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## Dr. Koch

Dr. Frederick H. Koch, Kenan professor of dramatic literature at the University of North Carolina and director of the Carolina Play-makers, delighted a large audience in the Chowan College auditorium Sunday evening, December 2, by his presentation of Dickens' "A Christmas Carol."

Dr. Koch, who came under the auspices of the Chowan Alumnae Association, was introduced by President W. B. Edwards after the singing of "Joy to the World" by the college choir from the organ alcove. Dr. Edwards, in giving a background for the reading, told the incident which inspired Dr. Koch to begin his public reading of the "Carol", and a few of the experiences which the noted professor had on his teaching tours.

Dr. Koch entered the stage, which was appropriately decorated with the dressed Christmas trees and cathedral candles, seated himself at a single table; and there by candle light read for the one hundred and sixth time the immortal Christmas story.

The "Carol" is divided into four staves, and between each staff the choir sang Christmas Carols, namely—"Little Town of Bethlehem," "Hark the Herald Angels Sing", and "Silent Night."

Dr. Koch's skill in the characterization and personification of the immortal personalities in the story made them live before the audience. He portrayed Bob Cratchett and his wife with a pleasing freshness, showing them in a way which perhaps many people had not pictured. Especially, however, did he hold the audience with his interpretation of Scrooge, and the lesson taught by the old man's adventures. The underlying truths of the reading and Dr. Koch's skill in presenting them combined to spread for everyone an irresistible spirit of Christmas time, and the heart of the audience joined with him in saying with Tiny Tim, "God bless us everyone."

## Boys' Basketball

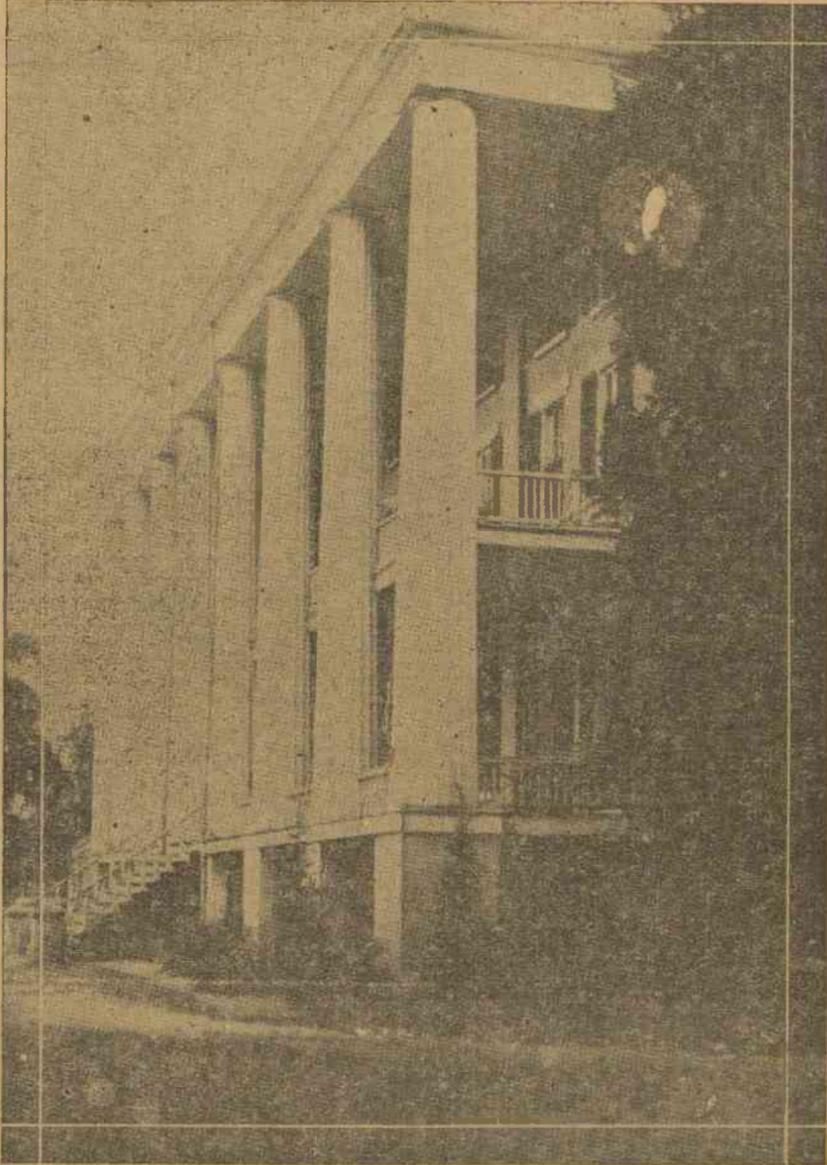
Since our football season is over our attention is drawn to basketball. Everyone is questioning us as to just what kind of team we expect to put out. We have quite a variety of all stars to pick from. Practically everyone going out for basketball has had previous experience either in high school or college. Since the admittance of boys into the college this, we might say, is the first year that chowan College has had such well trained material to build from. This year we expect to broaden our adventures of basketball to a number of games against freshmen teams from Wake Forest, State, Duke and a number of others. For practice, our drills will be chiefly with high school teams and our own second team, coached by our football coach Johnnie Daniels. The positions played are:

