

Murfreesboro Resident, 210 Grads Honored

A Murfreesboro resident who graduated 65 years ago and the 210 graduates of the class of 1975 were honored as Chowan College closed its 127th year with commencement exercises Sunday, May 18.

Miss Grace Parker, who taught school for 47 years and continues active as a Sunday school teacher at Murfreesboro Baptist Church, received Chowan's Distinguished Alumni Award during Afternoon graduation exercises on the front lawn.

Dr. E. Bruce Heilman, president of the University of Richmond, spoke on the responsibilities of citizenship. He said some approach the imperfections found in American Democracy "not with a hammer to build up but a torch to burn down." He said the country needs citizens who have faith in America and who will give leadership to overcoming America's shortcomings.

He said success "is up to you — the young men and women who are the leaders of tomorrow." He added, "You are all we have. If we could not believe in you there would be no hope for the future."

Speaker for the 11 a.m. baccalaureate service was the pastor of Ahoskie's First Baptist Church, the Rev. Billy T. Mobley.



Chowan President Bruce E. Whitaker presents the Distinguished Alumni Award to Miss Grace Parker of Murfreesboro.

3 Academic Records Set

Chowan College students set three records for academic work during the spring semester of the 1974-75 year.

Twenty-four students were named to the President's List for straight A work. The previous spring semester record was 16 in 1973.

The number of students named to the Dean's List was also a spring semester high. Seventy students earned recognition for maintaining a grade average between 3.50-3.99 on a 4.0 system. Another 126 students were named to the Honors List for recording a B average with no grade lower than C.

The third record resulted from a total of 220 students, representing approximately one-fourth of Chowan's spring semester enrollment of 896 students, earning a place on one of the three honors lists. This is the highest percentage ever at Chowan.

He told the graduates that while facts may quickly become obsolete, "faith is always relevant." He said it is important to be able to say, "I know what I believe," but more important for the graduates to be able to say, "I know whom I believe."

Mobley said that real progress is made on the "goodwill of men who ardently want to know each other." He challenged the students to bring men of all races, colors and creeds together.

The baccalaureate speaker said they can take courage in the fact God is in control and "more than adequate to meet all of our needs." He said the final chapter in the world's history will not be written by man but God as he establishes his kingdom.

The Distinguished Alumni Award is presented to alumni for their contribution to Chowan and benevolent causes involving religious, educational and civic life.

A native of Hertford Co., Miss Parker graduated from Chowan, then a four-year woman's school,

in 1910. She taught in Severn, Raleigh at the School for the Blind, and Wilmington before accepting a position at Murfreesboro School in 1923. At one time she taught the third and fourth grades and high school science. In 1924 she became senior sponsor and coached the senior plays for the next nine years.

She retired in June, 1957 but continued her many volunteer duties in the Sunday School and several children's organizations at Murfreesboro Baptist Church. She remains active in the Primary department as superintendent and teacher, a position she has held for over 50 years.

In presenting the award, Chowan President Bruce E. Whitaker said Miss Grace, as she is affectionately known, is "wonderfully qualified on all counts to receive this honor."

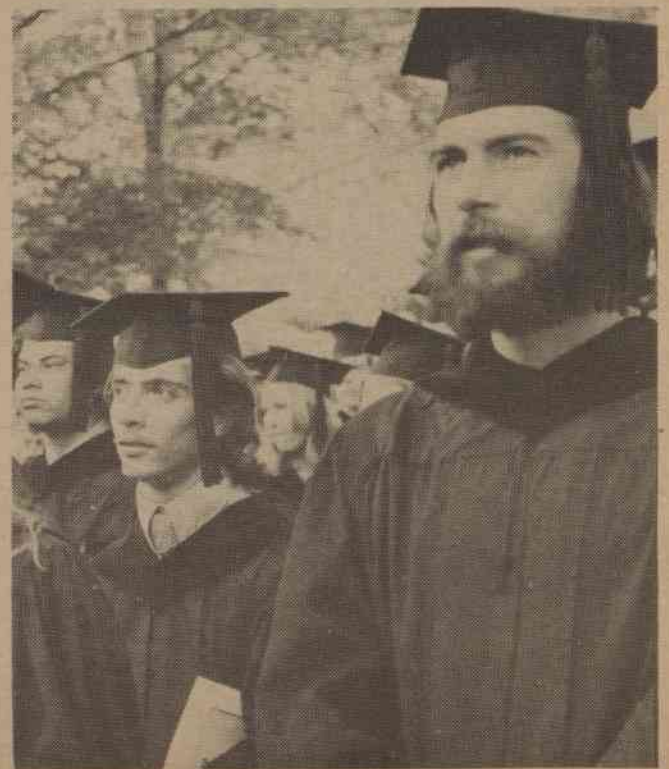
Stated Dr. Whitaker, "As an alumna of Chowan College, Miss Grace Parker has been steadfastly loyal, supporting Chowan in many ways. As a

school teacher, through her dedication and love of her students, she endeared herself to her pupils and the entire community. As a committed Christian, she is continuing to serve her Lord and her church with a faithfulness that is an example and inspiration to others."

He said her former students include "doctors, lawyers, merchants, teachers, housewives

— people in every walk of life — across the state and nation." To these, Chowan's president noted, Miss Parker "imparted the higher things in life which make for better citizenship." They were inspired by Miss Parker to "achieve and reach the highest goal in life," he said.

Dr. Whitaker added, "To her students, she was an admirable counselor, and to all, a friend."



