

Remember Alma Mater!

That Bequest Business

"That bequest business is only for the big boys, not for me." This is the thought that goes through my mind whenever bequests to worthy causes are mentioned. And I imagine the same thought occurs to most of us who don't enjoy a private income or live off our wife's fortune—in other words, all of us of modest means.

When a piece of fund raising mail or other solicitation suggests that I remember my college in my will, I shrug, "Why should I?" And I instantly decided that there are others who should and can make gifts of this kind to charity or education. Certainly not I.

At least, this used to be my reaction. Recently I had occasion to take a closer look at my reasoning, and I began to wonder if I was so free of responsibility as I had thought. Is it true, I asked myself, that legacies to educational institutions are only for the wealthy to make? Or are they also the obligation of people of average means and perhaps stronger-than-average convictions?

I reviewed briefly my own obligations to the legacies of others. I recalled that when I had decided college training was essential to the kind of work I wished to pursue, the college of my choice was waiting for me. Its buildings, its laboratories, its libraries, and its wealth of talented manpower—the result of years of accumulation—all these things were ready because someone's gift had made them possible. A sense of responsibility seemed to say, "Continue this line unbroken so that others will have the chance I had."

Another thought came to mind: Would I be in the position I'm in now if it were not for the influence of my college training? Hasn't my professional growth been nourished by the preparation I received in college? Of course it has. To whom do I say "thank you" for this aid? I know my tuition paid the college only about half the cost of educating me. Can I call myself a "self-made" man?

If I am to make a bequest to an institution, that institution must be something very special in my life. I must believe in what it stands for, and that belief must be next to my family and my spiritual self. I'll give a few dollars here, a few dollars there, mostly to quiet my conscience and to get rid of solicitors. But when I consider a bequest, there is no motivation but my own conscience, and that reaches deep into my whole life.

If I leave a bequest to my college, I mused, my money will be multiplied through its effect on many students. How much greater will be the ripples that spread out from its expenditure than if I had passed it to a single individual. In a sense, then, I can perpetuate my resources into eternity. I could see in my mind's eye the wonderful work even my perhaps relatively small bequest might do in providing educational opportunities for others.

I had convinced myself. Then I became interested in knowing more about this kind of gift. I found that the trend of giving shows an increasing number of people making charitable bequests—particularly to education. These range from a small token gift to a multi-thousand

dollar addition to endowment. And these gifts come from all kinds of people in all kinds of circumstances.

An individual without an immediate family is frequently one who has spent his life intimately involved with his own profession. One way he can make this close association endure is by placing his resources, whatever they may be, at the disposal of the institution that has made it possible for him to grow and achieve a measure of personal and professional satisfaction.

Many couples have few responsibilities beyond each other. Where finances permit, they may leave their worldly goods to each other and provide for any remaining principal sum to pass to an institution which has been a source of inspiration, satisfaction or nourishment throughout their lives. Couples may think also of the possibility of their perishing at the same time in a common disaster. Who will then inherit? A provision by will can insure that any part of such an estate would revert to an institution they choose.

It happens, too, that couples with families see their children grow to be entirely self-sufficient—in fact, prosperous. A man looks to his own children and grandchildren, but it is not uncommon for him to feel literally closer to an institution than to some distant or unloved relative. Such a man will reflect upon those deeper currents in his own life which have shaped his career, and he may find that a sum bequeathed to his college could yield great satisfactions to himself and to the generations who will partake of his generosity.

Then again there is the person of substantial means who provides for his family and finds that, after a certain point, additional wealth for them may be a difficult tax and management burden. To him the appeal of tax saving through a charitable bequest has real meaning.

The decision to make a bequest is a very personal one. Only a man's conscience knows the importance in his own life of the institution he chooses. It has been said that such a gift is "the act of a man whose wealth is in ideas, in spirit, in beliefs." I know from personal experience that such a provision can give one great satisfaction in the knowledge that he can help to perpetuate an institution in which he believes.

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Profile

say that he planned some day to donate that personal library to the college.

After discussing at some length the truly remarkable growth of Chowan College in recent years, John's parting statement was: "Chowan College is the door to a better life for many, many eastern North Carolina young people and, for some, the other door."

"Now, and in a better way perhaps than ever before," he concluded, Chowan College is fulfilling its original mission."

Hats off from the Chowan College Alumni Association to an outstanding alumnus—John R. Jordan, Jr., State Senator from Raleigh.



Alumna Joins Chowan Staff

A recent graduate of Chowan, Miss Norma June Hayes, has joined the college administrative staff as secretary to John C. Gill, Jr., assistant to the president.

In June of this year, Miss Hayes received her diploma in secretarial science from Chowan. She was an Honor Roll student during every grading period while enrolled at the college, and a member of Alpha Phi Epsilon, the national honorary society for secretarial students. Active in all phases of campus life, she was also an outstanding member of Chowan's crack girls' basketball team.

