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Dr. Udvarnoki To Help Hungarian Refugees

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Baptists will be proud of a special service to the thousands of Hungarian refugees at Camp Kilmer, New Jersey, which has been made possible by one of their North Carolina Baptist institutions. Dr. Bela Udvarnoki, native of Hungary and for the past five years a professor at Chowan College, at Murfreesboro, left Thursday, December 6th, for New York and the near-by camp, to aid his stricken fellow countrymen. He went as an official representative of the Baptist World Alliance, at the request of Dr. Paul Caudill, chairman of the Alliance's Committee on Relief. He had been granted a temporary leave of absence by the college's Acting President, Rev. Oscar Creech. Fellow members of the faculty offered to give generously of their time in teaching his classes while he is away. They and the students are happy to have him render this service, though he will be greatly missed, as one of the most popular and beloved teachers at Chowan.

Dr. Udvarnoki has spent altogether more than a dozen years in the United States. His first sojourn here was for the purpose of studying at the Southern Baptist Theological Seminary. There he attained a number of degrees, including the highest—the Ph.D. He then returned to his native land, where he was chosen as president of the Baptist Theological Seminary at Budapest and of the Hungarian Baptist Convention, and became acquainted with most of the native Baptist ministers of Hungary. He came to the United States for the second time in 1947 for a speaking tour, at the invitation of Dr. Swan Hawart, new pastor of the First Church of Lumberton. During this second visit he received word, through a Hungarian government official in this country, that he would be arrested if he returned to his native land, which had been over-run by the Russians. He therefore, on the completion of his speaking tour, which had taken him into seventeen states, accepted a pastor-

ate. This was at Gatesville, not far from Murfreesboro. After several years as pastor he was persuaded by the late Dr. F. O. Mixon, President of Chowan, to come to that institution, the oldest of the Baptist junior colleges in the state. For five years now he has headed the Department of Social Sciences; this year he is teaching Psychology and

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Students Compete For Scholarships

Chowan College students are being allowed to compete for the first time for the Morehead Scholarship at the University of North Carolina. This scholarship was created by John M. Morehead a liberal donor to that institution.

The winning student will receive \$1250, a session, totalling \$5,000, for the four years. This should take care of his education over the period.

The scholarship will be based upon academic standing, leadership, and citizenship. One's financial needs will have no bearing on the case. The purpose of the Morehead Scholarship is to contribute to future democratic leaders. Two students from each junior college in North Carolina will be able to compete, and five will be chosen.

On January 15, the candidates will visit the University of North Carolina for personal interviews and tests. The winners will be selected by a screening committee. Although the competition is keen, those who fail to win this scholarship will be in line for another scholarship.

Mr. Eugene Williams will announce soon in chapel when there will be a conference to discuss requirements. Other members of the local faculty committee are Acting President Oscar Creech and Mr. Wm. I. Marable.

Red Cross Aided By Dr. Udvarnoki

Dr. and Mrs. Udvarnoki spent part of their Thanksgiving holidays in New York. They were there to interview the Rev. Emery Gabos, a Baptist minister, who escaped from Budapest. Rev. Gabos was among the first 60 refugees flown to the United States. Rev. Gabos along with his wife, daughter, and son brought much good news to Dr. Udvarnoki. This news was concerning the safety of his brother and two sisters. Since that time Dr. Udvarnoki has received a very short note from his sister saying she has escaped from Hungary. In the note she told him to contact the Red Cross for further information. Immediately Dr. Udvarnoki did so and learned that she was safe and is hoping to arrive in the United States very soon.

Several days later Dr. Udvarnoki was asked by the Red Cross to come and serve as a translator for the refugees as they entered this country. He gladly accepted the invitation and is now there doing this duty.

In the home of Dr. Udvarnoki there is a short wave radio over which he listens to broadcasts from Hungary through the "Voice of America."

Mrs. Udvarnoki, the former Miss Ruby Daniels, was a Baptist missionary to Hungary in 1935. She returned to the United States and renewed the acquaintance of Dr. Udvarnoki when he came over in 1947. They were married about four years ago.

We are all very proud of Dr. Udvarnoki, and our prayers are with him as he serves, this, our country, by helping with the Hungarian refugees.

Secretary Added To Chowan Offices

Miss Patsy Futrell a former graduate of Chowan College has recently returned to her Alma Mata to take the job as secretary in the office of the Vice-President. Miss Futrell is a two-year secretarial graduate of Chowan College. During her two-years here she took an active part in several activities. They are as follows: Head Cheerleader, Glee Club, Member of B.S.U. council, also she was a Cheerleader her Freshman year. Most outstanding in the events during her two-years at Chowan was that of being chosen Queen of the State Junior College Basketball Tournament. We are all happy to have her with us and wish her all the happiness in the years to come.

Mrs. James Brisson whom we all know has come to take a position as what we might call a roving secretary between the office of the Bursar and the office of the Vice-President. As we all know Mrs. Brisson is a very talented person and we are very happy to have her with us.

