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## Gardner-Webb Employee Searches For Scrap Wood To Create Carvings

Willie Hall finds beauty in a piece of wood that another person may not even give a second glance. In fact, some of the prettiest pieces of wood he has were found in discarded crates and garbage piles.

With a hobby like Hall's, it pays to be a good scavenger. He's a woodcarver and he can take a scrap piece of wood and turn it into ducks, horses, bears, rabbits and

almost anything as long as he can make a pattern first.

His job as director of Support Services at Gardner-Webb College has been helpful in improving his woodcarving expertise. It didn't take him long after he joined the college staff eleven years ago to become the "fix-it" man on campus. In addition to his other duties, Hall is the person called

when furniture breaks or cracks or when any other housekeeping equipment breaks down. "I'm too conservative to throw anything away if I can repair it," Hall said.

His ability as a handyman goes back much further than Gardner-Webb though. Hall grew up on a farm during the Depression years and learned at a young age how to chop wood and build furnishings for the house and farm. Later he took a job building ships for Bethlehem Steel in Baltimore, Maryland and served two years in the United States Navy before he started work as a contractor in partnership with A&G Construction Company.

It was only five years ago that Hall took up woodcarving but he quickly developed a strong interest in the tedious hobby as well as in the types of wood he carves.

His first carving was a duck and according to Hall, it looked more square than oval. Since that first attempt, he has carved dozens of ducks and animals that he sometimes sells but mostly keeps around him at home and at his office.

Hall not only knows the type of wood he carves, he also remembers where he found it. He has a rabbit from a piece of scrap wood taken from a door that was rotting in Gardner-Webb's Lindsay Building and he has a piece of teak wood taken from a crate that was used to ship materials to the college.

Hall gets most of his carving done during the winter months. He has woodworking machinery in the basement of his home that he uses to cut out the pattern and once that is done, the whittling and sanding is done in the family room.

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## James H. Rash: Teacher, Servant, Leader



Jim Rash

(Gardner-Webb lost a valuable teacher in 1980. Jim Rash was the victim of cancer. Many of us still love and miss him. Below is a tribute written by a true and close friend of Jim's, Ernest Blankenship. Blankenship is an English Professor at Gardner-Webb.)

James "Jim" Rash spent the last sixteen years of his life in the service of his fellowmen and his denomination at Gardner-Webb College. As a teacher Jim was innovative, creative, demanding, and compassionate. To the beauty of art he added love. Students everywhere testify to his effectiveness as a teacher.

Jim's sense of humor, especially when he was in good health, enriched the quality of life among his colleagues; and unlike those who come on strong in the beginning and then fade away, Jim was a man whose value over the years perceptively and appreciatively increased in the minds of those who knew him best.

Jim was a faithful husband and a devoted father. For his family he was willing to make any sacrifice and life itself was not more dear to him than the welfare of his family.

The Church occupied much of Jim's thought and energies. He saw the church as an institution through which social concern and help for the poor and oppressed could be channelled. His vision and his example continue to challenge the social conscience of the church and serve as living monuments to his spirit and his service.

First, he set up a fund to establish a home for the aged and the infirm. The suggested possibilities offer inspiration to the members of Boiling Springs Baptist Church and should be a challenge to churches everywhere.

Second, Jim involved the Boiling Springs Baptist Church and a great portion of the Boiling Springs community in the Broughton Ministries. This program of service won Jim the esteem of the citizens of Boiling Springs, the gratitude of the patients and staff of Broughton Hospital, and on two occasions the commendation of the Governor of the State.

The recognition Jim received was small in comparison to the service he rendered. Very few people, if any, fully appreciated or knew the extent of his work. Jim spent most of his "leisure" hours in the art lab devising new glazes or in some inconspicuous place planning more effective ways to broaden the service ministries of his school and church, to the patients at Broughton Hospital, to those in need in his own community, or to those in need in some other community. Unobtrusively, but persistently, he went about doing good deeds. The result of his spirit and work remains and constantly reminds us of the quality that we would like to find in the true Servant-Leader.

Jim resisted being placed in the conventional mold that his world held for him with judgmental rigidity. His generosity forbade his laying up treasures for himself, and his "individualistic" manner forbade that he conform to conventional patterns. Of the roads before him, he chose the one "least travelled by," and that made a great difference in Jim's life and in the life of his community.



MR. ROBERT ABRAMS (r) talks with visitors at the Baptist State Convention meeting held in Greensboro in November. He stands in front of Gardner-Webb's display.



A GARDNER-WEBB COLLEGE hearing-impaired student tells the convention crowd of 3,000 "thank you for Gardner-Webb."



## President's Corner

### Academic Cabinet Experiment

It has been said that although colleges and universities operate on the cutting edge of change, they are themselves the most reluctant to change. That theory has just been presented with an exception which will either prove the rule or alter the general thinking about academic governance.

The college faculty's Administrative Advisory Committee recently recommended that the interim experiment in academic self-governance, the Academic Cabinet, be continued at least through the 1981-82 academic year. A thorough evaluation will take place in December of 1981 to determine whether or not the concept will be continued beyond June 30, 1982.

The basis for the Academic Cabinet has been the widely held view that a college faculty should share in the governance of the instructional program. Since July, 1980, this indeed has been part of the daily operation at Gardner-Webb College.

During the first six months of the experiment, many mistakes were made, but also many positive steps were taken. The teaching faculty has become significantly more involved in the mechanics of academic decision-making. As more and more of the faculty become aware of and involved with the administrative implications of academic decisions, the college will become even more efficient and effective. Furthermore, the experiment has pointed out some of the unnecessary bureaucracy that can exist even in a small college.

