

\$100,000 Gift Boosts Library Fund

From Former Resident Of Cumberland County

A gift of \$100,000 by Mrs. Walter R. Davis of Midland, Texas, has been added to the library fund at Methodist College. Announcement of the gift was made in October by Governor Terry Sanford, chairman of the College's Board of Trustees.

Mrs. Davis is the former Geraldine Tyson of the Gray's Creek Community of Cumberland County. She received her A. B. degree from East Carolina College in 1938, and taught English at Massey Hill High School, Cumberland County, for three years following her graduation. In 1939 she and Mr. Davis, a native of Elizabeth City, were married in Hay Street Methodist Church, Fayetteville. Their daughter, Melba, now Mrs. Ralph Greenlee, was born in Fayetteville. Mrs. Greenlee, a former Duke student, is finishing her education at Newcomb College in New Orleans where Mr. Greenlee is a medical student at Tulane.

Later the family moved to California where Mrs. Davis did graduate work at the University of Southern California and Sacramento State. She was the first principal of the Sanborn School of Salinas, California.

Since moving to Midland in 1952, Mrs. Davis has been active in church and community affairs.

Dr. L. Stacy Weaver, President of Methodist College, said: "We of the college community are particularly grateful for this gift. The administration, faculty and students are encouraged by this expression of interest on the part of Mrs. Davis. Her gift is a heart-warming expression of the interest which assures us of the wide-spread support of our new venture in Christian higher education."

"We are particularly encouraged since this gift brings a little nearer the day when we may begin construction of our much needed Library Building. Mrs. Davis' gift will be directed to this end



MRS. WALTER R. DAVIS

as it is added to the fund which is accumulating for this purpose. We hope that it will not be too long before sufficient funds will be in hand to begin construction of this facility."

An excellent collection of books, periodicals and reference materials are now housed in temporary facilities in the Classroom Building. The scheduled growth for the library calls for the addition of at least 5,000 books each year until a minimum of 50,000 volumes is reached.

To house these books and provide the necessary facilities and space as the student body grows, the library will be essential to the high quality academic program being developed by the college.

Dr. Marie Fox Is Honored By Scholarship

Major Larry Fox has established a scholarship fund at Methodist College in honor of his wife, Dr. Marie Fox, professor of history and philosophy at Methodist College.

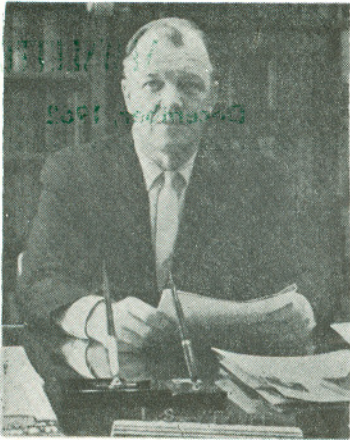
Major and Dr. Fox requested that, in the spring of each year at some awards day program or similar public occasion, the most outstanding student of philosophy for the year be awarded the scholarship.

The stipend from the award is a fifty dollar U. S. Government bond. It was also stipulated that the same student could win the award in ensuing years on the basis of new work done in philosophy during a given year. Thus, it would be possible for a student to receive up to \$200 in benefits from this fund over a four year period. In the event that there is no outstanding student of philosophy in a given year, the award will be withheld.

Dr. Fox has served as professor of history and philosophy since the opening of Methodist College in September of 1960. She is recognized by both students and faculty as being one of the college's most effective teachers.



Architect's Projection of the Methodist College Library

MEMO *From The President's Desk*

This message is being prepared just as the college is closing for the annual Christmas vacation. The cessation of our usual activities and duties gives us opportunity to take a backward glance and to assess our third year's operation thus far.

We enrolled 345 students in September. The addition of the junior year has brought many new faces to our campus, both in the faculty and in the student body. Our faculty continues to perform well. We are grateful for the many dedicated men and women who make up our teaching force and our administrative staff. The quantitative growth in the student body is about as we expected. Our housing facilities on the campus are limited. We have had a steady growth in our student body

from the opening year until its present time. The freshman class constitutes approximately fifty per cent of the student body.

We expect to have additional housing available for students with the term which begins in September, 1963. Our first large dormitories have been under construction for some months and are proceeding on schedule. The roof is on the women's building and the men's building is well along. We anticipate no difficulty in having them ready for the fall term in September, 1963. These buildings are not only air-conditioned but completely fireproof. They will be serviceable and comfortable twelve months in the year, as well as being safe. They will greatly expand the usefulness of the college.

One of the high lights of the fall term was the annual celebration of Founders Day. Governor Sanford delivered an historic address from the platform at Methodist College on that day. He revealed for the first time his recommendations for the development of higher education in North Carolina, which will be presented to the 1963 session of the General Assembly in the report of the Committee on Education Beyond the High School. Many high officials in the political and educational life of the state were present for this occasion. The college was happy to have these distinguished visitors on our campus.

