

# Chowan Alumni Association Holds Annual Meet; Elect New Officers

The annual meeting of the Chowan College Alumni Association was held Saturday, May 2nd in the college cafeteria. The meeting, the first to have the combined business meeting and luncheon together, was conducted by outgoing president, C. Bailey Jones.

John Griffin, Director of Public Affairs and News with WTAR-AM-FM-TV, Norfolk, Virginia, was the featured speaker at the annual meeting. His title was "The Role of the Small Church-Related College in Education". John Griffin, a member of the Chowan College Alumni Association, went from Chowan to the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill where he graduated in 1958 with a Bachelor's Degree in Radio and TV Journalism. In 1961 he was awarded the CBS Fellowship to attend Columbia University where he received a Master's Degree in International Law and Politics. He served as News Director for KTAL-TV in Shreveport, Louisiana until September of 1963 when he returned to this area to take his present position with WTAR. Mrs. Griffin is the former Mary Lewis Rountree of Sunbury.

Mr. Ross Cadle, Director of Admissions at Chowan, brought the invocation and another member of the Chowan Staff, Dr. Hargus Taylor, Chaplain, brought the Scripture and Prayer. As always, President Bruce E. Whitaker brought Greetings from the College and reported to the Alumni on its progress during the 1963-64 academic



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year. President Whitaker's report was received very warmly by the almost 200 persons in attendance.

Mrs. T. J. Benthall, outgoing secretary for the association, read the roll call and recognized the Twenty-Five Year Class.

New officers were elected. L. M. "Piggy" Jenkins, Assistant Superintendent of Schools for Hertford County, was elected as the second male president of the association. Another Hertford Countian, R. V. Parker, Sheriff of Hertford County, was elected vice-president. Mrs. J. Craig Revelle of Murfreesboro was elected secretary.

Mr. Robert Brown, a member of

the music faculty at Chowan, was responsible for an outstanding variety program. The program was presented by students who sing in the college choir.

Three persons were remembered to the Alumni Association and the unanimous consent, the secretary was requested to write letters to these persons. The first was to Dr. Gilbert Stephenson, chairman of the General Endowment Committee of Chowan College, who was reported to be hospitalized in the Roanoke - Chowan Hospital. Another person, Mrs. Neva Campbell, librarian at the college and also a member of the Alumni Association, was remembered to the group as having been unable to attend the meeting due to illness. Finally, the association recognized Mrs. Olivia Benthall Jenkins who recently celebrated her one-hundredth birthday. Mrs. Jenkins of Aulander, is the eldest living member of the Alumni Association.

## Are You Aware?

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Are you aware or even interested in the men and the issues of the forthcoming elections? There's a rumor that the general election is preceded by primaries. Planning to vote?

Panama — some place south of the United States. Too bad about the situation, isn't it? Oh, but you don't know anyone stationed there, you say.

And Saigon, that's even farther away from home. They say Premier Nguyen Ngoc Tho is still trying to hold off the Reds.

Heard that there's something in the air in North Dakota, though. Saw a headline or two about a 3 per cent sales tax instead of personal property and state income taxes. Must be a publicity stunt of some king, and the Burton, Liz and Eddie story is much more interesting. After all, as upcoming leaders, we must know how to conduct ourselves in situations such as that.

Even Dick Tracy is getting interesting. Will "she" scorch the world or freeze it? Things are beginning to get tense.

Not as bad as the Common Market, though. So many people go shopping in Minot on Thursday night lately that it's a wonder we get anything purchased.

So many things going on in today's world. Are you aware?

## Our Cover

The front cover of THE CHOWANIAN this month represents a "first" for the School of Graphic Arts. It is, of course, a color picture of the "Columns" building, erected in 1851. It was reproduced from a Ektachrome color reversal film taken by a Ahsokie Herald photographer. Separation negatives were made then transferred to plates from which the cover was printed. These four negatives cost \$150 and were loaned to the School of Graphic Arts by THE HERALD. Using yellow, red, blue and black, in that order, the cover was produced in four press runs on an ATF Chief 126 offset press.

The back cover is reproduced in duotone from a drawing by Gloria Dean Barnes, a student in the School of Graphic Arts. Of course it represents "THE STUDENT" and his various scholastic activities, indicated by an arm-load of books and other materials. It was suggested by faculty members of the Department of Religion.



