

Dr. Mott P. Blair Named New Board Chairman

Henry B. Nixon Named Vice-Chairman



Dr. Mott P. Blair Henry B. Dixon

Dr. Mott P. Blair of Siler City was named chairman of the Methodist College Board of Trustees at the annual spring meeting of the Board on Tuesday, May 2. He succeeds The Honorable Terry Sanford who asked to be relieved as chairman after serving in this capacity for more than 10 years.

Henry B. Dixon of Mebane was elected vice-chairman of the Board succeeding Robert W. Johnson of Goldsboro, John W. Hensdale and Wilson F. Yarbrough of Fayetteville were re-elected secretary and treasurer respectively.

Blair, a Methodist layman who has practiced dentistry in Siler City since 1947, is also quite involved in business and civic affairs.

He is president and director of a number of building, development, housing, and construction companies of Siler City and Raleigh, and is a member of the board of directors of the First Union National Bank of Siler City.

He is past president and director of Rotary, a director of the Siler City Chamber of Commerce, chairman of the Industrial Development Committee, and president and director of the Siler City Development Corporation.

Blair is a member of the N. C. Trade Fair committee and led the Trade Fair to Europe. From 1961 to 1966 he served as vice-chairman of the N. C. Board of Conservation and Development and from 1962 to 1966 was chairman of the State Parks Committee.

He has served for 6 years as chairman of the official board of the Siler City Methodist Church and is Lay Speaker and former Sunday School teacher.

In 1958 he was selected as one of three outstanding young men of North Carolina by the Junior Chamber of Commerce.

In accepting the new position as Board chairman Blair said, "I am aware of the progress made by Methodist College during the first 10 years under Terry Sanford's leadership as chairman of the Board. I feel that the need for Christian higher education is greater now and will be even greater in the next ten years. Methodist College has a definite place of service in North Carolina and our Board of Trustees intends to see that it fulfills this responsibility. We usually do what we want to do. I want to serve Methodist College, and to this end I pledge myself."

The Board unanimously adopted a resolution of appreciation for Sanford's more than ten years of service as chairman of the Board. During this time the college's campus has grown to 13 buildings with two now under construction; the faculty has increased to 57 members, and more than 950 students have been enrolled during the current academic year.

Dixon, a native of Caswell County, is a graduate of N. C. State University. He has served as a trustee of the college since 1964 and has been chairman of the Buildings and Grounds Committee. He has served as a member of the Official Board, chairman of the Building and Finance Committees, leader of the church choir and a Sunday School teacher in the Mebane Methodist Church. From 1958 until his retirement in January, 1967 he was vice president of the Burlington Hosiery Company of Burlington Industries.

Two of Methodist College's 1966-67 Queens



From left, Cheryl Meacham of Ellerbe, 1966 Homecoming Queen, crowns Pat Ball of Raleigh as the 1967 Homecoming Queen. Dr. Samuel J. Womack, dean of the college, places the crown on Marsha Henry of Charlotte as the 1967 May Queen. Pam Zollars, the 1966 May Queen observes the ceremony.

Dr. Pierce Harris And Dr. Felix Robb Named Commencement Speakers



Dr. Felix Robb • Dr. Pierce Harris

Dr. Pierce Harris, Pastor Emeritus of First Methodist Church, Atlanta, Ga., and Dr. Felix Robb, Director of the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools, Atlanta, Ga., will be the principal speakers for the fourth annual commencement exercises at Methodist College.

Dr. Harris will preach the baccalaureate sermon on Sunday, May 28, at 11:00 a.m. and Dr. Robb will deliver the commencement address at the graduation exercises on May 29 at 10:30 a.m.

Other activities of the weekend include the annual alumni banquet on Saturday evening, May 27 at 7 o'clock, and the reception for seniors and their families given by President and Mrs. Weaver on Sunday afternoon, May 28 at four o'clock.

All activities will be held on campus in the Student Union.

Dr. Pierce Harris is a native of Georgia and received his higher education at Reinhart College and Emory University.

For 25 years he served as pastor of First Methodist Church, Atlanta, during which time over 6,000 members were received in the church's membership.

In his younger days, Dr. Harris played baseball in a number of leagues including the American League. He has also won more than 80 golf trophies.

He gives much of his time to civic and educational interests, and since 1943 he has written a column for the *Atlanta Journal* which reader interest considers to be one of the most popular columns in the history of the paper. He travels widely throughout the country and is in much demand as a speaker for civic, and church meetings and evangelistic services.

