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## Class Of '25 Celebrates 50th Anniversary

Gardner-Webb College named its "Alumnus of the Year", honored the Class of '25, and other alumni, dedicated the H.M. Craig Memorial Classroom Building, and elected officers of the alumni association at the annual

Alumni Banquet before more than 700 people, a record crowd, Saturday night.

One of Rutherford County's "household names", Forrest William Hunt, was named the "Alumnus of the Year."

Dr. Ernest C. Upchurch, of Raleigh, was given the "service to deaconessism and church award"; Rev. Marcus W. Stone, of Virginia Beach, Va., was given the "service to continuity award"; and Mrs. Mirra Basking Rice, of Greenville, S.C., was presented the "service to Gardner-Webb award."

The alumni also elected its officers with Jack Cress, of Shelby, continuing as president and Max Padgett, of Forest City, in vice president Mrs. Jane Reynolds, of Shelby, was elected as the new secretary.

A new award, the class agent award, was presented to Mrs. Davis Hopper Jolley, Class of 1925. This award is given to the class agent representing the largest class contribution to the annual fund.

Hunt attended Gardner-Webb from 1929-1931. His long career in public school education began as a classroom teacher, and has included service as an athletic coach and administrator. In 1961 he was named superintendent of the Rutherford County School system, the post he presently holds.

Under his leadership, progress has been developed and expanded in the areas of kindergarten work, training the mentally retarded, starting classes for the educable mentally re-

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CLASS OF 1925—Front Row, left to right, Carrie Walker Hanrick, Edna Huestizles Mack, Fernie Featherstone, Mary C. Thompson Riser, Katie Mae Neal Howorth, Marion Bridges Crawley, Karl Jordan, David Roberts, Wade Harris, Mary Hobbs Phillips, Altra Mae McCracken. Back Row, left to right, Zula Jolley, Jessie Hawkins Metcalf, Luvonia Collins Latham, Maudie Biggerstaff Cash, Deyne Huggins, Moody Bridges, Foster Powell, Louise Whitaker Harrick, Berrice Burns Long, Neil McBrayer Jack.

### Commencement Edition

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Max Padgett, vice president Gardner-Webb Alumni Association, presents "Alumnus of the Year" Award to Forrest Hunt, class of 1931

# G-W Alumni Honored For Service



Minna Rice receives Service to GMC Award.



Rev. Ernest Upchurch receives Service to Church and Denomination Award.



Rev. Mark Stone receives Service to Community Award.



Annual Fund Award goes to Dovie Jolley for second year.



Jerry Walker receives Outstanding Service to GMC Award as former Alumni Director.

# Alumni Association Elects 1975-1976 Officers



Troy Bridges presiding during the election of officers for 1975-1976.

The Gardner-Webb College Alumni Association elected its Officers and Directors at the annual Alumni Banquet on May 17, 1975.

Mr. Jack Crouch, a member of the Class of 1955, has been re-elected as President of the Association. Mr. Max Fudgett, class of 1949, was re-elected as Vice President. Newly elected Secretary is Mrs. Jane E. Reynolds, class of 1955.

Named to three-year terms as Directors were Troy Bridges, James Peckston, Charles Rahon, Ralph Falls, Tommy Cash, Bill Bates, Philip Turner, Debra H. Bridges, and Bessie R. Price.

Named to one-year terms as Directors were J. Lowery Austell, T. Robert Mulliner, Roseann G. Beaumont, Dennis G. Yelon, T. R. Conzby, Bill Barkley, Bill Gibbons, Barbara Stoll, Steve Raffle, and Roseann Ledford.



JACK CROUCH  
Re-elected President For 1975-76

## Alumni Update



Who . . .  
What . . .  
Where . . .

Mrs. Gian C. Pyatt (Jeanne Wells '47) is employed by High Shoals Plant of American Eels in Inverness Central. Listed in "Personalities of the South", 1975 and 1976 editions. Listed in 1974 edition of Dictionary of International Biography. In 1974 visited 6 European countries including Holland, Germany, Austria, Switzerland, Italy and France. Plans to attend the Baptist World Congress in July with a tour of Scandinavia.

Judy Frances Fortenberry '70 is employed by Container Corporation of America as an estimator. She and her husband reside at 1702 David Drive, Shelby, N.C.

Mrs. Genevieve M. Mode '62 a teacher at North Carolina Schools for nine years has been selected Cleveland County ACT Teacher of the Month. Presently, she is working toward her masters degree from ASU. She is now married to Seth J. Mode and resides in Casar, North Carolina. She is the mother of two married sons, Steve of Charlotte and Clyde of Ellenboro.

