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# THE WEBB

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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 *honey* 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 longest arts as he followed the radio and horses 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 Barrow 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 taking 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.

## CONSTITUTION IS CHANGED

The general Alumni Association constitution was amended 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 alumni.

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 Foster, left, while James Gilbert, Alumni Association President, looks on.

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

## WITH THE ALUMNI

Lura Mae Whitaker '99 teaches the 8th and 9th grades. She lives at 2281 Selwyn Avenue, Apt. 3, Charlotte.

Dorothy Bell Austin '44 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, Pacific Basin, 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.

Cillford L. Holland '49 has recently accepted the pastorate of the North Union Baptist Church after serving for seven years at the First Baptist Church in West Jefferson, Ohio. His new address is 3552 Greenview 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 Wisconsin Vending and an active member of a Baptist church where he serves as Training Union Director, Deacon, and Supp. of Young People's Sunday School and Youth Council.

Ray G. 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 Lawrenceford, live at 1013 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 4444 Seminary Place, New Orleans, Louisiana.

Rev. Edwin McGinnis '60 is now pastor of the Big Springs Baptist Church in Ellenboro. He received his B. A. degree in 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 Beale '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 Canby Ministry in High Point. He graduated from the Kentucky School of Ministry 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 is married to the former Betty Pruchett of Greensboro.

Flt. 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 Devens, Mass., before being assigned to Echigo.

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

Pvt. Fred 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 "Personal Segregation" at the Radiologic Technologists Convention. His exhibit explained the x-ray examination of the parotid gland.

Cathy Brown '68 will be sent to the Baptist Youth Conference in Bane, 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 Infant, S. C. to Tony Allen Griffin '64 of High Shoals on April 3. 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.

Bernice Jean Vaughn to John Oliver McGee '65, both of Newton, on April 7. Bernice graduated from the University of North Carolina 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 Rocky Mt. Arsenal, Denver, Colo., where Bernice will join him at the end of her school year.

Virginia Carol Stee '66 to Cleveland Baber Pogonka, both of Chapel Hill, on May 4. Virginia attended East Carolina University and her husband is a graduate of Nashville A&T Dental College.

Ann Elizabeth Rowland '67 to James Saunders, Jr., both of Lexington, on April 12. The couple are making their home at 3309 Holly Springs Road in Raleigh where James is a senior at N. C. State University.

Dolores Elaine Street to Roger Lee Cathey '67, both of Charlotte, on April 13. 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, majoring in psychology and is a project director for the Red Shield, Boy's Club.

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

Sandra Elaine Rayfield '67 of Kings Mountain to Leroy Wayne Smith of Mooreville, Mo. April 7. Prior to her marriage, Sandra was employed at First Union National Bank, Kings Mountain and also taught piano. Leroy is a graduate of Wakefore College and received his B. A. degree from the Wake Forest University where he majored in religion and political science. He is employed by Yonkers Spring Mills, Mooreville, 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 Annet Broad. Wayne is employed by Mead Drug Company. The couple are residing at 166 Chase Avenue, in High Point.

Linda Ann Sprickly 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 junior at Appalachian State University. The couple are living at 17 S. Brier Avenue, Winston-Salem.

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

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

Ann Carol Dellinger '68 to Harry Hens Hoover, both of Lincoln, on April 13. 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, Lincoln.

Janez Angelyn Perry of Troy to Stephen Perry '66 of Blount on April 13. The couple are living at 1213 H. Green Dale Lane, Charlotte, where Janez is assistant to Dr. P. C. Hull, Jr., orthodontist. Fredrick Gayle Moore '69 of Ellenboro to Lawrence Allen Silver of Spradley on March 31. Lawrence attended Chase High School and 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 Alumni Banquet was Michael Ledbetter '34, a Southern Baptist Missionary to Guatemala. His mother, Miss. 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 C. Beaver '59 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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It yet remains to be seen just how large our web will grow, but just how much we know, once you're wiser is, no never let you go. This is the spirit of Gardner-Webb.

THE WEB

# 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 Bowling Springs. John (Buck) 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 12.

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. (Buck) 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 190 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. Whitener, told the graduates, "I feel your generation faces the danger of losing its individuality to different pressures (thus avoiding responsibilities). Even as I speak to you now there are people demonstrating for rights, seeking for rights, fighting for rights, even rioting for rights. The public demonstration, the rally, the union, 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 screen 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 insured 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 Geyson of Raleigh, happily greet 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 Geyson, formerly an associate in the State Convention's Training Union Department for seven years, is serving as director of religious education at Hope Barton 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 Patterson Springs Baptist Church, Route 1, Grover.



The "Joyful Noise", a folk song group composed of Gardner-Webb students, made a smash hit with alumni friends during the May 11 alumni association dinner. Mixing humor, 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 term begins July 15 and runs through August 17.

Registration will begin at 9 a.m. on June 8 with an assembly in the E. B. Hume Rick Auditorium. Regular classwork 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 with 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 agree 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 unofficial but actual capacity of alumni director and assisted the vice president in fund raising efforts. In 1956 he was named "Faculty Member of the Year" by the Curriculum 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 his co-workers highly endorsed him for this honor.

In recognition of his ability to use words in a wider area of service, he was named editor of *Christy and Children* in 1960. This Baptist Children's House 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 houses at Thompsonville, Knoxville, Pembroke, and Chapel Hill.

On July 1, 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 1869 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 loneliness  
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".

## Meanings....

- ... Deane awards this year went to Ronald Young of Concord, "Best Actor" and to Janet Whitman of Ashburn, "Best Actress."
- ... A Directors' Chair went to C. Robert Jones, popular director of drama at the college.
- ... Winners of the Bush and Sewell contest this spring were Lydia Weaver, Shelby, Esang, Frances Murray, Esang, Percy and Fred Brooks, Shelby, Parsons.
- ... Wayne Rock, All American football player from Gardner-Webb, has received a full scholarship to play at Cameron 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 Freley, 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 Easton, N. J., this summer under the Home Mission Board and Rev. Marvin Harris, pastor of the Methodist Baptist Church in Easton.
- ... 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

It is a time of constant change at Gardner-Webb, outgoing Alumni President James M. Effitt has found one person who never changes, "Mr. Dixon never changes—4 remember him from 20 years ago and he looks the same today as he did then," commented Gilbert. A warm 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 585 miles to meet with friends in this area. Mr. Allen attended GW in 1909 when it was Bowling Springs High School.

All classes were represented at the banquet except the Class of 1936. Represented were 1910, 1924, 1928, 1930, 1944, 1949, 1954, 1959, and 1964. Our new alumni, the 1968 class, was well represented.

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

Mr. U. A. McManus, 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 alumni. 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. McManus 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, told 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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