Dr. Felix Robb, the commencement speaker, assumed the position of Director of the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools in July, 1966. Before moving to this post, he was President from 1961 to 1966 of George Peabody

College for Teachers where he had previously served as Assistant to the President, and, Dean of Instruction. From 1958 to 1960 he was Chief of Staff of the Study of the College and University Presidency with offices in New York and Princeton.

He holds the A.B. degree from Birmingham-Southern College, the M.A. from Vanderbilt University and his doctorate from Harvard University.

Dr. Robb has long been actively involved in educational, civic, and religious activities and organizations at national, regional, state and local levels. He is a member of Phi Beta Kappa and the author of more than forty professional publications and monographs. He is Chairman of the Federal Government's Southeast Regional Manpower Advisory Committee and is a member of the National Committee on Specialized Personnel.

College Chorus Makes Extended Tour

The Methodist College Chorus, under the direction of Alan M. Porter, instructor in voice, made its first tour outside of North Carolina during the semester break.

Performances were scheduled for Gloucester, Va.; Washington, D. C.; Waynesboro, Pa.; Leesburg, Va.; and Goldsboro, N. C.

The concert which was presented on the tour included great sacred choruses of all the major stylistic periods, as well as spirituals and folk songs.

The chorus is highly regarded throughout the state and region for the excellent quality of performance.



The Methodist College Wind Ensemble appeared in its first campus concert on April 27, 1967. Under the direction of Rodney Hill of the Music Department, the 35-member ensemble was organized last fall and has made outstanding progress during its first year of organized effort.

Dr. Karl H. Berns Named Assistant To President

Dr. Karl H. Berns has been appointed as Assistant to the President for Development according to an announcement by Dr. L. Stacy Weaver, president of the college, during the meeting of the Board of Trustees on May 2.



Berns, who for 20 years was Assistant Executive Secretary of the National Education Association,

joined the Methodist College faculty in September, 1965, as professor of Education and Psychology and supervisor of the student teacher intern program.

He will complete his teaching assignments at the college this summer and after a trip around the world by Mrs. Berns and himself will assume the responsibilities of new position on January 1, 1968, or at such time prior thereto as he returns from his trip.

One Hundred Sixty On Dean's List

One hundred and sixty Methodist College students qualified for the Dean's List at the end of the first semester of the current academic year.

To qualify for this recognition, a student must earn a "B" average or better on 15 or more semester hours.



Student Government Association officers for 1967-68 are, from left, Eddie Barber, Raleigh, President; David Brown, Raleigh, Vice President; Jo Anna Cherry, Charlotte, Secretary; Johnny Lipscomb of Sanford, Treasurer.

Annual Royal Arts Festival Is Gala Event

The second annual Royal Arts Festival took place on campus from May 1 through May 6.

The gala celebration featured the crowning of the May Queen during the May Dance on Saturday evening, May 6.

Other activities of the week included an Art Show by students of Professor Donald L. Green; a student talent night, sponsored by the campus newspaper SMALL TALK, introducing some outstanding talent among the student body; a drama, George Bernard Shaw's trial of Christianity, "Androcles and the Lion", directed by Professor Raymond L. Conley; worship in Art, by the Art Department; and a feature movie sponsored by the B.S.U.

The campus M.S.M. served breakfast in Weaver Hall following the May Dance.

Students And Trustees Adopt Official College Song

Methodist College students have adopted an "Alma Mater" which has been approved by the Board of Trustees and now becomes the official college song.

A student-faculty committee headed by Dr. John O. Tobler worked for more than a year on this project and solicited suggestions from alumni, students, faculty and friends of the college.

Four entries were submitted to the student body during an assembly.

The overwhelming choice was the one—words and music—submitted by Miss Lois Lambie, a friend of the college and teacher of Latin and director of the glee club and chorus at Seventy-First High School in Cumberland County.

