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SOCIETY DAY POSTPONED TO MARCH 7TH

The Chowanian

Rah-rah-rah, Alathenian!

Rah-rah-rah, Lucalian!

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NUMERICAL STRENGTH OF COLLEGE GROWING

Numbers Still Increase; Four Girls Occupying One Room

Chowan College has been exceedingly fortunate this year in its enrollment. In September, we were forced to transform our home economics sewing room into dormitory rooms in order to house four homeless girls. Even with that, throughout the entire first semester, we had four girls in one room.

Beginning with the second semester, other students were attracted to our halls, and we now find ourselves with one room housing four girls, and three rooms in which there are three girls each.

All these rooms, save one, are two-girl rooms.

Again, several improvements have been made in the library; but with these improvements we have numbers of books still to be accessed for which we have insufficient space.

What is the significance of these crowded conditions? Simply this: that Chowan College has outgrown its buildings and can expand no more until we can get other buildings.

We do not aspire to be a large college, but we believe we could easily reach the two hundred and fifty mark in enrollment if we had room—additional buildings—for students and equipment.

We sincerely hope ways and means may be provided whereby we can get these much-needed buildings.

W. B. EDWARDS, President.

CUT DOWN CURRICULA, EDUCATOR ADVISES

Daytona Beach, Fla., Jan. 12.—Education, like legislation, may become too highly detailed for general use and efficient operation, in the opinion of Dr. John J. Tigert, president of the University of Florida.

Curtailment of the curricula of educational institutions is advocated by the educator as one of the ways to eliminate wasted expenditure. He further recommends earlier entrance and graduation of students and the operation of educational machinery on a business basis. American students, he says, are graduated two years later in life than those of Europe.

Democratization of junior education is another feature pointed to by Dr. Tigert as wasteful.

"We have as many as 60 or 70 courses in our high schools, and our system now is articulated with industrial order," he asserts.

DO NAMES CARRY MEANING?

Superintendent Allen, of Rockingham County, in writing to a prospective high school teacher concluded his letter by saying: "If not interested in Matrimony, try Intelligence," referring to two schools in the county.

The applicant was so insulted that he wrote Mr. Allen a hot letter and came to Eastern Carolina to teach.

SHE KNEW TOO MUCH

A high school English teacher in the northeastern corner of the State was recently testing the ability of her students to read. She wrote on the blackboard Landor's lines:

"I strove with none; for none was worth my strife,
Nature I loved, and next to Nature, Art;
I warmed my hands before the fire of life,
It sinks, and I am ready to depart."

and requested the students to read them several times and then tell her their meaning. Presently, seeing a gleam of self-respect on timid little Mary's face, the teacher said, "All right, Mary, tell us what the lines mean."

Mary murmured, "I strove with none;—" and ventured: "Let's see; that means he wasn't married, doesn't it?"

NEED A RAILROAD?

Denver, Colo., Feb. 6.—The Colorado & Southern Railroad announced it was ready to make a gift of a \$3,000,000 branch line, together with sufficient rolling stock for adequate operation, to any person or persons who would take it and run it. The unwanted "baby" is the 18g-mile line from Denver to Leadville.

"FLU" HAS FLOWN; NOBODY IS WEeping

One of Chowan's inmates flew, last week, to parts unknown. Its going was as silent and stealthy as its appearance. No one knew from whence it came, and no one knows whether it has gone. And, strange to say, everyone seems happy because of its departure.

A number of the girls became intimately acquainted with this mysterious being during its brief stay at Chowan, and the effect it had upon them was of a weakening nature. Indeed, some found it necessary to spend a few days in the infirmary.

All of the girls are out of the infirmary now, however, and are happy that the "flu" has taken its flight.

SOCIETY DAY NOW SCHEDULED MARCH 7

Contestants Are Busy Preparing Material and Making Ready For Big Day

The date for Society Day has been changed from February 21 to March 7. The contestants are hard at work and the day promises to be a very interesting one.

The query to be debated is: Resolved, that the McNary-Hauger Farm Relief Bill will be a beneficial measure to the United States. The affirmative will be upheld by the Alathenian Society, represented by Mary Whitley and Margaret Lawrence, with Isla Poole as alternate. The negative will be upheld by the Lucalian Society, represented by Wilma Ellington and Mary Lou Jones, with Mary Lou Martin as alternate. The debate will be a hard-fought battle, for the teams are evenly matched.

