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## Meditation

### PRAYER CHANGES THINGS

By Lottie Ross

WE KNEEL, yearning for peace in our distraught minds, and peace among the nations;  
WE RISE, knowing each one must pay a price for peace.  
WE KNEEL, blinded with pride of race and culture;  
WE RISE, scales dropped from eyes, enabled to see strength and beauty in all.  
WE KNEEL, wrapped about with personal grievances;  
WE RISE, filled with gratitude for gifts of God everywhere about us.  
WE KNEEL, in fear; WE RISE, WITH FAITH.

## School Spirit

By James Stewart

From time to time throughout the New Year, we'll be going home to see our relatives and friends. Undoubtedly you will be asked the questions: How do you like Chowan College? Are the students friendly and happy? What will your answer be? I wish to suggest no answer. That is up to you. I seek to make no amends as to why we do not have the best school spirit. Instead, I wish to tell you how we might better our school spirit.

It takes students to make a college. It takes faculty and administrators to make a College. It takes Christian students, Christian faculty and Christian administrators to make a Christian college. Freshmen, recall the letter which you received at the beginning of the school year. Remember those statements: "Here at Chowan everyone is a friend to everyone else. 'If you want a friend be one.' Yes, Chowan is a 'big, happy family' of Christian students. You will find this to be true as soon as you arrive on the campus." Forgive me if you think I have made an error.

God has given us all the beauty here at Chowan. Every day we look upon the nature of God's handiwork. Are we going to mar or spoil it, by the ugliness of our spirit? Consider the spirit of God. "The Love of God is greater far than tongue or pen can ever tell; If goes beyond the highest star, And reaches to the lowest hill. The guilty pair, bowed down with care, God gave His Son to win; His erring child He reconciled, And pardoned from his sin."

Yes, it is more blessed to give than to receive. For a moment let us consider those on our campus who have been giving. From day to day we see and contact our teachers who give their time and patience. We love them. Then, there are others whom we may be prone to forget. They come and go from day to day working and talking for our college. Two

## Chowan College is Remembered in Wills

Mrs. Jessie Smith of Greenville, N. C. passed away in the spring of 1953. In her will she had remembered Chowan College with \$500 to be used as needed and she left \$5,000 as a trust fund with the Wacovia Bank and Trust Company of Raleigh, the income from which is to be used to pay \$100 scholarships to boys and girls from the Mills Home, Thomasville, N. C., who attend Chowan College.

Mrs. Sallie Baker, who lived in the eastern part of Hertford County, died last summer and in her will gave all she had to charity—for OTHERS. Chowan is remembered in her will. It will be decided in April in court how much each beneficiary will get.

By bequests to the college in wills is a splendid way to go on helping to educate young people at Chowan for generations after one has passed on. Such gifts make splendid memorials.

## Gloria Cox Crowned Queen of Basketball

Miss Gloria Cox of Conway was crowned Miss 1953-54 Basketball of Chowan College, during the half of the Braves last home game of the regular season, Saturday night, February 19.

The queen and court was escorted to the throne by the departing Sophomores on the basketball team. Miss Cox was escorted by Vance White. The court consisted of Miss Ella Jane Smith of Clinton escorted by Roy Futrell; Miss Pat Guthrie of Belhaven escorted by Aubrey Edwards; Miss Marjorie Pritchard of Ahsokie escorted by Hilliard Greene and Miss Marlyn Joyner of Hoggood escorted by Buster Winborne.

Herbert Appenzeller, coach of the Braves, congratulated Miss Cox, and crowned her Queen of Basketball.

### RECEIVED HONORS

Hilliard Greene and Vance White received high honors during this basketball season.

Greene, lanky center from Zebulon was elected co-most valuable player on the all-state Junior College team. His running mate was Charlie Niven from Wilmington.

White, star forward from Bethel was elected on the all-tournament team at the North Carolina Junior College Tournament which was held at Buie's Creek.

of them are namely, Dr. F. O. Mixon, our president, and Rev. Oscar Creech, his associate. Should we not show our appreciation to these at this time of the New Year. Let's let them know that we appreciate their efforts, that we are sympathetic when mistakes are made, that we are happy when things are done right. Let's show our gratitude by respect through our actions and our talk.