Miss Lambie is a graduate of The College of Wooster, Ohio and holds the Master's Degree in music from the Eastman School of Music, Rochester, N. Y. She is quite well-known in state and national

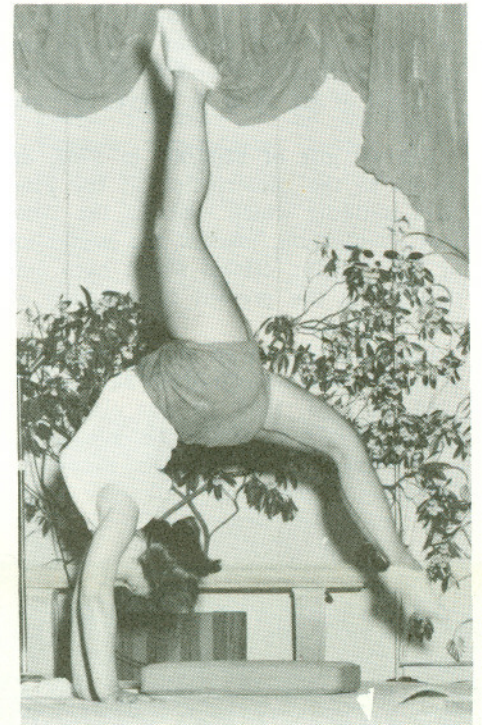
educational circles, having served as state president of the Classroom Teachers Association of the N. C. Education Association and as national chairman of the National Education Association Committee on Elections.

The original manuscript of the song, appropriately framed, was presented to Dr. L. Stacy Wearver, president of the college, by Sammy Williams, student chairman of the committee and president of the college chorus. The words of the Alma Mater are:

Hail to thee, our Alma Mater!
 Raise we now our hearts to thee,
 Singing forth our highest praises,
 Pledging our deep loyalty.
 Green shall grow thy fields of learning;
 Gold shall glow thy torch of truth.
 METHODIST COLLEGE, God go
 with thee
 Now and thro' eternity.



Miss Lois Lambie, right, observes the presentation of the original manuscript of her song composition which Methodist College selected as its "Alma Mater." Dr. L. Stacy Weaver, second from right, receives the manuscript from Sammy Williams, Fayetteville, president of the college chorus. Dr. John O. Tobler, left, area chairman of the Social Sciences was chairman of the Alma Mater selection committee.



From the Talent Night



From the Drama



Four of the college's outstanding athletes were recognized during the annual spring Athletic Banquet. Pausing for a picture following the banquet are, from left, Coach Bruce Shelley; Carson Harmon, Durham, Outstanding Senior Athlete; Billy Honeycutt, Linden, Most Valuable Basketball Player; Coach and Director of Athletics, Gene Clayton; Paul Dhyse, Potomac, Md., Most Valuable Bowler; Carl Ford, Arlington, Va., Most Valuable Soccer Player; and Coach Mason Sykes.

College Facilities Named For Davis And Reeves

The board of Trustees has voted unanimously to name the college's Library in memory of Mrs. Walter R. Davis and the Auditorium, now under construction, in honor of Mr. John M. Reeves of Pinehurst.

Reeves' gift of \$200,000 in 1965, directed to the construction of the Fine Arts Building which contains the 1200-seat Auditorium, marked the beginning of fund raising efforts which have culminated in the present construction of this building.

Reeves has been an ardent supporter of the college since it was chartered in 1956. In June, 1962, he was elected to the Board of Trustees of the college.

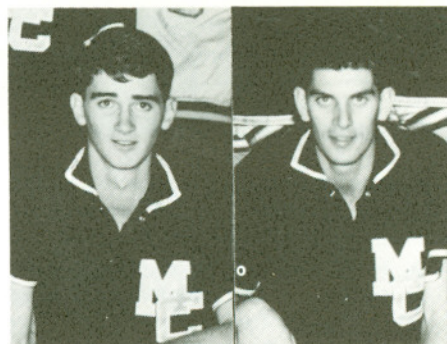
A native North Carolinian, Reeves is Chairman of the Board of Reeves Brothers, Inc., textile firm of New York. He

is past chairman of the North Carolina Ports Authority and an active Methodist layman.

Mrs. Davis served as a trustee of the college from July 1, 1963 until her death on September 23, 1966.

Her gift of \$100,000 in 1962 made possible the early construction of the Library which was completed in November, 1964.

A native of Cumberland County, Mrs. Davis taught in the Massey Hill High School of the county. In 1939 she and Mr. Davis of Elizabeth City were married and later moved to California. She was the first principal of the Sanborn School of Salinas, California. In 1952 they moved to Midland, Texas, where she was active in church and community affairs.



James B. Darden III, left, Methodist College sophomore, was named to the 1966-67 Dixie Intercollegiate Athletic Conference All-Conference basketball team. Darden is a dean's list student and one of the college's Merit Scholars. William R. Honeycutt, right, a junior, also received honorable mention. Both Darden and Honeycutt were named to last year's All-Tournament team.

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