

# College Opens With 128 Students

## Formal Opening Impressive Event



"We are glad that you have come to share this occasion with us", said Dr. L. Stacy Weaver, President of Methodist College, as he began his welcome to those assembled for the formal opening of the College at 10:30 A. M., September 19, 1960. "Any institution is but the length and shadow of a great many people," Weaver continued. "It has been legally alive since 1956 which is the date of the charter, but it was the occasion of the vision, efforts and dreams of a great many people even before that. And so we are happy that you have come as friends of the institution.

"Any birth is a joyous occasion and it usually evokes congratulations to the parents, and I should say that if we had to select two parents this morning we would extend congratulations to the North Carolina Conference of the Methodist Church, and to the Fayetteville College Foundation. These are the two agencies that have brought this institution into being. They will nurture, sustain and support."

Mayor George B. Herndon of Fayetteville in bringing greetings said, "I commend the Methodist Church and the people of the greater Fayetteville area, and all others who have participated in making this dream come true."

Dr. W. H. Plemmons, President of The North Carolina College Conference said, "Seldom is one privileged to witness the opening of a new college. What a won-

derful and unique opportunity you have to provide the leadership in the development of an educational program which will challenge existing patterns and point to new ones which will bestir the best that is within the rest of us."

In expressing thanks to the Methodist Church, the College Board of Trustees, President Weaver and the College Staff, and the students, Bert Ishee, President of The Fayetteville College Foundation said, "To all of you I am sure that the people of the Fayetteville College Foundation would want me to bring assurance that you will have the continued support of this area in all of your endeavors, and in your growth and development."

The Honorable Terry Sanford, Chairman of the Board of Trustees of Methodist College, in words of greetings said, "When I talk about Methodist College I always come back to the theme that what we are trying to establish here, what we hope to do, what we hope you will be a part of doing, is to make this an institution of academic excellence. We are not going to compete right away with the big league of the football teams — we are not likely to have a national basketball champion, but we can make the name of Methodist College synonymous with academic attainment and with excellence in the development of the mind." Sanford reminded the students that they will be the ones who will "give the final shape and character to this institution."

## Bishop Garber Stresses Traditions

In his message at the formal opening of the College, Bishop Paul N. Garber reminded those present that in most every educational institution people talk of traditions; and since the student body has been with us only a few days one might raise the question, What traditions do we have at Methodist College? "We do have some traditions, and they have come out of the development of this college over the past four years.

"First, here at Methodist College we believe in dreaming dreams and seeing visions—Young People, don't let your dreams be upset or lost.

"Second, we believe in democracy here at Methodist College. Who founded this college? Not any one person or group, but some 6,000 people of the Fayetteville area and some 30,000 people of the North Carolina Conference of the Methodist Church and other friends, all of whom made financial contributions.

"Third, I hope that every boy and girl who comes to this college will always feel that a tradition of this college is that it is his or her personal duty to be a lady or a gentleman. Everyone with whom I have had any dealing in this venture thus far have been ladies and gentlemen, and I hope that it will continue to be so.

"Fourth, we ought to continue the tradition here of being able to overcome hardships, handicaps, and difficulties. Not everything will be rosy around here for the next few years. Students, faculty and others will find it necessary to make adjustments and even sacrifices.

"Fifth, here at Methodist College we believe in the spiritual forces of life. During the past four years all denominations have cooperated to establish a college here. We cannot be just like another school. We must have something special here, and that is Christian Higher Education with highest academic stand-

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# MEMO . . . . From The President's Desk



The first freshman class has been admitted to Methodist College. Formal opening of the College took place on Monday, September 19, 1960, with Bishop Paul N. Garber as the principal speaker. Representatives of professional and related organizations throughout the state brought greetings on this historical occasion. A large crowd of visitors and friends came to join us in this observance.

As this is being written a total of 128 students has been registered. Since the enrollment for the first year is limited to freshmen only and is also limited to commuting students, we feel that this response is gratifying.

A faculty of well-trained, experienced, and conscientious teachers has been assembled and is at work carrying out the primary function for which the institution was organized and erected.

Considerable work has been done on the grounds and more is still in progress. A construction program necessarily does considerable damage to a site and we will be busy during the next several months improving the appearance of our building program. According to the schedule adopted by the Board of Trustees, the Library will be the next building to be erected.

