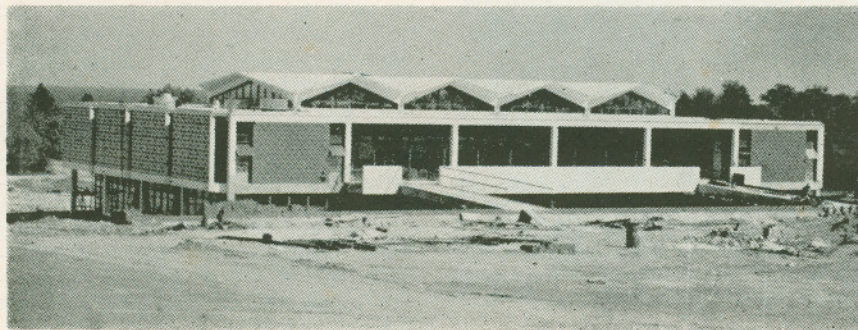
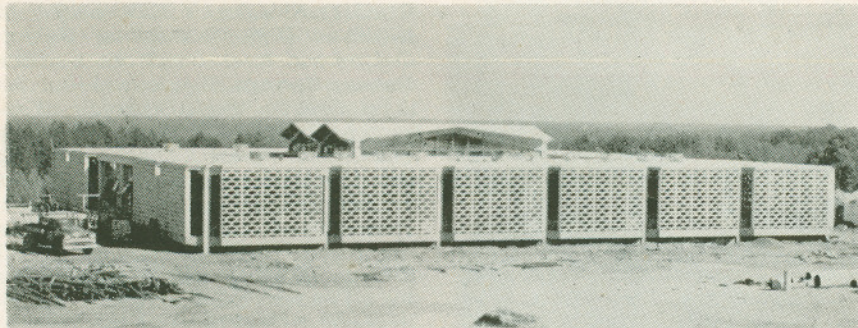
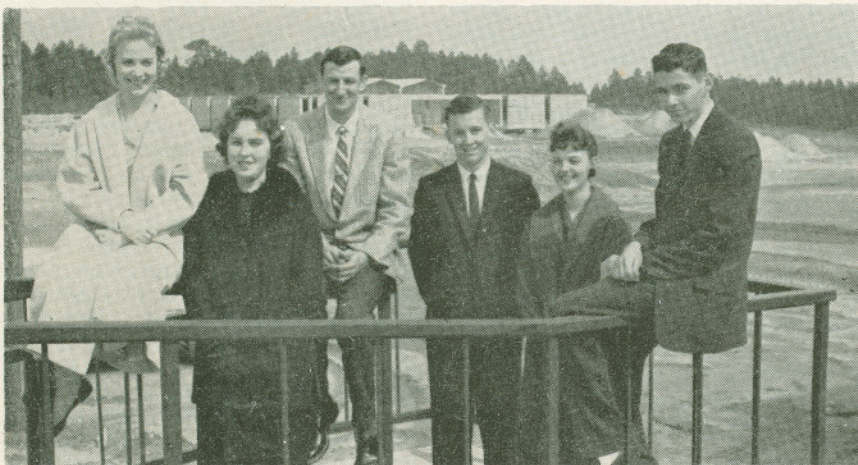
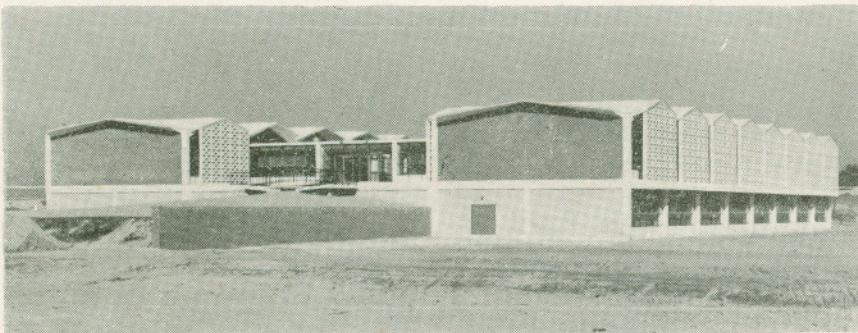


College Gets Set For Opening September 15, 1960



Some Questions Being Asked By Prospective Students

Do I Have to be a Methodist to attend Methodist College?

No. The College will exist as a channel through which the search for truth, knowledge and the basic values is pursued. A Christian atmosphere will be provided in which this pursuit may take place. The student body will be interdenominational, therefore applications from students of any denomination or faith will be welcomed.

What will be the annual cost for a day student?

Tuition will be \$400 per year and fees \$100 per year making a total of \$500. In addition to this will be the cost of the noon meal at the College cafeteria, books and other incidental expenses. One-half tuition will be remitted for sons and daughters of full time ministers of any denomination in Cumberland County, sons and daughters of ministers of the North Carolina Conference of the Methodist Church and to those young people entering a full-time vocation in the Church. Scholarships and other student aid are available through the College. For further information write the Director of Admissions.

