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Three New Endowed Scholarships Established

Another History Making Group



THE FIRST DEAN'S LIST at Methodist College includes twelve first semester honor students in the first freshman class who have earned a minimum of two quality points per semester hour carried. Looking at a spot in the Congo on the revolving globe in the college library, they are from left Mrs. Karin Shepherd, Elaine Barbee, Donald Parsons, Paul Gorski, Louis Spilman, all of Fayetteville; Margaret Weston, Fort Bragg; Ralph Hoggard, Mrs. Virginia Kern, Mrs. Alice Smith, Harold Teague, all of Fayetteville; Mrs. Louise Council, White Oak; and Patricia Jackson, Hope Mills.

Will Provide Over \$1,000 In Annual Scholarships

The Charles Rankin Memorial Scholarship Fund established by his mother, Mrs. Frances C. Rankin, and his uncle and aunt, Mr. and Mrs. Henry Rankin, Junior, of Fayetteville; the Alex Bethune Scholarship established by Alex Bethune of Linden, N. C.; and the Arthur and Portia MacPhail Vann Memorial Scholarship established by Mrs. Fannie Vann Simmons of Kenly, N. C., will provide a total endowment of more than \$25,000.00.

From this endowment more than \$1,000.00 annually will be provided for scholarship purposes at Methodist College.

Out of such an interest as this will grow a scholarship program which will provide for deserving young people opportunities for higher education which would otherwise be denied.

Anyone interested in establishing such a scholarship is requested to contact the President or Director of Public Relations and Development.

Lecture-Concert Series Begins

Philip J. Weaver, Greensboro city schools superintendent, and recent visitor to Russia and Germany, was the first speaker in the first lectureconcert series at Methodist College. Weaver, one of approximately 25 educators from across America making a study of the school systems in a number of the European countries, presented his lecture in the Science Building auditorium on February 20.

The next in the series was a concert given by the North Carolina String Quartet in the College Union at 8:15 p.m.. Friday evening, April 7.



Philip Weaver, second from left, discusses one of Russia's educational plans. With him from left are: President L. Stacy Weaver, F. D. Byrd, Jr., Superintendent of Cumberland County Schools and C. Reid Ross, Superintendent of Fayetteville City Schools.

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Dr. Charles Gilbe Rowe Appointed

To Faculty

Dr. Charles Gilbert Rowe of Kerrville, Texas, has been appointed to the Methodist College faculty as Associate Professor of Foreign Languages. This is the first in a series of new faculty appointments to be made in preparation for the second year of classroom instruction beginning in September.



DR. CHARLES GILBERT ROWE

Dr. Rowe, son of the late Dr. Gilbert T. Rowe of the Duke Divinity School faculty, received his A. B. degree from Vanderbilt University, the M. A. degree from Indiana University and the Ph. D. degree from the University of Illinois. He also did one year of study at the University of Paris. His assignment next year will be in French and Spanish, although he is qualified to teach Latin and German as well.

The co-author of **A French Review Grammar** textbook, Rowe has taught in the following schools: Schreiner Institute, Kerrville, Texas, Iowa State College, Southwestern University, University of Illinois and Indiana University.

President Weaver said, "I am pleased at having Dr. Rowe, a member of such a distinguished North Carolina family, on our faculty. From the standpoint of his heritage, training and experience, he will add considerably to the strength and influence of our exceptionally high caliber faculty."

Dr. Charles Gilbert Students Enjoy Bowling Classes



Methodist College students find their physical education program enjoyable as well as educational and physically stimulating. A unique aspect of the program is a free eight-week course of instruction in bowling during the winter months provided by the B & B Bowling Lanes of Fayetteville. The Lanes provided free transportation to and from the campus for the students and also the use of bowling shoes during the instruction periods. After a test at the end of the course, the management gave a prize of \$10.00 in free bowling passes for the high scorers. Don Parsons and Paul Gorski won the prize for the men and Barbara Larson won for the women.

A New Worship Center Established



Dr. Sam Womack, Chaplain, Eugene Hester, President of the Student Christian Association, and President L. S. Weaver admire the new altar in the Worship Center.

As a temporary, measure until the the Methodist College Chapel, is built, the Student Christian Association, working with Dr. Sam Womack, Chaplain and Professor of Bible, has established a very attractive worship center on the campus. One of the classrooms is being used for this purpose. An attractive altar with altar appointments has been secured and placed at the front of the room with a maroon dossal cloth as background for the altar. An old-fashioned pedal-type organ has been secured and approximately fifty chairs provide seating facilities for the center. Literature racks also have been placed at the back of the room to provide various items of interest in the area of spiritual growth and worship.

MEMO From The President's Desk



The first year's operation at Methodist College will soon be history. As this is being written, we are preparing for mid-term tests of the second semester. In a few short weeks the remainder of the spring term will be gone.

The first year has brought no dearth of problems. I rather suspect this will continue to be true but perhaps the beginning institution faces some situations that it will not have to face every year.

