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(In left photo) Seniors await the beginning of the eighth annual commencement program at Methodist College. Prior to the awarding of degrees, Dean Womack presents the L. Stacy Weaver Award to John Brown (left in photo at right). (All photos by Chris Drew)

## ONE HUNDRED AND FIFTY DEGREES GRANTED

One hundred and fifty degrees were awarded May 24 at Methodist College. Fifty-five were received by Fayetteville area residents, 67 by other North Carolinians, and 33 by out-of-state students.

Graduates at the eighth annual commencement in Reeves Auditorium heard an address by Dr. Myron F. Wicke, general secretary, Division of Higher Education, Board of Education of The United Methodist Church.

Summarizing several parables he had explained, Wicke told the seniors, "Look at the earth and examine it; you will be astonished at what creation is. Take thought of your personal gifts. Do not underestimate them. They are yours... use them for yourself and for other men and women. ...Follow the messages that you have heard in life."

Wicke said, "The test is ahead. May God help you to understand its nature."

Bishop Earl G. Hunt, Jr., said in the Sunday baccalaureate service, "Unless individuals can become responsible, institutions will remain irrelevant....Locked up inside of you and me are the resources for healing the nation in this hour." Hunt said the concerns of young people today are essentially religious in nature and that youth now has the potential for bringing about the greatest spiritual reformation of all times.

Hunt is resident bishop of the Charlotte area, presiding over the Western North Carolina Conference of the United Methodist Church.

John Wayne Brown received the L. Stacy Weaver Award. Brown is a political science major from Piscataway, N.J.. He participated actively in all areas of campus life and served as Stu-

dent Government Association president during his senior year. Brown was graduated Cum Laude.

Eighteen graduates were awarded degrees with honors. Harriet Rollins Flowers of Goldsboro was graduated Summa Cum Laude. Magna Cum Laude graduates were Mary Helen Pearsall of Rocky Point, A.B.; Kenneth Jay Reeves of Fayetteville, B.S.; and Linda Cherrix Stevens of Snow Hill, Md., A.B.

Cum Laude graduates, in addition to Brown, were Alvin Corydon Burgess of Alexandria, Va., A.B.; Lawrence Robert Davidson of Fayetteville, A.B.; Jean Hulsey Guthery of Fort Bragg, B.S.; William Robert Hall of Fayetteville, B.S.; Charles Gary Hartman of Malden, Mass., A.B.; Lynn Theresa Moore Herndon of Fayetteville, A.B.; Elva Lois Jess of Kensington, Md., A.B.; Mary Carr Melvin of Fayetteville, A.B.; Caroline Connelly Milner of Fayetteville, A.B.; Timothy Jay Morton of Fayetteville, A.B.; Sarah Mitchell Vann Taylor of Fayetteville, B.S.: Leonard White Thagard of Fayetteville, A.B.; and Connie DeLoach York of Atlanta, A.B.

Most popular majors for 1971 were Elementary Teacher Education, with 38 graduates; Economics and Business Administration, 30; Sociology, 28; History, 22; and Mathematics, 7.

Since its first commencement in 1964, Methodist College has graduated 931 students, averaging 104 per class. In 1969, 203 students received degrees in the largest class graduated thus far. President Weaver announced in his annual report to the Board of Trustees in May that more than ten percent of the College's graduates are enrolled in graduate schools.

## **GIFTS MADE TO METHODIST**

A fund drive progress report on the Methodist College Foundation's annual campaign in the greater Fayetteville area indicated that \$79,745 has been received thus far toward a goal of \$120,000 for 1971. William O. Cordes, plant manager of the Black and Decker Company in Fayetteville has led a dynamic campaign with Dr. Karl H. Berns, director of Foundation and Development at the College.

Alumni gifts to the College totalled \$2,951.20 on May 28. Gifts include designations for a greenhouse fund, the operating budget and faculty salaries, matching gifts, gifts from honorary alumni, and a printing credit memorandum.

Mrs. Ruth Tyson of Mebane, N.C., has given a practical gift in honor of her late husband, Henry Page Tyson. Thirteen vinyl sofas and matching chairs, two carpets measuring I5 feet by 48 feet and a pool table were provided for the southeast and northwest wings in the lounge of the Student Union. Under the direction of Mrs. Inge Dent, Dean of Women, students appointed to a committee studied preferences expressed by the student body and selected furniture for the lounge.

