

# THE CHOWANIAN

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## The Real Meaning of Christmas

There are many conceptions of Christmas. For the child, it is a time when a mysterious being slips into his home on Christmas night after he has gone to sleep and fills the stocking with nuts and candies and leaves some toy he has wanted. He may even leave some article of clothing, just the right size.

For many parents it will be a time when the family will all be together again. A time of exchanging gifts and a time of many expressions of love and concern for each other. This is also the main thought in the minds of many young men and women, who for some time have been separated from their "old stomping grounds" and childhood friends.

And it is tragic but true some people see Christmas as a time to lower the barriers and indulge in activities unbecoming to ladies and gentlemen, much-less Christian men and women.

What then is the real meaning of Christmas?

Can we not say that Christmas is a proper time for giving one's best? As we look at the Gospel narrative we see Mary, the mother of Jesus, "gave birth to her first born son—". Has anyone ever done more than give to the world a new life?

We see also in the story that the Three Wise Men from the East came and gave to the child precious and valuable gifts.

Yes, to all involved in the birth of the Christ child, it was a time of giving. We must not forget that this was God's only son which he gave on the first Christmas morn.

Christmas is truly a season for giving.

## Christmas Party Is Set for December 15

"Peanuts" will receive their due at the big Christmas party to be held in the gymnasium on Thursday, December 15, at 7:30 p.m. when the Activities Council of Chowan will stage their first big Christmas party.

The party will come as the climax of the "Peanut" campaign on the Chowan Campus. A big feature of the party will be the final revelation of all of the donors of gifts during the peanut festival.

The activities council, under the direction of Miss Marie Smithwick, will be in charge of all arrangements for the party. The council is composed of representatives of all student groups on the campus.

Committees making preparations for the party are as follows: decorations: Robin Clair, Phi Lambda Pi, and Patsy Futrelle, cheerleaders; refreshments: Toye Carter, BSU, and Oscar Harrell, Ministerial Alliance; Christmas tree: Ada Barnes, Freshman Class and Virginia Parker, YWA; gifts and Santa Claus: Emory Byrum, Men's Judiciary, and a sophomore representative.

Entertainment: Ed Chaplin, Monogram Club, Bob Mulder, Band, and Toye Carter, Women's Judiciary.

A varied program of music and other entertainment features is planned for the party. "Old

Saint Nick" will preside at the exchange of "peanut" gifts under the tree.

The party will be one of the highlights of the social year on the Chowan Campus. If you don't attend, you will be missing one of the really big treats of the year. Assisting with party as advisors are: Miss Frances White, Miss Barbara Young and Mr. James W. Brissom.

### October

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thoroughly the constitution of the Southern Association. Various faculty, student, trustee, administration, and alumni groups have surveyed the many problems over the two-year period for a ten-year program—the and have made recommendations for a ten-year program—the culmination of the study.

On December 16, 1954, an unofficial committee of the Southern Association visited the Chowan campus for the purpose of evaluating the total program. This committee pointed out two weaknesses in the program—the library and the science department. The library lacked several reference volumes in particular and lacked many books on the "required list" of the

## Two Thanksgiving Services Are Held

Special Thanksgiving Services were conducted at Chowan College on Tuesday night and Wednesday morning, Nov. 22 & 23. These services were well attended by the members of the student body.

The first service was held during the Vesper hour on Tuesday night in the auditorium. Special music for the service was rendered by a girl's quartet which sang, "Come ye Thankful People Come." Those in the quartet were: Katherine Futrell, Virginia Parker, Ada Barnes, and Rose Marie Sheridan.

The highlight of Tuesday's service was the evening message brought by Bob Mulder. Bob spoke on the subject, "The Unthankful Heart" and in the message said, "We could not accurately count our blessings and name them one by one. God has blessed us so richly and frequently that we take his blessings for granted and need special services to remind us that we should give Him thanks. Every day should be a day of giving thanks."

On Wednesday morning at 6:45, a special Thanksgiving Sunrise Service was held on the practice field. Lewis Stokes was in charge of the service and brought the message on "Our Chosen Nation". He spoke of how much God had blessed our nation and compared our blessings with those of the Israelites. After the Doxology, Emory Byrum led the benediction.

## 8 Students Join Phi Lambda Pi

In a recent chapel program the Phi Lambda Pi presented a program explaining just what the society is. This is one of the activities of the Phi Lambda Pi so far this year. Another bowling party held in Roanoke Rapids. Others include the meetings and the different programs presented during the meetings.

One of the purposes of the chapel program was to give students, desiring membership, a chance to join the society. Several new members were accepted afterwards. The new members are: Nancy Rountree, Betty Lou Picot, Mike Dennis, W. F. Warrell, Martha Harcum, Sally Moore, Dan Capps, and Margaret Curis.

The Phi Lambda Pi is a literary society, but one of its main objectives this year includes the building of a better social life on Chowan Campus.

The May Day Festival is an annual event sponsored by the Phi Lambda Pi. This includes the electing of a May Queen and her court. This May Queen is elected by the vote of the student body.

The Phi Lambda Pi will be sponsoring other activities on and off the campus throughout the year.

Southern Association. These books have been ordered and are being catalogued.

The new science building is under construction and is scheduled for completion in the early spring. This building will be equipped to meet all course and accreditation requirements. Thus, the larger items are being cared for.

In the early part of October, 1956, an official committee of the Southern Association will visit the campus. At this time, the committee will analyze every facet of Chowan College and make its recommendations to the Southern Association at the annual meeting.

### For Graphic Arts:

## Press Association to Finance Building

The Eastern North Carolina Press Association at its Saturday morning session, went on record to finance a new building that will double the capacity of the Roy Parker School of Printing at Chowan College. The project is expected to cost in the neighborhood of \$6,000.

A report on the school of printing was read by Dr. F. O. Mixon, president of the college. This detailed the major equipment at the school, the success of its graduates in the various newspaper plants, as well as prospects for the future growth of the student body and equipment.

Josh L. Horne, publisher of the Rocky Mount Evening Telegram, told the members of the association it was unthinkable that the publishers would permit a condition to exist where young men and women who wanted to enter the printing trade were unable to do so because of lack of space and equipment. He suggested that each member-publisher contribute to the school according to

the circulation of each newspaper and the number of days it published each week.

Mrs. Elizabeth Swindell, publisher of Wilson Daily Times, made the suggestion that this contribution be continued on a yearly basis in order that the school of printing could keep up its expansion.

J. Mayon Parker, general manager of Parker Brothers of Ahsokie, made the motion that the board of directors prepare plans and put into effect the suggestion of Mr. Horne. This was unanimously approved by the members.

The 40x60 foot addition to the school of printing building is expected to get under way in April or May of next year.

### SCARBOROUGH VISIT

Hartwell Scarborough, son of a former president of Chowan, Dr. John C. Scarborough, president of the school from 1897 through 1909, visited the campus on Tuesday, November 29.

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