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MEET THE NEW TRUSTEES



Merchant C. Cottingham

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MEMO

Barney L. Davidson

From The President's Desk



A good many matters of importance and significance have taken place in the life of the college since I have had opportunity to communicate with our friends through this column.

Henry B. Dixon

In the academic area, the college was granted full accreditation by the North Carolina College Conference at its meeting in November, 1964. At the Southern Association of Schools and Colleges' meeting in Louisville in December, 1964, the college was granted the status of "Candidate for Membership." Regulations of this agency require that we graduate three classes before being accepted into full membership. The "Candidate for Membership" designation is a new status recently approved for new institutions. Methodist College's recognition under this program came as a result

of a visit to the college by a committee from the Association, and their subsequent report to the Association. The members of the faculty and administration are now engaged in a Self-Study which will culminate in a report and detailed inspection and an application for full membership into the Southern Association. In addition, the University Senate of the Methodist Church continued their approval of the college for the undergraduate training of ministers and for recognition of credits by all the Annual Conferences in Methodism.

Our physical plant continues to develop. We opened our new Library last November. This is a very fine facility, providing seating in its study area for 300 students at one time. It strengthens the academic opportunities currently being offered by the college. Progress is continuing on building of two additional dormitories which we must have ready to receive students next September if we are to accommodate those who are seeking our services.

Like all institutions of bigher learning, we are grappling with problems of growth that is a little more rapid than anticipated. Our total enrollment for the current academic year has reached 700. Six hundred and nineteen of these were enrolled during the first semester and 81 names were added to the list at the mid-term.

We have had increased evidence of interest and support recently from foundations and other friends which gives us encouragement. We are gratified that the college is finding increased acceptance and is moving into an area of expanded usefulness.

> Faithfully yours, L. S. Weaver, President

Methodist College's three newest trustees are now serving their first year as members of the Board. They are: The Reverend Barney L. Davidson, Fayetteville; Henry B. Dixon, Mebane; and Merchant C. Cottingham, Durham.

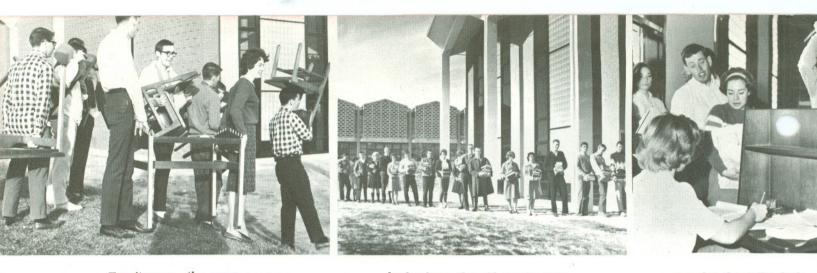
Merchant C. Cottingham is a native of Union, S. C., and a graduate of Clemson University with a B. S. in Textile Engineering. He was associated with several textile firms before joining Erwin Mills in 1950 as Assistant General Manager. Presently he is serving as Executive Vice-President of Erwin Mills, a division of Burlington Industries, Inc. He has served as chairman and is presently a member of the Official Board of Trinity Methodist Church, Durham. He is a member of the Durham Board of Wachovia Bank and Trust Company, and a former President of the Board of Trustees of Watts Hospital, Durham. He is married to the former Caroline Blackmon. They have three children, Caroline, a student at Converse College; Colin, a student at Christchurch School, Virginia; and Jane, a student at Jordan Jr.-Sr. High School, Durham.

Henry B. Dixon is a native of Caswell County, N. C. After completing the tenth (See TRUSTEES Page 3)

Harmon Named To All-Conference Team



Carson Harmon, 6'2" sophomore, from Durham, has been selected for the second year in succession as a member of the All-Conference team of the Dixie Intercollegiate Athletic Conference. He averaged 17 plus points per game. He has lettered in both basketball and cross country,



Furniture on the move books from the old to the new by the tally desk .

LIBRARY DREAM BECOMES REALITY Students Move Books And Equipment

Cooperation, competition and school spirit can be moving forces in any undertaking, but at Methodist College they have literally moved a library.

The move from the temporary quarters in the classroom building to the new and permanent library was accomplished with the minimum loss of library use due to the enthusiastic efforts of the students.

Class Competition

As a means of expediting the move, Librarian, Robert L. Mabson, and Dean of Students, O. E. Dowd, suggested to the Student Government Association that the students might like to assist in the project.

David Altman, Olean, N. Y., president of the S. G. A., placed the matter before the four class presidents for their consideration.

The four presidents, Sparky Rapelye, Chattanooga, Tenn., Senior; Larry Barnes, Fayetteville, Junior; Bill Tarr, Springfield, Va., Sophomore; and John Gardner, Fayetteville, Freshman, placed the challenge before their classes. They enthusiastically decided on a plan of class competition, whereby the class, in proportion to its size, making the most trips during the day of the move would be named the winner. Prizes of \$40 and \$20 were offered by the college to the classes finishing in first and second places.

Begin Early

On the morning of the move, students were lined up before 8 o'clock outside the temporary library, waiting to begin carrying books and equipment.



LIBRARY EXTERIOR AS SEEN FROM ENTRANCE TO STUDENT UNION

The students worked during the day when they were not in class. As the day moved along the spirit of competition became keener and enthusiasm ran higher. The score keeper's table inside the door of the new library became a point of real interest. Many of the students literally ran from building to building in an effort to pile up the score for their class.