Inez Parker, the Alathenian reader, will read "A Wedding," and Bettie Walter Jenkins, the Lucalian reader, will read "So's Your Old Antique."

The basketball teams are practicing every day, so it is expected that the game will be a good one.

THE VERY LATEST IN SCIENCE

The parts of the alimentary canal are the lungs, heart, and kidneys.

The endoderm forms the lining of the elementary canal.

In a balanced microscopic aquarium made by putting hay in water, the bacteria are fed in some way by the hay, while the hay is somehow fed by the bacteria.

One of the chief differences between plants and animals is that animals reproduce themselves and plants do not.

Migration is that animals migrate.

The phylum cordata is of very little economic importance. (Come down off your perch, Mr. Vertebrate).

Animals are stronger than plants.

The first horse was known to have seven legs; the next generation had five; and now the generation is composed of only four.

Valence is measured by equilibrium.

One reason for the overthrow of the caloric theory was because heat was inertia and not a material.

Carbon dioxide snow is made from frozen air.

Clouds are sometimes caused from tornadoes or cyclones.

HIS GUNNYMOON

Los Angeles, Feb. 6.—Norman M. Britton, teacher of applied psychology, filed suit for divorce and asked for police protection from his wife, Mrs. Myra Britton. Describing his honeymoon as a "gunnymoon," Britton said his wife had a way of emphasizing her side of "psychological discussions" by pointing a pistol at him. Figuratively speaking, Britton said, his wife kept a gun in the small of his back all the time.

"Psychology is no match for a six-shooter," said Britton.

The old girls are always welcome at Chowan. They receive as warm a welcome as do the new girls.

DEAN CALDWELL



ALATHENIANS TALK SOCIETY DAY PLANS

The Alathenian Literary Society held its regular meeting in the North Hall, Thursday evening, January 24. Plans were discussed for Society Day and various committees were appointed. Robert Browning and his literary contributions were the subjects for the evening. The life of Browning was discussed by Jessie Helen Belch, and Margaret Lawrence gave a discussion of one of Browning's poems, "La Saisiaz." Ruth Davenport rendered a very artistic piano solo. Another one of Browning's famous poems, "Epilogue," was discussed by Billie Temple and the program was concluded with the singing of the Alathenian Song.

LOCALS

Miss Ida Laura Boddie is ill at her home in Nashville, N. C., and Miss Bertha Chitty is supplying for her over at the high school.

There have been quite a number of cases of influenza in town, but the situation is very much improved.

Mr. and Mrs. M. E. Worrell have toured through to Florida and will spend the next few months visiting the resorts.

Miss Norene Quern spent January 26 and 27 in Elizabeth City, N. C.

Misses Mary Parham, Inez Matthews, and Blanche Banta were shoppers in Franklin, Va., January 26.

Born to Mr. and Mrs. Gary Parker a daughter, Thelma Rebecca.

Mr. W. E. Jenkins happened to have the misfortune recently of breaking his arm. He is getting along very nicely.

FINED TWO KISSES

New York, Feb. 6.—Louis Orefice, hailed to court for beating his wife, was allowed to go by the judge after obeying a command to kiss his wife an dhi smother-in-law to show his gratitude to them for deciding to drop the charge of assault.

Miss Willeford: Yes, a few lettuce leaves, without oil, and a glass of orange juice. There, Kate, that completes your daily diet.

Kate Mackie: Thank you, so much, but do I take this before or after meals?

MRS. BRIDGER GIVES A CHARMING SHOW

"An Evening In Old Virginia" Delight Soldier Audience

Mrs. Ruby Vaughan Bigger, widely known and popular writer, will appear in the College auditorium March 20th. The College people are looking forward to her coming with a great deal of interest, because of her success at other points, and the favorable comment that has been made wherever she has appeared. The following is taken from the Newport News, Virginia, newspaper:

"In 'An Evening in Old Virginia,' Mrs. Ruby Vaughan Bigger, of Richmond, the widely known writer, last night charmed one of the largest audiences that ever assembled in the National Soldiers' Home Theater. Mrs. Bigger in a charming manner told the story of 'My Miss Nancy,' dealing with the early life of Lady Nancy Astor, and her old colored mammy, in a way that thoroughly delighted those in the big audience. She was natural in her stage appearance and her charming personality made the entertainment thoroughly pleasing."