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Photos (Top To Bottom)

(1) The Classroom Building with twenty - three large classrooms and forty-two faculty offices completed in November, 1959.

(2) Six of the first seven students to be accepted for admission to the first freshman class at the entrance to the Classroom Building. From left: Margaret Weston, Ft. Bragg; Frances Hall, Fayetteville; Marsden Pope, Route 7, Fayetteville; Irving Barefoot, Clarkton; Patricia Jackson, Hope Mills; and Joe Ward, Hallsboro.

(3) Science Building 85% completed with ten laboratories for biology, chemistry, physics, and home economics, two lecture rooms, a 200 seat lecture hall, faculty offices, equipment and supply rooms.

(4) The Student Union Cafeteria 80% completed.



Memo from the President's Desk

Plans are rapidly maturing for the admission of the first class to Methodist College in September, 1960.

The building program is moving as planned. The Classroom-Faculty Office Building has been completed and turned over to the Board of Trustees, as this written, the Science Building, the Cafeteria-Student Union Building, the heating plant and the bath house for physical education classes are all in the final stages of completion. All the utility lines are in place throughout the entire campus for both present and future buildings and the master grading plan for the campus has also been completed. Work will begin in the immediate future on paving roads, sidewalks and parking areas.

We have been encouraged by the response from prospective faculty members and prospective students.

Dr. Clarence Ficken, for 14 years Dean at Ohio Wesleyan University and recently acting President, has taken up his duties as the new Dean of the College. Other faculty appointments are well advanced and only one or two positions remain unfilled for the faculty needed for the first year.

Student patronage will be limited during the first year to day students. Also, we will have only a Freshman class. Despite these limitations, student response to the announcement of the opening of the College has been gratifying. Some 300 catalogues have been mailed out in response to students' requests and applications have already been received from some of the top ranking high school students of this immediate area.

As we move toward the completion of the first phase of our building program, we are faced with the realization that the operation of the College will be a much more difficult task than the building of the College. We shall need the enlarged and increased support of the Church in this undertaking.

We have traveled a considerable distance on the road to the realization of our dream. Let us thank God and take courage as we look forward to the long road ahead.

Faithfully yours,
L. Stacy Weaver



Alva W. Stewart, Librarian, left and F. H. Eason, Comptroller discuss the potential use and adaptability of a sample book shelf which may be used for the College Library.

Staff Appointments Announced

DR. CLARENCE E. FICKEN, on April 1, 1960, assumed the duties as the first dean of Methodist College. Dr. Ficken comes to this new post from Ohio Wesleyan University where he served as dean for 14 years. During this time he served as acting president for one year and interim president for two years. He served as executive secretary of the Ohio Commission on Education Beyond the High School during the fall semester of 1957-58. When he left Ohio Wesleyan, he was an appointee of the Ohio College Association to the Ohio Council on Teacher Education. A native of Huntingburg, Indiana, Dr. Ficken has also served on the staff of Macalester College, St. Paul, Minn. as teacher of French, dean of men, dean of the college and acting president. He is a graduate of Baldwin-Wallace College with M.A. degree from Northwestern University and the Ph.D degree from University of Wisconsin. He also studied at University of Chicago, University of Minnesota and University of Paris, France. He has served as charge lay leader in the William Street Methodist Church, Delaware, Ohio and is being retained on their official board as member of the church's policy committee. He is a member of Phi Beta Kappa, Kappa Delta Pi, Omicron Delta Kappa and a number of professional associations. Mrs. Ficken will join Dr. Ficken in Fayetteville on September 1, 1960 at which time they will establish their permanent residence.

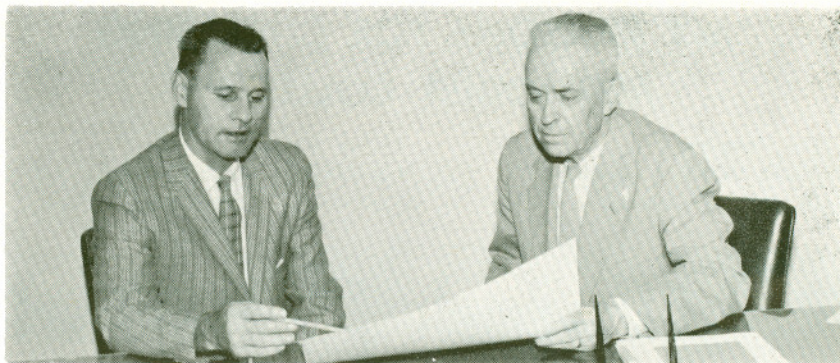
FRANK H. EASON, Comptroller. From 1951 to 1960 he was Superintendent of Schools, Franklinton, N. C. Prior to this he was Principal of Littleton High School in Warren County and teacher and coach in the Fuquay Springs High School and the John Graham High School in Warrenton. He attended Duke University and Wake Forest College receiving the B.S. degree from Wake Forest in 1936. He received the M.A. degree from East Carolina College. As Comptroller he has custody of all College property and is responsible for all matters pertaining to the business and fiscal affairs of the College. He will be responsible for the employment of non-teaching personnel. He is a certified Lay Speaker in Raleigh District of Methodist Church, and has served as Sunday School Superintendent, teacher, Trustee, and Official Board member of the Franklinton Methodist Church. He is married to the former Eunice Matthews of Kipling, Harnett County. They have one daughter, Mrs. Sara Heitkamp of Woman's College, Greensboro; and one son, John Michael, age 6.

