

A Message on the \$75,000 Chowan Campaign

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School closed in the spring of 1943, for the reason the war was taking the students.

On November 22, 1945, the Board of Trustees and the Pastors of the West Chowan Association met in the Red Apple Cafe in Murfreesboro, and after a period of prayer, the group felt that it was God's will that the college should live, and continue to serve as a Kingdom Agency in this area.

Chowan is a Christian College; its Christian Education is the guidance of growth, according to the principles of Jesus. When Jesus gave the great Commission, after His victorious resurrection from the grave, He said: "Go ye into all the world, and teach all nations." It is in obedience to the command of Christ Jesus, that we build and support our Christian Colleges.

Having been lead as we believe by the Divine Spirit of God, that Chowan College should be reopened, and continue to serve, we started our campaign in 1946 to raise \$150,000 to renovate the present plant. In the Spring of 1947 we had a fact-finding committee take an inventory of the plant, and ascertain how much it would cost us to put the buildings in first-class condition. The fact-finding committee reported it would cost \$100,000.

In the Fall of 1947, at the annual meeting of the West Chowan Association in October at Republican Baptist Church, the Association voted to instruct the campaign director to proceed with the campaign to raise the \$100,000, to put the buildings in condition, in order to reopen the college. At the first meeting of the trustees and a number of representatives from churches in the West Chowan Association, we found that \$100,000 would not put the college in first-class condition, due to the fact that prices had advanced since our first inventory, also the state required that we install a sprinkler system for the protection of the students, so it became evident that it would cost us \$200,000 to get the buildings ready to reopen. We set our goal at \$200,000, and started the campaign to raise the first \$100,000 in the Fall and Winter of 1947, and then to raise the second \$100,000 in the Fall and Winter of 1948. By March of 1948 we had raised the first \$100,000 in cash and pledges. Of the first \$100,000, we had \$73,000 in cash, and \$27,000 in pledges. In the Fall of 1948, we started our campaign to raise the second \$100,000 and the balance due on the pledges of the first campaign. We did not raise our quota last Fall, and we think it was largely due to the fact that we had in this section a very bad harvest season.

Our campaign is on now to finish our second \$100,000. The West Chowan Association has set out to raise \$50,000, and the Chowan Association has set as their goal \$25,000. We appreciate very much the fine spirit, and interest, the people of the Chowan Association are manifesting in the campaign and we are confident the Chowan will raise their goal, and we are confident the West Chowan will raise their goal. It is imperative that we raise \$75,000 this Fall so that the college may move on without any debt.

Every dollar contributed by an individual is an investment in the lives and personalities of our fine sons and daughters, in helping to prepare them to enjoy life and to render service.

Every question that was asked in the beginning of our campaign has been answered. We were told by many people of the two associations: "I will contribute to the campaign if you will build a standard college, get a student body and a good faculty." We have an excellent faculty, and one that meets all requirements for a standard college.

Our student body is larger than we had anticipated. Next year we will have a much larger student body. We are told if we had a dormitory that would accommodate 100 boys it would be filled in addition to the number we have this year. We will have in the near future a dormitory for boys, and three other buildings that the college shall need, as it grows, and expands. Our intentions are to build a student body up to 300 or 350. It will not take us long to build the student body to the number named above. A Junior College with a student body of from 200 to 300 makes an excellent institution and we will have 200 or more students next Fall.

In the light of the above facts let us move on to victory in raising the goals: \$25,000 in the Chowan, and \$50,000 in the West Chowan. At a report meeting in

Society Presidents



For the male spotlighter for this issue we went out of the state to Suffolk, Virginia. A native of that city, Curtis Copeland was born on March 22, 1928. While in high school, he was a member of the Hi-Y Club during his Junior and Senior years. He was also a member of the monogram club and was graduated in 1946. After graduating from high school, he attended the Norfolk Business University for seventeen months, and for nineteen months, he worked at the Ford Motor Company in Norfolk as bookkeeper. Curtis is very active at Chowan. He is President of the Althenian Society, sports editor of the Chowanian, secretary of the radio club, member of the Glee Club and Science Club, and he plays center on the football team. In highschool, his most interesting subject was mathematics. Blue is his favorite color and he likes the expression, "Don't you just know it." Although he doesn't have much opportunity for it here, dancing is his favorite pastime. Paradoxically his pet hate is women and his favorite song is "Prisoner of Love." As for the future, Curt's desire is to be a CPA. Although he didn't mention it in his interview, Curtis is quite apt at beating the drums and the students have enjoyed his "jam



issues female student spotlighter, a short brown eyed girl with "dirty blond" hair. She is 165 lb. Jane Ellen Jernigan who was born on November 29, 1930. During her days at Aulander High School, from which she graduated in 1948, she was a member of the Beta Club, Glee Club, and was active in the school dramatics. During her Junior and Senior years, she had the honor of being chosen Halloween Queen. Following graduation from high school, she matriculated at East Carolina Teachers College in Greenville, N. C. where she majored in Primary Education. Because of a desire for a shorter course of studies, she transferred to Chowan. At Chowan, she is president of the Lucalian Society and reporter for the Sophomore Class. Jane Ellen has a bright outlook on the future. Her favorite color is topaz. In the line of music, she thinks that "Night and Day" is tops. "You don't know, do you?" has become her pet expression. Bugs and onions, not mixed of course, are her pet hates.

