

**SOCIETY SELECTS  
READER-DEBATERS**

The Alathenian Literary Society has triumphantly passed one of its important-erisis for the year in that it has chosen its representatives for Society Day.

The society holds try-outs each year to select from its membership those who can best represent it in the annual open session where the two literary societies of the college match relative strength and value. A large number of the members volunteered to enter the try-outs.

As a result of the preliminaries, the Alathenians will be represented this March by the debaters: Madeline Modelin, and Katherine Matthews, with A. Frances Jones as alternate. Miss Modlin, chaplain of the society, has proven her debating ability in doing her part in winning the victory of last year. Miss Matthews, an active member of the Program Committee, was the alternate of the debating team of last year. All three are loyal society members.

The society was also pleased to have Janice Jenkins chosen as the reader in March. Miss Jenkins is the choister and cheer leader for the Alathenians.

The try-outs were held on Thursday, January 7 in the Society Hall. Three of the sponsors—Miss Ivey Gravette, Miss Margaret Hight, and Dr. Racine Spicer—acted as judges for the debate try-outs at 4 p. m. The judges for the reading try-outs at 6:40 p. m. in the regular society meeting were Miss Sara Bruce, Miss Gravette, and Miss Hight.

The society nominated Marion Holloman as the basket ball coach and Mary Long in the tennis division. These coaches have already enlisted an enthusiastic and well fitted teams.

Miss Louise Cartwright, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Roy Cartwright, married in her pastor's home in Weeksville to Mr. Penn Meads on the night of December 25. Mrs. Meads was a freshman at Chowan College and an active member of the Alathenian Literary Society. Mr. and Mrs. Meads will make their home for the present with his relatives in Weeksville.

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**SHOTS AT RANDOM**

"All university students of Peiping, China who maintain a scholastic average of 85 or more and are recommended by the school authorities for good conduct receive \$100 in cash from the Chinese government at the end of every school year.—Mercer Cluster.

"It is antiquated," said Dr. Beaven, President of Colgate-Rochester Baptist Seminary, "to conceive of immense power without a transformer—a means of stepping down the power and making it accessible to common humanity. Huge cables carrying electric power in 60,000 volts may pass over a city and the city remain dark. But the spirit of modernity and progress is to step down the power to 110 volts so that the lights in every window may twinkle. The incarnation, the act of God whereby the divine power was stepped down to the level of humanity, is not only natural, but modern and progressive." — Old Gold and Black.

New York, N. Y.—A delegation of 15 students boarded Secretary of State Cordell Hull's steamer, as it prepared to sail to South America for the Pan-American Peace Conference, and urged the U. S. delegation to promote positive peace between the two continents. As spokesman for the student delegation, Miss Robinson of Bennington College and Mr. Boal of Columbia University, stated that the students and young people of American continents have now the opportunity of showing what can be accomplished through international cooperation.—Mercer Cluster.

The Old Gold and Black of Wake Forest has this to say in an editorial titled "His Kingdom for a Queen": "The World is pleasantly surprised that even with 40-year-old adults there can be a burning love that does not subscribe to such cynicisms as (1) 'there is many a peace in the orchard', and (2) 'if you miss one street car, another will come along if you wait a while!'"

Over a million students entered institutions of higher learning this fall. Thirty-three of each hundred of the 1936 high school graduates are now college freshmen.—The Johnsonian.

**LUCALIANS HOLD  
TRY-OUTS FOR  
SOCIETY DAY**

The Lucalian Literary Society has recently held its try-outs to select those who will represent the society in the reading contest, debate, and the various athletics on Society Day.

The try-outs for the debaters was held with Mary Smith, Martha Seymour, Ruby Edens and Mary Alice Williams debating the question, Resolved: That the United States should have a higher protective tariff. Mary Smith and Martha Seymour with Mary Alice Williams as alternate were selected to debate on Society Day.

In the reading try-outs there were several contestants. Lillian Waldo, Frances Edwards, Virgie Cowand and Beatrice Martin each gave a short reading. Lillian Waldo was the one selected to represent the Society.

Margaret Adams has been appointed captain of the Lucalian

basketball team and Elizabeth Howard leader of the tennis teams.

Miss Banta, Miss Simmons and Miss Matthews acted as judges for the debate and reading contests.

All of the Lucalian teams as selected by the judges will compete with the teams from the Alathenian Society on March 5 which is Society Day at Chowan College.