At this time, it is unwise to project beyond the 1981-82 academic year. However, it is significant that the Gardner-Webb faculty has chosen to give the experiment a more thorough test. Surely this reflects the confidence they have in Dr. George Cribb, Dr. Charles Andrews, Dr. Paul Jolley and Dr. Robert Lamb who, along with the President, make up the Academic Cabinet. And just as surely, my enthusiasm for the Academic Cabinet directly reflects the confidence I have in those four individuals plus their faculty colleagues who together make Gardner-Webb College a dynamic, vigorous liberal arts college of the churches.



#### \*Carvings

Cont. From Front

Hall won't give a definite answer about how long it takes him to carve a single piece, because he cannot say how long it takes to find the wood, to come up with a pattern and to do the actual work. He will estimate however that it usually takes two or three nights.

Right now his carvings are mostly of

animals and ducks but he thinks he might start carving birds later on. As long as he has a good picture, he can make a pattern of most any type of animal to carve.

There is a display of Hall's carvings in the Dover Library on the Gardner-Webb campus.

## Those Were The Years



Myrtle Whitaker Price of Lawndale, N.C., and Rev. T. A. Sheppard were very quick guessing the mystery "Those Were The Years" photo in the November/December issue of "The Web." They tied for first place but only a hair away was C. J. Rhyne of Sanford, North Carolina.

All three will receive a Gardner-Webb coffee mug. Mrs. Price and Rev. Sheppard gave the first replies, but Mr. Rhyne's letter was as sweet as candy and he won our hearts over. Readers, read on. Does anyone recognize this bunch?

### Letters

Dear Mrs. Putnam:

In the November/December 1980 issue of *The Web* on page 7 there are some pictures and the editor asked if anyone knew "this uniformed freshmen?"

The upper right corner is a picture of the following from left to right: Nancy Trout, Martha Lynn, Louise Martin, Ruth Berry, Thomas A. (Buddy) Sheppard.

The center picture from left to right are: Cothenia Jones, Ruth Berry, Eunice Borders, Jim Caldwell.

On page two there is a request of a round-up of religion majors. I was one and so was my wife, the former Frances Williams, both of the class of 1947. My wife was also B.S.U. president and May Queen, 1947.

I am in my thirteenth year as pastor of the Providence Baptist Church at Hodges, S.C. My wife and I graduated from Carson-Newman and I graduated from Southeastern Baptist Theological Seminary. We have two sons: John, who is a senior at Erskine College and Brent, who is a senior at Furman University. Presently I am serving as vice-moderator of our association, serving as a member of the General Board of the Baptist State Convention of South Carolina, and a member of the Search Committee to nominate a person for the office of Executive-Secretary Treasurer of the S.C. Baptist State Convention.

T. A. Sheppard  
Hodges, S.C. 29652

Dear Mrs. Putnam:

I was delighted to receive the November/December issue of *The Web* and to see the center-fold. The man in the center-fold is Jim Caldwell. The girl standing at the back of the bench is Edith Berry. The girl sitting on the left as you face the picture is Cothenia Jones, and the gorgeous young lady sitting between Cothenia and Jim is Eunice Borders.

For your information, I married this gorgeous girl in 1948 and we now have five children, three grandchildren, and expect the fourth grandchild in April, 1981.

Sincerely,  
C. J. Rhyne  
Sanford, N.C. 27330

Dear Mrs. Putnam:

I attended Gardner-Webb in 1944-1946 in the days before it became a four-year college. I immediately recognized the four freshmen in the mystery picture in "Those Were The Years." They are: Cothenia Jones (Jolly) - President; Eunice Borders - Vice-President; Ruth Berry - Secretary; and Jim Caldwell - Treasurer.

Cothenia is a counselor at Crest High I believe.

I teach Language Arts at Burns Jr. High. My husband, Oliver C. Price, is pastor of Double Shoals Baptist Church. We have three children: Patricia Price Benfield from Taylorsville; Judy Price from Chapel Hill; and John O. Price, a student at Burns Jr. High.

Thanks,  
Myrtle Whitaker Price  
Lawndale, N.C. 28090

# Parker Elected Vice- Chairman

He explained, "I first became interested through my activities in Baptist work in the state. I was concerned with the quality of educational opportunities being provided by our denomination. Also, Nationwide has provided financial support for the college through the Independent College Fund.

"My special interest in Gardner-Webb began a little over two years ago when I read a magazine article about Dr. Craven Williams. The thrust was that the college had rejected Federal funds, rather than compromise the integrity of the administration. I support that stand and independent spirit. On several occasions, I

"Our privately supported Baptist institutions' existence is vital to help young people deal with their own spirituality in terms of preparation for leading a Christian life."

--Parker

Newly elected Trustee Vice-Chairman Bernard H. Parker read an article about Gardner-Webb College in a magazine a little over two years ago and was impressed by the fact that the small Baptist supported college received no Federal funds. That's when he developed a special interest in Gardner-Webb.

had the opportunity to share ideas in conversation with Dr. Williams. I was most impressed with this dynamic young college President and believe he has contributed substantially to the success of Gardner-Webb."

A native of Elizabeth City, N.C., Parker and his family live in Raleigh where he is

# Daughter Of Former GWC President Has Book Published

The first volume in a series of reference monographs has been published under the auspices of the Center for Disease Control, Atlanta, Georgia. This current volume, entitled "Immunization Against Disease 1980," was compiled by Cleveland County native Rachel Elliott Churchill, managing editor, and Dr. Lyle Conrad, editor.

Churchill is the daughter of Mrs. Phil Elliott of Boiling Springs, and the late Dr. Phil Elliott, former President of Gardner-Webb College. She attended Boiling Springs schools, Gardner-Webb Junior College, and received the B.A. degree in geology from UNC-Chapel Hill, where she also earned the M.A. degree with a major in English.

