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ROBERTS NAMED ALUMNUS OF THE YEAR



THE BEST LAID PLANS OF 'MICE AND MEN' . . .



'OFT TIMES' WORK OUT JUST FINE

. . . Evidenced By The Planning Of Alumni Committee

(Part of the tribute paid Roberts at the Alumni Banquet)

The person whom we honor tonight is a man of words. Whether they are many or few depends upon his mood and needs of the occasion. Whether he uses them in written or spoken form makes little difference. He uses them equally well and effectively in either form.

Perhaps he naturally came by his talent for the use of words. He was born September 14, 1926 in Shelby, North Carolina, the fourth child of a Cleveland County farm family. Thus, he grew up in the tradition of the *Horsey* excellence of the area. To this background may be added the fact of his family's history as Baptists, with their emphasis on liberty and freedom of expression. In addition, he practiced the language arts as he followed the trades and hobbies and did other work on the family farm as the Elizabeth Church Community.

He cultivated his ability to use words through his formal educational preparation. He graduated from Beaufort High School of Cleveland County in 1944 and from Gardner-Webb College in 1949, from which he received the Citizenship Award upon completing his work here. He earned his B.A. degree from Furman University in January, 1951, with a major in English and a minor in Journalism. The M.A. degree was earned in 1952 from George Peabody College with a major in English.

His ability to use words persuasively is revealed in talking Miss Helen Elizabeth Goodwin of Greenville, South Carolina, into being his wife in 1950. Like himself, she is a graduate of Gardner-Webb and Furman. To this union has been born six children, three sons and three daughters. No doubt, this means many words are used and repeated around this household, so father has the opportunity to stay in practice using them.



Officers for the Gardner-Webb College Alumni Association are: left to right, Mrs. Nancy Griffin '55 of Boiling Springs, secretary; Don Camp '47 of Lovelade, president; and Mrs. Mirna Bowling (Richard) Rice '38 of Greenville, S. C., vice-president.

CONSTITUTION IS CHANGED

The general Alumni Association convention was attended at the May 11 meeting so as to eliminate dues of a REQUIRED AMOUNT each year. Instead of such provision for ACTIVE MEMBERSHIP, we have specified a contribution in an amount determined by the alumnus.

The year for the Alumni Association will follow the fiscal year of the College. This means we will work on a July 1 - June 30 basis.

Help us invest in the youth of today by making an investment in Christian Higher Education through Gardner-Webb. Your gift will be greatly appreciated.



John Roberts, center, receives the "Alumnus of the Year" Award from Dr. Eugene Poston, left, while James Gilbert, Alumni Association President, looks on.

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WITH THE ALUMNI

Lara Mae Whitaker '99 teaches the 8th and 9th grades. She lives at 2281 Selwyn Avenue, Apt. 5, Charlotte.

Dorothy Bell Austin '41 of Raleigh was named Raleigh's Woman of the Year in 1964. This same year she was also the Number One Saleswoman of the Pilot Life Insurance Co. in the United States, One Saleswoman of the Pilot Life Insurance Co. in the United States, Puerto Rico, and Western Europe. Alice with her many honors, she was awarded a citation from Gardner-Webb in March 1965 for her business and civic achievements.

Cillard L. Holland '69 has recently accepted the pastorate of the North Landon Baptist Church after serving for seven years at the First Baptist Church in West Jefferson, Ohio. His new address is 3552 Greenwell Street, Columbus, Ohio.

Charles Shelton '51 lives in West Columbia, S. C., and he and his wife have two boys, ages eight and six. Charles is a service manager for Wincoze Vending and an active member of a Baptist church where he serves as Training Union Director, Deacon, and Sup. of Young People's Sunday School and Youth Council.

Ray O. Hovis '54 has been promoted to the rank of sergeant with the Gaston County Rural Police. Ray started with the Rural Police in July of 1957 and since then has served as paramedic, dispatcher, and records and office manager. He and his wife, the former Shirley Leathwood, live at 1017 W. Sixth Ave. in Gastonia with their two children.

Larry H. Walker '54 has been named superintendent of the Ragan Plant of the J. P. Stevens & Co., Inc. in Gastonia. Larry is a native of Rolling Springs and completed his education at the University of South Carolina. He and his wife have two children.