We think Jane Ellen is an interesting person and a good friend to have.

sessions' in the Althenian society hall.

Plan More Recreation Facilities

Where are the entertainment and recreational facilities here at Chowan College? This question, which has been the topic of discussion for the past month, is rapidly being answered.

A committee, appointed by the student council, along with Miss Jo Keeter, the student council advisor, went before Dr. Raleigh Parker, chairman of the Board of Trustees, to discuss this problem.

Dr. Parker, who is very interested in Chowan College, was all in favor of providing some forms of entertainment for the students. Some of the suggestions were: Putting two or more ping pong tables on the ground under the porch of the Administration building; having two shuffleboards put down, one of them in the hall leading to the dining hall and the other in the hall leading to the swimming pool; providing games in the soda shop; and installing a juke box in the soda shop.

One of the most important

Aulander Thursday night, October 29, we had reports from less than 50 percent of the churches in the West Chowan Association. \$29,300 is the goal for the churches, which they had accepted, and we are sure every church in the association will join the campaign. A few of our churches have raised their goals in the first and second campaigns, and we are most grateful to those churches for the fine part they have played in the campaigns, and we are grateful to every church for their contributions. We are sure that those that raised their goals will count it a joy to have a part in the final victory of this campaign.

A final word; a few people very honestly, we are sure, have said the college will be opened, but it will not have enough help to keep open and operating. We are happy to know the college will receive enough help to run without a deficit this year. After this year, it will in all probability show a surplus in operating expenses.

My friends, under the guidance of the Divine Hand that has lead us thus far, Chowan College will live another 100 years, and on to serve as a Kingdom Agency.

forms of entertainment will be having concerts, speakers and musical programs in the auditorium during the year. And the clubs and organizations here on the campus will sponsor entertainment functions.

Dr. Parker has promised to give his support because of his interest in the student body. Now it is up to us, the students, to take advantage of this and cooperate with the staff and faculty in helping to keep up this fine work.

-Fall Festival

FROM FRONT PAGE

Ruth Taylor, program; Barbara Jones, Paxton Crockett, Buddy Bass and Nina Turner decorating and refreshments; Jimmy Coker and Elva Rae Mann, invitations; Gene Cooke, Lonnie Harrell and Harold Gregory, property. John Moore was master of ceremonies.

On the program William Wiggins did an imitation of Mr. Staples and assisted in managing the program. Outside talent on this show were a girls quintet from Murfreesboro, Alison Britt, Ann Campbell, Trixie Tucker, Margaret Futrelle and Abie Condrey; a monologue by Mrs. John Vaughan of Woodland; a reading by Mrs. T. W. Cooper of Rich Square; and the Seaboard Quartet—Mrs. E. S. Morgan, Mr. J. B. Stephenson, Mr. S. Y. Daniel and Mr. W. H. Taylor.

Student talent was represented by Lonnie Harrell, solo; Angela Johnson, piano solo; Ruth Taylor and Curtis Copeland, a piano and drum duet; John Moore and William Wiggins, a comic duet; and Bobby Dough and Ruth Taylor performed a musical stunt, "The Lost Sheep."

Extemporaneous acts during the program were put on by Gene Cooke, solo; John Moore, piano solo; Buddy Bass, solo; Mr. Austin Staples, trumpet solo; Mr. Melvin Q. Layton, stunt; and Earl Rook, Billy Clemmer and Jewell Mitchell trio.

Ruth Taylor and Curtis Copeland played for the group singing during different parts of the program. A number of games were

played. The refreshments, sweet cider, doughnuts and candy, were served at the end of the program. Everyone enjoyed this show and we hope that it is the first in a series of Saturday night programs and entertainments here at Chowan College.

Down Pine Drive

Whew! Bump! Wow! The circular drive from the gate up to the columns is no longer a pleasure. After the recent rains it's like coming in on a wing and a prayer.

Music: Recently Mrs. A. P. Griffin (Louise Lassiter) of Woodland has set the Alma Mater and the Lucalian song to music. Also, Miss Emma Gay Stephenson of Pendleton has set the Althenian song to music. These songs will add a great deal to the school spirit. Both Mrs. Griffin and Miss Stephenson are Chowan alumnae and were music majors.

Still Good: Cabin 4 still holds the record of being the best kept. From weekly inspections, the most often heard gripe is the need of incinerators.