Churchill is employed as an editor in the Department of Epidemiology at CDC, the Center for Disease Control. Research for "Immunization...1980" was begun in December of 1979, and continued through March of 1980. Churchill was responsible first of all for collecting pertinent data from national and international sources and then compiling the data into comprehensive language for the professional community as well as for the

lay community. She also supervised layouts, galley proofs and the final editing of all materials used in the monographs.

The 11,000 volumes which have been printed since September 1980, will go to physicians, nurses, government agencies and lay people. The Pan-American Health Organization is currently translating "Immunization...1980" into Spanish to be used in Spanish-speaking areas and countries.

Churchill is now working on a manual specifically aimed at employees of CDC. It will educate these workers on what action to take when a fellow-worker is exposed to dangerous virus or bacteria. She has also edited a manual entitled "Introduction to Basic Computer Principles," which was published February 1980, by CDC, with 50,000 copies on first printing.

Prior to her employment at CDC, Churchill taught English in colleges in Georgia and Kansas. She is married to Dr. Geoffrey Churchill, professor at Georgia State University, and is the mother of three children: Philip, Eleanor, and Marla.

vice-president-Regional Manager of Nationwide Insurance Companies. He has served on the Gardner-Webb Board of Trustees for the past year.

Parker was elected vice-chairman of the Board of Trustees in December and looks at the opportunity with optimism. "The position as vice-chairman on the Board of Trustees means an opportunity to serve the college and our young people by providing leadership as we move forward to meet the challenges of the future," he said.

He is very positive in his outlook for Gardner-Webb College. "I predict a very bright future for Gardner-Webb," Parker said. "Our greatest asset is the people who serve on the faculty, in administrative posts, on the Board of Trustees and all those many people who care enough to provide their support."

As a Baptist supported college, Parker feels that Gardner-Webb and other Baptist supported institutions like it are able to offer young people an opportunity to grow spiritually as well as academically. "The quality of education is good in both private and public institutions," he said. "The primary difference is the perspective of the Christian experience. Because of the doctrine of the separation of church and state, public schools avoid the spiritual side of life to the point of ignoring it as if it did not exist. Our privately supported Baptist institutions' existence is vital to help young people deal with their own spirituality in terms of preparation for leading a Christian life."

Parker's philosophy of life is indicative of the fine quality person he is.

"My philosophy of life is that we are placed into this world by a loving God to accomplish His will. To that end, all people must commit themselves and strive to be the best they are capable of becoming in every good endeavor. God's work was never intended to be done by only ministers and educators. Each one of us has a sacred obligation to serve the God who makes all things possible," he concluded.

Parker and his wife, the former Rose Vesci, have been married 35 years and have three children. Their son Bob is married and has a four year old son; Cindi, a graduate of Ohio University and Elizabethtown College in Pennsylvania, is married and has two girls; and Brenda is a



Bernard H. Parker

junior at Western Carolina University.

Parker is a member of First Baptist Church in Raleigh where he is a member of the Board of Deacons, Bold Missions Committee and an adult Sunday School teacher.

He is also active in community and civic affairs and holds several positions including vice-president of governmental affairs on the Raleigh Chamber of Commerce; member of the finance committee of the United Way of Wake County, member of the long range planning committee of the Life Enrichment Counseling Center in Raleigh.

Parker holds several business affiliations as well. He is a member of the Salary Sub-Committee of The North Carolina Rate Bureau Governing Committee; chairman of the Legislative Committee of the N.C. Insurance News Service; and member of the executive committee of the N.C. Insurance Education Foundations, Inc.

He is also a member of the National Association of Life Underwriters; N.C. Citizens Association; N.C. Museum of History Association, Inc. and the YMCA.

In addition, Parker is an avid golfer and said that he enjoys taking advantage of the physical exercise facilities at the Raleigh YMCA.

## Southeastern Seminary Coming To Shelby

Southeastern Seminary will be offering two courses in the Spring of 1981 at Eastside Baptist Church, Shelby, N.C. Both courses will be offered on Mondays from February 16 through April 27; one course will be in the morning and the other in the afternoon.

Courses scheduled are as follows:

The Problem of Evil (T3234), taught by Dr. Thomas H. Graves; and Equipping Churches for Personal Evangelism (M4546), taught by Dr. John Tresch.

Both of these courses will yield two semester hours credit in the M. Div. degree program and are designed for

college graduates. Seminary graduates are also eligible to enroll.

If enough interest is shown in this program of study, then perhaps S.E. Seminary will continue the studies at Shelby. Please pass the word and come and share in these graduate level studies.

Course fees are set at \$50.00 for one course or \$75.00 for both. Registration - All interested persons should contact the Registrar, S.E. Seminary as soon as possible: Dr. Fred Sandusky, Registrar, Southeastern Seminary, Wake Forest, N.C. 27587.

# ALUMNI UPDATE

## 40's

**Perry Glenn Rollins**, a student at Gardner-Webb during 1947-48, has recently been elected President-Elect of the Florida Elementary School Principals Association. He is presently principal of Stephen Foster Elementary School, Fort Lauderdale, Florida. After attending Gardner-Webb College, he received a B. S. from Appalachian State University, Boone, N.C., and a M.S. from Barry College, Miami, Florida. He has also done graduate work at Florida



## 50's

**MARGARET M. JOHNSON**, '56, is employed by the Lowe's chain of supermarkets in Mount Airy, N.C.

**DOROTHY STUBBLEFIELD TOTTEN**, '54, and her husband Darrell have moved to Gastonia, N.C., where Darrell is the Minister of Education at the First Baptist Church. They have two children, Veneta, age 17, and Vonda, age 12.