Literary Meeting Miss Wright Attends

On Friday December 7th, Miss Margaret Wright, Librarian and Mrs. Thigpen, secretary to the President, Oscar Creech of Chowan College represented us at the North Carolina Literary and Historical Association meeting in Raleigh, North Carolina.

During this meeting Mrs. Thigpen and Miss Wright had the privilege of sitting next to Miss Fletcher, a historical novelist of the state of North Carolina.

Competition For Trip To England Offered Students

An Englishman, Mr. Charles Marland, a Quaker who was visiting the Ed Browns in Murfreesboro for some days, spoke at our chapel service, and also visited some of the classes.

In his chapel talk, which dealt with the subject of peace, he offered a one month's trip to England to the student who turned in the best essay, of about two to three thousand words on "The Abolition of War."

The contest seemed likely to be confined to students of only two colleges—Chowan and Guilford. The latter, as most of us know, is a Quaker or Friends institution located near Greensboro.

Those of our students who are interested should write Mr. Marland for further details. It would be highly advisable for them to ascertain first, however, just how many in our student body are seriously interested; for it is unlikely that the prize trip would be given unless a fair number at least take part. And another thing that may be assumed is that the essays submitted on the subject would have to be of real merit if the prize could be expected to be awarded.

Those who are interested should contact Mr. Marable of the Department of English. And they should write Mr. Marland at the following address: Mr. Charles Marland; Friends Word Committee; 20 South 12th Street; Philadelphia, Pennsylvania.

Englishman Visits Chowan College

Mr. Charles Marland of England visited Chowan College several days last week. Mr. Marland addressed the student body and visited several classes. His theme was the importance of universal peace for the good of humanity. Mr. Marland pointed out that the people of no country want war and that everybody should work for its prevention. He feels that better understanding among the people of the various lands will offset the rattling of sabres by various government leaders and dictators.

Mr. Marland is spending this week at Guilford College and will visit Duke University and other high schools and colleges in this area. During his stay in Murfreesboro he was the guest of Mr. and Mrs. Edwin P. Brown. Born in London, Mr. Marland is a retired government official, having been attached to the postal service. In devoting his last years to the cause of world peace, he has visited India, China, Russia, and sections of Africa. He is

Mixon's Dream Is Realized

Ever since the late Dr. Mixon became president of Chowan College in 1951, it was his primary aim that the institution become accredited by the Southern Association of Colleges and Secondary Schools. About two years ago at a meeting of the board of Trustees, Dr. Mixon expressed this desire.

The movement was set on foot when Dr. Mixon had representatives of this agency to visit Chowan College unofficially and point out the limitations that would debar accreditation. The visitors were frank and made recommendations for improvements in the library.

Steps were promptly taken to follow this advice, and in September several representatives of the association visited Chowan and expressed gratification over the marked improvements that had been made. They recommended that Chowan file an application for membership in the association.

In November a third and final inspection was made by Dr. Curtis Bishop, President of Averett College, Danville Va. and Mr. Doyle W. Boggs, principal of Hartsville High School, Hartsville S. C. These men were most favorably impressed with the new buildings and the library improvements. They urged that the application be presented to the December meeting of the Southern Association.

Dean J. Irving Brooks represented Chowan College at this meeting of the Southern Association in Dallas, Texas. On December 7, the assembly granted Chowan College

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thoroughly acquainted with the major English poets, and can cite lengthy passages from the classics.

Writing for the Norfolk Virginian-Pilot, Kay Doughtie Sevell said of Mr. Marland: "He will be 78 this Christmas, and he is visiting America for the first time. Charles Marland is a tall, lean gentleman with bright blue eyes, hair like dandelion brown down, and a wonderfully humorous face".

Mr. Marland says that life begins at 60. He feels that after a man retires and is liberated from the necessities of earning a livelihood, he can rediscover his purposes of life.

Mr. Marland has a treasury of interesting personal experiences. He lived through World War II in London. He said: "I endeavored to give poise and confidence to people who were scared, by being with them calmly during air raids in and around London."

As soon as World War II was over Mr. Marland went to the war weary people. He taught English to some of the 400,000 refugees for whom the Danish government was providing shelter. He later taught English in Sweden, Norway, and Finland.

Student Government Writes Constitution

The members of the Student Government headed by Lynn Grice, President, along with the advisors are busy drawing up a constitution for the Student Government. The committees and their members are as follows: Membership—Mr. Allgood and Leroy Travathan; Legislative Department—Miss Hicks, Betsy Cadle, and Jo Allen;

Judicial Department—Mr. Bickers and J. W. Glover; Executive Department—Mr. Bishop and Robin Clair; Quorum Nominations—Miss White and Wayne Davis; Miscellaneous Organizations—Mr. Johnson, and Elizabeth Warrick.

We are all anxiously awaiting the completion of the constitution.