I was especially impressed also by the splendid concert given by the college choir the night before we closed for the Christmas holidays. This fine group of young people, under the capable direction of Dr. W. C. Gates, is a distinct asset to the college. This organization has grown in numbers since our first year until there are now more than sixty young men and women in this group. The number will increase again next year when we will add the senior year. We congratulate these young people on the splendid progress they are making.

As may be surmised, the President has spent a good bit of his time, efforts, and energy during the last three months assisting in the crusade for higher education.

By the time this report is printed the Christmas season will be past and the New Year upon us. I hope that the joy and peace which the Christ alone can bring into human hearts has been yours throughout the Christmas time and will continue to bless each of you during the days that lie ahead in the New Year — a new year which I hope will provide you with an increased measure of happiness and opportunity for service.

Faithfully yours,

L. S. Weaver, President

Founder's Day Hailed As Historic Occasion

Founder's Day and the annual fall meeting of the Board of Trustees was held at Methodist College, Fayetteville, on Thursday, November 15. The exercises were conducted in the college's Student Union Building which will seat up to 500 in the lounge area.

During the Founder's Day program Governor Terry Sanford presented his major policy speech on higher education in North Carolina. He was introduced by Dr. William C. Friday, president of the Greater University of North Carolina.

Speaking of the place of the private church-supported colleges of the State, the Governor said:

"It is fitting and appropriate that I speak of advances in public education on the campus of a private church-related college.

"The Commission Report is careful to point out that 'nothing that we are proposing is calculated to impair the ability of the private institutions to serve the purpose for which they exist. We want to see the private institutions flourish and increase their capacity to provide their own unique contribution to the task of educating the people of North Carolina.'

"Indeed it is the sound policy of the State of North Carolina to encourage private institutions in every way. Except for the University, higher education began in the church-related colleges in the first half of the last century at Guilford, Trinity, Wake Forest and others. I do not want to see their influence diminished in any degree, and I hope that all churches will increase the financial support they give their colleges.

"Personally, I have long and strongly believed that America would not have

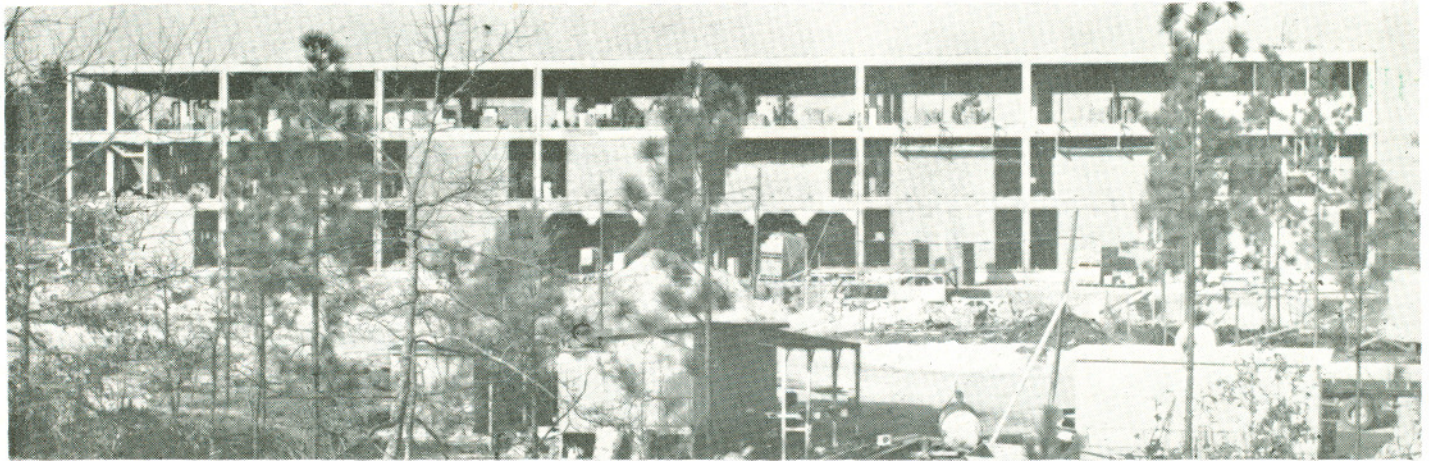
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College Chorus Gives Christmas Concert



The Methodist College Chorus presented their annual Christmas program on Tuesday evening, December 18, in the Student Union. Under the direction of Dr. Willis Gates, professor of music, the 55-voice chorus gave an excellent account of their very fine work this year.

CONSTRUCTION PROGRESSES ON NEW RESIDENCE HALLS



TWO NEW RESIDENCE HALLS for 150 women and 160 men will be ready for occupancy in September, 1963. Construction progress on the women's building is shown in the above picture. Satisfactory progress is also being made on the men's building.