**PAT POSTON**, '57, has been named associate vice president for corporate planning of Carolinas Hospital and Health Services, Inc. (CHHS), a hospital management and consulting firm. She has been the organization's communications director since 1974, and will continue to manage CHHS' public relations activities in addition to her new responsibilities. She also will continue as assistant secretary of the corporation. Pat received an A.A. degree from GWC and a B.A. degree in English from Limestone. She is presently working toward an M.B.A. degree at Queen's College. Pat and her husband Ben reside at Woodbridge in Cleveland County and have two children.

**DONALD F. BYNUM**, '53, was named a Fellow in the American Speech-Language-Hearing Association at its annual meeting in Detroit on November 20, 1980. Don has served as the founding director of the Charlotte Speech and Hearing Center since 1967. According to the Committee on Honors, a Fellow "shall have been active in the Association and shall have a record of sustained achievement in one or more of the following areas: original contributions to the advancement of knowledge; distinguished educational, professional, or administrative activity; outstanding service to the Association."

## 60's

**WILLIAM R. GOODEN**, '61, has been promoted from division controller to corporate controller of the Valtec Corporation. He and his wife, Carolyn, and son, Robert, live at Route 2, Box 750-24, Mooresville, N.C.

## 70's

**LOWELL M. (MAC) SCHUMAN**, '79, is assuming pastoral duties at Highland Park Baptist Church, Mt. Airy, N.C.

**RUSSELL KENNETH COBB**, '76, is the pastor of Zion Baptist Church, Parksley, Virginia. He left Siloam Baptist, West Chowan Association in North Carolina. He and his wife, Barbara, would like to announce the birth of their third child, Renata Ann, July 15, 1980.

**DONALD E. STROUP**, '77, has been named assistant cashier by the Board of Directors at South Carolina National Bank in Greenville, S.C. He joined SCN as a credit analyst in 1978 and was promoted to assistant manager of the credit department in February 1980.

**ALAN MAYHEW**, '72, has assumed duties of manager of the South Broad Street Branch of Carolina First National Bank, Mooresville. After graduating from GWC, he received a basic certificate from the American Institute of Banking and advanced management certificate from the NC School of Banking. He is married to the former Gail Turner of Greensboro; they have two children and make their home in Mooresville, N.C.

**ROBY LINEBARGER**, '76, is the new pastor of Pilot View Baptist Church, High Point, N.C.

**DANNY M. WALL**, '72, is presently Executive Vice President and Chief Operating Officer of Risk Information Services, Inc., a division of Corroon and Black, Inc., Nashville, Tennessee, where he and his wife, Patricia, live.

**GILBERT F. BOWMAN**, '74, has been named Field Sales Manager in the Power Tool Division of Porter Brothers, Inc. He is married to the former Nancy Newsome and has two children.

**PHILLIP J. BOUCHARD**, '74, has been appointed as an agent for North Carolina Farm Bureau Mutual Insurance Company and the Southern Farm Bureau Life Insurance Company in Cleveland County, N.C. After graduating from GWC, he taught four years in the Cleveland County School System. He and his wife, Alma, have two children and live on Route 1, Kings Mountain, N.C.

**WANDA P. BRIGGS**, '70, has been promoted to Vice President of Guardian Medical Services, Inc., a subsidiary of Guardian Corporation. A licensed nursing home administrator and registered nurse, she received her associate degree in

nursing from Central Piedmont in Charlotte, N.C.

**ELLEN FITZGERALD** (presently a senior English major) has been named news and public affairs director of radio stations WOHS and WXIK. She is married to Charles Fitzgerald, USMC-Retired. They have one daughter and four sons and reside in Boiling Springs. She is listed in personalities of the South and has a radio background as program director and in public affairs programming.

**SHERRY HORN TAYLOR**, '75, of Gaffney, S.C., has been named director of the Cherokee County Memorial Hospital Maternal, Infant, and Child Care Clinic.

**DAVID FORD**, '73, of Durham, N.C., has been elected president of the North Carolina Chapter of the National Hemophilia Foundation. Ford is a caseworker for Service to Veterans with The American Red Cross. He is a graduate of GWC and Southeastern Seminary. He is married and the father of a son.

**THE REVEREND LAWRENCE CLAPP**, '77, has been called as pastor to the Oteen Baptist Church. Clapp served as minister of youth at First Baptist Church in Gibsonville and Chaplain to the Guilford County Sheriff's Department and Jail.

**BETSY CELESTE RORIE**, '77, graduated from Winthrop College on Dec. 20, 1980 with a Master of Arts in Education degree. She is employed by the Charlotte-Mecklenburg School System.

## MARRIAGES

**CURTIS NEAL WORTMAN**, '78, and Alica Addie Beam were married on August 31, 1980. Curtis is employed by Porter Brothers, Inc. Alica is employed at S&R Dental Lab of Shelby, N.C. The couple makes their home in Shelby.

**DANNY RAY BLANTON**, '74, and Betsy Margaret Brown were married on October 4, 1980. Danny is a sales representative for Commercial Equipment Company. Betsy is a graduate of UNC-G and is a registered nurse at Duke University Medical Center. The couple resides in Durham, N.C.

**VICKI CHERYL LITTLEJOHN**, '75, and Charles Gettys Sparks were married on October 4, 1980. Vicki and Charles are

employed by Duke Power Company. They make their home in Spartanburg, S.C.

**MICHAEL STEVEN SIPE**, '73, and Deborah Kay Greene were married September 5, 1980. Michael is a sales representative for Fasco Industries of Fayetteville, N.C. Deborah is employed at Lem Lynch Photography in Shelby, N.C. The couple makes their home in Shelby, N.C.

**STEVEN HAROLD BARBREY**, '79, and Suzanne Dobson were married October 8, 1980. Steven is a supervisor at Lyman Printing and Finishing, Lyman, S.C. Suzanne has a B.S. in Business Administration from USC-Spartanburg. The couple resides in Spartanburg, S.C.