SAMUEL R. EDWARDS will join the staff on July 1 as director of admissions and registrar. Since 1952 he has served as Principal of the Fayetteville Senior High School, one of the leading high schools of North Carolina. A native of Pennsylvania he holds the B.S. degree from Mansfield State Teachers College and the M.A. degree from Duke University. He is a World War II veteran, volunteering in 1942 and commissioned in 1944. Among other assignments he served as recreational officer on the Naval base at Saipan. He has served as recreational and athletic director in several North Carolina schools including Williamston and La Grange. Edwards is married to the former Lillian Aldridge of La Grange. They have one son, Reese, a senior at Fayetteville Senior High School. He is superintendent of the Sunday School at Hay Street Methodist Church, Fayetteville. He is a member of the State Advisory Committee on Teacher Education and a similar group on vocational education, and served as supervisor in the Fayetteville area for the National Teacher Examinations given on April 9.

ALVA W. STEWART, of Marshville, N. C. is the College Librarian. A native of Georgia he attended Auburn University and later the University of North Carolina where he received the A.B. degree in Political Science. He received the M.A. degree in Political Science from Duke University and did further study at Vanderbilt University, Nashville, Tennessee. He will receive the M.S. degree in Library Science from University of North Carolina on June 1, 1960. He served two years as an officer in U. S. Air Force and is currently in the active reserve. He has served on the staff of **Asheboro Currier-Tribune**, **The Greensboro Record** and the **Rock Hill Evening Herald**. He has served on the staff of the Public Library of Charlotte and Mecklenburg County and as student assistant at the library of the University of North Carolina. He is a member of the American Library Association; Beta Phi Mu, honorary library, science fraternity and the Baptist Church.

THE REVEREND SAM J. WOMACK, JR., a native of Lakeland, Florida will be professor of Bible and College Chaplain. He has an A.B. degree from Florida Southern College, B.D. degree from Duke University Divinity School and will receive the Ph.D. degree from Duke University in September, 1960.

He is listed in Who's Who among American College and University Student, is a Duke University Scholar, Lilly Endowment Scholar and the Gurney Hon's Kearn Fellow. He is a member of the National Association of Biblical Instructors, American Society of Church History and National



Samuel R. Edwards, left, who assumes the duties of Registrar and Director of Admissions July 1, evaluates a student application with Dean Ficken.

Association of University Professors. He had six years of military service in World War II and the Korean conflict. During this time he received and answered the call to the Christian teaching ministry. He resigned as managing editor of the **Lakeland Ledger**, Lakeland, Florida, to enter Divinity school. He is past President of the Exchange Club of Lakeland, Fla., is a Methodist, married and has one child.

DR. CHARLES OTT of Guilford College, N. C. will be professor of chemistry. Since 1944 he has been professor of chemistry at Guilford College and prior to that taught at William Penn College, Oskaloosa, Iowa, and Central State College, Edmond, Oklahoma. Previously he was Research Chemist for the Mid Continent Petroleum Company. He received the B.S. degree from William Penn College and the Ph.D. from the University of Iowa. Dr. Ott is a member of Sigma Xi, Phi Lambda Upsilon, and Fellow of Oklahoma Academy of

Science, North Carolina Academy of Science, American Chemical Society and Carolina Geological Society. He is a member of the Society of Friends. He and Mrs. Ott will move to Fayetteville in the summer, occupying the home which they have purchased on the highway in front of the College.

DR. MYRON L. SIMPSON will be professor of Biology. He comes from Gettysburg College, Pennsylvania where he has been professor of Biology. Prior to this work he taught at Washington College, Chestertown, Maryland and Westminster College, New Wilmington, Pa. He received his A.B. degree from American University and did graduate study at University of Cincinnati and Medical College of Virginia.

He received the Doctor of Science Degree from John Hopkins University. He has written extensively in scientific journals, is listed in "Who's Who in American Education" and "American Men of Science."

