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STUDENT GOVERNMENT OFFICERS—Officers of the Chowan College Student Government, pictured left to right, are: Mike Johnson, Hamilton, president; Audrey Adams, Durham, treasurer; Barbara Russell, Hertford, vice-president; Sarah Crisp, Mooresville, secretary.

What Student Government Can Mean To Chowan

Student Government can mean a great deal to any college if the student body supports it!

When a college has a Student Government that is functioning properly, the students feel a sense of responsibility for the activities that take place on their campus. Also it tends to create a better school spirit which is vitally needed here at Chowan.

Last year was Chowan's first attempt to organize a Student Government. A constitution was drawn up by a committee of three faculty members and a group of students. This constitution was modeled after the constitution used at the University of North Carolina. After further work by the present student council it will be submitted to the student body for approval.

In the past the authority of our Student Government has been very limited. Recently a committee representing the student body met with the Student Affairs Committee to discuss the possibility of giving more authority to our Student Government. We believe that this meeting was a great success because the requested authority has been granted.

Now that our student government has been given this opportunity to function, I would like to emphasize the need for every student's cooperation and support. Without this our student government will never be a success.

Mike Johnson,
President Student Government.

What Constitutes A Good College Student?

The first semester is nearly ended; for some of us it will be the first stepping stone crossed on the path to many more. For others, it will be their last days of college. These past months have been spent in many various ways: some of us have done a great deal of studying while others have spent their time "playing around". Even so, we have made everlasting friendship with our fellow stu-

dents. During these months, we have gained much knowledge and have developed as individuals. Yet, as we approach the new semester, we realize that there is much we have not learned. Often we have wasted days, and even weeks, because we were too interested in extra-curricular activities to devote sufficient time and energy to our studies, and often we neglected them for tasks of lesser importance.

Realizing how much we have thrown away, merely because of our involvement in society, we would offer a word of challenge to those of you who have, as we, wasted valuable time and opportunities. This challenge is to encourage you to advantageously strive to gain as much as possible from each course in which you enroll.

Consider this question: "What is a good student?" Is it one who participates in all phases of social life but lacks academic interest? Is it one who refuses to co-operate with classmates, teachers and advisors, but at the same time, make about average grades? No, it is not either of these; a good student is one who co-operates with all, makes good grades, and participates in some of the social activities.

Maybe some of you think there is no sacrifice involved for your parents when they send you to school. In 1952 the cost of schooling per pupil (pupil school) was \$203.69 a year. If it cost that much then, you can imagine how much it costs for a college student, six years later. But, do you think you are showing your appreciation to them when your reports are sent home with low grades, giving teachers no choice but to tell your parents that you are not a good student!

It is your duty to yourself, as well as to your parents and teachers, to prove yourself worthy of the confidence they have placed in you. None of you lack the ability to do a job well if you will apply your energies and efforts. Now is the time for you to resolve to be a student with interest and desire to learn. When you become an adult and have to face life alone, the knowledge that you have gained through hard work will be your reward. —Betty Oliver

A Fearsome Weapon

It is said that a fish will stay out of trouble if he keeps his mouth shut. This is very true. An unkind word can slip out in a moment of exasperation that will cut deeply in the spirit of a bosom friend. Many words are said that are deeply regretted as soon as they are spoken.

Another saying goes "the tongue is a more fearsome weapon than the sharpest Toledo blade." So, let's watch ourselves particularly when we feel angry. It will keep a friend from hurt feelings, and will save an apology on our part.

Library News

Reading is Learning

ELIZABETH and PHILIP

By Geoffrey Bocca

Easy, one might almost say breezy, reading. It gives a frank and intimate story of the young Queen and her husband. Quentin Reynolds says the book should delight lovers of backstage gossip. Well illustrated.

VANGUARD

By Martin Caidin

The story of the first man-made satellite.

An engrossing book touching upon various phases of the Vanguard and the scientific topics that could be explored by shooting these rockets round the moon. Once started, it will be difficult to put aside. While it reads like fiction, it has enough excitement to add to the understanding and complexities of earth satellites.

A Time to Love and a Time to Die.

By Erich Maria Remarque

A good book—gives one a good picture of war from the German viewpoint. An unusual love story. The language is crude, but, no doubt, very realistic of the soldiers. The picture given about the devastation of war in German towns was excellent, but depressing. It left me thankful —Mrs. John Gill.

BRIDGE to the SUN

By Mrs. Gwen (Harold) Terasaki

A wonderful book—it gave me a keener insight into the people and culture of Japan. A true story makes such an impression—especially love and marriage of an American woman with a Japanese man. The description of war hardships was enlightening.