Charles E. Moss '56 is planning to move to New Orleans this month in order for him to attend the Seminary. The new address for Charles, wife, Sybil, daughter, Kimberly, and son, Scott, will be 6454-S Seminary Place, New Orleans, Louisiana.

Rev. Edwin McGowan '60 is now pastor of the Big Springs Baptist Church in Ellenboro. He received his B. A. degree at Carson-Newman College and attended Southern Baptist Theological Seminary in Louisville, Kentucky. He is married to the former Thelma Horton of Grover and they have two daughters.

Maurice Bevis '64 graduated from the University of South Carolina with a B.S. degree and is now football and basketball coach at Lockhart High School in Lockhart, S. C. He is married to the former Nancy Thompson and they make their home in Lockhart (P. O. Box 271).

Donald D. Melville '66 has joined the staff of County Memorial in High Point. He graduated from the Kentucky School of Mortuary Science this year. There, he became a charter member of the Lambda Chapter of Pi Sigma Epsilon, an embolism fraternity. Donald has been honored as a recipient of the Key to the City of Louisville for his services to the Louisville Chapter of the American Red Cross. He was married to the former Betty Prichard of Greensboro.

Fls. Ronald Nelson '66 has recently left for an 18-month tour with the Army Security Agency in Aizawa, Echigo. He received his basic training at Fort Jackson, S. C., and advanced training at Fort Ord, California. He completed security training at Fort Detrick, Mass., before being assigned to Echigo.

Jane Gardner Fendrick '67 of Guilford, S. C., is a junior at U. S. C. She plans to major in Chemistry.

Paul Richard Laws '67 has finished his basic training with the U. S. Army at Ft. Bragg, N. C., and has been transferred to Ft. Gordon, Georgia where he will attend Signal School for the next several weeks.

Claude Waters '67, a senior student at the N. C. Baptist Hospital School of Radiologic Technology, received first place award for his exhibit "Parasitology" at the Radiologic Technologists Convention. His exhibit explained the x-ray examination of the parotid gland.

Calby Brown '68 will be sent to the Baptist Youth Conference in Bermuda, Switzerland by the Double Shoals Baptist Church, Shelby. The tour also includes days in England, Holland and France.

MARRIAGES

Rita Elaine Price of Merrell's Inlet, S. C. to Tony Allen Griffin '64 of High Shoals on April 5. Tony attended Gaston College and served two years in the U. S. Army. The couple are making their home in Indianapolis, Ind. where Tony is employed by a jeweler's firm.

Bonnie Jean Vaughn to John Oliver McGee '65, both of Newton, on April 7. Bonnie graduated from the University of North Carolina - Greensboro and is a teacher at St. Stephens Elementary School. John attended the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill before entering the armed forces and has completed a tour of duty in Vietnam. He is stationed at Rody M. Anzani, Denver, Colo., where Bonnie will join him at the end of her school year.

Virginia Carol Stee '66 to Cleveland Huber Fogelman, both of Chapel Hill, on May 4. Virginia attended East Carolina University and her husband is a graduate of Nashville State District College.

Ann Elizabeth Boushert '67 to James Saunders, Jr., both of Lexington, on April 12. The couple are making their home at 3302 Holly Springs Road in Raleigh where James is a senior at N. C. State University.

Dolores Elaine Street to Roger Lee Carter '67, both of Charlotte, on April 15. Dolores attended Western Carolina College and is a student at the University of North Carolina at Charlotte, majoring in English and elementary education. Roger is also a student at the University of North Carolina at Charlotte and is a progress director for the Red Shield Boys' Club.

Betty Jo Hadden '67 to Robert Susan Ellis '67, both of Grover, on April 20. Betty attended Lenoir County College and is employed by Carolina Coin Centers Corp. Robert attended Southern Business College and Lenoir County College. The couple are residing at Route 1, Grover.

Sandra Elaine Rayfield '67 of Kings Mountain to Larry Wayne Smith of Mooresville on April 7. Prior to her marriage, Sandra was employed at First Union National Bank, Kings Mountain and also taught piano. Larry is a graduate of Wake Forest College and received his B. A. degree from the Wake Forest University where he majored in religion and political science. He is employed by Trypank Spinning Mills, Mooresville, as assistant personnel director.