**MICHAEL EUGENE NEWTON**, '71, and Kathryn Louise Ivey were married October 3, 1980. Michael received his M.A. in Business Administration from Winthrop College and is owner and operator of Newton's Wholesale Parts & Brake Service, Inc. Kathryn has a B.A. in Speech from Western Carolina and a M.A. in Speech Pathology from East Tennessee State University. She is employed as a speech therapist in the Gaston County Schools. The couple resides in Gastonia, N.C.

**CYNTHIA KAY HOYLE**, '80, and Ray Lawrence Warlick, Jr., were married September 14, 1980. Cynthia is employed by Lincoln County Hospital in Lincolnton, N.C. Ray is employed by the N.C. Department of Transportation in Shelby, N.C. The couple resides in Fallston, N.C.

**WILLIAM STEVE MARTIN**, '72, and LaSandra Jane Patterson were married Sept. 13, 1980. He is employed by the North Carolina Department of Transportation, and she is employed by Specialty Lighting of Shelby, N.C. The couple makes their home in Casar, N.C.

**JERRY DYCUS**, '61, and Christine Wrenn were married September 10, 1980. Jerry is employed by Sears, Roebuck and Company in Shelby, N.C. Christine received her certification as a dental assistant from UNC at Chapel Hill. The couple resides in Shelby, N.C.

**PEGGY CATHERINE MESSICK**, '75, and Paul William Tillman, Jr., were married on Oct. 25, 1980. Paul is a graduate of N.C. State University and is associate state demographer at the N.C. Office of State Budget and Management. The couple resides in Raleigh, N.C.

*Alumni Day 1981*

# Saturday, April 11

Fun For The Whole Family

Plan Now To Attend

**JAMES RUSSELL FITTS, JR., '78,** and Kimberly Jo Cabaniss were married Oct. 19, 1980. He is employed by Duke Power Company at Oconee Nuclear Station in Seneca. She received a degree in Nursing from Cleveland Technical College, Shelby. The couple resides in Six Mile.

**NORMA KAY HAWKINS, '60,** and Alvis Anthony Stanley were married Oct. 11, 1980. She is an instructor at Western Piedmont Community College in Morganton, N.C. He majored in business at Appalachian State University and is associated with the Orkin Company in Hickory, N.C. The couple resides in Valdese, N.C.

**CHARLES TRUMAN TIMMONS, '74,** and Jean Ellen Chaplin were married Nov. 15, 1980. She is employed as a registered nurse with J.P. King, Division of Spartan Mills, Augusta, Georgia. He is employed as personnel manager with United Merchants and Manufacturers, Inc., Homestead Division, Augusta. The couple resides in North Augusta, S.C.

**ROGER WAYNE COLLIS,** a senior at Gardner-Webb College, and Tina Marie Guffey were married November 22, 1980, at Dover Chapel on the Gardner-Webb Campus. They will live at Rt. 1, Ellenboro, N.C.

**JEAN MCKINNEY, '79,** and Neal Grigg were married in October 1980. Jean received an associate degree in Nursing and is presently employed by Cleveland Memorial Hospital in Shelby. The couple will live in the Clover Hill community.

**JASPER WARREN GAMBLE, JR. '77,** and Kathy Sue Porter were married Saturday, November 1, 1980, in the Buffalo Baptist Church, Shelby.

## BIRTHS

**MARCIA P. ABERNATHY DUNCAN, '73,** and C. Dale Duncan announce the birth of a son, Colin Dale Duncan, II, July 5, 1980. They reside at 127 Stacy Drive, Gaffney, S.C.

**JOHN BUDD, '75** and **SUSAN LAWSON BUDD, '76,** announce the birth of a son, John Zachary Budd, October 11, 1980. The Budd family now lives at 1103 Quail Drive, Greensboro.

**BILL HOWELL, '72,** and **AMY FREEMAN HOWELL, '72,** announce the birth of a son, Kevin Blake Howell on August 14, 1980. Bill is Head Track and Assistant Football Coach at J.L. Mann High School in Greenville. Amy is Department Chairman in Physical Education at Northwest Middle School in Travelers Rest.

**THE REVEREND CHARLES C. PENLEY, JR., '76** and **REBECCA G. PENLEY, '77,** announce the adoption of an infant daughter, Heather. The Penleys have an eight year old foster son, Benji. They live at Rt. 1, Box 360, Liberty.

**R. BRUCE BOWERS, '68,** and wife Jenny announce the birth of Bridgett Anne, June 20, 1980. The Bowers have a son, Rob, age 3. Bruce is employed by Jefferson-Pilot Broadcasting, Charlotte, N.C. They reside at 910 Beechgrove Court, Charlotte.

**A. WAYNE** and **CONSTANCE WILLIAMSON, '76,** of Holly Ridge, announce the birth of Stephen Andrew on October 27, 1980.

## DEATHS

**DOVIE M. HOPPER JOLLEY, '14.**

**JAMES HUBERT RASH,** died October 17, 1980. He was a native of Union County, S.C., and Associate Professor of Art at GWC since 1965.

## STAFF UPDATE

**JACKIE CURTIS,** Machine Room Operator, is married to Wayne Curtis, who works at PPG. They reside at Rt. 1, Box 38B, Mooresboro, N.C. They have two children, Leah Jennifer 9, and Julie Anne 3.

**PHYLLIS EAKER,** Secretary, Admissions Office, is married to Bruce Eaker. Bruce is with the North Carolina Department of Corrections. They reside at 623 Dellinger Road, Shelby. They are members of Bethel Baptist Church.

**SHIRLEY COOK LAIL,** Secretary, President's Office, is a 1980 graduate of Gardner-Webb, with a B.S. in Business Administration. She is a Certified Professional Secretary. Shirley and her daughter Melissa, who will graduate from Crest High School in 1981, live in Crest Acres, Boiling Springs.

