

Summer Session Starts June 12

Plans for the 3rd annual summer session at Chowan College are complete, according to Dean-elect W. Clayton Morrisette who directs the summer program at the fully-accredited institution.

Fifteen courses in nine areas of study will be offered to students wishing to make up deficiencies or to accelerate their college program. Chowan will also offer several high school level courses.

The School of Graphic Arts for its eighth summer session is offering Linotype and Teletypesetter courses.

In addition, East Carolina College will offer six courses through an Extension Center on the Chowan campus. These courses may be used to meet requirements for graduate degrees or for the renewal of teaching certificates.

The college dormitories and cafeteria will be open throughout the six-weeks session for students who require such facilities. The college swimming pool, tennis courts, and other athletic facilities will also be available for summer school students.

Registration for the Chowan College summer session is set for June 12, with regular classes to begin the following day. The summer term closes on July 21.

Work Begun On College History

In accordance with a recent action of the Chowan College Board of Trustees, work has begun on the writing of a history of the college.

It is anticipated that the research work writing, and publishing of the Chowan College history will take about two years. The proposed volume will record the activities and service of the college from its beginning in 1848 until the present.

The Rev. Oscar Creech of Ahoskie, recently retired director of development at Chowan, and Dr. Edgar V. McKnight of the college administrative staff were named co-authors, with the latter appointed by the Board to serve as official draftsman.

In addition, J. Felix Arnold, pastor of the Enfield Baptist Church and chairman of the Chowan College Board of Trustees, appointed an advisory committee to work with the authors. Creech will chair the committee which is composed also of: Dr. Gilbert T. Stephenson, Pendleton; and mesdames J. Craig Revelle, R. H. Underwood, and E. P. Brown, Sr., all of Murfreesboro.

In commenting on the history, Dr. Bruce E. Whitaker, president of the college said: "With the appointed authors and committee members of such ability and qualification for the work at hand, the result will undoubtedly be a really first-rate history of Chowan College."

Visitation Day

Noted Baptist leaders and visitors from throughout North Carolina gathered on the Chowan College campus on Monday, March 20, 1961, for the annual Campus Visitation Day.

Highlighting the program this year were addresses by Dr. Douglas M. Branch, general secretary of the Baptist State Convention of North Carolina; Dr. E. Norfleet Gardner, chairman of the convention committee on the advance program for the colleges, Dr. Bruce E. Withaker, president of Chowan College. The program topic is "Chowan College and the 45 Million Campaign."

The annual event, sponsored by the Council on Christian Education in conjunction with Chowan College, began with registration at 9:30 a. m. March 20. The official program began at 10 a. m. The Campus Visitation Day ceremonies was opened to all visitors. Those attending the event were the guest of the college for the noon meal in the college cafeteria.

Also included in the day's events was a musical contribution from the Chowan College Choir under the direction of Mr. James Chamblee.

Resolution of Appreciation For J. Irving Brooks

WHEREAS, J. Irving Brooks has tendered his resignation as Dean of Chowan College, to become effective on or about June 15, 1961, and

WHEREAS, Dean Brooks has served the college effectively and faithfully during the five years of his employment, and

WHEREAS, the accreditation of Chowan College by the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools and the present high academic standing of the college are a tribute, in large measure, to the vision and work of Dean Brooks.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED: that the Board of Trustees of Chowan College, in regular meeting assembled on February 20, 1961, do heartily commend J. Irving Brooks and express their sincere appreciation for the loyal and efficient way in which he has performed his duties as Dean of the College since 1956; that a copy of this resolution be placed in the permanent minutes of meetings of the Board of Trustees; and that a copy of this resolution be presented to Dean Brooks.



DEAN OF THE COLLEGE J. IRVING AND MRS. BROOKS

Dean Brooks Retires

By John C. Gill, Jr.

On June 30, 1961, J. Irving Brooks, having attained the age of 70 years, will step down as Dean of Chowan College.