Nancy Carolyn Brown to Wayne Anderson Street '67, both of High Point, on April 6. Nancy graduated from Trinity High School and is employed in the office of Arvid Broad, Wayne is employed by Mann Drug Company. The couple are residing at 166 Chise Avenue, in High Point.

Linda Ann Sprinkle of Winston-Salem to Charles Edward Thomas '67 of Zebulon on April 6. Linda attended Winston-Salem Business College and works for R. J. Reynolds Tobacco Co. Charles is a pastor at Appalachian State University. The couple are living at 17 S. Brester Avenue, Winston-Salem.

Karen Angela Henderson to Barry Lamone Alley '68, both of Salisbury, on April 7. Barry is employed by Duke Power Company and Karen is a teacher at North Henson High School. The couple are making their home at 315 North Salisbury Avenue, Spencer.

Phyll Ann Cooper '68 to Dennis Wayne Harneck, both of Shelby, on April 26. Both Phyll and Dennis are employed by Fibre Industries in Shelby. The couple are making their home at Route 3, Shelby.

Ann Carol Dellinger '66 to Harry Hense Hoover, both of Lincolnton, on April 15. Ann graduated this year from Gardner-Webb in the Department of Nursing. Harry is a Senior at Catawba Technical Institute and is employed at Wren Dixie. The couple are making their home on Route 2, Lincolnton.

Jeanie Angelyn Perry of Troy to Stephen Wynn '66 of Blount on April 15. The couple are living at 3215 H. Green Dale Lane, Charlotte, where Jeanie is assistant to Dr. P. C. Hill, Jr., orthodontist.

Fredie Gayle Moore '66 of Ellenboro to Lawrence Allen Silvers of Spradley on March 31. Lawrence attended Chase High School and teaches at secondary college. He is now employed by Pittsburgh Plate Glass of Shelby. The couple are making their home in Forest City.

Missionaries Return

To Gardner-Webb

Attending the Arizona Banquet was Michael Ledbetter '54, a Southern Baptist Missionary to Guatemala. His mother, Mrs. Lillian Michael Ledbetter Johnson '19 was also present. She has recently returned from Guatemala where she taught for several years the children of missionaries.

BIRTHS

Mr. and Mrs. Warren G. Beaver '39 of Route 1, Shelby, a daughter, August 26, 1967.

IN MEMORIAM

Rev. J. J. Buckner '56, a pastor of Route 2, Spruce Pine, passed away in early March.

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If you struggle to be seen just how large our web will grow, but just how much we know, once you're seen is, we never let you go. This is the spirit of Gardner-Webb.

1968 GRADUATING CLASS IS LARGEST EVER; FOUR OUTSTANDING PERSONS AWARDED CITATIONS AT COMMENCEMENT EXERCISES



Cited during commencement activities for outstanding service were: left to right, R. Patrick Spangler of Shelby, Judge Woodrow Jones of Rutherfordton and Thomas I. McGraw of Belling Springs. John (Jack) Finley of Cherryville was cited in absentia.



James Finley, chairman of the board of directors for J. P. Stevens Co., Inc., spoke to graduates at commencement.

James W. Finley, J. P. Stevens Executive, Gave Literary Address To Graduates

A federal judge, two members of the state's Board of Conservation and Development and a college vice-president were awarded special Citations by Gardner-Webb College during commencement exercises Sunday, May 13.

Judge Woodrow Jones of Rutherfordton, judge for the federal district of Western N. C., R. Patrick Spangler, Cleveland County industrialist and vice-chairman of the Board of Conservation and Development, John W. (Jack) Finley of Cherryville, executive vice-president of Carolina Freight Co., Inc. and a member of the Board of Conservation and Development and Thomas I. McGraw, vice-president of Gardner-Webb were given citations voted by the college's board of trustees.

These awards were given before the Literary Address to 130 graduates of Gardner-Webb by James W. Finley, chairman of the board of J. P. Stevens and Co., Inc. of New York. Finley, introduced by U. S. Congressman Basil L. Whittam, told the graduates, "I feel your generation faces the danger of losing its individuality to different pressures (this avoiding responsibilities). Even as I speak to you now there are people demonstrating for rights, protesting for rights, fasting for rights, even rioting for rights. The public demonstration, the rally, the strike, the protest march, all these are forms of mass action which your generation has put in the headlines of today's newspapers and on the screens of all our TV sets.