**ELLEN TAYLOR PALMER,** Secretary, Alumni and Placement Office, has a Fashion Merchandising degree from Brooks College, Long Beach, California. She received her A.A. from Peace College, Raleigh, and her B.A. in Education from UNC-Chapel Hill. Ellen lives in Shelby at 508 N. Lafayette St. She is also bookkeeper for Palmer Mortuary.

## Round-Up Time

Because of an early deadline for this issue, we will feature news from Religion majors in the March edition. Consequently, IT'S NOT TOO LATE to send in news of your whereabouts, job, family, etc. We will have a special section in the Alumni Update for you. Do it NOW.



**BOB D. SHEPHERD,** Vice President for Development, is the former pastor of First Baptist Church, Sanford, N.C. Bob is married to Dolores Vinson Shepherd of Highlands, and they have four children: Karen Johnson, a music teacher in Connecticut; Dale Shepherd, a commercial and business insurance man in Sanford; Vickie Shepherd, with Cablevision of Chapel Hill; and Noel, a Junior High School student. Bob received his A.B. from Mercer University and his B.D. from Southeastern Seminary.

## 3 Incumbents, 1 Surprise

# Latecomer To Race Finds Right Recipe

Linda Morrison Combs, Gardner-Webb Class of 1966, pulled a rabbit out of a hat and won herself a seat on the Forsyth County Board of Education.

Elected on November 4, Linda was top vote-getter in a field of eight candidates, including three incumbents.

The Republican challenger ran on a ticket of a strong teaching background, administrative and business experience, and an extensive \$2,000 campaign, more than any other candidate.

She received 43,091 votes as compared with the 42,085 received by her closest contender.

Other candidates contributed Combs' success to her 11 years of teaching and to the endorsement of teacher groups.

Combs entered late into the race after another female candidate withdrew.

Mrs. Combs told The Sentinel in Winston-Salem, "I talked to everybody who invited me and depended heavily on the personal endorsements of people who knew me."

She also told The Sentinel, "I'm the only new member and I have a lot to learn."



Two of the incumbent winners said because of Mrs. Combs' 11 years of experience as a teacher and administrator in the school system, she will have less to learn than most new board members.

Mrs. Combs is Operations Officer and Manager of National Direct Student Loans for Wachovia Services in Winston-Salem.

## Morris Named SEE Director

Dr. Robert Morris, assistant professor of Mathematics and Physics, has been named director of the Summer Enrichment Experience Program.

The program, designed for academically gifted students in grades 6-9, is a comprehensive three-week summer residential program which offers enriched educational experiences in three basic areas of concentration, including Fine Arts, Math and Science, Economics and Physical Education.

As director, Dr. Morris will organize the program for Summer, 1981 and will talk with prospective students and their parents about the program. He will also work with the local schools to acquaint them with the SEE program.

"We hope to give gifted students an opportunity to have educational experience beyond what they get in schools at the grade levels they're in now," Dr. Morris said. He also said that the program will provide students with an opportunity to see what college is like and to become acquainted with participating Gardner-Webb professors.

A graduate of Stetson University with a

B. S. degree in Physics and Mathematics, Dr. Morris received an M. S. degree and his Ph. D. in Physics from the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill. He and his family live in Spindale.



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## Abernethy Has Article Published

An article, written by Dr. Kenneth Abernethy, associate professor of Mathematics and Computer Science at Gardner-Webb College, has been published in the national "Rocky Mountain Journal of Mathematics, Volume 10."

The article entitled, "Characterizations of some generalized countably compact spaces of images of M-spaces," was printed in the Fall 1980 edition of the Mathematics journal.

A former associate professor of Mathematics at Virginia Military Institute in Lexington, Va., Dr. Abernethy has been at Gardner-Webb for one year. He has submitted several articles for publication including one entitled, "Computer Applications In A Finite Mathematics Course," which appeared in the June 1980 edition of the "National Educational Computing Conference /2 proceedings."

## G-W Opens Center In Iredell County

On January 7, 1981, Gardner-Webb College opened a regional education center on the campus of Mitchell Community College in Statesville, North Carolina. Gardner-Webb College will provide baccalaureate degree programs in Business Administration, Management, Criminal Justice, Early Childhood Education (K-3), and Middle School Education (4-9).

Gardner-Webb College has other GOAL centers in Spindale, Morganton, Lincoln, Dallas, Newton, and Boiling Springs. In addition to GOAL degree programs, a variety of seminars and short-term continuing education experiences may be provided upon request.

## Double Your Dollar

Do you know that many companies have a matching gift program that will duplicate your gift to Gardner-Webb? How about your employer?

Listed below are some North Carolina employers who will match your gift to the Annual College Fund. Inquire and submit appropriate form when you mail us your check.

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# NOMINATION FOR GARDNER-WEBB COLLEGE ALUMNI ASSOCIATION'S 1981 DISTINGUISHED ALUMNI AWARDS

(Return by March 1, to GWC Alumni Office  
Boiling Springs, N.C. 28017)

### Past Distinguished Alumni Recipients



Dr. Thomas McGraw  
'71



Dr. John E. Roberts  
'68



Dr. Horace G. Hammett  
'72



Dr. Helen M. Stinson  
'79



Mr. Jack Creech  
'77

## ALUMNI AWARDS

- CATEGORIES:**
- "Alumnus of the Year"
  - "Service to Church"
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  - "Service to Community"

**CATEGORY:** \_\_\_\_\_

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Mrs. Dorothy Washburn Hamrick Edwards is Registrar at GWC.

By MRS. DOROTHY EDWARDS

On August 23, 1957, I was awakened by the shrill sound of the fire alarm which did not cease to blow for a long time. My son, who was a member of the Volunteer Fire Department and a student at Gardner-Webb, bounded out of bed a few seconds ahead of me and was on his way to assist in any way he could. As I remember it was sometime between one and two o'clock in the morning.