Students Recognized On May Honors Day

Chowan College students were honored for citizenship, service, and academic and athletic achievement during Honors Day Friday, May 2.

Awards were presented in the stadium by Chowan President Bruce E. Whitaker. Hugh Lewis of Murfreesboro received two honors. He shared the Pattie White Sessoms Photography Award with Rick Lee of St. Albans, W. V. and was one of five students named to the Order of the Silver Feather for "exceptional service and loyalty to the college."

Others named for this award were Cynthia Phelps of Colonial Heights, Va.; Benita Bridgers of Conway; Janet Copeland of Edenton; and Larry Oakley Rougemont.

Two international students were honored. Innocent Ikwuakor of Nigeria received the Phi Theta Kappa International Scholarship Award. The Merit Award for achievement in the face of obstacles went to Thomas Zgambo of Malawi.

The President's Cup for overall competition among the residence halls was won by Parker. Parker Hall, second floor, was the men's intramural sports champion.

The Chowan annual, THE CHOWANOKA, was dedicated to Bob Brown, professor of music from Ahoskie.

Other awards: Women's Recreational Association — Miss WRA, Lisa Dabney of Staunton, Va.; Joseph Lee Parker Scholarship for Physical Fitness, Art Medlin of Fuquay-Varina; Most Outstanding Athlete, Ronnie Green of Charlottesville,

Va.; Alpha Pi Epsilon Scholarship Award, Melinda Diane Bolton of Manassas, Va.; Circle K Award for Outstanding Service, David Hudson of Charlotte; and Day Students' Scholarship Award, Charlotte Woodard of Murfreesboro.

Others receiving awards were: Graphic Arts Award for Excellency — Outstanding Sophomore, George Robert Meyer of Roanoke Rapids; Graphic Arts Award for Excellency — Outstanding Freshman, George McCoy of Richmond, Va.; Outstanding Sophomore in Art, Victoria Dale Stewart of Richmond, Va.; Special Art Award, Cathy Sutliff of Glen Allen, Va.; Department of Business Academic Award, Bonnie Gould Tyler of Cambridge, Md.; and the Ellen Wallace Honorary Award in Dramatics, James Luxford of Chesapeake, Va.

Completing the list of awards are: Mary Pierce Music Scholarship, (Tie) Wanda Byrum of Suffolk, Va. and Kathy Williams of Aulander; Sociology Club Award, Frank Lucas of Richmond, Va.; Mary E. Wood Science Award, Lula Ann Blizard of Deep Run; Best All Around Student, (Tie) Claire Crickenberger of Newport News, Va. and Cathy Hemmila of Hampton, Va.; Superior Citizenship Award, Chet Hill of Murfreesboro; Freshman Highest Scholastic Average, David Guthrie of Morehead City; and Sophomore Highest Scholastic Average, Bonnie Gould Tyler of Cambridge, Md.

Chowan College Alumni Association

Distinguished Alumni Award



People make the quality of every epoch by the depth of their devotion and the extent of altruistic services rendered. The Chowan College Alumni Association, in recognition of multitudinous contributions to Chowan College and benevolent causes involving religious and civic life of this era, hereby extols the name and life of a revered member of the Chowan College Alumni Association. With admiration and appreciation this award is presented to:

Miss Grace Parker

Presented with the authorization and upon the approval of the Board of Trustees of Chowan College the eighteenth day of May, nineteen hundred and seventy-five.

Bruce E. Whitaker
PRESIDENT, CHOWAN COLLEGE

J. E. Lender
CHAIRMAN, BOARD OF TRUSTEES

John A. Kelly
PRESIDENT, ALUMNI ASSOCIATION

30 Sophomores Make Who's Who Listing

Thirty Chowan College sophomores were selected for inclusion in Who's Who Among Students in American Junior Colleges during 1974-75.

Eighteen are from North Carolina: Joseph Henry Allen, Roanoke Rapids; Benita Lee Bridgers, Conway; Janet Louise Copeland, Edenton; George Ray Davis, Rocky Mount; Donna Bene Elks, Lasker; Richard Neil Harkey, Matthews; Chester Boyette Hill, Jr., Hugh Banks Lewis, Mrs. Elizabeth Lewis Parker, Thomas Wilson Vinson, all of Murfreesboro; David Lindsay Hudson, Charlotte; Helen Elizabeth Kanipe, Lincolnton; Larry Rickie Oakley, Rougemont; Barbara Gail Parrish, Knightdale; Michael Anthony Salvaggio, Havelock; Lisa Anne Sellars, Ahoskie; Gary Lyn Swing, Greensboro; and Richard (Rick) Lee Weires, Beaufort.

Six are Virginians: Melinda Dianne Bolton, Manassas; Claire Ellen Crickenberger, Newport News; Jeffrey Joseph Dance, Arlington; Catherine Lynn Hemmilla, Hampton; Cynthia Lynn Phelps, Colonial Heights; and Sheree Dianne Smith, Chase City.

Also receiving the honor were Lauren Dawn Bell, Columbia, Md.; Andrew William Han, Thailand; Jorge Luis Nassar, Venezuela; Tonia M. Okyne, Washington, D. C.; Bonnie Gould Tyler, Cambridge, Md.; and Thomas Patrick Zgambo, Malawi.

"This award is based on scholarship, extracurricular activities, citizenship and promise for future development," explained Dr. B. Franklin Lowe, Jr., dean of the college, who added that Chowan is proud of each individual who was named to the Who's Who list.