

## Charles Dunn leaves large gift

Charles Kelly Dunn, Jr., of Lake Gaston who died several years ago, left a bequest of \$215,000 to Chowan College for capital purposes.

"I've helped a lot of people and a lot of people have helped me," Dunn was once quoted as saying. "We can't do anything without each other. I have a good life and a lot to be thankful for."

In 1992, Chowan received \$60,000 as part of a trust distribution from the Dunn estate. One of Chowan's male residence facilities, Dunn Hall, was named in his honor several years ago.

Dunn was born in Pamlico County and grew up in Ayden. He entered the world of business at the age of 15 when he opened a hot dog stand.

After military service during World War II, Dunn settled in Norfolk, VA, and invested in Terminal Cars, Inc., a firm which became the area's largest taxi companies.

Dunn's wife, Ineze, also a native of Ayden, was a partner in her husband's business ventures.

The Duns, along with another partner, Robert F. Anglin, formed the first ambulance service in Norfolk in 1949, which Mrs. Dunn managed for more than 20 years and which became one of the largest convalescent care companies in the southeastern United States.

The Duns also formed A-D Surgical Supply, Inc., of Norfolk and rented all types of hospital equipment.

Dunn was also instrumental in forming numerous other businesses in the Norfolk area that were involved in real estate and armored transportation services.

After 31 years, Dunn retired as chairman of the board of his largest and most successful venture, Guardian Corporation, in 1976 to live at his home on Lake Gaston. He sold his interest in Guardian Corporation in 1981.

He and Mrs. Dunn were married for almost 55 years. They had no children.

## First female to chair governing board

# Elaine Myers assumes historic position with Board of Trustees

Mrs. Elaine Early Myers of Ahoskie has been elected chairperson of Chowan College's Board of Trustees. She is the first woman in the history of the institution to serve in this capacity.

Myers was elected to the post at the semi-annual meeting of the trustees. She succeeds Robert B. Spivey of Windsor.

"Elaine Myers has a genuine and sincere interest in Chowan College," said Dr. Jerry F. Jackson, president, "and we are delighted that she has accepted this leadership role.

"She is totally committed to the purpose and goals of this institution and I am confident she will render outstanding service as chairperson of the trustees," he said.

Myers is currently serving her second term on Chowan's governing board. She was first elected for a three year term in January, 1989, and she also completed one term on the Board of Visitors.

A Hertford County native, Myers attended Ahoskie High School and received an associate's degree from Chowan with the Class of 1960. She was awarded her undergraduate degree by Carson-Newman College and she has completed graduate work at Virginia Commonwealth University in Richmond, Va.

Mrs. Myers' husband, Lawrence, is also a graduate of Chowan and their daughter, Theresa Paige, graduated with the Class of 1988.

"I am grateful for the influence Chowan has had on my life and also on the lives of my family," Mrs. Myers said, "and I am also thankful for the good Chowan has brought to our area and to thousands of young people."

The Myers were the founders and former owners of Pinewood Manor Rest Home and Roanoke-Chowan Travel, Inc. The couple is currently owns PEL, Inc., a firm involving real estate and rentals; a mobile home park; farming; and other interests.

Mrs. Myers is active in Earlys Baptist Church. She is a Sunday School teacher and has served as the church pianist and in many leadership capacities of the church.

She is a past director of Ridgcroft School and held a leadership role in the construction of the school's new library complex. She is an active member of the Ahoskie Woman's Club, Hertford County Heart Association and the Hertford County Committee of 100.

In 1989 she became the first woman to be appointed to the Ahoskie city's Board of Directors of Centura Bank. She is also a member of the Board of Alliance, Roanoke-Chowan Hospital, and chairperson of Roanoke-Chowan Hospice.

A member of the Ahoskie Woman's Club, she was named "Woman of the Year" in 1991. She was also the recipient of the Juanita Bryant Citizenship Award for District 16, North Carolina Federation of Woman's Clubs, in 1993.

Myers was the recipient of Chowan's 1988 Distinguished Alumni Award in "recognition of service and commitment to her alma mater."

In 1988, Lawrence and Elaine Myers established the endowed J. B. Early Scholarship at Chowan in memory of her father. Scholarship funds are awarded annually with preference given to students from the Roanoke-Chowan area.



ELAINE E. MYERS  
First woman to chair  
Board of Trustees

## Mrs. Marks first out-of-state female elected as trustee

Mrs. Texie Camp Marks of Boykins, who has been associated with Chowan College for more than 40 years, is the first female outside of North Carolina to become a member of the school's Board of Trustees.

The Baptist State Convention last year approved a resolution to allow out-of-state Baptists to serve on the governing board of the North Carolina colleges.

"Mrs. Marks is truly an outstanding individual," said Dr. Jerry F. Jackson, president of Chowan, "and I am delighted that she has the distinction of becoming the first out-of-state female to serve as a Chowan trustee.



Mrs. Robert  
"Texie"  
Marks

"She takes great pleasure in helping young people develop through Christian higher education," he continued, "and she understands the need for Chowan in northeastern North Carolina and southeastern Virginia."

The new Texie Camp Marks Computer Laboratory, housed in Chowan's McSweeney Hall, was named in her honor last fall. The

laboratory was made possible primarily with gifts from several Camp foundations. The dedication plaque describes Mrs. Marks as "a loyal friend and generous benefactor" and a "positive force for citizens of northeast North Carolina and southeast Virginia."

"Mrs. Texie", as she is affectionately known, and her husband, Robert F. Marks, became interested in Chowan in the late 1950s when the Reverend J. Felix Arnold, their son-in-law who was then serving as pastor of Boykins Baptist Church, was elected a Chowan trustee.

Robert Marks Hall, a classroom facility dedicated in 1964, honors the memory of her late husband. The facility was made possible primarily through gifts from the Marks family. The president's home at Chowan is named in memory of Mrs. Marks' mother, Mrs. Ella Cobb Camp.

The Texie Camp Marks Scholarship Fund, established in 1985, is currently the largest endowed scholarship at Chowan.

"It is among the most prestigious scholarships awarded by the college," said Clifton S. Collins, director of financial aid, "and preference is given to students from Southampton and Isle of Wight counties and the Tidewater region of Virginia."

Mrs. Marks has served on Chowan's Board of Visitors, an advisory group, and as honorary chairperson for several major development campaigns including "Accomplishing Our Mission" and "Mission Excellence." She was also honorary chairperson in Southampton County for both the 1993 and 1994 "Day for Chowan" events.

The mother of three children, "Mrs. Texie" has 16 grandchildren and 31 great grandchildren.

In addition to her son-in-law, Mrs. Marks' father also served as a Chowan trustee. P. D. Camp, Sr., then a resident of Como, N. C., served on the board from 1885 to 1909.

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