Baugham, Pennington and Cates, centers; Coppedge, Dudley, Lee, Edwards, Harrell, Worrock and Benthall, play guard; Jenkins, Piland, Valentine, Forest and Miller play forward.

### GUESTS OF PARENTS

The following teachers spent the holidays with their parents here: Misses Mary Whitley of Aulander, Fannie Brown Harrell of Conway; Betty Walter Jenkins, of Seaboard; Ruth Matthews of Oak City; Alta Chitty of Buie's Creek; Rosalie Liverman of Merry Hill.

## The Columns — Chowan



## Peanut Week

"Listen, my children, and you shall hear"—no not about the midnight ride of Paul Revere, but about an annual event at Chowan College—Peanut Week.

Every year just before the Christmas holidays, the college family observes several days which it has set aside for its own hobby—"Peanutting". Each member of the student body and faculty chooses a peanut, inside of which he finds a name. The name is a deep dark secret, but for convenience he calls the person to whom the name belongs his "peanut". From then on it is a contest of seeing who can do the nicest things for his "peanut", and who can keep a secret best.

At some convenient spot, usually the table in the main hall, the gifts are placed, with a note on which is written "To peanut so and so." What painstaking efforts are taken to conceal the identity, of the "peanutter", and what wild guesses are made as to who each one is. Some of the notes are printed, some typed, or written in a disguised handwriting. The clever "Peanutters" write their sentiments in poetry, and how expressive are the notes of appreciation left by the "peanutters."

However, the enjoyable time of give and take must end, and in order to finish it up in good style and end the suspension, the night before the beginning of the holidays a big family Christmas tree ceremony is held in the gymnasium. But before the presents are distributed, a short talk is made by President W. B. Edwards, after which the person who has been peanutting him gets up and stands behind Dr. Edwards. That is the cue for that person's "peanutter" to follow him, and so on. Each person's curiosity is satisfied when he beholds his "peanutter," someone whom he could never have guessed walk up behind him.

When each giver of gifts has been accounted for, the last present of the "peanutter" to his "peanut" is delivered from the tree, and peanut week ends with happy shouts of "Merry Christmas, Everybody."

## Christmas Play

"Eager Heart", a Christmas mystery play by A. M. Buckton, was presented by the Thespian Dramatic Club under the direction of Miss Irene Ulmer Thursday night, December 13, at eight o'clock in the college auditorium.

The play concerned the search on Christmas night of Eager Heart, her two sisters, Eager Sense and Eager Fame, the Shepherds, and the Kings for the Christ Child. How Eager Heart finally found the Christ Child with Mary and Joseph, within her own humble home was revealed in an interesting manner, teaching a lesson that all could understand.

The music for the play was directed by Louise Lassiter and Carols were sung between the scenes of the play by the members of the College Glee Club.

No admission was charged but a silver offering was taken at the door to defray the expenses of the play.

