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## New President To Take Office

Dr. Grimsley Taylor Hobbs, 41, professor of philosophy at Earlham College, Richmond, Ind., has been named to succeed retiring Dr. Clyde A. Milner as President of Guilford College, according to Robert H. Frazier, Chairman of the board of trustees.

The new president, elected by the board, is expected to arrive on campus July 1.

He is no stranger to this area, having been born in Greensboro, June 14, 1923, the son of Richard J. M. and Gretchen Taylor Hobbs. His father was for many years professor of business law at the University of North Carolina.

Dr. Hobbs graduated from George School, Pennsylvania, in 1941 and received his bachelor of arts degree from Guilford College six years later. He earned his masters from Haverford College in 1948 and his doctorate in philosophy from Duke University in 1955.

As a graduate student, Dr. Hobbs held several assistantships and while at Haverford he was the recipient of the T. Wistar Brown Fellowship in Philosophy.

He served in the Air Force from 1943 to 1946.

Sundry professional honors and citations have been bestowed upon him through the years. He was a Ford Foundation Faculty Fellow for post-doctoral research in aesthetics and literary cirticism at Indiana University in 1955-56; Earlham College presented him the Doan Distinguished Teacher Award in 1960. This enabled Dr. Hobbs and his wife, the former Lois Ann Hunkele, to travel in Europe and Near East.

In 1963, he was a member of a non-western study tour of Japan under the sponsorship of the Ford Foundation. It was during this journey that he spent five weeks in a Zen Buddhist Monastery at Kyoto.

Dr. Hobbs joined the Earlham Faculty as associate professor of philosophy. He subsequently assumed full professorship. He holds membership in the Indiana Philosophical As-



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sociation. He founded and edited the Earlham Review six years.

The returning native son brings with him a respected Quaker and Guilford College heritage. His great-grandfather, Nereus Mendenhall, served as the principal instructor in the boys department of New Garden Boarding School (with brief exceptions) from 1839 to 1867. Mendenhall was superintendent at New Garden during 1849-50.

New Garden changed its name to Guilford in 1888, and Dr. Hobbs' grandfather, Lewis Lyndon Hobbs, became its first president. He held this position until 1915. Other members of the family have filled posts of responsibility there since.

Mrs. Hobbs, a native of South Orange, N. J., attended Guilford College and received her bachelor degree at UNC in 1949. The Hobbs have six children: Grimsley Taylor Hobbs, Jr., 18, a freshman at Earlham; Louise B., 15, a Sophomore at George School; Ruffin M., 13, Herbert J., 10; Richard J. M., 8; and Elise M., 6. All are members of the Cedar Creek Monthly Meeting of Friends in Richmond, Ind.

Dr. Milner, who has been president of Guilford since 1934, is the dean of college presidents in North Carolina. He joined the faculty in 1930 and served as Dean of the College until ascending to the presidency. He also has held the title professor of philosophy and has been named to numerous state and national educational boards and commissions.

Ernestine Cookson Milner, his wife, also retires this year, stepping down as professor of psychology and chairman of the department of psychology at Guilford. She is a past state president of the American Association of University Women. and has held offices in Altrusa International, from president of the Greensboro Club to international president, 1961 to 1963.

Guilford College was chartered in 1834 and founded by the Society of Friends in 1837 as New Garden Boarding School. It is the oldest co-educational college in the South and the lone Quaker institution.