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## Boy And History Grew Up Together

Each day in 1925 the six-year old boy looked out the window at the grown men sawing boards, hammering nails, and laying brick for the building next to his parents' house.

Over half a century later in 1982 he realized he was looking at history.

Maxwell (Mackie) Hamrick was the little boy who watched the building, later to be named for his grandfather, E. B. Hamrick, be constructed on the Gardner-Webb College campus. This month the college received notification the building has been accepted into the National Register of Historic Places.

"I was born in a little house right next to the old Hamrick building," Mackie Hamrick remembers. His father, the late O.P. Hamrick, had moved with his family to the campus when O.P. Hamrick became bursar and English instructor at the school.

Few would have expected the teacher's little boy to have been present to watch the building in 1925. "My second son, Mackie, took colitis," O.P. Hamrick later wrote in his autobiography, *Born At The Crossroads*. "My father and oldest brother who had accompanied my wife to the hospital thought there was no chance for his recovery."

"They bought a little coffin for me," when he was one year old, Mackie Hamrick says.

Hamrick is now 63 and appears in excellent health.

The store where the coffin was bought belonged to Mackie Hamrick's grandfather, Elijah Hamrick, who contributed generously to the school that later became Gardner-Webb College.



Above at right is the E. B. Hamrick building as it looked to young Mackie Hamrick after its completion in 1925. Most of the oak trees in the photograph still stand today. At left is the Huggins-Curtis Building which has since been torn down.

Six-year old Mackie Hamrick poses solemnly with two unidentified members of the 1925 Expression Class taught at the College by his mother, Mrs. Jessie Pangle Hamrick.

Photos Courtesy Mackie Hamrick



"Granddaddy fed 'em pretty well during the Depression," Mackie Hamrick recalls with a smile.

Elijah Hamrick marked \$4000 off his books which the College owed him during the 30's. Gardner-Webb President J. L. Jenkins later recalled that during those hard times "if it had not been for Brother E. B. Hamrick and Boiling Springs Baptist Church, the College would have closed down for good."

On May 30, 1943, a dedication service has held as part of graduation, and the building, which had been known as the Memorial building, was formally renamed the E. B. Hamrick building.

E. B. Hamrick Hall is now the oldest building on the campus of Gardner-Webb. The Department of Cultural Resources in Raleigh recognized the building as being significant to the early history of the college and the community of Boiling Springs.

The building was originally called the Memorial Building in honor of the graduates of the school who served in World War I.

The Hamrick building is still an important part of the college's life. It currently houses the foreign language laboratories.

## Council Okays Cable Here

"We now have an ordinance for granting a franchise" for cable television said mayor Jimmie Greene after council members unanimously approved the second reading of an amended ordinance Tuesday night following two months' negotiation between the town and cable companies.

Visioncable of Shelby, the only cable company to have continued negotiations with the town, immediately made application under the new ordinance.

The council's vote and the company's actions mean that a franchise may be awarded and work begun for cable television in Boiling Springs as early as the end of June.

Visioncable has agreed to pay the town 3 percent of its gross revenues on subscriptions and pay services such as Home Box Office under the ordinance approved Tuesday night. Council had earlier asked for a percent on any and all revenues, and for the last

two months the company and the town have been negotiating the difference.

Two other cable companies which had asked the town for its business dropped out of competition during the negotiations.

Council took the cable action at Tuesday night's called meeting to hear public comment on plans to spend the town's estimated returns of \$23,089 on revenue sharing.

"In the past we've been using our revenue sharing primarily for capital expenditures for water and sewer and fire," councilman Max Hamrick told the other council members.

There were no public suggestions on other plans for the money.

In other action, council accepted the low bid of \$3,009 by Asphalt Paving of Shelby for paving the road into the newly-constructed Artex plant.

Council then went into closed session for one hour and forty-five minutes to discuss "personnel and real estate acquisition."

## USDA Down On Dairy?

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Secretary of Agriculture John Block proposed legislation this month which would give the U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) discretionary authority to reduce milk price support levels in order to bring down production.

Block said the legislation "will begin to bring the huge public cost now plaguing the current program under control." Without the legislation, Brock said the USDA anticipates spending \$1.94 billion during fiscal 1983 on milk price supports.

Other features of Brock's plan not needing congressional approval are:

establishing more stringent guidelines for Farmers Home Administration loans made to dairy producers;

increasing distribution of surplus dairy products in domestic feeding programs; and

adopting higher milk standards for fluid milk sold in the United States markets to increase the use of milk solids.



## At The Crossroads

Could you help a friend if he were choking to death? A child that's snakebit? What if you burned yourself while cooking supper?

Answers and what to do in these emergencies will be taught at five classes on emergency first aid May 27 sponsored by the Cleveland County 4-H office and the Boiling Springs Lifesaving and Rescue Unit.

The workshop is planned especially for youth 9-12 who are current 4-H's and for non-members. Classes begin at 7 p.m. at the Boiling Springs Rescue Squad building on North Main Street. To register call the 4-H office at 482-4365.

Boiling Springs Rural Fire Department will help with parking at the rodeo this Saturday and Sunday at Barry Potter's arena just south of Boiling Springs on the Camp Creek Church Road. Action gets underway Saturday night at 8 p.m. and Sunday afternoon at 2 p.m. All monies raised from admission will go to defray expenses for area youngsters going to the national rodeo competition at Douglas, Wyoming.

When in England, you'll come to a "full stop" not in a car but a typewriter says Donna Baptiste, a secretarial science

graduate from Gardner-Webb College and a native of the Bermuda Islands. Donna's comparison of British and North Carolina secretaries and their procedures is on our page three "Commentary" in today's View.

Joining Donna at last Saturday's graduation at Gardner-Webb College were these Boiling Springs graduates:

Rachel Blanton Jolley, nursing; Roger Derrick Mack, management, with honors; John David Hamrick, religion; Nancy Bridges Freeman, intermediate education;

Isabell Shuffler Setzer, intermediate education.

"Celebration of Life" is the theme of the 1982 graduation exercises for 350 seniors on May 28 at 8 p.m. in the Crest High School stadium.

Lisa Piercy is the student speaker on "Celebration of Individuality."

We have our own celebration from local merchants to recent graduates from Crest High School and Gardner-Webb College beginning on page two of this week's View.

## Shots Fired Into Truck

Police are looking for the driver of a "light, four-door" car for questioning in the shooting of a truck parked in the Turner Trucking lot early morning last Thursday.

Residents near the lot told police they heard "about 4 or 5 shots" around 3 a.m. May 20, and police found the windows shot out of a white, Peterbilt semi-truck parked there.

The driver of the truck told police he had noticed

the car and an occupant across the street before the driver parked the truck and left it about 2:30 a.m.

No one was hurt in the shooting, which police say was by a large caliber .38 or .44 pistol. Damage to the truck was about \$150, police say.

Talmadge Turner, owner of the truck, asked anyone with information to call him at 434-6095.