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CHOWAN COLLEGE ENJOYS SEVENTY-FIFTH BIRTHDAY

Impressive Program Rendered in College Auditorium; Hale and Hearty and More Active Than Ever

An impressive program was rendered in the College Auditorium to commemorate the founding of the institution on October 11, the college having begun its existence Oct. 11, 1848. The college song was sung with enthusiasm suitable to the occasion. And then Mr. J. C. Larkin, pastor of the Murfreesboro Methodist church, gave a timely and instructive sermon on "Blessed are they which do hunger and thirst after righteousness: they they shall be filled." Next on the program was a violin solo, "Largo" by Miss Carolina Lane. After this Dr. Weaver discussed briefly the history of Chowan College.

"Chowan College, then known as Chowan Female Collegiate Institute," said Dr. Weaver, "was founded and chartered October 11, 1848. In our first catalogue, session 1853-54 the aims of the college were set forth as follows: 'The Institution is located in one of the most healthful sections of eastern Carolina, and in a community distinguished for its moral character. It is established for holy purposes: to discipline mind; instrumentally, to sanctify mind, and then to direct its strengthened energies. The latter are regarded as of paramount importance, as transcendent talent, without moral culture, produces only evil. That system of education is, therefore, radically defective which neglects the heart. The true system contemplates a symmetrical development of all the faculties—physical, intellectual, and moral—and has regard to the whole sum of our existence. Such a system we would have.'"

"We have", concluded Dr. Weaver, "held these ideals sacred. Chowan College has graduated hundreds of women, many of whom have either become prominent themselves or become the wives and mothers of men who have distinguished themselves in the history of the State and denomination. With the memory of such past achievements ever before us, it is not inconceivable that our college life in the future will be richer and fuller of those ideals and aspirations which will make of our college a greater institution both for enlightenment of the mind and spirit and for intelligent service to the communities from which we come."

A prayer for the future of the College by Mr. Whitley concluded the exercises.

God's Promise

God hath promised pardon to him that repenteth, but he hath not promised repentance to him that sineth.—St. Anselm.

Let us have you subscription for The Chowanian.

TO CHOWAN COLLEGE ON HER 75TH ANNIVERSARY

Alma Mater, Gentle Mother,
We thy daughters, joyful sing,
Join our voices with each other,
Praise today to thee we bring!
Tho' we hail from headlands, mountains,
Tho' of many creeds we be
Tho' we've drunk from many fountains,
We are one in love to thee!
Ever onward, ever upward,
Lead us gently by the hand;
Ever, gentle mother, onward,
Lead us on, thy loyal band.

Alma Mater, we invoke thee,
Let us see thy shining face;
Let us feel, we now implore thee,
All thy true enduring grace.
On thy banner, ever glorious,
Truth forever shall appear!
Crown thy children's hopes victorious
With the love that casts out fear.
Let us hold a sweet communion
With thy truth which never fades;
Let us feel thy hand upon us
Blessing us from age to age.

—CHAS. P. WEAVER.

DINNER IN HONOR OF DR. AND MRS. WEAVER

Faculty Entertains On Seventy-fifth Anniversary of Chowan

On Thursday, October 11, the faculty entertained at a five course dinner in honor of President and Mrs. Weaver.

The dining room was attractively decorated in golden rod, ferns and shaded lights. The place cards, made under the direction of Miss Grubb in the art department, were hand paintings of dames and beaux of '48.

When the cake, bearing seventy-five candles symbolizing the years of Chowan's growth and achievements was brought in, Miss Robinson rose to announce a short talk, "The Past Chowan", by Miss Eunice McDowell. The response to the challenge felt in her closing lines, "Those were fine days, days that are past," was given by Dr. Weaver in "The Future Chowan."

Miss McDowell, daughter of the first president of Chowan, herself reared and educated in the college is the strongest, firmest link to the "days that are past". Her talk reviewed the early history of the college, dwelt upon the ideal of service that has been the foundation of the college, and awakened sense of responsibility toward those who planned and dreamed, and worked in the early days.