Reagan Clark '71 teaches eighth grade at Gilkey, where he also coaches baseball, softball, basketball and cross-country. He is now working on his masters degree in school administration at Western Carolina University.

Dana Harris, Jr. '48 has been appointed manager of passenger security for Southern Europe by Trans World Airlines. He leaves the post of TWA Manager of Security for the Far East in Hong Kong which he has held since June 1972, to take up this new position April 1, 1975. Mr. Harris was married in 1974 to the former Sonya Marie Anderson of St. Paul, Minnesota. He has one son, Gerry, and two married daughters, Nancy and Martha.

Jim Lagun '79 a former teacher at Forbush High School, has been hired by the Yadkin

County Parks and Recreation Commission to direct the county's recreational program. He is married to the former Debbie Day of Ellenboro and they have a three-year-old son, Jim II.

Beylee Lee Kreschick '61 a Southern Baptist Missionary to Hawaii, serves at Palakani, which is Hawaiian for "gateway to heaven". She was appointed by the Foreign Missions Board in 1965.

Wayne Egly '71 of Rutherfordton, N.C. has been appointed District Sales Manager for Bill Egly Advertising and Associates. Prior to joining Egly, Wayne was a vice-president for Waste Handling Systems, Inc. in Forest City. He is a former physical plant director for Gardner-Webb College.

John Mattison '74 will become an assistant golf pro at Roanoke Country Club under the supervision of Head Pro Wayne Holley. John was the top golfer in both his junior and senior years at Gardner-Webb. He plans to attend PGA Business School No. 1 in Fall of 1975 to become eligible for the PGA Players' School and a possible chance to make the PGA tour.

Carl W. Hanna, Jr. '72 of Shelby, N.C. is employed by Burlington Industries in Hargettsville, N.C.

Bob Mulliner '74 lives in Sealing Springs, N.C. and is employed by Mr. Croft Bohle CPA in Rutherfordton.

Melanie Campbell Ford '73 is presently employed by Superior Continental Corp. in Hickory. She resides at 600 6th Street N.W. in Hickory.

Jane S. Rayburn '33 lives in Walnut Cove, North Carolina. He retired in June of 1964 after teaching school for 25 years.

Weeds Watson '75, could not attend graduation because of the measles.

Michael N. Beam '62 of Cherryville, N.C. has been named Vice President Southern Division for Carolina Freight Carriers Corporation. He and his wife, Linda, have one daughter, M'Chael.

The Reverend James B. "Jimmy" Sides '55 is pastor of the First Baptist Church in Mooresville, N.C. He was pastor of the First Baptist Church in Wadesboro before moving to his present pastorate and was youth minister at the First Baptist Church at Shelby, after graduation. Rev. Sides is married to the former Anita Hoyle '57.

Bobby Taylor '71 works for Western Electric in Winston-Salem, North Carolina as a Computer Programmer. Bobby is single and resides at 3401 Old Vineyard Road.

The Rev. Ralph B. Carpenter '31 is pastor of Hickory Grove Baptist Church near Mt. Holly, N.C. He taught in public schools in Davie County for three years and taught two years in the Cleveland County Schools.

Charles E. Thomas '67 has been elected director of Florence Area Vocational Center, Florence, S.C. for the 1975-76 term. He has been assistant director of the Anderson Center, located at Moore, since 1972.

Robert Jacobs '74 is a physical education teacher, assistant football coach, and head wrestling coach at Wallula Senior High School in Wallula, S.C. Coach Jacobs and his wife Phyllis, a native of Charlotte, N.C., reside on Ballenville Street in Wallula.

Virginia Gay Robinson '73 is married to Barry E. White. She is now employed with N.C.N.S. Financial Services in Charlotte. They are living at 1691 Eastmont Drive in Charlotte. Shirley Chawley '64 is married to Dr. Roland L. Tuttle, Jr. who is a professor at Appalachian State University. Shirley taught for 5

Dedication

# Hubert M. Craig Memorial



Dr. Eugene Poston presents plaque. Officially accepting gift from Mrs. H. M. Craig Sr. and H. Max Craig, Jr.



Chairman of the Board of Trustees, Mr. J. L. Nichols, presides over the dedication of the Hubert M. Craig Memorial Classroom Building.



H. Max Craig, Jr. presents the Hubert M. Craig Memorial Classroom Building to the College.



Craig family presents portrait of the late Mr. Craig that will be placed in the Hubert M. Craig Memorial Classroom Building. Left to right, Mrs. H. M. Craig, Sr., daughters Mrs. H. C. Hellingworth, Mrs. H. L. Davis and son Mr. H. Max Craig, Jr.

