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Founded In 1905

Institution Created As High School Unit

Gardner-Webb College was founded in 1905 as Boiling Springs High School. It was created by the Kings Mountain and Sandy Run Baptist Associations.

The school first opened its doors for the admission of students on Oct. 1, 1907. J. D. Huggins was the first principal, and 135 students were enrolled. The school was housed in temporary quarters until the permanent building was completed and ready for occupancy by Christmas of that year. This building is the present Huggins-Curtis Hall.

In 1928 the school became Boiling Springs Junior College. The change was made because private high schools were no longer a necessity, as the state was attempting to provide high schools for everyone.

The name of the college was changed to Gardner-Webb College by vote of the board of trustees in June, 1942. This change in name

was made in honor of two prominent North Carolina and Shelby families who had expressed a keen interest in the school.

Horace Easom and Mal Spangler, both of Shelby, led a campaign in 1942 to raise \$150,000 for new and improved buildings and an enlarged campus for the college. This drive resulted in an addition of 30 acres to the campus, re-building of the Memorial Building, which was re-named the E. B. Hamrick Building, and renovation of other buildings.

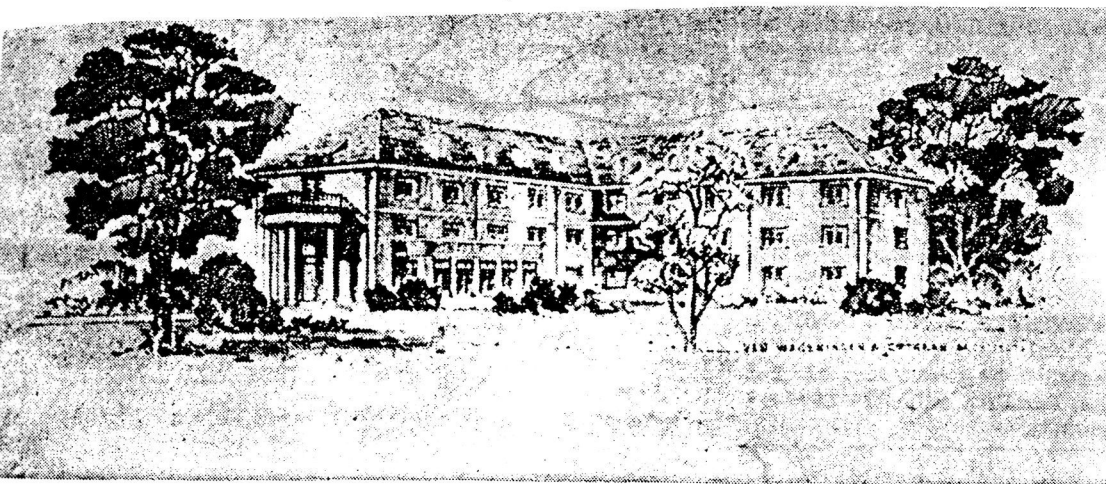
In May of 1943, Philip Lovin Elliott was inaugurated as president of the college. He has been the guiding spirit of the institution since that time. That year a campaign was launched for a half-million dollars for new buildings. By 1948 that goal had not only been reached, but doubled.

Since the end of World War II, the college has added six major buildings, a president's home, and 22 apartments. Value of the plant and total assets of the college has risen from less than \$100,000 to almost \$2 million.

This is just the beginning. Gardner-Webb has now become an irreplaceable asset to the life of Cleveland, Rutherford, and surrounding counties of North Carolina. The college can become ever more valuable through service to all who want her service.

The possibilities of service that Gardner-Webb can offer to the people of North Carolina are limited only to the facilities with which we have to work," Dr. Elliott said recently before a meeting of friends of the college.

During the next three years Gardner-Webb hopes to double its physical plant, and in so doing more than double the service it renders to the community through educational advantages, health service, counseling and guidance services, adult education, and church-community development.



THE ABOVE DORMITORY will accommodate 100 girls, with a suite and offices for the counselor, and a guest room. This dormitory will double

Gardner-Webb's accommodations for boarding girl students.

"Review of GW's Proposed Building Program"
SHELBY DAILY STAR 12-1-54

HISTORY
BUILDING PROGRAM
DORMITORY
(RESIDENCE
HALLS)
ADMINISTRATIVE
BUILDING
CLASSROOMS

THE ADMINISTRATION AND CLASSROOM BUILDING contains central administrative offices for the college president and all members of the

administrative staff, as well as a board room and conference room. It also contains a number of classrooms.