Rose Garden: DFD is glad to report the work begun toward campus beautification. The rose garden will occupy a conspicuous place in front of the columns. The beautification of '49 is an indication of advancement, and it will be a challenge to the future.

Good? or Bad? Grades for the first half of the semester will be completed this week. Quizzes have been the order of the day for the past week.

Away: President Bunn was in Raleigh Thursday attending the Christian Education Council of Baptist Colleges of North Carolina. The meeting was held at Meredith College.

Rotary Minstrel to be Staged

"Sky Hi In Swanee." The Murfreesboro Rotary Club's third annual minstrel show—written and produced exclusively by local talent—will be given in the Chowan College auditorium on Tuesday and Wednesday nights, November 8 and 9. This show is the town's greatest entertainment event of the year and it is expected to draw approximately 2,000 people to the college.

Proceeds from the production of this show are to be used for community betterment. Last year the Rotary Club donated the fund to the reopening of Chowan College.

The 1,500 spectators of last year's event, recalling the booming entertainment provided by outstanding vaudeville-type talent, are certain to persuade many more friends to this year's show.

The show, written by Elton Parker, Murfreesboro native, and directed by Mrs. E. P. Brown, features a chorus of 19 Rotarians and non-rotarians; A quartet composed of Robert Parker, Wilson Garris, Gene Wilson and Haygood Hill; solos by Miss Annie Lois Anderson and Robert Parker; a 4-piece band composed of E. T. Cason, Johnny Palmer, Dr. O. W. Pittman and Billy Raynor.

Four blackfaces—Robert Sewell, Milton Jenkins, Vance Futrell, John Sewell—and their interlocutor, Lemuel Lee, will be rushing on and off stage adding greater spice and variety as the musically slanted show swings along.

Four or five other specialties—each one an outstanding hit of its type—will range between musicals and comedies. One of the Chowan faculty, Eugene Williams, will take part in a burlesque number. All together the show should run for about two hours.

Student tickets at fifty cents each will be available in the college library to all students who desire them.

Wa-Hoo!

We decided we would give a few daffynitions of people. Take a swivel tongue in her head. In a swive tongue in her head. In the spring a young man's fancy, but a young woman's fancier. An-

gela Johnson, the acute angle of many triangles.

The new long skirts are purely bliss to girls with legs like (or). Buddy to Elva Rae: "If I told you that you have a gorgeous figure, would you hold it against me?"

First I brush my teeth, then I sharpen my tongue. After this column with the help of a few books, they'll be saying that about the Chowanian. There's a man wanted sign in Vera Thomas' eyes.

The suit fitted Miss Keeter as if it appreciated the opportunity.

Don't you all take these too hard; we're just having fun. And, oh well, we are all cremated equal.

Lucalians Meet

The Lucalian Society had a call meeting recently for the purpose of setting a date for future meetings and to determine the amount of dues desired from each member. It was decided that the Society would meet on every third Wednesday in each month at 6:30 p.m.

The president, Jane Ellen Jernigan appointed three committees. The program committee, which will serve the first semester of school, consists of Kathryn Bryant, chairman, Fred Parker, Mary Lee Vinson, Mary Alice Wade, Thomas Blowe, Gene Proctor and Jean Bunn. The committee appointed to be in charge of socials consists of Barbara McGlaughan, Chairman, Helen Brown, Frances Joyner, Betty Jean Taylor, and Abbie Condrey. The third committee will be responsible for decorating the Lucalian Society Hall for Visitation Day. Those in this committee are: Chairman; Eva Hunt, Shirley Bright, Margaret Futrell, Betty Jean Condrey, Ellen Burden, Lonnie Harrell, La Velle Parker, Jay Wilcox, and Donald Vann.

Visitation Day being only a few days away, the Lucalians have put on their thinking caps and are concentrating on how their Society Hall will be decorated.

Let us imagine how it might have looked in days gone by. There were probably a number of opera chairs evenly placed in rows; the old grand piano, a table and chairs were neatly arranged at the front of the hall; from the massive window casements hung wine velvet drapes which shown clearly against the clear cream walls. Doubtless there will be some what of a change in furnishings of today and yesteryear. Except for the grand piano, there are two large, green Laiton sofas and two new chairs of the barrel back type. It is hoped that there will be added features such as pictures and drapes. Where as the hall was once only used for meetings such as debates and speeches, it is now used as a lounge, and because there are no other places in which the students may relax these large and spacious rooms are greatly appreciated and enjoyed.

All visitors who are on campus are cordially invited to come and enjoy the use of the hall.

The dinner started with cream of tomato soup. The main course was a giant rib roast, with mashed potatoes and broccoli. Soft rolls of white flour were served, with two patties of butter to a plate. Dessert was apple pie with ice cream. There was coffee with cream and sugar.

The speaker cleared his throat and began: "We are a bankrupt nation . . ."

Success is getting what you want; happiness is wanting what you get.

I can prove anything by statistics—except the truth.—George Canning.

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