

# Chowan Alumni Appreciate Their Alma Mater

By MISS FRANCES E. WHITE

It is the desire of every teacher of the Bible not only to impart knowledge but to provide an impetus whereby the student will in future years put in practice the learning attained in the classroom. With these purposes in mind the Religion Department of Chowan College devised a plan whereby the former graduates could write informally of their evaluation and application of the knowledge and influences which they experienced while at Chowan.

I, as coordinator between the Department of Religion and the Alumni, regret that all graduates could not be contacted, but feel that the following are a representative group of the students of past years. Quite a few sent no reply as probably some had moved to regions unknown as evident by letters returned, and others were too burdened with the tasks at hand to communicate their thoughts. We are most grateful, however, for the "touch" of friendship from these who have warmed our hearts through their frank evaluation and sincere messages of appreciation. May each reader of the present issue of THE CHOWANIAN enjoy these as much as I have as they have arrived at varying intervals. Each letter reminded me of the joys of "keeping in touch" with those with whom we were privileged to instruct and guide.



PAUL HASKINS

Paul Haskins, University of North Carolina at Raleigh. At Chowan I found my interest in religion as I followed the instruction of my professor to "read and study". I am now married and building my home and the ideas and passages from the Scriptures have formed a concept within me which will also be built into my home, which I am sure will lead to a sounder and firmer family life.



MAE BELLE CHAPPELL

Mae Belle Chappell, Music Teacher, Belvidere, N. C. "The memories of many happy and valuable hours I spent as a student at Chowan are cherished. I feel that my courses have been a blessing to me and I will always cherish the fine fellowship I shared with my fellow students and teachers."



DIANE DIXON

Diane Dixon, Secretary, Murfreesboro Baptist Church.

In every walk and phase of life — in the church, in our businesses, in our homes and in relationship with our friends — we all need a general knowledge of the Bible. No one enjoys reading what he does not understand. A lot of questions and doubts can be clarified through study, especially if one has the privilege of disagreeing and is encouraged to do just that.



BILL SOWELL

Bill Sowell, Instructor, School of Graphic Arts, Chowan College.

Chowan College and the School of Graphic Arts mean many things to me. Through training I have been able to secure a vocation and a wife (who was a student in the School of Printing). My whole viewpoint of life and religion has changed because of the influence and guidance of my teachers. As a small boy I attended church and Sunday School so the Bible was not a new book to me. However, my courses in Religion gave it new meaning and understanding.



CHARLES PAUL

Charles Paul, Professor, Chowan College

I remember most clearly about my student days at Chowan College that the facts of Christian religion were not only taught to the beginner but the Christian religion itself was exemplified. Every student was considered as of ultimate worth, an academic justice was tempered with Christian love and understanding. The courses were designed for the beginner student with the intention of acquainting him with the basic material found in the Bible. For me this was a very valuable approach because it provided a thorough knowledge which is assumed in Seminary work. The instruction prepared me well for a broader and deeper study of religion.

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Liisa Keski-Luopa, Finland (Rotary Exchange Student, 1961-1962).

I had direct use again last year of my Religion course that I took at Chowan when here at the University we examined the language of the King James Version. It was somewhat easier for me to learn the special characteristics of the vocabulary and syntax since I was familiar with the language beforehand. Whenever I come in contact with religious terminology in translation text or literature I feel thankful for my thorough Bible courses at Chowan.



BILLIE HARRIS

Billie Harris, Math Teacher, Elizabeth City, N. C. "My college courses helped me to understand many things I had never known and new truths that could apply to my own daily life. My professors were always willing to listen and advise when I asked for help. As I planned programs for vespers I feel I grew spiritually."



SYLVIA GEORGE

Sylvia George, Secretary, Chowan College.

I thoroughly enjoyed Chowan College and its religious activities and courses. If I had it to do over again I would study much harder and take advantage of the opportunity afforded me while a student. The religious activities on the campus were as much a part of my curriculum as was any other student activity. Some of the most enjoyable activities were socials sponsored by the B. S. U., such as the "Powder Puff Football Game."



BETSY BOONE

Betsy Boone, Meredith College. "Before I studied Old and New Testament at Chowan I had accepted religious faith without thoroughly understanding why I had done so. As I studied I learned a deeper meaning of religious faith and appreciated the fact that the student was urged to make up his or her own mind."



SARA FUTRELL

Sara Futrell, Staff, First Baptist Church, Ahoskie.

To have been a student at Chowan was a very happy and rewarding experience. As a member of the staff of the First Baptist Church, Ahoskie, hardly a day passes that I cannot reflect and draw on my knowledge which I received there. Truths gathered have a far reaching effect on my life now and in the future because concepts give true purpose and direction.

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Carl Wimbish — South Boston, Va. — "At present I am the Coordinator of Distributive Education of Halifax County, Virginia. I am grateful that I went to a denominational school first where I received a knowledge of the Bible and was active in the religious activities of the Baptist Student Union. I am now serving in the capacity of assistant superintendent of Teacher Training in the Sunday School."

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Mrs. Henry L. Miller (Joyce Ann Parker) Murfreesboro. "At Chowan I enjoyed the vesper services, chapel, and the weeks of Christian emphasis. I remember the training that I received in the Music Department and the Religion Department there. I am church organist, help lead the choir, and teach in the Nursery Department at Meherrin Baptist Church."



RANDY BRITTON

Randy Britton — Ahoskie — "Since leaving Chowan I am constantly recalling some of the lessons learned there. As past Sunday School teacher for the young peoples' class and assistant superintendent of the Menola Church I have used much of the literature that I received at Chowan. It has been of invaluable aid to me in teaching and giving me background material."



AUDREY MARINER

Audrey Mariner, Greenville, S. C. "The prime purpose of a Christian institution, such as Chowan College, should be to prepare young people to earn a living and also teach them how to live. Christian education in the classroom and Christ-centered activities can best accomplish this goal."



CALVIN REYNOLDS

Calvin Reynolds, Linotype Operator, Jamesville, N.C.

Working in the newspaper business as a linotype operator I find that a knowledge of places, names, and Biblical subjects gained from my studies at Chowan have been useful to me, especially in setting type for church pages and other religious items.