At that time I was living on Memorial Drive, east of where the Gardner-Webb radio station is now. As I looked out the window, there was already a red glow in the sky. I could not determine which building it was, but thought it was either the Hamrick or the Huggins-Curtis Building. My first thought was "The Records" - the students records! I was dressed in a few seconds and was literally running from my house across the front yards of the M. A. Moseley's and John Washburn's, down by Royster Hospital (now a dormitory) and on toward the Hamrick Building. I figured I would get there faster on foot than going by car if I took the shortcuts. By the time I came up to Royster, I could see it was the Huggins-Curtis Building and was greatly relieved to know that for the moment at least the permanent records of our students were not burning.

By the time I reached the Hamrick Building, the flames were leaping many feet into the sky. Several people had reached the scene ahead of me and hundreds of people came before it was over, many still in their pajamas and night clothes. My immediate and major concern was the safety of the 'permanent records' housed in the Registrar's Office located where Dr. Robert Morgan's office is now in the Hamrick Building.

Soon, however, I spotted Dr. Philip Elliott, and my thoughts shifted to other very important and irreplaceable records that were now going up in flames. Before I returned to Gardner-Webb in 1946, Dr. Elliott had already started collecting copies of the Gardner-Webb catalogues and yearbooks and after I came, together he and I were able to get one complete set of both that had been published since the beginning of the school in 1907-08. Now, they too were being consumed. Also, about two weeks before the fire Mr. W. L. Hicks, a long time trustee and Secretary of the Board of Trustees had brought the complete set of original minutes of the Board since the school's beginning, many of which had been personally written by him. It was one of the most complete, detailed and well-kept set of records imaginable. They were meticulous and his penmanship was beautiful and flawless. These too were burned by the fire.

In addition to those losses, Dr. Elliott, who was President of Gardner-Webb at that time, had a private library of around 2,500 books, most of which were housed in his Office in the Huggins-Curtis Building. He had priceless, rare books of Shakespeare, Milton, Spencer and many others too numerous to name with personal notes throughout many of their

## Reflections On The 1957 Fire

pages. Of course, he had committed many passages to memory, but it was such a great loss to him and to the College. Among other precious items lost was his collection of sermons. No one ever knew how the fire started, but when questioned about that, in spite of his major losses, he came back with the remark that maybe it was the "dry wit" of his old sermons that set the building ablaze.

Financially one of the greatest losses from the fire was about \$45,000 worth of athletic equipment, particularly football equipment. Also, maintenance supplies and equipment were stored there, and when I first arrived on the scene Coach Harris and Mr. Horace Scruggs were attempting to get a few things from the basement areas. It was only a week before the opening of school with pre-school football practice already underway, but Coach Harris was able to retrieve only 6 football helmets and 3 balls before the heat became too intense and the danger too great to stay in the building. Mr. Scruggs saved a few things for maintenance. Otherwise, it was a complete loss.

The thing that amazed me most about the fire was that the blaze was contained mostly within the walls and the flame leaped directly skyward. The roof was made of tin shingles (probably 8x12 or 16") and the force from the heat flung the shingles as far as the baseball field (where the new multi-purpose building is now under construction) and on over into the field where the stadium parking lot is now. The walls (which were 16" thick) of the building were of bricks made locally from clay taken from below and around the Methodist and Baptist churches located on South Main Street. That, I suppose, accounted for the fact that the walls did not cave in, even from the intense heat as the rich, pine lumber burned like kindling. Some of the trees which now stand south of the Charles I. Dover Building were within a few feet of the fire and still survived. Also the large oak, on the northwest corner of the C.I.D., survived for several years after the fire and its stump still remains there, along with several trees between Hamrick and the Charles I. Dover Buildings. The flames could be seen as far away as Shelby.

When I attended Gardner-Webb, a student rang the bell in the bell tower for the changing of classes. During the fire the bell fell from the third floor and the last I knew about it, it was stored in the barrack structure over near the maintenance shop. However, the clapper, nor the frame around the bell, was never found in the ashes after the fire.

The two corner stones, one for the Kings Mountain Baptist Association and the other for the Sandy Run Baptist Association, were retrieved and opened at a later date. Although little was salvaged from them, some of the things are now in our library.

Only a very few days before the fire, Martha Mason and her parents, who had made their home in Huggins-Curtis during the school year 1956-57, moved into HAPY Dormitory. Martha is in an iron lung and

has been since the middle forties as a result of polio. One of our greatest joys at that time was, "She is safe." In spite of an iron lung, Martha graduated from Gardner-Webb and later from Wake Forest College with an all A record.

The fire raged unabated for three hours or more, and I along with hundreds of others watched with mixed emotions until it began to subside and then returned home in time to fix breakfast and go to school for another day's work.

Like buildings at many schools of earlier years, the Huggins-Curtis Building housed almost everything under one roof --

classrooms, library, kitchen, dining room, dormitories, offices, Literary Society Halls, auditorium, laundry, infirmary, parlors, maintenance and athletic storage, etc. For students who attended Gardner-Webb from 1907 to 1957, it was "The Building" with many memories (the tinkling of Miss Curtis' keys on the hallway, the clarion call of Mr. J. D. Huggins and countless others for a better way of life, joys and sorrows, disappointments, enriching experiences) - an edifice that was symbolic of an undefinable spirit that is Gardner-Webb College!



1957 - Huggins-Curtis Building burns - Possible electrical short.

## Study Tour To Egypt, Jordan, Holy Land

The Dept. of Religious Studies is sponsoring an exciting study-tour to Egypt, Jordan, and the Holy Land. This eleven-day tour departing June 15, 1981 has booked deluxe hotels throughout and is well worth the \$1459 for all expenses from N.Y. back to N.Y. May be taken without college credit or for 3 hours of credit (Religion 251). Contact the tour leader: Dr. Vann Murrell, Gardner-Webb College, Boiling Springs, N.C. 28017; office (704) 434-2361, res. (704) 434-7684.