"But where is the individual in all of this? Can we say that the young men in the middle of the 17th row of demonstrators is there as an individual? Does that group really say everything he believes and nothing more? Or has he simply subjugated his individuality to serve the cause of the mass . . . not his own cause? I think the answer is obvious."

Finley went on to say that the greatness of America is in the individual as exemplified through the election process which forces candidates to face the public as individuals and prevents them from hiding behind a "party" label.



As is evident in the above picture (this was the front of our alumni banquet program), we are assured in our alumni wherever they live. We have planned and promoted meetings in eighteen places since January 1. There are more than a dozen additional places that are prime prospects for meetings (and chapters) with seven of them in Cleveland and Rutherford Counties having already been organized in previous years. We say "thank you" to the large number of people for the excellent service rendered in assisting us in this work.



Mr. Hubert Dixon, mathematics professor at the college, and his bride-to-be, Miss Katy Ruth Grayson of Raleigh, happily meet alumni and friends at the recent alumni meeting. The couple will be married at 4 p.m., July 20 in the First Baptist Church of Forest City. Miss Grayson, formerly an associate at the State Convention's Training Union Department for seven years, is serving as director of religious education at Hope Baptist Church in Raleigh.

An Alumnae Appointed Missionary

Mrs. Vera Rose Johnson '36 has recently been appointed a missionary to the Philippines, along with her husband Dr. Paul B. Johnson, by the Southern Baptist Foreign Mission Board. Vera and Paul volunteered for missions 12 years ago at Ridgecrest Baptist Assembly. Dr. Johnson expects to teach theology in a Baptist School in the Philippines. He received the doctor of theology degree from New Orleans Baptist Theological Seminary. Mrs. Johnson received her bachelor of arts degree from Mississippi College. They have two sons, David - six, and Raymond - three. They have been serving the Posterson Springs Baptist Church, Route 1, Grover.



The "Joyful Noise", a folk song group composed of Gardner-Webb students, made a splash hit with alumni friends during the May 11 alumni association dinner. Music, literary, folk songs, and religious songs with a folk music theme, the "Joyful Noise" proved why they have been in demand throughout the spring for engagements in the area.

Summer Sessions Set At GW

Gardner-Webb Summer School will begin June 8 and run through July 12. The second session begins July 15 and runs through August 17.

Registration will begin at 9 a.m. on June 8 with an assembly at the E. B. Hamrick Auditorium. Regular classes will begin June 10. The final day a student can register for credit is June 15.

A variety of courses in liberal arts and data processing will be offered and persons interested should contact Dr. J. Thurman Lewis for full information.

Residence halls in use will be air conditioned as will the library and campus center. The college swimming pool and other recreational facilities will be available for students enrolled in summer school.

Classes will meet Monday through Friday of each week. Three hour credit classes will meet one hour and 35 minutes per day. The only exception to the schedule is Saturday June 29, when students meet to make up for July 4, which is observed as a holiday.

ROBERTS (continued from front page)

From 1954 to 1960 he was Associate Director of Public Relations at Gardner-Webb. In this capacity he taught two classes in English and Journalism. He was responsible for the operation of the College news bureau, College radio programs, all publications, and represented the College at the various annual Baptist associational meetings and at many high schools each year for the college day programs. Also, he served in the auditorium but actual capacity of alumni meetings and assisted the vice president in fund raising efforts. In 1958 he was named "Fellowship Member of the Year" by the Carolinian Committee of the Board of Trustees. This suggests that they recognized his proper and appropriate use of words in his many activities and associations. By secret ballot he was chosen highly endorsed man for this honor.

In recognition of his ability to use words in a wider area of service, he was named editor of *Chesley* and *Children* in 1960. This Baptist Children's Home weekly publication had a circulation of fifty-five thousand when he left it in 1965. During this period, he was public relations director for the Children's homes at Thessville, Kinross, Pembroke, and Chapel Hill.