Dr. Weaver spoke of the cooperation, the unusual loyalty and friendship he has met with since accepting the presidency of Chowan in July, 1923. "There is a reason", Dr. Weaver said, "for this devotion to the college. It is founded upon pride in her past achievements, upon recogni-

WAKE FOREST ALUMNI WILL HOLD BANQUET

Well Known Speakers Will Talk On Founders Day

On the evening of October 31 at 6:30 o'clock the doors of Chowan College will be opened to welcome all the Wake Forest men of both the Chowan and West Chowan Associations, at a Wake Forest banquet to be given in the college dining room.

The speakers for the occasion will be Hon. J. W. Bailey, Dr. W. L. Po-teat, President of Wake Forest College, and Mr. John Arch McMillan, Alumni Secretary. A Hertford County Wake Forest Alumni Association will be organized during the course of the banquet. Wake Forest men from all parts of the country are expected to attend. A quartette from Wake Forest has been invited and will probably be present.

Plates will be sold at a dollar to those desiring to attend, and the banquet will be served by the department of Home Economics under the direction of Miss Fannie White.

tion of her great service and a belief in her future." He closed by saying that his life shall be devoted to making of Chowan, "the greatest little woman's college in the world."

The dinner was planned, cooked and served by the students in the department of home economics under the direction of Miss Fannie White.

Those present were Dr. and Mrs. Weaver, Dr. and Mrs. Clarke, Mrs. Alice Boland, Misses Gordon, McDowell, Robinson, Fannie White, Knott, Grubb, Matthews, Sarah White, Lane Caldwell, Latham, Gunn, Dame, Meroney.

DIAMOND PAGEANT WILL BE A BRILLIANT AFFAIR

Unique Portrayal of Growth of Chowan College Presented October 31, in Auditorium to Celebrate Anniversary

The celebration of the seventy-fifth anniversary of the founding of Chowan College will reach its climax in the presentation next Wednesday at 8 p. m., of the Diamond Pageant prepared for the occasion by the Department of Expression. Eighty-five persons will take part in the presentation.

The chief purpose of the pageant is to point out, in a symbolical way, the progress made by Chowan in the overcoming of Ignorance and Superstition by Christianity; and to show the widespread Christian influence Chowan has had over Eastern Carolina. First the Spirits of Ignorance and Superstition appear in a dance with the Carolina woman worshipping at their altar. Then is seen the conflict between the spirits of Ignorance and Superstition on one side and Christianity and spirits of Light on the other. The gradual disappearance of Superstition and the rise of Christianity is effectively brought out as the light of Christian Education sheds its rays over the College. Loyalty, Sacrifice, Truth, and Ambition are brought into the foreground. The pageant ends with showing the effect that this new influence has had on the girls of 1848 and 1878 and later students of Chowan.

The cast includes eighty-five characters. The pageant is being prepared by Miss Gertrude Knott, assisted by the students, former students, and alumnae of Chowan. Much enthusiasm is being shown by those interested in the growth of the College.

Following is the cast of the principal characters:

Spirit of Christianity.....Marietta Bridger
Carolina Woman.....Thelma Peterson
Loyalty.....Lucile Holloman
Sacrifice.....Page Morehead
Truth.....Adalia Futrell
Ambition.....Willie Mae Horton
Chowan College.....Thelma Draper
Science.....Mollie Davis
Literature.....Thelma Finch
Art.....Frances Lawrence
Mathematics.....Jessie Marie Parker, Ruth Wilkins, Glenn Smith, Sarah Vaughan, Mattie Parker
Drama.....Miss Meroney, Miss Gunn
Home Economics.....Margaret Parker, Pearl Bryan, Willie Blount, Lucile Overby, Florence Barkley
Spanish.....Blanche Allen
French.....Willia Thompson
Music.....Miss Lane
Herald.....Miss Gordon

Special electrical effects are being prepared for the presentation, and the new curtains will be used for the first time. From an artistic point of view the pageant will be one of the most remarkable ever presented in the state, and a large crowd is expected to see it.