The cast of characters were:

Eager Heart, Lucy Freeman; Eager Sense, Evelyn Blanchard; Eager Fame, Lois Cartwright; Mary, Beadie Helms; Joseph, Cora Felton Bass; Kings, Melton Valentine, J. P. Freeman, Herman Pennington; Shepherds, Sarah Brickhouse, Linda Lee Ferguson, Marie Riddick, Virginia Gardner; Angels, Lois Jenkins, Carmen Morgan, Jennie V. Hoggard; Prologue, Virginia Gardner.

## Vesper Service

The college choir under the direction of Miss Forrest DeLano, gave its annual candle-light Vesper Services in the College auditorium Sunday December 16, at 5 o'clock.

The auditorium and stage were dimly lighted by white cathedral candles which added to the sacredness of the well selected numbers. A Christmas tree, decorated with Christmas tinsel was placed in the organ alcove.

The following program was given:

Processional; invocation; anthem, "While Shepherds Watched Their Flocks by Night", Ruger, choir; piano solo, "Romance", La Forge, Miss Cora Felton Bass; solo, "In Old Judea", Geibel, Miss Mary Beale Liverman; anthem, "Holy Night", Prehel, choir; sextette, "There Were Shepherds", Foster, incidental solo, Miss Elizabeth Shaw; solo, "The Gift", Behrend, Miss DeLano; piano solos, "Minute Waltz", Chopin, "Sublime, Sweet Evening Star", Wagner, Miss Louise Lassiter; anthem, "Peace and Good Will" Risher, choir; benediction; Recessional.

## PICTURES

Excitement! Thrills! Laughter! Chowan went through all of these when Mr. Hamblin came to make the pictures for the "Chowanoka". The night before he came some girls were ironing out "kinks" and some were pushing in. Some were pulling eyebrows, some painting more on. Some were practicing on the art of smiling, and some trying to make dimples. What a change and what excitement!

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## From the President

### Christmas Greetings:

The time has come for the cessation of strenuous studies and other collegiate activities. We sincerely hope that you may enjoy and profit by the much-deserved rest which you have so richly earned. May Nature with her balm of healing completely restore any depleted strength which you may have lost.

With this too—we trust that Old Santa will be as good to each of you as you desire.

With best wishes for a versatile vacation, a cheery Christmas, and nifty New Year, I am

Cordially yours,  
W. B. EDWARDS, President.

## Volley Ball

The first volley ball game of the series between the two societies was played Wednesday, December 12, and won by the Alathenians, 22-12.

Both societies did some hard playing but the Lucalians lost because of their inability to return the ball. All servers on both sides were good, but the returns were weak. In serving for the Alathenians, Jennie V. Hoggard and Edna Porter were stars, with Marion Holman as the star returner to keep them going. The Lucalians had no outstanding player, but all cooperated and good team work was shown among the girls.

Everyone is looking forward to the next game which should be more interesting since the first one was a mere practice game to show to the players their strong and weak points.

## White Christmas

White Christmas, an event held each year under the auspices of the B. Y. P. U. organization, was observed by the student body and faculty of Chowan College Wednesday night, December 12:

The White Christmas was held in the college auditorium at the regular general assembly, and the atmosphere of the season was furnished by the low lights and a tinsel-trimmed tree, beneath which were piled all sorts of packages. Each package contained a gift brought by members of the individual B. Y. P. U. unions, and consisted for the most part of various kinds of foods. The gifts were later collected and distributed to the needy of the community by President W. B. Edwards.

After the B. Y. P. U. business was concluded, an impressive program with the Christmas theme was given. This program was composed of several readings by students, a Christmas Carol, and musings on the meaning of the season. Dr. Edwards gave a short talk on the greatest of all gifts to us, God's unselfish sacrifice of his only Son for the sins of the world. "We should also be grateful", he said, "to Christ for His fine example of life and the many blessings which He has bestowed on us even before we were able to realize them."

The program combined with the Christmas spirit to make each student happy with the thought that she had done her bit to make this Christmas merrier for someone.

Mr. and Mrs. Edward Lee have returned from their honeymoon and are at Mrs. E. Britts for the present.