"Mrs. Bigger was assisted by the sextette and the chorus of the Hampton Woman's Club, as well as a number of local people. This feature of the program was of a high order and the various musical numbers were splendidly given. In fact the entire program was charming and pleasing. The participants wore costumes of the Colonial days, which with the stage settings, presented a most pleasing scene."

"Mrs. Bigger was brought here by the dramatic committee of the Hampton Woman's Club, of which Mrs. Arthur Machen Lewis is the chairman. During her stay in this section, Mrs. Bigger is the guest of Major and Mrs. A. S. Miller, at the Home."

"Mrs. Bigger has mastered the quaint expression of the old-time darky and her story of 'My Miss Nancy,' is such as to deserve the high praise she received during and following her excellent performance."—Newport News, Virginia.

NEW COURSES ADDED IN EDUCATION WORK

Several new courses in education have been added to the curriculum this semester, thus enabling every senior to take a course in the teaching of either her major or her minor subject. Miss Carroll is offering the teaching of English; Miss Whitney, the teaching of French; Miss Halsell, the teaching of history; Miss Caldwell, the teaching of math; and Miss Payne, the teaching of home economics. Mrs. Jones will give a course in penmanship, which has been put in on account of the new requirement imposed by the State Department of Education that elementary teachers shall be able to write legibly.

BRILLIANTS; WHAT ELSE?

Woe betide the teacher who has no sense of humor. The following flashes of originality have been clipped from recent English examination papers:

Miracle plays were the life of the saints.

Miracle plays were something like a May-pole dance. The people were dressed up in curious costumes and these were given in houses.

One condition that led to professional writing in England was the extinction of learning. (Maybe that explains much present-day trash).

English sonnet-writers found their models in the Italians. (Dived for pearls, maybe).

When popular ballads first appeared it is believed that persons had not originated.

In the sonnets you find the subjects of love, crime, rogues, religion, jests, tampons, tobacco, pick-pockets, and many others taken up. (We are glad the pick-pockets were taken up).

The sonnet-writers seemed to have no feeling, because they could express the most awful things in their writings. (That's not peculiar to sonnet-writers).

The sonnet cycle had a connecting thread and an autographic plot running through it.

Iago is an egoist and devilish to us.

Wyclif is noted for his religious tracks.

This writer was very tackfull. (Standing room was enough for him anywhere).

Sir Thomas Wyatt wrote poetry and sonnets.

VALENTINE CARNAVAL COMING FEBRUARY 14

Come one, come all, to Chowan Thursday, February 14, at 8 p. m. There will be a Valentine Carnival with plenty of fun for everybody. The junior class, under whose auspices this will be given, extends a cordial invitation to the public. Don't forget the important date, February 14.

CHOWANOKA PROOFS IN HANDS EDITORS

Work on the CHOWANOKA is progressing rapidly now. All of the material is in the hands of the publishers, and some of the proof has been received. Mr. Beck, representative of Edwards & Broughton Publishing House, was at the College January 29 and discussed with the editor-in-chief further plans for the annual.

A "Boost Our Town" campaign, which is supported by the following business firms: Miss N. T. Wiggins, Nicholson's Drug Co., The New Market, Wynn Bros. Store, and Story's Barber Shop, has been started in Murfreesboro. In return for the purchases made by the College girls at the stores, the firms have agreed to pay the annual staff two per cent of everything bought from them.

BEETHOVEN THEME OF LUCALIAN'S PROGRAM

The Lucalian Literary Society met January 24. The feature of the program was Beethoven. "Beethoven's Life," by Rosalie Liverman; "Minuet in G," piano solo, by Frances Flythe, and selections by Maidee Lee Wade made up the program. Oneness of thought and purpose made the program especially interesting. The numbers showed the great musician as a human being and as an inspired man. In closing the society sang "Lucalian," the society anthem.

The president has asked that those with a talent for composing, write songs and yells for the society.

CAMPUS NEWS

Chowan folk are glad to have Mr. Edwards back in his office again. He has been sick with the flu for some time, but he has entirely recovered now.

The baby grand piano (Miss Matthew's pride) has been re-strung. We're all agog to hear some of our artists perform upon it.