**ALMUNAE NOTES**

Miss Sarah Storey of Murfreesboro, who was a member of the graduating class of 1936, has accepted the position as teacher of Latin and Mathematics in the Enfield high school, Enfield, N. C. She graduated with suma cum laude and for the four years that she was in Chowan College she averaged more than any other student. She was excellent in all her class work, especially Latin.

Mr. and Mrs. Walter J. Boone announce the birth of a son, December 18. Mrs. Boone is the former Fannie Brown Harrell, a graduate of Chowan.

Announcement has been made of the marriage of Miss Juanita Vick and Louise Mitchell of Conway in Norfolk, Va., on Friday January 1, 1937. Mrs. Mitchell is a graduate of Chowan.

**OBSERVATORY HAS  
'AN ACTIVE PAST'**

The octagon-shaped observatory at Chowan College, although empty and neglected now, has had an active and an interesting past.

The observation was built with the administration building which was completed in 1852, the year that the college was moved to its present location. Astronomy was popular at that time, so the observatory was built with light sides and light large windows so that the telescope which was kept there could give eight different views of the heavens. The telescope was quite an elegant instrument and was once rated as the best in North Carolina and one of the best in the South. It came from Syracuse, New York.

During the war between the the States the Observatory was used as a place of refuge. Dr. William N. H. Smith of Murfreesboro was a member of the Confederate Congress. Afterwards he became Chief Justice of North Carolina.

When it was learned that the Union Army Officers were in search of Dr. Smith, Dr. McDow-

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Tuesday January 19  
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**"Go West, Young  
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Wednesday January 20  
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HARDY in

**"Our Relations"**

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**"BANJO ON MY KNEE"**

**"REMBRANDT"**

and Johnny Weismuller and  
Maureen O'Sullivan in

**"TARZAN ESCAPES"**

ell, who was then president of the college, asked Judge Smith to hide in the observatory so that he could use the telescope to see the soldiers when they came for him.

While Dr. Smith was staying there, one morning he saw the officers coming up the old college street. He went down to the fourth floor and went out on the back balcony porch which was located where the new dormitory now begins. Through a trap door he went down the fire escape and started toward the residence of Major John Moore which was back of the college and across the stream of water that almost surrounds the campus. In order to get over he had to cross a bridge that was planked in on either side. He knew the soldiers were on his trail so he hid under the bridge until the heavy tread of the Federal officers' feet had crossed the bridge and returned back by it. When they had left the campus he went back to the observatory and remained until he saw that it was safe to leave.

After the decline of the science department to the extent that the telescope was no longer needed it was removed to some other college and Chowan observatory was left vacant, but it can still be boasted that it once had a very active past.

**WHAT IS LOVE?**

The following definitions of love were given in a contest at a B. T. U. social. It is for you to decide which you think is the best.

A little tickling around the heart that you can't scratch.

Love is something hard to get and hard to hold.

Love is like bacteria. It does as much harm as good.

Love is a joke in the heart taken seriously.

Love is a micro-organism that causes a man's stomach to turn upside down.

Love is the present, the past, and the future.

Love is something that nobody wants and that everybody tries to get.

Love is the undefinable verity of the most sublime of human relationship.

"Love is blind and love is marriage.

Marriage is an institution. Wherefor, marriage is an Institution for the blind."

**PRESIDENT SETS  
HIGH GOAL FOR  
NEW SEMESTER**

We have for the last few days been looking back upon the first half of the year's work. It is the hope of the president that all students have been able to complete a semester's work in such way as to give themselves, their professors and parents a genuine sense of satisfaction. Very few things bring us more delight than work well done.

It has been the purpose of the administration that we should have the very best possible year's work in Chowan the year 1936-37. We have a strong faculty, a splendid student body, and a most excellent spirit in the school. We are exceedingly grateful for the splendid conduct on the part of students and for the attitude which has prevailed in the school throughout the first half of the year.

We are now looking toward our second semester's work. Each course for which students register is in a sense a new course. A

new start is being taken. The day to begin for a good semester's work is the first day of the semester. It is by constant faithfulness to the task that we may be able to come to the end of the second semester with the joy which results from tasks well performed. It is our hope that our second semester may be climatic in the satisfaction it gives students, faculty and patrons of the College.

Every possible effort will be put forth to make the remainder of the year the very best. We greatly appreciate the cooperation of our entire College family. As students enter the second semester, they carry with them the very best wishes from the college administration.

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Lee Taylor of Jackson, N. C., were visitors at Chowan on Sunday, January 10.

Miss Beatrice Martin was called to her home in Conway because of the illness of her brother who has pneumonia.

Miss Maxine Hudgins of Norfolk, Va., due to illness was unable to return immediately after the Christmas holidays.

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