Junior Class Wins

It was a long day for many and there were sore feet and tired muscles, but one student was heard to remark, "This is one of the greatest displays of school spirit I have seen. It's wonderful to see the students working together like this for something so important. Regardless of who wins, it's worth our efforts."

During the day more than 3,000 individual trips were made. The Junior Class won the contest by making 740 trips. The senior class placed a close second; the sophomore class, third; the freshman class, fourth.

Well-Planned

Mr. Mabson and his library staff, Mrs. Joyce Ammons, Asst. Librarian; Mrs. Janet Cavano, Reference Librarian; Mrs. Cecelia Marguglio, Cataloguing Librarian; Mrs. Peggy McCullen, Circulation Librarian; Mrs. JoAnn Fogler, Cataloguer, had planned well for the move. As the books and equipment were moved into the new building a staff member was in each of the various areas to see that each book and each item of equipment was placed in its proper place.

The move of over 20,000 volumes and most of the equipment was accomplished in one day and the library was open for student use the next day.



.... up to the mezzanine into the stacks with assistance from the President.



LIBRARY INTERIOR SHOWING MEZZANINE FOR STACKS AT RIGHT

Excellent Facilities

Students and faculty are now enjoying this new and modern library which provides space for a minimum of 50,000 volumes, reading and study areas for a minimum of 300 persons, conference rooms, processing rooms, music listening area and other facilities which add considerably to the high quality academic program of Methodist College.

Library Open House Sunday, April 25, 2:30 - 5 P.M. Come And See Our Newest Addition

Ehrhart Joins Economics And Business Faculty

Richard A. Ehrhart of Greensboro assumed the position of instructor in the Department of Economics and Business



Economics and Business Administration at the beginning of the second semester of the current

academic year. He is also serving as part-time accountant in

the college's business office, but in September, 1965, he will devote full time to teaching.

Mr. Ehrhart is a native of Norfolk, Virginia, and a graduate of Old Dominion College with the Bachelor of Business (See EHRHART Page 4)

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grade, Mr. Dixon entered N. C. State College and graduated with a B. S. degree in textile chemistry with an outstanding record. In March, 1961, he was presented the Outstanding Student Award of the college's Alumni Association and was made an honorary member of the Phi Kappa Phi fraternity. He is a member of the Mebane Methodist Church and has served as a member of the Official Board, Chairman of Building Committee, Chairman of Finance Committee, a member and leader of the church choir, and a teacher in the Sunday School. Since 1958 he has served as a vice-president of Burlington Hosiery Company of Burlington Industries. He has been a member of the Alamance County School Board since 1935 and Chairman since 1959. He is married to the former Evelyn Tyson of Mebane. They have two sons, Dr. Henry B. Jr., of the Duke Medical Center, and Dana, a recognized pianist who is now in Paris in his second year of a Fulbright Scholarship.

The Reverend Mr. Davidson is District Superintendent of the Fayetteville District of the North Carolina Conference of the Methodist Church. He is a native of Texas and a graduate of Southern Methodist University. He holds the B.D. degree from the Duke University Divinity School. He has served the following pastorates: Northmount Charge, Fayetteville; First Methodist Church, Cary; First Methodist Church, Morehead City. He was appointed to his present position in November, 1963. He is a member of the North Carolina Conference Long Range Planning Committee, a trustee of the Methodist Home for Children, and the Methodist Board of Publications. Mr. Davidson served five years as a paratrooper in World War II and now holds a commission as lieutenant colonel in the Army Reserves. He is married to the former Donna Howell of Hamlet. They have two children, Lani, 15, and Barney, 7

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Crutchfield To Serve As Advisor For Unique Botanical Project

Philip J. Crutchfield, Assistant Professor of Biology at Methodist College, has been asked to serve as advisor for the establishment of a botanical garden at Fort Bragg.

The garden is to be established as a laboratory for survival training in connection with the John F. Kennedy Special Warfare Training Center.

Mr. Crutchfield will assist with the collection and preservation of plants from all over the world. These plants are those which will provide food, shelter, medicine, and other needs for human survival under adverse conditions.

One of the valuable aspects of this relationship is that through Mr. Crutchfield's work in the project these facilities will be available for botanical studies by Methodist College students.

Ann Rothgeb Appears In Concert-Lecture Series

Through the concert-lecture series, members of the college community and the Fayetteville area have the opportunity to hear some of the nation's finest talent.

On March 2, Ann Rothgeb, soprano, gave one of the most delightful recitals which the college community has experienced. On March 3 at the student assembly, she gave an informal pro-



Philip J. Crutchfield, assistant professor of biology, displays four plants which may be used for human survival. They are, from left, one of the Sedges from the Nile Delta and similar to the Papyrus of Egypt; Pepper Grass, a native weed; cycad, an ancient seed plant; and a scouring rush, which has abrasive qualities and may be used for cleaning utensils.

gram and received one of the most appreciative responses from the students of any person who has appeared before them.

Miss Rothgeb is a native of Raleigh, N. C., and a graduate of Woman's College, UNC, and the New England Conservatory of Music. She has sung in concert and opera in the United States, Austria, Germany, Switzerland, Belgium, Holland, France and Italy. She has also performed with the Boston Lyric Theatre and the Berkshire Opera Theatre with Boris Goldovsky.

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Administration degree with a major in accounting.

In 1961, he was awarded the M.B.A. degree in the major field of Finance and Management by the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill.

He has held positions with several business firms in North Carolina.

From 1952 to 1956 he served in the Air Force with duties in the general accounting office.

He and his wife Norma have four children, age 11, 10, 6, and 4,

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