Dean Ficken Analyzes The Challenge



A pessimistic observer of the human scene once asked Will Rogers, "What's wrong with the world anyhow?" The answer was, "I dunno, it must be people."

In arriving on a new college campus in the making, one pauses reverently to witness what's right with the world. It must be those people who have not only dreamed such a dream but have set the stage for Act One of its realization. On every hand, one senses a spirit of dedication to an inspiring ideal and the determination to build a beautiful and sturdy setting for its realization.

We are now engaged in the crucial task of bringing together the initial cast of the endless performance called Methodist College. Earnestly we now look to Methodist leaders, civic sponsors, high school principals, and other builders of a better world to send us "men to match our mountains" of opportunity, young men and women who have the mental and spiritual resources to help set the tone of a community of Christian scholars.

We are particularly anxious to enlist some of the many superior high school graduates who have been insufficiently challenged to continue their education. The opening of Methodist College next September should be the occasion for a new emphasis on the conservation of talent.

The fullest possible development of our human resources is not only a crucial national necessity but a spiritual ideal of the highest order.

For a while we shall have to rely on our friends to serve as our alumni, sending us future graduates of whom we may be proud. It will take the combined efforts of many to get us off to a good start in our quest for quality.

"MY REASONS FOR CHOOSING METHODIST COLLEGE"

Irving Barefoot
Clarkton, North Carolina
Hallsboro High School



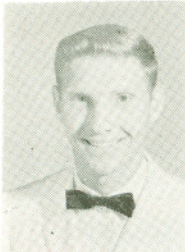
Beta Club, Glee Club, Student Council, Senior Class President.

"The opportunity of attending college is a privilege which when offered should be taken without the slightest hesitation. My reason for attending college is to further my education so that I will be better able to serve God and at the same time to serve mankind. My choice of

Methodist College enables me to commute daily and also provides the rare experience of being among those who will establish traditions, spirit, and the high standards of the "New Born" College. In the atmosphere of this new campus with its contemporary architecture, learning will be thrilling and the doors that open into the future will open to new challenges."



Harold Junior Teague
Fayetteville, North Carolina
Massey Hill High School



Beta Club President, Key Club, Monogram Club, Science Club, Future Teachers of America, Chief Marshall, finalist in Morehead Scholarship competition, winner of Terry Sanford Scholarship.

"In my opinion a person couldn't have the inward happiness and self-satisfaction necessary for a successful future with-

out a college education. I believe once Methodist College begins operation there will be no better institution of higher education in North Carolina. It would be a great thrill to me to be a member of its first graduating class."

Elaine Barbee
Fayetteville, North Carolina
Fayetteville Senior High School



National Honor Society, Spanish Club, winner of D. A. R. award for the highest average in U. S. History out of more than 400 students.

"It will certainly be a great honor and a pleasure to be a member of the first graduating class of an institution which has the prospects of being a very fine college of high standing. I feel sure it will acquire a prominent position because of the high quality of its curriculum and of its faculty. One can take more pride in his school if he is a part of it from its very beginning. I am sure I will enjoy going to Methodist College not only because it is an excellent College in many respects but being trained under Christian guidance will be an asset to me for the present as well as for the future. I consider it an honor to have been chosen as one of the first seven students to be accepted for admission to the first freshman class at Methodist College."

QUESTIONS ANSWERED

(Continued from Page 1)

When will on-campus dormitories be available?

This will depend upon the availability of funds. Every effort is being made to assure the construction of dormitories within one or two years. When dormitories are built, the students already enrolled will have first choice of the rooms.

Are rooming facilities available in Fayetteville?

Yes. A number of very fine people of Fayetteville have indicated that they will have a room or rooms available in their homes for rent to students. The College staff will assist students to locate off-campus rooms.

How many students will the College have in the first class?

The faculty is being set up to take care of from 150 to 200 students the first year. Since the number of student applications will soon pass the 100 mark, those interested in attending Methodist College should file their applications as soon as possible.

What about accreditation?

Methodist College will operate from the beginning on accreditation standards. A College cannot be accredited by the Southern Association of Colleges and Secondary Schools until it has graduated one class and has been observed for three years. During these seven years, Methodist College will be meeting the basic requirements of quality faculty, library facilities, endowment and others. It is fully intended by the Trustees and administration that by the end of the seven-year period Methodist College will have met all the requirements. In the meantime there is on file in the College office certifications from three of the leading colleges in North Carolina stating that these colleges will accept credits of transfer from Methodist College.

Admission to graduate schools of theology, medicine, arts and sciences, engineering or others does not depend upon accreditation of the institution from which a student graduates, but rather, on the basis of a candidate's accomplishment, ability, character, strength of recommendations, and the quality of faculty and program of the institution from which he graduates.

Students coming to Methodist College should have no concern about gaining admission to schools for advanced study, provided they do high quality work at Methodist College and receive from the College staff endorsement for further study.

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