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HISTORICAL COLLECTION—Looking over family Bibles in the collection of the late Mrs. D. Max Gardner, Sr., are her son, Ralph Gardner of Shelby, left, and college president Dr. E. Eugene Foster, Joseph L. Morrison of the Institute of Research in Social Science at the University of North Carolina placed the value of the collection at more than \$15,000 when he checked it closely in mid-1969. The materials cover Mrs. Gardner's lifetime of 1887-1968.

Gift Honors Church Minister

Gardner-Webb College's Christian Service Foundation, an organization of area people dedicated to raising funds for scholarships for Christian vacation students at the college, has received a check for \$5,000 from the Pleasant Grove Baptist Church.

The church's pastor, the Rev. E.H. Sessions, has been active in the organization since its beginning in 1970 and has served for the past two years as its president.

The Rev. Mr. Sessions recently resigned after six years as pastor of Pleasant Grove to accept the pastorate of the First Baptist Church of Robinsonville.

When his resignation was announced, church leaders began a drive to collect money

for a gift to him. However, he graciously declined to accept the money and the church voted to give the funds to the college's foundation.

The Rev. Mr. Sessions has been a very active supporter of the foundation and his church membership has 14 individual memberships in the foundation. The church gives \$1000 annually from its budget to the foundation and the 14 individuals give another \$3,500.

"It was the feeling of the church that there was no better way that we could honor our pastor as he leaves than giving this money to the Christian service foundation," said Alton Devine, church treasurer.

Library Receives Gardner Papers

A collection of books and papers relating the history of some of North Carolina's best-known families has been turned over to Gardner-Webb for use and display in the recently completed \$1,100,000 John R. Dover, Sr. Library.

The collection includes the diaries, holograph notes, correspondence, published materials, manuscripts, unpublished diaries, scrapbooks and letters of Mrs. G. Max (Fry Webb) Gardner, Sr. Mrs. Gardner's husband served as North Carolina's governor from 1909-13 and shortly before his death had been named United States ambassador to Great Britain. Mrs. Gardner for more than 30 years after his death was a vital figure herself in national and state Democratic party politics and public affairs.

The collection was turned over to the college by the Gardners' son, Ralph Gardner, following Mrs. Gardner's will stipulation upon completion of the new library. The collection will be preserved in a special 10 by 6 foot case.

Drive Successful

Gardner-Webb College's Burke County capital gifts campaign has come to a successful conclusion with a total amount of \$120,832 reported. The organization had set a goal of \$101,000 for the area.

A breakdown of the final figures showed that \$27,656 came from the general gifts organization and a total of \$98,153 came from the special gifts campaign. A total of 151 gifts were given during the campaign in Burke County.

The campaign had five divisions, led by Bruce Henderson, Vernon Soggs, Mrs. Al Dickson, Buford Robinson, and Jackson L. Felt.

J. D. Fife and Bernard McGinnis served as area co-chairmen; Dr. Ralph Felt and G. Mearns Hill served as special gifts co-chairmen. Al Dickson was general gifts chairman and Mrs. Gessie Bekker was the attendance chairman.

Dr. E. Eugene Foster, president of the college, expressed the appreciation of the college to the workers at the final report meeting.

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Honored Arthur Coates

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With The Alumni

James Stafford Eaton '60 is the executive vice president for the Casis Parish Division of Burlington Industries in Beaufort, S.C. With the company for the past 20 years, he is chairman of the board of deacons at Beaufort's First Baptist Church, and is active in the Lions Club, United Community Services and the Boy Scouts.

Jack (Fick) Biggerstaff '49 recently was named recreation director for the town of Forest City. A former semipro baseball player, Biggerstaff formerly was Drexel's town recreation director and before that was recreation and rehabilitation director at Morganton's Broughton Hospital, where he was credited with beginning the "Operation Sista Club" program.

The Rev. **Carl E. Sizemore '57** is the new pastor of Anthony Grove Baptist Church at Route 1, Cronan. He has pastored several other churches in this region, most recently the Holly Springs Baptist Church of Mt. Airy.

Dauglas D. Hemrick '57 and his wife, the former Malke Roberts, live in Dallas, Texas, where he has been manager of planning and executive reports of Gulf Insuranc Group for the past year. He's a deacon at Walwood Park Baptist Church.

Dr. Patrick R. Cobb '60, head of the Department of Professional Laboratory Experiments at Georgia Southern College at Statesboro, Ga., presented a paper on a mouse fitness test battery for elementary girls at the 1974 Southern District American Association of Health, Physical Education and Recreation Convention in Norfolk, Va.

