

Taiwan Missionary Pays Summer Visit To GA Camp On Campus

MURFREESBORO - Participation in a summer camp on the campus of Chowan College gives Missionary Jack Gentry an opportunity to talk about Taiwan, his mission field, show artifacts and possibly change the direction of a young person's life.

Gentry was at Chowan this summer with his family for the North Roanoke Association GA Camp attended by some 168 girls

and their counselors. The Gentrys are on furlough after spending five years in Taiwan, also known as Formosa.

The opportunity to talk and meet informally with the campers reminded Gentry of his own decision to become a missionary. It was made while he was a teenager, some 20 years before he became a missionary.

An early decision was also the case for wife Ruby, a native of

Enfield. She was 13 when she volunteered. "We believe our being here," Gentry said, "can have meaning for the campers."

His emphasis during his furlough, however, will be on continuing his studies for the master in theology degree at Southeastern Baptist Theological Seminary where both he and Ruby received their bachelor of divinity degrees in 1962. They were the first husband-wife team to

graduate together from the B.D. program.

For a man who plans to return to the mission field in May seminary study represents more than a change of pace. It is a practical application of his time.

"The churches in Taiwan need assistance in their programs of religious education," Gentry said, "I will be studying missions under Dr. Copeland with an eye to the practical approach."

Baptist work in Taiwan, which means "beautifully green," is only 10 years old. There are over 100 churches and chapels with national pastors for each. "We're there to help the pastor fulfill his calling," Gentry said. No longer is the missionary a pastor and chief evangelist he explained.

"He is a helper behind the scenes. I like this approach, it fits my nature," he said.

A convert must often pay a high cost to become a Christian, Gentry explained, since the conversion of a young man or woman is often accompanied by earth-shaking effects on the family, particularly the parents.

According to Gentry, the people of Taiwan live in close, family units. The children and especially the sons are to provide for the parents in old age and the after life. They believe that after death in the new world people still need food. It is the duty of the children to offer sacrifices so that the parents can have food; otherwise, the parents are destined to a ghostly

Returning to Taiwan in May 1971 with the Gentrys will be their two children, Jan, 7, who was born in Asheboro, and Jay, 3, whose birthplace is Taitel, Taiwan's capital city.



JERRY HAWKINS coaches baseball and serves as assistant football coach. He is in his 13th season with the Braves. The 1969-70 issue of Chowan's annual, **THE CHOWANOKA**, was dedicated to him.

W. Shrewsbury Named Professor Of Math, Chowan

MURFREESBORO - An instructor at Tidewater Community College of Portsmouth, Wesley L. Shrewsbury, has been named professor of mathematics at Chowan College.

A native of Basin, W. Va., Shrewsbury is a graduate of Concord College in Athens, W. Va., and the University of Georgia where he received his M. Ed. He also served four years as teacher and chairman of the department of mathematics at Osborn High School of Manassas, Va.

He is married and has one child.



THE GENTRY FAMILY at Chowan College — Jack and wife, Ruby, are missionaries to Taiwan, and were present for a summer camp.

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