# Our Adopted Grandfather



"I think of him as my adopted grandfather. He really brightens my day with his visits," Joyce Summers, Continuing Education secretary at Gardner-Webb College said. She is talking about the Rev. S.L. Lamm, a familiar face in Boiling Springs.

A former religion and speech teacher at the College, the Rev. Lamm has been retired since 1962. Retirement, however, has not slowed him down.

He returns to Gardner-Webb on a daily basis to make his "rounds" talking with the faculty and staff. The Rev. Lamm begins his day at 7:30 each morning with a brief visit to the Boiling Springs Post Office before stopping by the Webb Administration Building on campus. Staff members with offices in the Webb Building expect a morning visit from him.

"It's not the day without him," Shirley Pyron, business office secretary said. The Rev. Lamm enjoys greeting people, but he doesn't linger at any one place because he doesn't want to bother those working. "The Gardner-Webb and Boiling Springs people are friendly," the 83-year-old minister said.

His rounds continue with an occasional visit to the Charles I. Dover Student Center and then it's off to the library where he greets the workers and checks out a book to read. The Development House, right

across the street from the library, is his next stop. Sharon Garfield of the Information Services office said, "He's a sweet man, I enjoy seeing him."

Since he visits the campus on a daily basis, some staff members get concerned when he doesn't show up. Shirley Washburn, switchboard operator, recalled how the Rev. Lamm didn't come on campus for a few days in the fall. Concerned, she called his wife to find out why and learned that he was sick.

After his rounds at the College, the Rev. Lamm said that he goes back home where he does the necessary work around his house. He enjoys working in his garden, keeping the lawn in shape, fishing and visiting the sick. He still serves as a supply pastor when needed.

According to the Rev. Lamm, the decision to move to Boiling Springs and start teaching at the College was a tough one to make. "I love the pastorate," he said and he didn't make the final decision to move until the last minute. Asked what changes he has seen take place at Gardner-Webb since he came, the Rev. Lamm named the obvious differences -- more students. Gardner-Webb was only a two-year institution when the Rev. Lamm came in 1950 with an average enrollment of 400 or 500 students. Now, it's a four-year college with an enrollment of more than

1,500 students. Classes which were once held on Saturday are now held only five days a week.

The Rev. Lamm said that he feels Gardner-Webb is a stronger college academically than it was 30 years ago. He feels one of the stronger points at the college is the religious attitude that prevails among the students. "I like Gardner-Webb," he said. "I miss it just like you would a family."

Beginning in the pastorate after seminary training, he went first to a church in Spring Hope, N.C. near Raleigh. He went next to Roanoke, Va. where he helped organize South Roanoke Baptist Church. After serving at Burkeville Baptist Church in Burkeville, Va., he held pastorates in Cochran, Ga., at First Baptist Church, and Hames Memorial at Avondale, N.C. The last pastorate he held before coming to Boiling Springs was at the First Baptist Church in Bryson City.

What plans does he have for the future? "I take it as it comes, a day at a time," the Rev. Lamm said.

Married to Foy O'Quinn, another active person, they have one daughter and three grandchildren. Their daughter, Leona Cummings, lives in Alexandria, Va. and is a psychiatric social worker for three area schools.

## New Ministerial Board Members Appointed

Fourteen new members of the Ministerial Board of Associates of Gardner-Webb College have been named.

Those elected are the Rev. Dean Baughn, pastor of Mount Calvary Baptist Church in Banner Elk, N.C.; the Rev. Gary Chapman, pastor of Miller Street Baptist Church in Kannapolis; the Rev. Eugene Elmore, pastor of Oak Hill Baptist Church in Thomasville; the Rev. Robert Ford, pastor of Mount Vernon Baptist Church in Vale; Dr. Troy Gregg, pastor of First Baptist Church in Chesnee, S. C.; Mr. Carroll S. Kirby, minister of music at Central Baptist Church in Lenoir; the Rev. Aubrey McLellan, pastor of College Park Baptist Church in Greensboro; the Rev. Hughey McManus, pastor of Cedar Rock Baptist Church in Granite Falls, and the Rev. Charles Morrison, pastor of Fairmont Memorial Baptist Church in Richmond, Va.

Also, the Rev. Ollis Revels, pastor of First Baptist Church in Arden; the Rev. Hoyt G. Rutledge, pastor of First Baptist Church in Brookneal, Va.; the Rev. William A. Wallace, pastor of Englewood Baptist Church in Rocky Mount; the Rev. C. Fred Werhan, pastor of Hominy Baptist Church in Candler and the Rev. J.L. Wilson, pastor of Ardmore Baptist Church in Winston-Salem.

The newly elected members will serve four year terms beginning Jan. 1, 1981 and ending Dec. 31, 1984.

The purpose of the Ministerial Board is to help the college develop quality Christian students who think for themselves and who will dedicate themselves to the Christian way of life in the vocation of their own choice. The Board also helps the college to keep a close relationship with the Baptist churches and pastors, advises the college on ways to serve the Baptist people and helps the College enlist students who desire to be in the environment of a true Christian college.

The group meets annually at the College with other meetings held upon call of the Chairman of the Board.

## Riegel Awards \$10,000 Grant

The Riegel Textile Corporation of Greenville, S. C., has awarded a \$10,000 grant to the Broyhill Academy for the Study of Independent Concepts at Gardner-Webb College.

Riegel Textile Corporation Vice-President Joseph T. Allmon said, "Riegel is proud to be among distinguished contributors like Blue Bell, Inc., Burlington Industries and the many individuals supporting this worthy endeavor."

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