and lack of atmosphere.

The Opera House Theatre is beneficial to both Boiling Springs and Shelby because neither provides its residents with a community theatre. Both towns can utilize the facilities of the Opera House. It has a prop room, a sewing room with cutting table for costume making, costume storage room, a make-up room, a "green room" used for pep talks to the cast, a lighting booth, a scene shop and a shop to store wood materials and power tools. It also has two faculty offices, two class rooms, and a library seminar room for theatre art majors.

The gala premiere of The Opera House Theatre was on November 15, 1969, when the Theatre Arts Department presented Tennessee Williams' SUMMER AND SMORE. The building which houses the theatre will have its 50th Anniversary in March of 1971.



"PURE AS THE DRIVEN SNOW" was performed in one of the most elaborate sets ever built for a G, W, C, drama.

The interior of the Opera House Theatre resembles European Opera Houses.

1st Edition Will Appear Friday PM

Gardner-Webb College's Popular Entertainment Series will spotlight Kenny Rogers and The First Edition, Friday night, October 31 at 8 o'clock in Host Gym. The concert is sponsored by the SGA as a part of homecoming weekend activities. The First Edition sound is a blending of the talents of Kenny Rogers, Terry Williams, Mary Arnold, Kim Vassy and Mickey Jones.

Shortly after the group was formed, Tom Smothers was so impressed with their unusual sound and enthusiasm, that he became their advisor and signed them for the "Smothers Brothers Comedy Hour."

Soon a contract with Reprise Records was signed and an album called simply "The First Edition" was recorded and released.

One of the cuts, "Just Dropped In To See What Condition My Condition Was In," was released as a single and the Group had its first hit.

Two more major hit records, "But You Know I Love You," and "Baby, Don't Take Your Love To Town," have made the First Edition a regular on the charts.

Club Roundup

On the weekend of October 17, the outing club took on an excursion to Short-Off Mountain near Inville Gorge, N. C. Activities included, Volkswagen driving, hiking (usually uphill, but sometimes down), and eating.

Dr. Michael Harrison, club advisor, was there with comments about the local flora-fauna. This trip is the first of many outings to come.

The Council on International Relations and United Nations Affairs, (C.I.R.U.N.A.) met Tuesday, October 13, to discuss the Middle East Situation. Issa Yachou, a member of the organization spoke on Palestine refugees and guerrillas.

How Many Sexes

BOILING SPRINGS, N. C.—A record enrollment of 1538 students is the official count at Gardner-Webb College, according to Mrs. Dorothy Edwards registrar.

This is the largest enrollment in the history of the college. It includes 320 seniors; 315 juniors; 409 sophomores; 474 freshmen and 29 special students.

Miss S. C. Will Be Featured As Parade Marshal

Claudia Turner, Miss South Carolina, will be Parade Marshal for the 1970 Homecoming Parade. Sheriff Allen will lead the parade which will be composed of approximately forty units.

A tentative line-up is as follows: Athletes; Jim Harty and Ted Abernathy, Miss Shelby, and the Shelby High Band and Miss Kings Mountain. Then the Senior Class Float, the G. W. C. Cheerleaders, Basil Whittener, Democratic candidate for the U. S. Congress; Marshal Rauch, Democratic candidate for the state senate; Ollie Harris, Democratic candidate for the state senate; W. K. Mauney, Democratic candidate for the state house of representatives; Robert Falls, Democratic candidate for the state house of representatives; Robert Jones, Democratic candidate for the state house of representatives; and Ruth Dedmon, Democratic candidate for the clerk of the Superior Court.

Both Evans, Democratic candidate for the county treasurer; Pop Simmons, Democratic candidate for Cleveland County Commissioners; the Great High Band, Miss Morgan, the junior class float, the PEK Club float, and the Pep club float will follow in the line-up. They will be followed by

Bates & Turner To Attend Founders Day

Dr. Carl E. Bates will speak at the Founders Day Dinner which will be held Friday evening, October 30, at 7 o'clock in the Charles I. Dover Campus Center. Dr. Bates, pastor of First Baptist Church in Charlotte and president of the Southern Baptist Convention, will address the gathering. Miss South Carolina, Claudia Turner, will also be present. Dr. Bates is originally from Liberty, Mississippi. He at-



MISS CLAUDIA TURNER

Jim Broyhill, Republican candidate for U. S. Congress; Jim Atkins, Republican candidate for the state senate; John McBrayer, Republican candidate for the state senate; Miss Upper Cleveland County, the Burns High Band, the sophomore class float, the ISI and PE float, and Miss Vicki Jenkins; Rotract Club Sweetheart. Then will come Delta Psi Omega, the Hazz-Stroup Nannie float, Miss Gastonia, the Hunter Hass High Band, Miss Cherryville, the freshman class float, the Honor Society float, the Brass and

Scroll float, and the Portable Hoisting Float, the 1969 Homecoming Queen and her court, the Gardner-Webb Pep Band, the Business Club Float, the Myers and Myers Annex float, and the SGA float.

Student Poetry

The National Poetry Press has announced November 5 as the closing date for submission of manuscripts to the College Students' Poetry Anthology.

Any college student may submit his poetry. There is no limitation as to form or theme but shorter works are preferred by the board of judges, because of space limitations. Each poem must be typed or printed and must bear the name and home address of the student and the college address as well. Manuscripts should be sent to the Office of the Press, National Poetry Press, 2320 Selby Avenue, Los Angeles, California, 90044.