For the past five years, Dean Brooks has served faithfully and well in his post. His excellent background combined with his many years of experience in education provided him with the wisdom and the ability to do a most significant job in directing and improving the academic program at Chowan College.

Perhaps the Dean's greatest contribution during his half-decade at Chowan was his work to gain full accreditation for the college. In all probability, Dean Brooks, more than any other single individual, was responsible for this important advancement. His carefully detailed reports and his cooperative work with the Study Committee of the Southern Association were, in large measure, the factors which won this national recognition for Chowan College.

A Virginian

The son of Henry Edgar and Lillian Howerton Brooks, Dean was born in Dunbrook, not far from the Tappahannock River in Essex County, Virginia. He was one of six children.

His formal education began in the Essex County public schools and he was graduated from Dunbrook High School.

After attending Richmond College, Dean Brooks transferred to the College of William and Mary and earned the A.B. degree. He was also awarded membership in Phi Gamma Mu, a national honorary society for outstanding achievement in the social sciences. His Master's degree was earned at the University of Virginia, along with membership in Phi Delta Kappa, the national honorary education fraternity.

For many years, Chowan's Dean served as a high school principal in the Virginia public school system. His longest

terms of service were at Clarksville (13 years) in Mecklenburg County, and at Highland Spring High School (13 years) in suburban Richmond.

During those years, many honors were heaped upon this outstanding educator. He served on the Governor's Advisory Committee on Education; on the Virginia Educational Policy Committee; as a director and member of the executive committee of the Virginia Education Association for 17 years; as a principal speaker at the National Student Council Convention; as a Virginia delegate to six National Education Association Conventions; and as a member of the Council on Christian Education of the Baptist State Convention of North Carolina.

When he retired from the Virginia public school system in 1956, the Principals' Association in his state awarded him a citation for Outstanding Contribution to Secondary Education in Virginia. He is listed in *Who's Who in American Education*, and in *Who's Who in the South and Southwest*.

His Family

About 45 years ago, Dean Brooks married Marian Elizabeth Baughan, also a native of Essex County. They have two children: daughter Kathleen, now Mrs. Carl P. Craig, resides in Highland Springs; son J. Irving, Jr. is employed by the State of Virginia and lives in Richmond.

Mrs. Brooks has also been employed by Chowan College for the past five years. For a time she served as a counselor for male students; this year she has been an assistant dean of women. In addition to her duties in this capacity, Mrs. Brooks has carried the heavy responsibility of supervising the operation of the college book store. Moreover, she and her close friend Mrs. Grimes, the dean of women, serve as unofficial hostesses for all public functions at the college. As

in the case of her husband, Mrs. Brooks' contributions to Chowan College have been varied and valuable.

As they begin their retirement days the first of July, the Brookses will move into a newly-completed home in Highland Springs. They also have a 70-acre farm not far away at Miller's Tavern, which will provide a wonderful occasional retreat from city life.

Both Dean and Mrs. Brooks are avid gardeners and do-it-yourselfers. With those interests, the farm and other business interests, books, and the grandchildren, retirement promises to be a happy and busy time for them.

All of us here at Chowan College who have come to know them and appreciate them, both personally and in their work, trust that it will be so, and wish for them life's choicest blessings in the years ahead.

Press Meeting

ROANOKE RAPIDS, N. C.—Lieutenant Governor H. Cloyd Philpott of Lexington was the main speaker for the Spring meeting of the Eastern North Carolina Press Association scheduled here Friday and Saturday, April 28-29.

Newspapermen gathered for the two-day session devoted a portion of their program to a study of printing newspapers by the offset process. Walter Potter, publisher of the *Culpeper, Va. Star-Exponent* conducted the offset session on Saturday morning.

Philpott addressed the Friday evening banquet.

Linda Dickens of Roanoke Rapids, North Carolina's leading baton twirler, entertained at the banquet. Miss Dickens is an official Ambassador of Good Will for North Carolina, appointed by Gov. Luther Hodges in 1959.