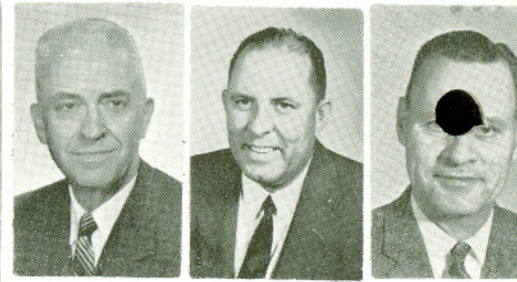
Realizing the necessity of making the facilities of the College available to a wider range of usefulness, we are projecting at this time small units of campus dormitory housing for next year. These would be expected to be large enough only to care for next year's enrollment, pending the completion of larger student accommodations. The small units would then be converted to faculty housing or housing for married students.

Numerous inquiries have already been received from young people who indicate an interest in enrolling in the College next year, and more are coming in each day.

We hope that our friends will come to see us when you have occasion to pass this way. Your presence will always be most welcome.

L. S. WEAVER  
President

## President And Mrs. Weaver Entertain Students And Parents At Tea September 18



## Introducing The Staff

The heart of the academic program at Methodist College is the faculty. We are happy to introduce to you, through the above pictures our exceptionally high quality teaching faculty and administrative staff. From left to right, **Dr. Clarence E. Ficken**, Academic Dean and Professor of French; **Frank H. Eason**, Comptroller; **Samuel R. Edwards**, Director of Admissions and Instructor, Physical Education; **Charles K. McAdams**, Director of Public Relations and Development; **Mrs. Joyce B. Ammons**, Instructor in English; **Dr. Marie Fox**, Assistant Professor of History; **Dr. Willis C. Gates**, Professor of Music; **Dr. Charles N. Ott**, Professor of Chemistry; **Grady K. Snyder**, Instructor in Mathematics; **Alva W. Stewart**, Librarian and Instructor of Political Science; **The Reverend Sam J. Womack**, Instructor in Bible and Chaplain of the College.

## From Whence They Came

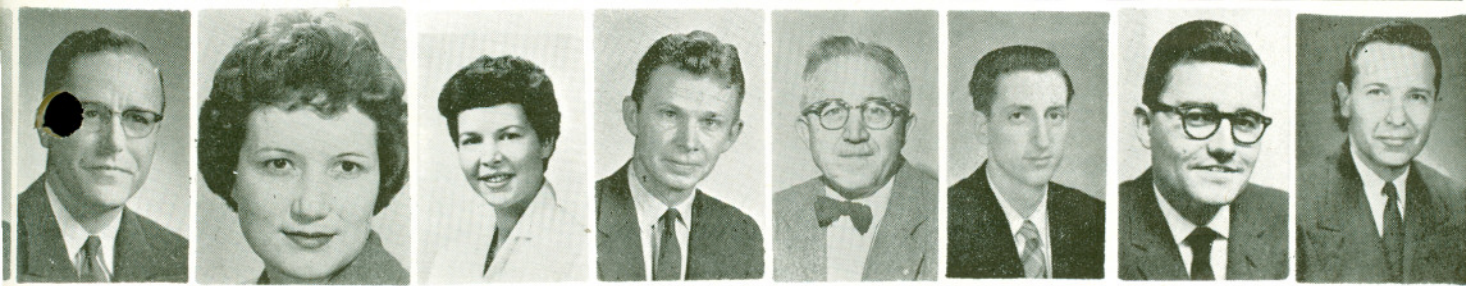
The geographical representation in the first semester registration at Methodist College is as follows: Fayetteville, 80; Hope Mills, 6; Fort Bragg, 6; Roseboro, 5; Linden, 3; St. Pauls, 2; Spring Lake, 4; Erwin, 2; Stedman, 2; Parkton, 2; Dunn, 2; and one each from Autryville, Lexington, White Oak, Clinton, Robbins, Whiteville, Elizabethtown, Carthage, Garland, Salemburg, Benson, and Wallace. There are two out-of-state students—one from St. Joseph, Michigan, and one from New Castle, Pennsylvania. Of this number there are 70 men and 58 women. Twenty-one of the women students are married.

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ards and freedom.

"We will look back to this day someday — some other generation will look back and say, we thank God that there were people in eastern North Carolina in 1956 to 1960 who believed in dreaming dreams; and seeing visions; who believed in the democratic way of life; who were not going to be discouraged when things went wrong; and who believed that religious principles should have a part in the building of this College."