Methodist College has been awarded a \$5,000 three-year grant by the W. K. Kellogg Foundation for use in environmental studies. The grant is one of approximately 300 similar ones being made to small, private liberal arts colleges throughout the country as part of the Kellogg Foundation's program to solve environmental problems. Funds will be used for purchasing research materials.



(In photo above) Dr. Myron F. Wicke addresses seniors in Reeves Auditorium.



Dr. Mott P. Blair, Chairman of the Board of Trustees, discusses commencement plans with Judy Carroll, chief marshal of the junior class from Goldsboro.

## THREE RETIREMENTS ANNOUNCED

The retirement of three members of the faculty was announced May 22 at the alumni dinner by President Weaver. Retirees are Dr. James R. Heffern, Dr. William C. Cooper, and Edwin A. West.

Dr. Heffern, first professor of biology at Methodist College, has served in his area ten years. Prior to coming to Methodist, he served in the Dental Corps of the U. S. Army. He and Mrs. Heffern plan to travel in the Midwest this summer and then to reside in Fayetteville.

Dr. Cooper, who has been chairman of Area IV, Science and Mathematics, has taught at the College five years. He organized the Science IOO course designed for students not majoring in a science; the two-semester course involves the study of the four principal natural sciences. Dr. and Mrs. Cooper now live in Fairhope, Alabama.

West has taught three and a half years and has served as director of student teaching at Methodist. He retires after

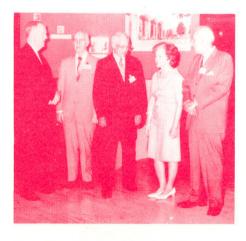
## DR. BLAIR RE-ELECTED

Dr. Mott P. Blair has been re-elected chairman of the Board of Trustees at Methodist College. Blair is from Siler City and has been chairman of the Board since May of 1967, succeeding former Governor of North Carolina, Terry Sanford.

Also re-elected were Henry B. Dixon of Mebane, vice chairman; John W. Hensdale of Fayetteville, secretary; and Wilson Yarborough of Fayetteville, treasurer.

In their May 4 meeting, Trustees heard Dr. Weaver's annual President's report.

43 years of service in public education. He and Mrs. West are in England for the summer and then will live in Washington, N.C..



Shown here after the alumni banquet are (left to right) President Weaver, Mr. West, Dr. Cooper, Mrs. Weaver, and Dr. Heffern.

#### METHODIST COLLEGE V.I.P.'S

Norman J. Suttles has been elected president of the Methodist College Foundation, succeeding William O. Cordes. Also elected were C. C. Ingram, first vice president; J. Scott McFadyen, Jr., second vice president; Mrs. L. Stacy Weaver, Jr., secretary; and C. Fred Clark, Jr., treasurer. Suttles is vice president of Radio Smiles, WFBS-Spring Lake, and president of Smiles Associates in Fayetteville.

Methodist College Alumni Association officers for 1971-72 are Tommy Yow of Fayetteville, president; David Hatchell of Washington, D. C., vice president; Gwen Sykes of Fayetteville, secretary; Larry Barnes of Spivey's Corner, Bill Billings of Richmond, Va., and Diane Qualliotine of Winston-Salem, members of the Board of Directors. President Yow is a minister in Fayetteville.

Larry Barnes of Spivey's Corner received the second annual Outstanding Alumnus Service Award presented at the Alumni Day dinner on May 22. Barnes has served the Alumni Association as Finance Committee chairman, president of the MCAA '(2 years); member of the Board of Directors; and chairman of the Liaison Committee.

Outstanding Senior Awards presented by the Student Government Association Senate this year went to John Brown of Piscataway, N. J., and Elva Jess of Kensington, Md.. Both students served actively and contributed constructively to all areas of campus life.

Bobby Hodges of Florence, S. C., was named Best All-around Senior Athlete and received the Most Valuable Player award in basketball in the Monarch Banquet for athletes held prior to graduation. Fayetteville's Jay DeJaynes was named DIAC bowling coach of the year. Methodist Coach Mason Sykes was named DIAC soccer coach of the year.

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