



The Chowan College science faculty has planted a Ginkgo tree (*Ginkgo biloba*) in memory of J. Robert Herford who served as biology professor from 1970 until his death in 1974. The Ginkgo tree is of great biological interest since it is the only surviving species of a group of plants which once flourished on the earth. Native to China, it makes an excellent shade tree. Examining the tree are members of the science faculty, from left: Dr. Garth Gailé, chairman, Jim Dewar, Mrs. Linda Tripp, J. P. Harris, Mrs. Phyllis Dewar, George Hazelton, and Gilbert Tripp.

## Law Day USA Had Special Observance

Under the theme, "America's Goal — Justice Through Law," Law Day USA 1975 was observed at Chowan College on May 1 and 2 by special lectures and student participation sessions.

The objectives of Law Day USA are to advance equality and justice under law; to encourage citizen support of law observance and law enforcement; and to foster respect for law and understanding of its essential place in the life of every citizen of the United States.

Classes participating were Business Law 281 and Business Law 282 taught by L. M. Wallace, professor in the department of business who resides in Woodland. The program centered on the rights and duties of a citizen.

Students were told constitutional rights protected by law which each citizen enjoys are:

1. The right to equal justice in our courts and equal protection of the laws.
2. The right to have legal counsel and a prompt trial if accused of crime.
3. The right to be free from arbitrary search or arrest.
4. The right to choose public officers in free elections.
5. The right of free speech, press and assembly.
6. The right to own property.
7. The right to equal educational and economic opportunity.
8. The right to attend the church of your choice.

Students were reminded that rights are accompanied by individual responsibilities. These include:

1. The duty to respect, obey and uphold the laws.
2. The duty to be informed on issues of government and community affairs.
3. The duty to vote in elections.
4. The duty to practice and teach the principles of good citizenship in your home.
5. The duty to serve on juries if called.
6. The duty to support agencies of law enforcement.
7. The duty to honor the rights of others.
8. The duty of allegiance to the Constitution of the United States of America and to work for its betterment and perpetuation.

Professor Wallace said that equal justice has been an American goal ever since Alexander Hamilton wrote 192 years ago that an independent judicial system is "the best expedient which can be devised to secure a steady, upright and impartial administration of the law."

What is justice? Many wise men have attempted



Professor L. M. Wallace, department of business

unsuccessfully to define what it is. The nearest they have come is to say that justice is what the members of the community believe to be fair. Equal justice under the law for all has been, and continues to be, the cornerstone of our nation's judicial philosophy. While the goal has not been fully realized as yet in all areas, great strides continue to be made toward achieving it, Wallace said.

"Nearly 200 years after the founding of our country, the U. S. Constitution has proven to be alive and well — even in the wake of the Watergate tragedy," stated Professor Wallace. "Damaging as the affair has been, the stain provides a classical example and a reassuring lesson for all Americans that our system can withstand attack and correct itself, and that our legal process does work."

### Med Transfer

Lula Ann Blizzard of Deep Run, an honor student and May, 1975 Chowan College graduate with an associate of science degree in pre-medical technology, has been accepted for transfer to Duke University. She will work at Duke Medical Center as a medical technician while working toward the B. S. degree.

The South Lenoir High School graduate received the Mary E. Wood Science Award during Chowan's Honors Day in May. At Chowan, she was active in the Women's Recreation Association playing varsity basketball and volleyball. She is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Ray Blizzard of Deep Run.

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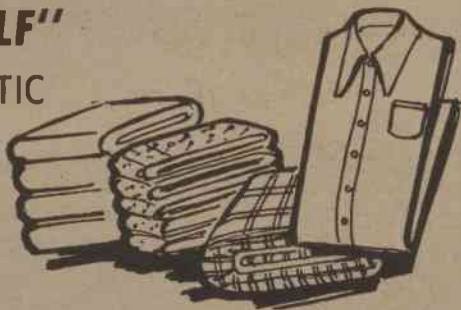


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