Margaret Lawrence slipped and hurt herself over the bath tub two Friday evenings ago. She is recovering but is still sore and bruised from her fall. We are sorry for Margaret, but if she will be an iconoclast, it isn't our fault. She insisted upon breaking the age-old Saturday-night-is-bath-night tradition by taking hers one night early.

We are looking forward to several graduation recitals in the spring. Kate Mackie and Jean Craddock will give recitals in expression. Maidee Wade will give a voice recital, and Bettie Walter Jenkins, a piano recital.

On the last Sunday in January, Miss McDowell wandered around through the rooms when all the girls should have been at church, and found several in their rooms. One, who explained that she had remained at home on account of a headache, was promptly given an extra-dose of castor oil. On Monday night, Miss McDowell let all of the girls who attended church Sunday go to the movies to see, "Wanted: A Coward." The Sunday stay-at-homes were Monday night stay-at-homes, too.

Miss Mildred Poe went to Suffolk Tuesday night to read at the Hotel Elks' Club banquet at the Hotel Elks.

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NEW STUDENTS COME TO SECOND SEMESTER

Chowan's enrollment for the second semester shows an increase in students over that of the first semester.

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WRITER'S CLUB HAS ITS REGULAR MEETING

Program Showed More Originality and Proficiency Than Usual

The Writers' Club held its regular meeting in the English classroom Friday evening, January 11, at 7 o'clock. The autobiographies, short stories and poems, showed more originality and completeness than usual.

Those who attended the club meeting and contributed to the success of the program are: Miss Carroll, who read a poem, "The Stream;" Addie Mae Cook, who read "Autobiography of a Diamond Ring;" Wilma Ellington, who read a short story, "The Son;" Isla Poole, who read a poem, "Idle Hours;" Ruth Davenport, who read an article written for journalism, "An Interview on Studying at Peabody Conservatory;" and Mildred Hinton, who read a humorous short story, "The Poet's Pickle."

The club met again Friday evening, January 25. Those who were present and took part on the program are: Miss Carroll, who read a poem, "Your Star, Yet Mine;" Mildred Hinton, who read a poem, "An Idle Thought;" Wilma Ellington, who read an essay entitled, "Handshakes;" Mary Lou Jones, who read a ballad on "Stealing Busy Signs;" and Isla Poole, who read a poem on "Conventions."

The Writers' Club will meet again on February 8.

STUDENTS HELPING IN WILMINGTON PROGRAM

Ann Downey, Virginia Martin, and Ruby Daniel left Friday, January 25, for Wilmington, North Carolina, to help in the teaching of B. Y. P. U. study courses in the Wilmington associational campaign. They returned February 4th.

In all, there were about 20 State workers helping in the campaign, and Chowan is proud that her girls were among them.

Each girl taught "General B. Y. P. U. Organization" and directed some church B. Y. P. U. work in the Wilmington association. The girls report the B. Y. P. U. revival a great success.

MRS. BIGGER SCHEDULED TO APPEAR AT CHOWAN

On March 29, 1929, Mrs. Ruby Vaughan Bigger, well known author and reader, of Richmond, Virginia, will present in the College auditorium here "An Evening in Old Virginia." Mrs. Bigger is in great demand, not only in Virginia, but in the southern states; and Chowan is indeed fortunate in obtaining a date from her.

Without doubt it will be the greatest attraction offered by the College for years, possibly in all its history. More about the wonderful presentation can be learned from the clippings copied elsewhere in this issue.

Each number of the Chowanian between now and March 29 will give added information about this program and how it will be presented. Don't miss one word of it.

This program is sponsored by the wide-awake Chowan sophomores, who are working for improvements on the Main Hall and parlors.

SENIOR CLASS RINGS DAZZLING TO OPTICS

The new rings of the senior class dazzle all eyes with their beauty. They are massive circlets of old gold, set with a glowing ruby. The words, "Chowan College, 1848," form a circle around the ruby. On one side of the ring are the College seal and the letters of the degree. On the other side are a picture of the Columns and the numerals "29". Daintily traced flowers around the seal and the Columns enhance the beauty of the "loveliest class rings ever."

Y. W. A. STUDY COURSE
Fifteen rahs for the Y. W. A. study course, which is in progress at Chowan this week. Miss Dorothy Kellam, State Y. W. A. leader, is teaching "Yoruba Life," a study of Nigeria. It is hoped that the per cent completing the course will be like that of the B. Y. P. U.'s in the study courses in December—one hundred per cent.