Miss Hayes is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Loyd J. Hayes of Gates, N. C.

Alumni News

Judson Eure was recently discharged from the Air Force and is now employed by Swift & Co. in Norfolk. His wife is teaching in the Princess Anne County School System.

Easley Hope Forbes III is now employed by Edwards and Broughton Printing Co. in Raleigh.

Mr. and Mrs. Fred Hale are living in Greenville where he is attending East Carolina College.

Maynard Wooten Leonard is living in Rocky Mount where he is employed in the Engineering Department of the State Highway Commission.

Mrs. Kenneth Stokes (Ella Mae Parker) of Severn is the present Worthy Matron of the Eastern Star of North Carolina.

Mrs. J. C. Pennington (Julia Futelle '37) and two of her daughters have gone to Okinawa to be with her husband Colonel Pennington. Her older daughter is staying with her grandparents near Murfreesboro.

Randolph Vaughan Britton ('60) is living in Ahoskie. He is the office manager of the Carolina Aluminum Co. in Winton.

Mrs. Leon Carlton Burgess (Ethel Elizabeth Hobbs) is now living in Franklin, Va. Her husband is employed at Union Bag-Camp Manufacturing Co.

Tommy Norvell ('59) of Seaboard who transferred to Atlantic Christian following his graduation from Chowan, has already assumed a place of leadership on the ACC campus. This summer he represented the college at the United Campus Christian Fellowship assembly at Stephen's College in Missouri. More than 1200 students from American colleges and universities were in attendance at the assembly.

Tommy will receive the B. A. degree in religion from ACC in June. He is president of his dormitory and also a member of the Student Executive Board.

Alumni Wedding Bells

MARGARET LONG of Richmond to EMERLE F. STEPHENSON, Jr. of Como, at Como on September 24. Both are currently enrolled at Chowan.

NANCY LEE SNIDER, a former member of the Chowan faculty, to Ralph Gerald Helms of Concord, at Eagle Springs, on August 28.

THOMAS WILLIAM WINTON of Virgilina, Va. to Hazel Elizabeth White of Murfreesboro, June 26.

MRS. MARY WILLIAMS of Jackson to Malcom P. Davis, in Jackson, June 4.

ETHEL ELIZABETH HOBBS of Potecasi to Leon Charlton Burgess of Pendleton, in Potecasi, June 26.

WILLIAM GRAHAM ALLGOOD of Windsor to Sara Alice Yost of Weaverville, in Weaverville, July 15.

MARY ROSS BEALE of Potecasi to Chester Holland Brown of Jackson, in Potecasi, July 17.

LENA REBECCA GREGORY to Clifford Jackson Perry, both of Hertford, in Hertford, June 19.

LAWRENCE SELDON LANE of Fuquay Springs to Ramona Fay Drawbond of Roanoke, Va., in Roanoke, June 25.

CAROLYN HOLLIDAY of Williamston to Charles Mills of Williamston, in Williamston, September 13.

RANDOLPH VAUGHAN BRITTON of Menola to Mary Anne White of Aulander, in Aulander, June 20.

JULIAN R. MILLS of Roanoke Rapids to Mary Ellen Robertson of Aurelian Springs, in Aurelian Spring, June 1.

BETTYE JO LASSITER of Union to RICHARD WALTERS MURRAY of Hampton, Va., in Ahoskie, May 29.

MAYNARD WOOTEN LEONARD of Pinetops to Elizabeth Walters of Crisp, in Crisp, June 1.

JACQUELINE ANDERSON of Severn to CARROLL DAVIS of Elizabeth City, in Elizabeth City April 18.

JOSEPH EUGENE NORTH-COTT of Colerain to Judith Celeste Earley of Colerain, at Hickory Chapel, April 17.

WANDA GAYE JAMES of Kernersville to JIMMY LEE TOWE of Winston-Salem, in Kernersville, April 1.

MILDRED WHEELER of Norfolk, Va. to JACK PAYNE MORGAN of Portsmouth, Va., in Portsmouth, August 20.

EASLEY HOPE FORBES III of Wake Forest to Emma Jean Horton of Wake Forest on May 22.

FRED HALE of Windsor to Lynn Mixon of Murfreesboro, in Murfreesboro on June 4.

JUDSON EURE of Winton to Marian Louise Turner of Winton, in Dillon, S. C., July 16.



JUST MARRIED — Chowan Alumna Reba Dare Hale and Chowan Coach Jerry Lee Hawkins happily leave the Conway Methodist church after wedding ceremony last August 21. Chowan President Bruce Whitaker performed the ceremony. Two former Chowanians participated as bridesmaids, Patsy Picot, Franklin, Va., and Mrs. Bettye Jo (Lassiter) Murray of Ahoskie.