### TELL HIM SO

If you hear a kind word spoken Of some worthy soul you know, It may fill his heart with sunshine,

If you only tell him so. If a deed, however humble, Helps you on your way to go, Seek the one whose hand has helped you

Seek him out and tell him so. If your heart is touched and tender

Toward a sinner, lost and low, It might help him to do better If you only tell him so?

Oh, my sisters, oh, my brother, As o'er life's rough path you go If God's love has saved and kept you, Do not fail to tell men so!"

Do not fail to tell men so!" Through the efforts of all in prayer, and in the right attitude we can better our school spirit. Be sure that you do your part. Represent your college in a big way. Let people know you're from Chowan College.

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A NEW OCCUPATION FOR WOMEN—Pretty Jean Sykes of Conway, is shown operating the keyboard of a Teletypesetter perforator, the machine that has opened up an entirely new occupation for women in the newspaper field. The tape from this machine (shown in the lower left hand of the picture) is fed through an apparatus attached to a typesetting machine and automatically sets type for newspapers. Miss Sykes is a student at the Roy Parker School of Printing at Chowan College, the only school in the entire South where such training is available. (Chowan College News Bureau Photo.)

## Former Student At Chowan Tells of Early College Days

By MRS. C. H. GRIFFIN

In 1905 I graduated from Chowan Baptist Female Institute (now Chowan College) and received what was then called a "Full Diploma"—including English, Latin and French.

At that time a girl must complete the course in English before she could graduate. She could also complete the course in Latin or French and receive a certificate in the course completed in addition to the English Diploma or she could complete all three courses and receive a "Full Diploma."

The school was small, but we had some of the very best teachers that could be found. We worked and when a girl received her diploma it was evidence of hard, conscientious work.

The system of grading was by numbers. At the end of the quarter, Golden Reports were issued for those whose department had been satisfactory and whose average had been 90 or above. Blue Reports were issued for those whose average were below 90, whose department had been good and who had made a passing grade. There was great excitement when the averages were given out. Everyone hoped for the best grade possible.

There were 14 in my class: Eva Martin (Mrs. J. E. Person, deceased), Raleigh; Frances Sears (Mrs. Sidney Francis), Boykins Va.; Pearla Sears, Boykins, Va.; Mary Sephenson (Mrs. Herbert Britt, deceased), Boykins, Va.; Ella Harrell (Mrs. E. C. Parker), Potocasi; Myrtle Litchfield, Creswell; Daisie Bowers, Littleton; Mammie Baugham (Mrs. A. L. Gray), LaGrange; Denie Horton (deceased); Lois Vann, (Mrs. Thomas Wynn), Murfreesboro; Mary Maddrey (Mrs. Darden), Mapleton; Lizzie Hoggard (Mrs. B. J. Dunning), Roanoke Rapids; Fannie Gray (deceased), Farmville; Mattie Sykes (Mrs. C. H. Griffin), Woodland.

All of the teachers were loved. Some of the outstanding teachers during my four years there were President John Scarborough, science and Miss Kennedy from Kentucky, a girl of 19, very pretty and attractive, who wore pretty clothes and was an excellent teacher of French.

There were perhaps 15 or 20 in the class. Every girl had an opportunity to participate in the

discussion of the lesson and was graded each day before she left the classroom. They called her a strict teacher, but she did her work so well that no girl failed.

I don't believe there could have been found a better teacher of English than Miss Annie Scarborough (Mrs. Frank Lawrence). She created within the girls minds a love for the best in literature. Many were the choice quotations memorized and treasured. It became a habit when reading books to select, copy and memorize good quotations. For a number of years Miss Annie has been one of the leading teachers in the city schools in Raleigh.

Miss Pattie Bowers, Littleton, was just as outstanding in her field as teacher of Latin. Miss Pattie has married twice since leaving Chowan and even though she is in or near her eighties, she is still teaching Latin.

Rising bell at 7 a. m., chapel at 7:30 a. m., breakfast at 8 a. m., classes at 8:30 a. m., and continued until 1 p. m., then dinner. For excises we walked or ran around the lawn from one to three times. Basketball was played occasionally. I played once.