FOUNDER'S DAY (Continued)

grown great in moral strength had it not been for the influence of the church colleges. To this mission I have done all that I know how to do, and when I put down the official duties of my present office I intend to devote a major part of my spare time to the building of this private, church college on whose campus we meet today and whose Board of Trustees I am honored to serve as chairman.

"We need the influence of these private colleges and we need their advice."

A Freedom Shrine, gift of the Exchange Club of Fayetteville, was presented to the college by Dr. Harold Maxwell, president of the North State Exchange Clubs.

The shrine consists of 28 framed copies of historical U. S. documents, including the Declaration of Independence, the Monroe Doctrine, the United Nations charter, Lincoln's Gettysburg Address, and others.

Dr. Maxwell told the students and guests that the Exchange clubs of the nation have been interested in education for young people for more than 50 years.

The shrine was accepted by Governor Sanford, who is chairman of the Board of Trustees at Methodist College.

Dr. C. D. Barclift, pastor of Hay Street Methodist Church, pronounced the invocation and the Reverend M. C. Dunn, superintendent of the Fayetteville District, N. C. Conference, Methodist Church, gave the benediction.

A special luncheon was given by President and Mrs. Weaver in the college dining hall for trustees, their wives and special guests of the day.

Following the luncheon a brief meeting of the board of trustees was held. During the meeting Mr. John W. Hens-

dale, Fayetteville business man and church leader, was elected secretary of the board of trustees. He succeeds the Reverend Jack W. Page of Rocky Mount. The Reverend Mr. Page who resigned as secretary, but remains on the board, voiced the opinion that the secretary of the board should be someone living in Fayetteville to facilitate college business.

In a report to the board, Dr. L. Stacy Weaver, college president, said the college has a present enrollment of 345, of whom 307 are from North Carolina and 296 are children whose families are part of the N. C. Methodist Conference.

Turning to new college construction, Dr. Weaver said a gymnasium should be completed by the latter part of Decem-

ber and two new dormitories should be ready for the next school year in September 1963.

The president added that half enough funds are available for the proposed library and said "it is rather imperative that we get this building started."

In addition to students, faculty and friends of the college, newspaper reporters from several of the state's larger papers were present and most of the television stations in the state recorded the Founder's Day Program.

The Methodist College chorus, under the direction of Dr. Willis C. Gates, presented an impressive choral music program. Otis P. Lambert, Jr., bass soloist and voice instructor at the college, was also enthusiastically received.

Freedom Shrine Presentation



Dr. Harold Maxwell, right, president of the North Carolina Exchange Clubs, presents a Freedom Shrine to Methodist College during the Founder's Day Program on November 15. Methodist College students look on as Governor Terry Sanford, chairman of the College's Board of Trustees, accepts the gift for the college. The Freedom Shrine is a gift from the Fayetteville Exchange Club.

Library Continues Significant Growth



Alva W. Stewart, Methodist College librarian, stamps the 10,000th volume accessioned by the library from a collection of books presented to the college by Dr. and Mrs. B. G. Childs, right, of Durham. The book being stamped is entitled *THE STORY OF MANKIND* by Henrick Van Loon and is the first book to be added to the library collection of children's literature to be used in a course for education majors in the spring semester under the auspices of the English Department.

This collection will include approximately 400 volumes by the middle of February.

Dr. Stacy Weaver, left, president of the college, observes the presentation of books which are from the private library of Mr. and Mrs. Douglas Horner of New Bern. Mrs. Horner is the daughter of Dr. and Mrs. Childs.

Mr. and Mrs. J. L. Creed, Jr., of Fayetteville have recently given the college \$100.00 to be used in purchasing books for the library in memory of the following individuals: Mrs. Dora Zeighauser, New York, N. Y.; William M. Shaw, and Isaac Monroe Evans, both of Fayetteville. The volumes to be purchased with this gift will be selected in early January.

HISTORY INSTRUCTOR

AND DEAN OF WOMEN

ESTABLISHES SCHOLARSHIP

Dr. Mary Emily Miller, instructor of history, has set up an annual merit scholarship in history at Methodist College in honor of her parents, Dr. and Mrs. George R. Miller, Jr. The award is to be given at an Annual Honors Day program or a similar public occasion to the outstanding student in history, one who shows the most promise and who has completed at least 18 semester hours of history by or during the second semester of his or her Junior year.

The stipend of the scholarship is \$50. It would be possible for the same student to be awarded this scholarship on two separate occasions for a total of \$100. If there is no outstanding student in any given year, the award will not be given that year. For a student to be eligible the second or Senior year, additional work in history must be taken.

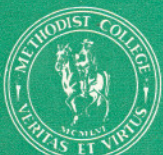
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