

Enrollment Has Doubled Over Past Three Years

Gift to be Used For Purchase Of Rare Books

The Chowan College library has received a gift of \$500.00 to be used to add to the library's collection of North Caroliniana. Donated by Mrs. Haywood Duke of 815 Woodland Drive, Greensboro, the gift was made in memory of her mother, the late Mrs. Etta Savage Etheridge, a member of the 1887 graduating class at Chowan.

Mrs. Neva Campbell, Chowan College librarian, in making the announcement stated that half of the gift funds are being used for the purchase of rare books on North Carolina and the remainder for the procurement of more contemporary volumes.

Among the books already added to the library as a result of Mrs. Duke's gift are: a first edition of Moore's School History 1584 to 1879; King's Mountain and Its Heroes, a valuable history of that decisive battle, written by Lyman C. Draper in 1881; and North Carolina, 1780-81, an 1889 publication describing the invasion of the Carolina by Lord Cornwallis.

Also: Ante-Bellum North Carolina, a social history written by Guion G. Johnson in 1937; Early Architecture of North Carolina, prepared in 1947 by Frances B. Johnston and Thomas T. Waterman; and North Carolina History told by Contemporaries, by Dr. Hugh Lefler.

Noted Educator Leads Convocation

An address by Dr. E. Norfleet Gardner of Henderson, outstanding minister, author, educator, editor, and Christian statesman, highlighted the opening Convocation program at Chowan College on Friday morning, September 9, at 10 o'clock.

A native of Franklin, Virginia, Dr. Gardner earned both the B. A. and M. A. degrees at the University of Richmond. He also holds the B. D. degree from the University of Chicago and the Th. M. from Southern Baptist Theological Seminary. In recognition of his contributions to the religious life of the south, the University of Richmond conferred upon him in 1952 the honorary degree of Doctor of Divinity.

His pastoral ministry was performed primarily in North Carolina Baptist churches, notably in Dunn, Thomasville, Henderson, and Laurinburg. While pastor of the First Baptist Church of Dunn, Dr. Gardner taught religion at nearby Campbell College.

Immediately following his retirement from active pastoral duties some months ago, the Chowan Convocation speaker became interim editor of The Charity and Children, official publication of the Baptist Children's Homes of North Carolina, and remained in that position until the recent appointment of the new editor.

An author of note in religious circles, Dr. Gardner has collaborated with others in the production of several writings.

Over the past three years the student enrollment at Chowan College has almost doubled. In the fall of 1957, 299 students were enrolled. This fall 586 students have been enrolled.

This year's record-breaking student body at Chowan—over 100 more than last year's all-time high of 479—is truly a cosmopolitan group.

There are students from 65 North Carolina counties enrolled, along with enrollees from numbers of other states, including New York, New Jersey, Pennsylvania, Delaware, Washington, D. C., West Virginia, South Carolina, Georgia, and Florida. Two young ladies from foreign countries are also enrolled at Chowan this year—one from Thailand, the other a Rotary Exchange student from Finland.

Commenting on the tremendous increase in student enrollment this year, Chowan President Bruce E. Whitaker stated that he viewed the situation with mixed emotions.

"Naturally, I am delighted," he said, "at the fine enrollment increase, as well as at the exceptionally high caliber of the students this year."

He went on to add: "However, I regret very much the fact that we were forced to turn away well over 100 qualified young people because of a shortage of both classroom and housing facilities."

Dr. Whitaker concluded by saying: "The marked increase in student enrollment at Chowan is but a forerunner of what is yet to come; it serves only to highlight the tremendous challenge which is before North Carolina in the program of their seven college."



Grandparents aid Carole Lee Meador of Richmond, Va.



Freshman and Sophomores get acquainted

Among his own published books are: Old Testament Characters; a two-volume work entitled Lamp Unto My Feet; Journey to Japan; and Always the Ten Commandments.

Throughout his ministry, Dr. Gardner has been a recognized leader among Southern Baptists and has served on many of his denomination's leading boards and committees. At present, he is the recording secretary of the Baptist State Convention of North Carolina, chairman of the Convention's important committee which is preparing a program of advancement for North Carolina's seven Baptist colleges, and is also a member of the Foreign Mission Board of the Southern Baptist Convention. Chowan College president

Bruce E. Whitaker, who presided over the opening Convocation program, extended a cordial welcome to new students and returning sophomores on the Chowan campus.

The rules for good cooking are well-known and are printed in a thousand books, yet cooks persist in their slovenly ways and women get married without bothering to learn how to boil an egg or make a sandwich.

The person who is getting a meal for himself alone, provided he has to do the dishes and pans, seldom uses more than one pan, one spoon, one plate, one fork, or one glass.



Bill McCants of Wyoming Del., returns for last semester