POPULAR GROUP—"Jay and the Americans" are shown during their recent concert at Chowan College.

## Joseph Stephenson Presented In Guest Recital Here Recently

The Daniel School of Music at Chowan College, in cooperation with the public entertainment committee of Chowan, featured Mr. Joseph Stephenson, pianist, in recital on Tuesday, May 12.

Mr. Stephenson, a member of the piano faculty of the preparatory department to the Peabody Conservatory in Baltimore, is presently near completion of his work there for a Bachelor of the Performing Arts Degree. The son of Mr. and Mrs. J. B. Stephenson, Jr., of Severn, North Carolina,

he has studied piano under Mrs. Ernest Howell and Mrs. Ella Mae Stokes of Severn, Mrs. Barbara Revelle of Murfreesboro, Mrs. John Register of Franklin, Virginia, and is now studying under the tutelage of Mr. Walter Hautzig.

The recital by Mr. Stephenson, featured the Capriccio on the Departure of his Beloved Brother by Johann Sebastian Bach and the Sonata in D Major, Opus 28 (Pastorale) of Ludwig van Beethoven.

## History of Chowan College To be Delivered in July

"A HISTORY OF CHOWAN COLLEGE" co-authored by Dr. Edgar V. McKnight and Reverend Oscar Creech will be complete in July. Dr. McKnight is a former Chaplain of the College and now on the faculty at Furman University. Mr. Creech formerly served as Director of Development and has long been a worker for Chowan.

Dr. McKnight, draftsman for the book, reported on the origin of the idea for the publication. He said, "Dr. Gilbert T. Stephenson is the man responsible for the origin of the idea. From his experience he saw the significance of Chowan College for the past and present and he talked with President Whitaker about the advisability of having a history written and the procedure to follow. Dr. Whitaker, in turn, presented a plan to the Board of Trustees and the writing of the history was authorized."

The first materials for the work came from a chronicle kept by co-author, Oscar Creech, who, during his years as secretary of the Board of Trustees composed some chapters of the chronicle from the minutes of the Board of Trustees. This, as well as the original (handwritten in the early years) minutes gave a rather complete idea of developments in the life of the college.

The authors, stating particular impressions as a result of their work, said, "There is one desire for excellence. Dr. Godwin C. Moore and the others who were instrumental in beginning the Chowan Female Institute were interested in what they called "a school of high order". They did not just want a school to teach cooking and sewing (although these were important). "This tradition", they added, "has continued at Chowan. Research concerning the reopening of Chowan and the work since that important event reinforces the conclusion that the community, the Board of Trustees, the faculty, and the administration are seeking to do the best job of Christian higher education possible."

Thirteen chapters will make up the book which is published by the School of Graphic Arts. Orders should be addressed to Business Manager, Box 247, Chowan College, Murfreesboro, N. C.



KEEPING BUSY—Dr. Bela Udvarnoki, professor emeritus of Chowan, retired in 1963, but is still quite busy with speaking engagements and literary work.

## Dr. Udvarnoki Stays Busy Buts Enjoys Retirement

Dr. Bela Udvarnoki, Hungarian-born educator and former chairman of the Department of Social Science at Chowan, retired in 1963 and is now professor emeritus.

Dr. Udvarnoki makes his home in Murfreesboro on Woodridge Drive.

Although retired, he is still quite busy with speaking obligations and literary work. He teaches Sunday School practically every Sunday and is giving Bible lectures throughout the country. Two of his most recent lectures were given at the Fulton Road Baptist Church and the Shakers Square Baptist Church in Cleveland, Ohio in January and at the Coral Gables Baptist Church in Coral Gables, Florida in February. More recently he lectured in Montreal and Toronto, Canada. A recent interview with the ordained minister and educator re-

vealed that he is doing extensive literary work. Currently he is writing Sunday School lessons for a quarterly periodical in Hungarian. Also, he has recently produced several articles and has two books in preparation.

Dr. Udvarnoki frequently does supply preaching throughout North Carolina and Virginia. He is thoroughly familiar with Baptist life and has served as a Baptist Pastor in Gatesville, North Carolina at the Gatesville Baptist Church where he stayed three and one-half years prior to coming to Chowan College.

Dr. Bela, as he is known by his many friends, has already authored two books in Hungarian and has contributed fifteen articles to publications throughout America. He is also widely known as a speaker on international relations.

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