A great many things have happened during the year and we have much to encourage us. We had 12 students on the Dean's List at the end of the first semester and we have others who did not quite come

up to this standard but nevertheless made very creditable records. It is significant that a great many of these people could not have gone to college had it not been for the existence of the college here. In the first year of its life, the College has made it possible for these young people to have an opportunity that they would not otherwise have had. Whatever later contribution they may make to Church and State will have been begun during these months at Methodist College. I predict now that several of them will make significant contributions to their day and generation and will more than justify the contribution which the Church and community have made in order that they might have the opportunity of a Christian education.

The College is also making its contribution to the cultural life of the community. Mr. Philip Weaver has recently given an illustrated lecture on Russian education which was attended by a goodly crowd of students, faculty, and townspeople. The North Carolina String Quartet appeared in concert in the Student Union on April 7. Bishop Fred Holloway of the West Virginia area, former President of Drew University, will address a convocation at the College on April 24 at 11:30 a.m. at our usual Chapel hour. Our friends are invited.

We have been pleased to have a large number of civic organizations hold their meetings in our cafeteria recently. It has given us an opportunity to get acquainted with many new friends and allowed many people a chance to visit the campus who had not done so before.

Planning is well advanced for the second year's operation. Our circle of influence will widen as we open dormitories for men and women and enroll students from throughout the state. We will add to the faculty for teaching the sophomore year. Our present excellent faculty will remain with us and additions will be of the same caliber in training and character. Sixty per cent of our present teaching faculty hold the appropriate Doctor's degree.

Many problems remain; but the things that have been accomplished during the year that is passing, and the hope that we have for the days ahead, give us courage to believe that our best days are before us.

> Faithfully yours, L. S. WEAVER President

Fayetteville Garden Council Contributes To Landscaping



Frank H. Eason, Comptroller, inspects one of approximately 275 hardwood and ornamental trees which have recently been set on the campus. Approximately 6,000 longleaf pines have also been set.

The Fayetteville Garden Council contributed \$150.00 with which to begin the tree planting on the campus. Their contribution provided 25 tenfoot willow oaks which were set in the malls of one of the parking areas, 4 eight-foot ash trees for the south end of the Classroom Building, and 4 sycamores for the north end of the building.

In addition to these, the College has set the following trees: 85 ginko trees, 44 flowering cherries, 14 river birches, 28 sycamores and 25 poplars.



Men of Keener Church Observe Ladies' Night At College

Members of the Methodist Men's Club of the Keener Methodist Church on the Keener-Goshen charge of Sampson County observed Ladies' Night on March 27 by bringing their wives and young people to the Methodist College campus for a tour of the campus in the late afternoon with dinner in the college dining hall at 6:30.

The Rev. C. W. Wooten is pastor of this unique charge. The Goshen Church visited the campus last year for a similar meeting. Both churches have now profited from this experience and this becomes the first charge in the North Carolina Conference to have established such a record.

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Prospective Students Visit Campus



Sam R. Edwards, Director of Admissions, and Dr. Clarence E. Ficken, Dean, counsel with two prospective students during a recent visit to the campus. Visits to the campus by prospective students are quite frequent and any student wishing to arrange such a visit should contact the Director of Admissions. Applications are being received and processed daily.

Dormitories To Be Completed By July

Students at Methodist College will have the privilege of occupying beautiful new dormitories in September of this year.

Each of the two buildings (one for men and one for women) is designed to house from 28 to 30 students, with a resident counselor. This offers the advantage of small units working and living together with the help and supervision of an adult counselor.

Located in a beautifully wooded area just south of the Classroom Building, these buildings are surrounded by long-leaf pines, dogwoods and oaks. The rooms will be air-conditioned and equipped with all new furniture.

Valuable Books Donated To Library

Dr. Allen P. Brantley of Raleigh, a Trustee of Methodist College and Executive Director of the Commission on Higher Education of the North Carolina Conference of the Methodist Church, has donated from his library approximately 80 volumes to the Methodist College Library. The fields of Old and New Testament, theology and psychology are represented in this collection which Dr. Brantley has given.

Mrs. H. B. Porter of Durham has contributed approximately 60 volumes from the library of the late Dr. H. B. Porter, who served for 42 years as an active minister in the North Carolina Conference of the Methodist Church. The books donated by Mrs. Porter are given in memory of Dr. Porter. Fields represented in this collection are Old and New Testament, Christian ethics, theology, scriptural analysis and exposition, psychology, and evangelical religion.

Several volumes donated by each will be useful to students in doing research in New Testament term papers in this semester. Remaining volumes will be processed this summer and will be on library shelves by the opening of the fall semester in September.

Campus Lighting



Nineteen attractive light fixtures of the above design have been installed at strategic points on the campus as part of the street and driveway lighting. This is only the beginning since additional ones will be installed as funds are available and as the need increases.

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