—Mrs. John Gill

The Complete Book of Games and Stunts.

By Darwin A. Hindman

The most complete fund of successful indoor and outdoor enter-

tainment at home or camp, recreation center, Scout or "Y" meeting, school or church gathering is right at your fingertips in this one, comprehensive book.

Everyman's United Nations

A ready reference to the structure, functions and work of the United Nations and its related agencies during the ten years ending December 31, 1955.

Guide to Career Information

A bibliography of recent occupational literature by Career Information Service, New York Life Insurance Company.

HURRAH! JUST ARRIVED

The Gallant Mrs. Stonewall, by Harnett T. Kane.

Seven Wonders of the World, by Lowell Thomas.

Archaeology and its Problems, by Sigfried J. De Laet.

Man: His First Million Years, by Ashley Montagu.

The Scarlet Cord, by Frank G. Slaughter.

A Traveller in Rome, by H. V. Morton.

The Old Man and the Boy, by Robert Ruark.

Book of Great Historic Places, by The American Heritage.

The Oxford Companion to American Literature, by James D. Hart.

Leads 1958 News

Chowan College was the leading news article in the Roanoke-Chowan section during 1957.

The inauguration of Dr. Bruce E. Whitaker as twentieth president, and the recent Enlargement-Development Campaign has kept Chowan College very much in the news.

It is hoped that this publicity has attracted attention to the college and will inspire a larger number of young men and women to come to Chowan.

Stories From Life

Answer to Moscow

By JOHN D. MCCREADY

Peace and prosperity or destruction and death—which will 1958 bring to this world?

Thoughtful people are asking that question, and some think the Four Horsemen must ride again. They are pessimistic and downcast. There seems to them no peaceful way of meeting the menace of world Communism.

A story told by Congressman Walter H. Judd of Minnesota should give them a ray of hope. It suggests a remedy other than war for the disease of Stalinism. If time does not run out on the freedom-loving nations, this one year might see much accomplished.

In the Telegu region of South India there is an arid and desolate stretch of country—a valley of dry bones, it might be called. Into this section some hundred of wretched and illiterate laborers have drifted within recent years. They came in the hope of wresting from the parched soil a bare existence instead of remaining where they were to die of starvation. A Christian couple, natives of India, the Joseph Johns, hearing of their plight, decided to cast in their lot with them. The husband was graduate of a theological seminary, the wife a graduate of a medical school. Like Albert Schweitzer when he went to Africa, this couple felt that they must choose the most neglected field that they could find as their sphere of service.

Soon after their arrival new life was coming to the doleful valley. The Johns did not treat the people like mendicants; they helped them to help themselves to dig wells, to start a system of irrigation. They opened a small dispensary and began teaching arts and crafts. An American organization, World Neighbors, founded by Congressmen Judd and other men of broad vision, heard of their work and sent them aid. Diesel pumps were put in the wells and the whole program enlarged.

But then unfortunately the Communists in India heard also of their work, and were much displeased. They sent into the region an able organizer named Ponnusamy. He won fourteen of the brightest young men to Communism. Day after day these members of the cell tried to sow discontent and foment hatred of the Johns and their whole program.

One day the wife of Ponnusamy fell ill—deathly ill. John went to her husband.

"We know why you are here," he said, "and what you are trying to do. But my wife is a doctor. And your wife is ill. If you will bring her to our dispensary perhaps we can help her."

The Communist leader hated Christianity, but he loved his wife. He took her to the dispensary and she began to get better. As she was recovering he watched the laborers getting a chance to cultivate and to possess the soil. He saw former illiterates becoming master craftsmen. He saw despair giving place to hope and aspiration. He then came to John.

"Why do you these things?" he asked. "I have always been taught things can come only when Communism takes over. I see you here doing what we have thus far talked about. Why do you do it?"

John told him why—that there were people in India and America who truly cared about other people, and wanted to help them, so that all working together might build a better and happier world.

The Communist felt himself undergoing a change.

"Can I become that kind of person?" he asked. He was assured that he could. But first, John said, he should win over those whom he had misled into Marxism.

The first year he won nine, and had five to go. Meanwhile he began writing of his disillusionment with Communism—two plays, one of which was published and had a wide circulation. His former masters, learning of his defection from their ranks, decreed that he must die. A number of attempts were made on his life. But he is alive today and is a very active helper in the establishment he once longed to destroy.

A recent gigantic ship of the U.S. Navy cost one hundred million dol-

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