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**JOHN R. DOVER, JR. FAMILY MEMORIAL  
FATHER . . . CHAPEL NAMED IN HIS HONOR**

*DOVER CHAPEL*

Dr. E. Eugene Poston has announced a gift from the family of the late John R. Dover, Jr., to be applied to the construction of a religious activities chapel on the Gardner-Webb College campus.

The religious activities chapel, part of the proposed religious activities center for the college will be built in memory of John R. Dover, Jr., who served many years on the Gardner-Webb Board of Trustees and in other capacities of assistance.

As it is now proposed, the chapel will be the center for the religious activities of the campus. Dr. Poston said, "This is a big step toward the building of a visible symbol of the 'Extra Dimension.' We at Gardner-Webb have no center for the religious activities at the present time. The fundamental necessity for offering a strong education program has held priority and some of the gracious aspects of the college have had to be postponed. The time has come, however, to erect a visible symbol of the 'Extra Dimension' and the Religious Activities Chapel will be just

that."

John R. Dover, III, acting on behalf of himself, his sister, Mrs. G. J. Vincent and his mother, presented the gift to the college through Dr. Poston. He remarked that his father had often told him of the many contributions Gardner-Webb College has made to the community and to his own life.

John R. Dover, Jr., attended Boiling Springs High School, forerunner of Gardner-Webb, in 1911 and was part of the school's growth from a high school to a junior college. He was chairman of the committee which selected Dr. Poston president to replace the retiring Dr. Philip Elliott. Dover was active in civic and church life of the community serving in many capacities. Among these was presidency of the Shelby Rotary Club and superintendent of the Dover Baptist Sunday School. He also served as chairman of the board of the Dover Textile Group.



**PRESENTATION—Hal Bryant of Greenville, S. C., a G-W alumnus, presents a painting of the new John R. Dover, Jr., Memorial Chapel to Mrs. Dover at dedication service.**

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**BOX SEALED FOR CORNERSTONE**—A copper box was placed in the cornerstone of the Dover Memorial Chapel to mark its completion. To be opened in the year 2005, 100th anniversary of the college, the box contained a college charter, faculty constitution, student government constitution, college yearbook and newspaper, a picture of Mr. Dover, a Bible, and a G-W Bulldog replica. Watching as Russell Falls and Deitz Washburn, left, seal the box are, left to right, Mrs. John R. Dover III, John R. Dover III, Allison Dover, G-W vice president Tom McGraw, and consulting architect Tom Cothran of Shelby.

**Dover Memorial Chapel Dedicated**

"Service to man, yes, but even more service to our Lord, Jesus Christ." That was the theme of Founders Day services Oct. 27 dedicating the campus' beautiful John R. Dover, Jr. Memorial Chapel. More than 600 attended the dedication dinner and heard John R. Dover III, representing the Dover family, make the formal presentation of the chapel, which raises its tall spire at Gardner-Webb's main entrance.

College President E. Eugene Poston was the dedication service speaker, praising the Dover family for its many contributions to the college over past decades.

"I feel that this chapel will cause people to think of Jesus Christ and what he can and will do for all of us," Dr. Poston said. "It will be a reminder that education without Christ is meaningless and that we must put Christ in the heart of our teaching to people of all ages."

John R. Dover, Jr., was chairman of the board of Dover Textile Group at the time

of his death in August, 1963. He served as chairman of Gardner-Webb's board of trustees and was named "Alumnus of the Year" in 1961.

At the dedication service, his portrait, to hang in the chapel, was unveiled by his youngest granddaughter, Allison Dover. Hal Bryant of Greenville, S. C., artist and former G-W student, presented Mrs. Dover with a painting of the chapel building.

The chapel's cornerstone was laid the next morning, on Homecoming Day Oct. 28, with the Dover family present.

It was a moving beginning for the annual Homecoming festivities, attended by many alumni.

The traditional football game was a heart-breaker, with G-W losing 18-17 to Mars Hill College in the final 37 seconds. Much happier was the halftime crowning of the Homecoming queen, pretty Ella Harrison of Greenville, S. C. The day's events also included a Bulldog Brunch and an evening concert.

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