In the afternoon, we studied wherever and with whomever we chose. Sometimes with a chaperon we went to town. Sometimes Mr. Scarborough took us to walk back of the college where he gave us oral lessons in nature and science. At night he took us out on the campus to study the stars. These walks and studies out of doors were very enjoyable and profitable.

At night we had a two-hour study period in our rooms with one-half hour between study hour and roombell, then one-half hour between room bell and light bell.

I heard much about the Brown Lady with her rustling skirts, but never saw her. As I remember what was told me, her room was on the fourth floor, the front corner room nearest Wise's graveyard. We were shown her room, but dared not unlock the door and enter.

Paul was the main cook and waiter, very faithful and loyal to Chowan for many years. On one occasion when Chowan was much in need, Paul pledged one hundred dollars to her support.

Mr. and Mrs. Scarborough seemed to take as much interest

## The Soda Shop

Proprietor being none other than Professor Robert O. Boston and managed by Shelton Asbell with help from J. D. Tilley, the soda shop is a busy place anytime the doors are opened. The store has a schedule that it follows daily.

The busiest times in the soda shop are right after chapel and at 9:30 each night when all the students rush in to get their sweets.

The soda shop sells anything from dictionaries to masking tape (there is enough masking tape for all, so please don't shove).

The soda shop saves a lot of saps for the student and operates on a very low margin of profit to the school.

We think everyone connected deserves a lot of credit for the way the store has been operated thus far.

### A WELCOME SIGHT

By Pat Holt

"Look out the window, it's snowing!" was the cry heard all over the campus of Chowan. Everyone was really excited over the fact that it was sticking. By 8 o'clock there was enough snow on the ground to furnish everyone with snowballs. Voices were heard from the outside of the building, and at once you knew the boys were out having themselves some fun.

All the girls began to go to the windows and get snow; fighting soon began on the third floor. Everything got wet.

The next morning brought about a problem. How to get to the Business Building without getting mobbed by the boys with snowballs. Everyone seemed to be enjoying themselves, although this was perfect weather for colds.

The campus of Chowan really looked beautiful. There was snow everywhere. As the snow began to melt away, you could here sighs to melt away, you could hear sighs from others. Snow was indeed welcomed by all students.

in us as if we had been their children.

Mrs. Scarborough saw to it that we were properly dressed when entering the dining room, and no girl must be late for the blessing. She also saw to it that the girls were warmly clad when starting out to church on Sunday morning. Occasionally, when she suspected that a girl wasn't wearing enough, she would say, "Do you have on your under-shirt?" If the girl said, "No," Mrs. Scarborough said, "Go right back upstairs and put it on."

Heat for the building came from the furnace through registers in the hall. On Saturday afternoon we found the hot water for our weekly bath out in the yard in two big iron pots.

The drinking water was brought up each day about night in wooden buckets, two to a table on each hall. If the water gave out before bed time, then we went thirsty until morning.

One night when I had malaria with a very high temperature, the water gave out and, of course the night was long and wretched. Miss Minnie Gaskins, from Windsor, was matron. Many girls were sick at that time and she had more to do than was possible for her to do. My mother came to see me the next day. She provided a glass of water for me, put it in my window and in the night gave it to me (and by the way, that was the best water I ever drank).

now is te time for all good men Notwithstanding some handicaps we had, we loved Chowan Baptist Female Institute. We had our games, little parties and merrymaking within our own group as a school body. Sometimes Mr. and Mrs. Scarborough were with us and joined in the fun. When play was over we went to our rooms happy and refreshed.

Some of the outstanding memories are the inspiration morning talks in the chapel by Mr. Scarborough and the midweek prayer meetings concluded by A. T. Nowell at the Baptist Church.

The school was noted for her through scholarships, her Christian leadership and the fine Christian ideas instilled in the minds and hearts of her students. Wherever they went they carried some of this influence.

May Chowan Junior College come to the forefront, take and hold her place on the old site in teaching and promoting the things that help to build Christian citizenship and to help secure and maintain world peace.