# Craig Dedication Continued . . .



Professor of mathematics Mr. Hubert Dixon presents plaque to Mrs. Craig and family and expresses appreciation to the entire family for making the Craig Building possible.



Mrs. Ruth Stroup, Vice-Chairman Board of Trustees, expresses appreciation to the Craig family on behalf of the Trustees



Dr. R. E. Carothers from the G-W faculty expresses appreciation to the Craig family on behalf of the faculty and administration



Mr. Rich Trexler, Student Government President for 1975-76, expresses appreciation to the Craig family on behalf of the student body

## Commencement 1975: A Day To Remember

Two hundred thirty-five graduates received their diplomas at Gardner-Webb College commencement as the speaker urged them to be aware of their American heritage and do something positive with their lives.

Harris T. Bentley, Supervisor Civil Affairs, Family Liens System, Jacksonville, Fla., told the graduates, "I believe there are more good things being happening in the U.S. every twenty-four hours."

More than 2500 graduates and their families and friends sat under sunny skies at the Sea-board Coastline railroad public relations man told them "we need an old fashioned spiritual awakening in America."

"If there was or is an energy crisis," he told them, "it is a disease of the American backbone."

He also added, "The United States is the only country in the world with a waiting list of people who want to come in. America is still a place where you can worship as you please, elect those who represent you, and believe what you want."

Two members of the college family were cited for their service upon retirement:

Mrs. Nettie R. Gidday, assistant professor

of voice, served the college from 1940-47, and 1963 to the present.

Dr. Charles Cox, professor of theater arts and speech, taught at the school from 1955 to the present.

Six other commencement awards were made to students:

William Shelton Barkley, of Hickory, was awarded the Huggins Citizenship Medal. Mary Jo Byrd, Lillington, won both the Rita E. Carter Citizenship Medal and the Seneca Scholastic Award. The junior award went to Betty Watkins Bridges, Shelby, with a 3.96. The sophomore award went to Sarah Louise Orndorf, Columbia, with a 3.98.

The freshman award went to Shelly Young Gerns with a 3.93.

Rev. William Henry Crouch, Senior Minister of Providence Baptist Church, Charlotte, was the speaker at the baccalaureate service.

He spoke to the graduates on the Stewardship of God's Gifts. "There are three questions each of us must ask, he stated. 'Why does God give us gifts? What has He given you?', and How do I respond to the gifts God has given me?'

Rev. Crouch told the group "The greatest response to the gift of your own life to God"



REV. WILLIAM H. CROUCH  
Baccalaureate Speaker



MR. HARRIS T. BENTLEY  
Commencement Speaker

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William J. Belges, Coordinator of Development, Alumni and Deferred Giving

If you cannot be sure just how large our web will grow, but this much we know, our you're woven in, we never let you go. This is the spirit of Gardner-Webb.

# Alumni Update



years and is now home with their 19 month old daughter.

H. Louise Neely '71 Minister of Music and Youth at First Baptist Church in Fayetteville, Tennessee and wife, Dawn, had their second child on March 5. Annah Louise Neely is the great sister of Tara Dawn Neely who is now 2 years old.

Louise Martin Anderson '46 is widow since 1971 is a legal secretary in Ames, Iowa, where she and her two sons reside.

The Reverend and Mrs. James L. Davis (Deborah Allen '64) are now living in Wellford, S.C. where Rev. Davis is pastor of the Wellford Baptist Church after serving for 6 years in New York City with the Home Mission Board. Daughters are: April, 14; Ginger, 13; and Robin 10.

Jon Johnson Williams '71 teaches first grade at Lewis Elementary School in Lenoir. He and his husband Don, Vice-President of Farmers and Merchants Bank, live in Salisbury with their new daughter, Corbin Lynn, born on March 10, 1973.

Roger Jolley '60 teaches History at Franklin County High School, Winchester, Tennessee. Roger is music director of South Side Baptist Church. He, his wife, and their three children reside in Winchester, Tennessee.

## IN MEMORIAM

Tommy Eugene Hogan '74 of Nobe, N.C. died March 29, 1975.

BBI Ross '56, Sunday School Director, New South River Baptist Association, died April 15, 1975.

Mr. and Mrs. Walter Lawrence Barber, Jr. '72 (Jacquelyn Lejzama Needy '30) of Brevard, S.C. died April 12, 1975. They are survived by one daughter, Mrs. Kimberly Anne Barber of the home.

## Class of '25

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terified and the exceptionally talented pupils, vocational and industrial education, speech therapy, guidance, learning disabilities, a high school diploma program for dropouts, and other services of the public schools.