## For Students Who Would Join Us In 1961 *Methodist College Offers . . .*

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All Of The Above And More For \$200.00 Tuition And \$50.00 General Fees Per Semester, Plus Room And Board For Resident Students

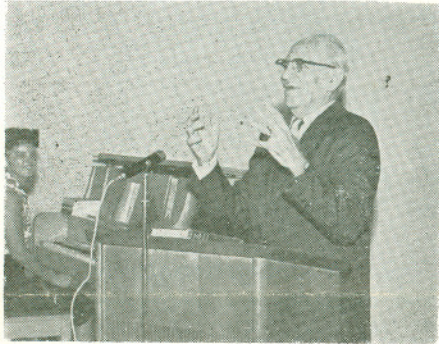
TENTATIVE APPROVAL IS NOW BEING GIVEN TO APPLICANTS WHO HAVE SATISFACTORY HIGH SCHOOL RECORDS THROUGH THE JUNIOR YEAR AND BEYOND.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION AND APPLICATION FORMS

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# First Chapel Speaker Is The Reverend M. C. Dunn



The first Chapel service at Methodist College was held on Wednesday morning, September 21, at 11:30 in the 200 seat lecture hall of the Science Building.

The Reverend Millard C. Dunn, District Superintendent of the Fayetteville District of the Methodist Church was the guest speaker. In his message to those assembled Dunn said, "This is one of the greatest moments of my life, and I have looked forward to the opening of this college as a little boy looks forward to Santa Claus". Dunn further stated that, "The Church would like for you to discover some things, and four of these are:

"1. You have a definite purpose in life—there will never be another you.

"2. Never lose faith in mankind. People will at times hurt you—instead of holding a grudge, try to understand the other person.

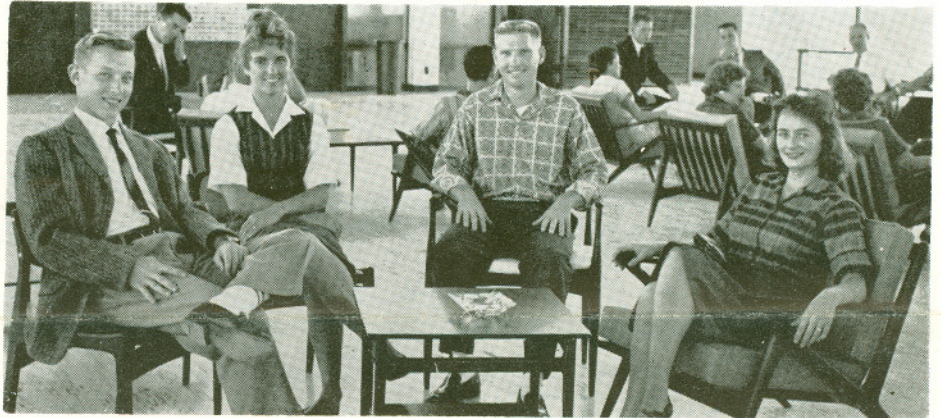
"3. The greatest power in the world is love. It may be difficult for you to see it at times because the wicked puts on such a show.

"4. Never judge eternity by the present moment."

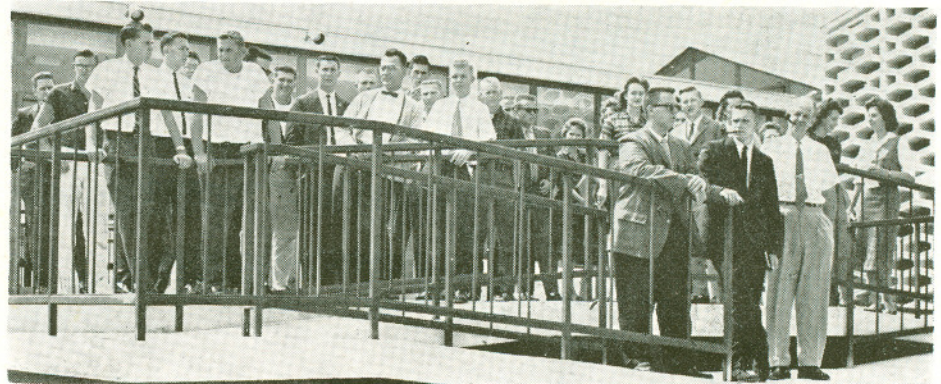
The first Chapel Service was arranged and presided over by The Reverend Sam

Womack, Instructor in Bible and Chaplain of the College.

Chapel services are scheduled at the new College from 11:30 to 11:50 Monday, Wednesday, and Friday of each week, at which time there will be student and faculty participation and occasional guest speakers.



### Enjoying The Student Union Lounge



### Admiring The View From North Plaza Classroom Building

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