

# Wesleyan Is Accorded Provisional Accreditation

To North Carolina Wesleyan College has come the distinction of being the first North Carolina College to be granted early academic recognition by the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools.

The College Delegates Assembly of the association elected North Carolina Wesleyan, Florida Presbyterian, and the University of South Florida as "Candidates for Membership" at its meeting in Memphis, Tenn.

This category of membership was created in Dallas last December at the request of several new colleges. Prior to this any college was required to graduate three classes before application could be made for admission to membership, which means full accreditation.

"Candidates" signifies that

these new institutions have been examined on and received approval of the standards of the College Delegate Assembly on organization, administration, educational program, financial resources, faculty, student personnel, and physical plant.

President Thomas A. Collins, reporting from Memphis, stated, "This recognition is a tribute to each person who has contributed to the college and has become a vital part of the Wesleyan College constituency. We are particularly grateful to our Methodist friends of the North Carolina Conference and to everyone in Nash and Edgecombe Counties. We shall seek to move forward from this achievement to even greater achievements."

North Carolina Wesleyan was

opened in September, 1960. The first seniors will be graduated in May, 1964. The action of the association validates the academic program of this first class. This fall 450 students are enrolled and approximately 40 of these will be graduated.

An examining committee visited Wesleyan on November 17-19. Its members, Dr. Donald Dearborn, president of Catawba College; Dr. Earl Guinn, president of Louisiana College; and Miss Louisa Carlise, librarian of Converse College, presented the recommendations approving Carolina Wesleyan to the full committee on standards. They commended the rapid progress of the college and the enthusiastic support of its community.

Dean Jack W. Moore, also

a delegate in Memphis, commented, "We appreciate this recognition of our fine faculty and strong academic program. This will enable us to serve more young people with a growing educational program."

This is the third recognition that has come to the college recently. On November 7, the North Carolina Conference reported, "Carolina Wesleyan is meeting all standards for accreditation as a senior college. It will be eligible for full accreditation at the conference in November, 1964."

On November 2, the University Senate of the Methodist Church approved Wesleyan for pre-theological training and approved all credits for admission to the Methodist graduate schools of theolo-

gy and its students to membership in a Methodist Annual Conference.

When informed of the latest honor, Board Chairman Luther W. Hill, of Tarboro, speaking on behalf of the trustees, said, "We salute and sincerely thank the great host of generous contributors who afforded the funds and talents demanded to earn this early recognition. A truly magnificent and rewarding effort."

Comptroller W. Jasper Smith said, "I want to thank the people of Nash and Edgecombe Counties and particularly the people of Rocky Mount for their complete cooperation with and dedication to Wesleyan. Through their efforts, together with that of the Methodist Church, we have been able to reach this significant milestone so soon."

## The Wesleyan Decree

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### 'Miss Mistletoe' To Be Crowned Tonight



DONNA BRENT



GAY FINLEY



JANET SURRETT

#### 8 Girls Vie For Title

Christmas is here and so is the annual Wesleyan Christmas dance. Donna Sue Duke and her decoration committee is working diligently to make this one of the best dances of the year. The theme is "Mistletoe Madness" and Donna Sue plans to use plenty of it. There will be a mistletoe tunnel and two mistletoe trees.

The main event of this evening will be the crowning of Miss Mistletoe. The candidates eagerly awaiting the announcement are: Joan Lam-

berth and Susie Black, seniors; Gay Finley and Donna Brent, juniors; Janet Surratt and Judy Addison, sophomores; and Marilyn Shepherd, and LaNelle Jones, freshmen.

The dance will be held in the National Guard Armory in Rocky Mount from 8 p. m. to 12 midnight, and features the orchestra of Dan Ramsey. Dress is semi-formal.

Tickets are on sale for \$3 (Continued on page 4)



JOAN LAMBERTH

### Dr. Gatewood Resigns To Take University Of Georgia Position

President Thomas A. Collins announced today the resignation of Dr. Willard Gatewood, Associate Professor of History and Chairman of the Division of Social Sciences at North Carolina Wesleyan College.

Dr. Gatewood resigned in order to accept a position as Associate Professor of Recent American History at the University of Georgia. He will assume his new duties in September, 1964.

President Collins also issued the following statement: "We are accepting this resignation with gratitude for his fine service and appreciation of his personal talents which have brought this distinguished recognition. It has been our privilege to benefit by four years of unselfish service in building the Social Science program and the exciting teaching of history. While we lament his proposed departure

our very best wishes will accompany him."



DR. WILLARD GATEWOOD

Dr. Gatewood was one of the first faculty members appointed when the college commenced operation in 1960. In the succeeding four years he rendered distinguished service, both as a teacher and as Chairman of the Division of Social Sciences. He has also maintained an active interest in scholarship and research; his articles have been published in the *North Carolina Historical Review*, the *Georgia Review*, and the *South Atlantic Quarterly*.

Dr. Gatewood is a native of Pelham, N. C., and he attended high school in Danville, Va. He graduated from Duke University in 1953 with honors. He was awarded his M. A. degree in 1954 and the Ph. D. in 1957. At Duke he was initiated into Phi Beta Kappa and Kappa Delta Phi. He did graduate work as an Otis Green Fellow in History.



JUDY ADDISON

### Soph. Class Sells Tickets

The Sophomore Class of North Carolina Wesleyan is sponsoring a series of six musicals at the Center Theatre in Rocky Mount, beginning January 9, 1964. The first in the series will be "Three Little Words" starring Fred Astaire and Red Skelton.

Membership cards for this series can be obtained in the bookstore for \$1, said Al Rexroad, chairman of this project. This membership card will entitle the holder to see the first show free and to see the remaining five shows for a fee of \$.50.



SUSIE BLACK

Merry Christmas To All!