On July 3, 1965 he became the associate editor and business manager of *The Baptist Courier*, the official journal of the South Carolina Baptist State Convention. The following year he was elevated to the dual position of editor and business manager. *The Baptist Courier*, founded in 1868 has a circulation of more than eighty thousand. Under the new head it is growing and exerting an increasingly effective influence on its readers.

Anna H. Branch wrote:

God wove a web of loveliness
of clouds and stars and birds,
But made not anything at all
So beautiful as words!

Because he has helped us to know this truth, and because he has aided us in understanding ourselves, others, and the events of our times, and because he has advanced the cause of communication through journalism and the use of words, we name John E. Roberts as "Gardner-Webb College Alumnus of the Year 1968."

Branch, Anna H., "His Words".

Memorings....

- Drama awards this year went to Ronald Young of Concord, "Best Actor" and to Brett Whitcomb of Ashboro, "Best Actress"
- A Director's Chair went to C. Robert James, popular director of drama at the college.
- Winners of the Bush and Sewell contest this spring were Lydia Weaver, Shelby, Easty, Sonjay Murray, Basic, Poetry and Fred Beaska, Shelby, Pasquot.
- Wayne Rock, All American football player from Gardner-Webb, has received a full scholarship to play at Clemson State College in Oklahoma.
- Cathy Bowen of Shelby earned the Sophomore Scholar Award for 1968 with a 3.77 average out of a possible 4.00 over two years.
- Bill Riggs, 6-8 of Greenville, S. C., has signed to play basketball at GW next year.
- The GW Chorus Ensemble presented a half-hour program over WBTV, Charlotte April 25.
- The golf team entered Region 10 play May 23 at Sanford.
- James Finley, chairman of the board of directors of the J. P. Stevens Co., Inc., of New York, N. Y., expressed pleasure at the appearance and conduct of the Gardner-Webb graduating class. He gave the Literary Address at commencement.
- Gardner-Webb is sending student missionaries into the field this year. Miss Mabel Stewart of Newton, N. C., and Bobby Campbell of Charlotte, N. C., will work in Elizabethton, N. J., this summer under the Home Mission Board and Rev. Marvin Harris, pastor of the Methodist Baptist Church in Elizabethton.
- Another student, Linda Roberts of Kings Mountain, will work in Little Rock, Ark., in a Home Mission Board program which lasts 10 weeks.

Alumni Banquet Observations . . . by ALEX VAUGHN

In a time of constant change at Gardner-Webb, outgoing Alumni President James M. Elliott has found one person who never changes. "Mr. Dixon never changes—4 members here from 20 years ago and he looks the same today as he did then," commented Gilbert A. Warren, round of applause greeted the smile and wave of the popular mathematics professor who has been at G-W since 1935 and a student at the college before that time.

Mr. George W. Allen of Palm Harbor, Fla., claimed the longest distance driven to reach the alumni banquet. He drove 385 miles to meet with friends in this area. Mr. Allen attended GW in 1908 when it was Bowling Springs High School.

All classes were represented at the banquet except the Class of 1934. Represented were 1910, 1924, 1928, 1930, 1944, 1948, 1954, 1956, and 1964. Our new 60men, the 1968 class, was well represented.

Some special guests were Mrs. Phil Elliott, widow of the late Gardner-Webb President; Mr. and Mrs. Clifford Hamrick and Mr. and Mrs. Paris L. Yelton, longtime friends and supporters of the college. This was forty seven consecutive years for Mrs. Hamrick.

Mr. U. A. McMass, director of development and alumni work at the college, got a good point across with some humor. He spoke of the obvious success of THE WEB and then said, "It cost more to get the first few editions back than it did to mail them to students. From the first edition, which cost around \$800 to mail 7,000, his office received 1,000 in return mail. At 10 cents per copy the college paid \$100 to get these back. Please, he said, give us your correct address."

"The sky is the limit so far as money is concerned," commented Mr. McMass in speaking of the Annual Fund. He said \$4,300 had been received during the past year from alumni, not counting the money given through capital gifts, athletics, or other sources. More than doubling this in 1968-69 is the goal of the alumni association.

John Roberts, recipient of the "Alumnus of the Year" award, said alumni and friends: A college man consider us as parents do their children. Only a parent can take you as you are, teach you and then give you all the credit if you do well.

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