

Sessoms Establish Scholarship Fund At Gardner-Webb

Boiling Springs, N.C. ... Because they remember the struggles they had as a married couple seeking an education, the Reverend and Mrs. Ed Sessom recently endowed a scholarship fund at Gardner-Webb College. "The memories of what it was like for us triggered us to do it (establish the scholarship) for others," said Mrs. Mafrey Sessom.

The income from the Mafrey Richardson and Edward H. Sessom Endowed Scholarship Fund will provide financial assistance to students attending Gardner-Webb who have committed their lives to full-time Christian service. The principal of the fund will be a part of the endowment of the Christian Service Organization, a subsidiary of the college that provides aid to students entering church-related vocations. Rev. Sessom was actively involved in the formation of the Organization in 1971, serving as its first interim president, and has served a total of seven years as its president.

President Chris White, speaking on behalf of the college, said, "We like the creation of this type of fund."

Song Fest Scheduled

The Gospel Choir of Gardner-Webb College will host their Annual Black History Month, Song Fest on February 6, at 6:00 p.m. in the Dover Theatre on Campus. Special guest will be the Johnson C. Smith Spiritual Choir, Children of the Sun Gospel Choir of UNC-Charlotte and the Cleveland County Mass Choir.

The public is invited to attend and there is no admission charge.

For additional information contact Carolyn McKinney.

Seminar

Scheduled

Boiling Springs - A special tax information seminar dealing with tax regulations and records required of churches, ministers and religious bodies will be held Tuesday, February 10, at the Kathleen Dover Theater on the campus of Gardner-Webb College. The seminar will begin at 10 a.m. and adjourn at 3 p.m.

The cost of the seminar is \$4.00, which includes lunch.

Leaders of the seminar will be a panel of specialists from the Internal Revenue Service, the Social Security Administration, the Annuity Board of the Southern Baptist Convention, and Ernst and Whinney, Auditors.

The seminar will include highlights from the Tax Reform Act of 1986. Anyone who is interested in an update on the tax laws affecting churches and religious leaders is invited to attend the seminar.

Among the topics to be covered are: housing allowances; Social Security coverage; IRA contributions; tax-sheltered plans; deferred compensation agreements; charitable contributions; investment tax credit; expense accounts; and required reporting and forms.

For more information write or call Garland A. Hendricks, P.O. Box 328, Gardner-Webb College, Boiling Springs, N.C. 28017; Phone 704-434-2361, ext. 202.

College Receives Grant

Boiling Springs, N.C. ... Gardner-Webb College received a \$1500 grant this week from The Sears-Roebuck Foundation. The grant is unrestricted.

Gardner-Webb College is one of 38 private, accredited colleges in North Carolina, and one of 956 institutions across the country, to receive Sears Foundation funds for the 1986-87 academic year.



GIVE SCHOLARSHIP - With Rev. Ed Sessom looking on, Mafrey Sessom and President Chris White sign the agreement formalizing the scholarship the Sessoms have established at Gardner-Webb College. Rev. Sessom is the retired minister of Bethlehem Baptist Church in Kings Mountain.

We're always grateful for contributions to the Christian Service Organization that are considered an endowment of the college."

Before entering the ministry, Rev. Sessom was employed as a state auditor for North Carolina. To prepare for the ministry, Sessom studied at Elon College, later receiving the Certificate of Theology from Southeastern Baptist Theological Seminary and the Certificate from the Clinical Pastoral Care School of Dorothea Dix Hospital.

Natives of Wake County, the Sessoms moved to Cleveland County in 1968 when he assumed the pastorate of the Pleasant Grove Baptist Church. He later served as pastor of the Flint Hill Baptist Church, and in January retired as pastor of the Bethlehem Baptist Church of Kings Mountain. They are presently building a home in the Flint Hill community (near Boiling Springs) where they intend to retire.

Over the years the Sessoms have been actively involved in foreign mission work. Since 1970 Rev. Sessom has made 13 preaching trips to the Caribbean countries of Jamaica, Haiti and the Dominican Republic.

Mrs. Mafrey Sessom is a private duty nurse, having

graduated four years ago from Cleveland Technical College as a Certified Nursing Assistant. Her husband points out that "at age 55, she was the oldest lady in her class but was tops in the class, making a 100 on the final exam."

In addition to the scholarship fund, the Sessoms have two life memberships in the Christian Service Organization of Gardner-Webb College. Life

memberships are awarded to individuals or groups who contribute \$5000 to the Organization. One life membership was given in their honor by the Pleasant Grove Baptist Church, and the other was established by the Sessoms themselves in 1984.

The Sessoms are the parents of two sons, Dennis H. Sessom of Kannapolis and Michael Sessom of Alexandria, Virginia.



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Valentine's embarrassment

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