The Rev. **Harvey Walker '60** has been employed as industrial chaplain for Spindale Mills and the Downer-Tanner companies in Rutherford County. The chaplain-counselor concept is relatively new for industries in the area. The Rev. Mr. Walker, whose training includes two years in clinical pastoral education at Bowman Gray School of Medicine, most recently has been director of pastoral care for 10 Appalachian regional hospitals in the mountains of Virginia, West Virginia and Kentucky. Two years ago he authored a proposal for a comprehensive alcoholism treatment

program at one hospital and became the program director.

William Worth Bridges, Jr. '60 is dean and coordinator of student personnel services and associate professor of social science at Abraham Baldwin Agricultural College in Tifton, Ga. He was appointed to a "Council of Twenty" law enforcement advisory council named by the state's governor.

James Edwin McSwain '62 has been a chaplain at Meredith Center at Rator for the past seven years. He's a deacon and youth activities leader at Butler Baptist Church. He and his wife, Peggy, are the parents of one child.

Richard Verlee Ledbetter '63 is a physical education teacher and coaches football, track and cross-country at Lakeshore High School in Atlanta Park, Ga. He was recognized by the Atlanta Track Club and named Cross-Country Coach of the Year in 1973.

David B. Washburn '64 is a graduate student at North Carolina State University. He's a deacon at Temple Baptist Church in Durham and is a telephone worker with CON-TRACT, a Durham telephone ministry.

Philip B. Storm Sr. '67 is vice president of Storm's Shoes at Wilmington, Del., where he makes his home with his wife and two sons.

John Wilkes Stanley '65 of Kinston was married in May to Sarah Diane Hedding of Plattsboro. They're making their home in Kinston, where he is employed by Hempton Shirt Company.

The Rev. **Charles Ray Yarbrough, Jr. '65** is pastor of Star Baptist Church in Star, and serves as commissioner of federal housing for the town. He and his wife, Pamela, are the parents of one son.

Larry Gay '66 has been promoted to assistant cashier at the Wakesboro branch of The Northwestern Bank.

Linda Fawcett and Wilkes Ray Miller, '69 and '71 respectively, make their home in Charlotte, where Ray is a sales representative of the Worthington Corp. and Linda is doing some relief work as a registered nurse for the Florence Cottages Home. They welcomed their first child, Brian, Sept. 14, 1973.

David V. Webb '69 is assistant to the direc-

tor of public relations at Gardner-Webb. He's a Sunday School teacher and deacon at First Star Baptist Church, and is married to the former Debra Ann Raggs.

William B. Herrell III '70 is minister of education at Western Avenue Baptist Church in Statesville, where he makes his home with his wife, Sandra Kays, and their daughter and son.

Jerry Raggs '71 is an English teacher in the Cleveland County Schools. He and wife Marybeth live in Boiling Springs.

Edward Lee Lawrence '71 is High Point's city chemist. He was married recently to the former Miss Carolyn Jean Blonnie of Clearwater, Fla. They're making their home in High Point.

William Jefferson Crawford II '72 is studying toward his doctorate at Baylor University and serving as pastor of South Bend Baptist Church in Clifton, Texas. He is president of Baylor's Graduate Theological Fellowship.

George W. McGee '72 has joined the staff of the N.C. Probation Service in Anson County. He and his wife, Mary, will be making their home in Weathersboro.

Marilyn Greene Smith '72 received a master of science degree in nursing from the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill recently.

Bill Neal '72 and wife Kothie are the parents of a new daughter, Elizabeth Irene, born April 25. The Neal home at Route 2, Shore Road, Rural Hall, N.C., also includes the baby's "big brother," Jacob Stone Neal, 1 1/2 years old.

Ken Reid '73, GWC's all-time scoring leader in football, will be playing with the Southern California Stars in the new World Football League. He was signed by the team to a three-year contract and says he'll be shooting for " Rookie of the Year " honors. He was married last December to the former Paulette Neal.

Steven Glenn Raldis '73 is a computer programmer with R.J. Reynolds Industries in Winston-Salem.

Timothy Ray Laney '73 of Catawba was married in May to Barbara Jean Hunsacker. They're making their home in Clemmont, where he is employed by Molecular Parasitology Co.

Dwight Lewis Dabson '73 is a salesman for Hepler Brothers, Inc. in Greenville, S.C. He was married in April to Deborah Potts Davis of Greenville.

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It yet remains to be seen just how large our web will grow, but this much we know: new year's wishes in us never let you go. This is the spirit of Gardner-Webb.