Dr. Upchurch graduated from Gardner-Webb in 1943, and then from Wake Forest University. He is the director of the Department of City and Metropolitan Museum, a position he has held since 1955.

Rev. Stone is the pastor of the London Bridge Baptist Church in Virginia Beach. He graduated from Gardner-Webb in 1955. He is a member of the Board of Directors of the Fellowship of Christian Athletes in the Tid-

water area, and is vice president of the Virginia Beach Drug Abuse Commission.

Mrs. Rice graduated from Gardner-Webb in 1938. Through the years she has been a loyal supporter of Gardner-Webb with her time, her influence, and her money. She has been a member of the Board of Advisors, of the Board of Directors of the Alumni Association, and she was president of the Alumni Association in 1959-70. Her husband, Richard, is a former professor of chemistry and biology at Gardner-Webb.

The college also dedicated the Hubert M. Craig Memorial Classroom Building. The Craig family, of Gaston County, made the building possible through financial gifts. Mr. Craig was president of Gaston County Dyeing Machine Company. Mrs. Craig was present along with other members of the family for the dedication service during the banquet program.

Directors named at the meeting included the following in one year terms: J. Lowery Austin, Shelby; Roy T. Robert Mullins, Raleigh; Horace O. Hanesett, Columbia, S.C.; Dennis G. Yelton, Shelby; T. R. Coarby, Belmont; Bill Buckley, Hideoy; Bill Gibson, Gaffney, S.C.; Barbara Skiff, Shelby; Steve Riddle, Winston-Salem; and Horace Lefford, Shelby.

These past directors include: Troy Bridges, Spartanburg, S.C.; Julius Pinkston, Charlotte; Charles Rabon, Columbia, S.C.; Clyde Bearden, Kings Mountain; Ralph Falls, Hargetton; Tommy Cash, Lincolnton; Philip Turner, Shelby; Daphne H. Bridges, Belling Springs; Bonnie R. Price, Belling Springs; and Bill Bates, Kings Mountain.

# Alumni Address And Information Update

(Please type or print)

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

For Alumnae: Maiden Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: Street or P.O. Box Number: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Degree received at GWC: \_\_\_\_\_ Date degree received: \_\_\_\_\_

If non-graduate, date of last semester attended: \_\_\_\_\_

Attendance at other colleges: \_\_\_\_\_

Name of college \_\_\_\_\_ Dates attended \_\_\_\_\_ Degree received \_\_\_\_\_

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Self-employed: \_\_\_\_\_ Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No (Check correct one)

Employer: Name of firm \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

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## Buena B. Carpenter

### Floral Loan Fund

The Floral Loan Fund, established in 1970, originated at Mrs. Buena B. Carpenter's funeral at her request and amounts to over \$450. Her wish was that the money be loaned to those who are preparing for any phase of full-time Christian service.

Anyone desiring to memorialize Mrs. Carpenter is encouraged to do so at any time. All contributions should send to William Beem, Treasurer of Mt. Beulah Baptist Church, Beaverton City, N.C.

Mrs. Carpenter emphasized in her request that it was not to her honor or memory, but to glorify "our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ."

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Not included in price of the tour are excess baggage charges, meals, wines, liquors and mineral waters, dry cleaning and laundry charges, tips to guides and drivers, and all items of a purely personal nature, cables and telephone charges.

If necessary to cancel, refund will be made if space is needed, less \$25.00 for servicing fee (taxes, cable charges, etc.)

Note: Because of world wide energy crisis, the cost of fuel may continue to rise. Our price

is based on fares effective January 1, 1975. If the airlines find it necessary to increase air-fares because of increased costs in fuel, this increase will be passed on to the individual tour members.

Payment: \$150.00 deposit requested immediately. \$100.00 and of 2 weeks after initial deposit. \$199.00 balance 1 week prior to departure date. (Checks made payable to Gardner-Webb College.)

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The Tour is a Split Charter, co-sponsored by Arthur Smith and the Rev. Thomas Stone, a Baptist Minister from Charlotte.

Travel Agency - Rev. Thurman Stone and The Four Seasons Travel Agency, Atlanta, Ga.

Gardner-Webb has 40 spaces, if quota is not met, refund will be made.



Ray DeHart, son of Mrs. Wayne DeHart and the late Mr. DeHart presents a check to Dr. Eugene Poizin in the amount of \$61,859.10 at the Annual Building Sports Banquet. The check is to be applied to the construction of the new multi-purpose center. The basketball playing area will be named in memory of Mr. Wayne DeHart.