

Construction Begins on New Penny Infirmary



ARCHITECT'S DRAWING OF NEW PENNY INFIRMARY

Made Possible By Chowan Alumna's Gift

Another chapter in the growth of Chowan College was written last month when construction started on the new Penny Infirmary. It is located behind the now unused east wing of the "Columns" building.

According to an announcement by Dr. Bruce E. Whitaker, President of Chowan College, the structure is being made possible by the generous gift of Mrs. Lola Mae Freeman Penny, a former member of the Board of Trustees. Under a policy of the Board, donors who provide 51 per cent of a facility may designate its name.

Mrs. Penny is an alumna of Chowan and now resides in Raleigh. She is a native of Bertie County. She is 86 years old.

On the first floor, which will be for girls, Penny Infirmary will have the entrance lobby, one efficiency apartment with private bath, two examination rooms, an office, four private bedrooms and bath with toilet facilities.

On the second floor, which is for male students, there is also an efficiency apartment with private bath, six bedrooms with bath and toilet facilities and a balcony overlooking the lobby on the first floor.

The cost of the Penny Infirmary, fully equipped, will be \$100,000.00. The 5,100 square foot facility is expected to be completed by June 1, 1961.

Gov. Sanford Asks for End to Money Barriers on Education in Address Here

Speaks At Dedication of New Buildings

The time must come when no capable young person decides he cannot go to college because of a lack of money, Gov. Terry Sanford said here October 17.

He called for state tuition grants and unlimited loan funds so that every high school graduate "can look forward to education beyond the high school."

Sanford spoke at dedication services for the college's new dormitories and enlargement of the cafeteria. The services were part of "Homecoming Day" at Chowan.

He said he was not suggesting free college education because "that would not be sound public policy and we can better spend our education (money) elsewhere. Besides there is character building in striving to pay part of your way through college."

But he did suggest:

"That the state pay to each student attending a private college a tuition grant equal to one-half of what it would cost the state if the student attended a state supported college. This would strengthen the private colleges, ease the burdens of the state colleges and save the state money. It also would maintain a healthy balance between private and state-supported colleges.

"We must have unlimited loans funds, backed if necessary by a state guarantee. Experience has shown that college loan funds do not suffer loss. The students are careful to repay them. Every student should be able to borrow the necessary money to complete his education."

Going to college or to a technical institute or to an industrial education center should be the realistic dream of every capable North Carolina child, the governor declared.

The first proposal was presented to the legislature last term but did not receive support. Gov. Sanford said the growth of Chowan College is indicative of growth of higher education in North Carolina.

He noted that in the state there are twice as many college students now as a decade ago and more enrolled in community colleges, technical institutes and



PLATFORM COMMITTEE—Members of the platform committee for the Dedication Services held last month pose for the photographer. Two new dormitories and an addition to the cafeteria were dedicated in the impressive ceremony. Governor Terry Sanford delivered the main address.

other vocational training centers then there are enrolled in major colleges in the state.

The governor cited the growth of Chowan since 1957 under Dr. Bruce E. Whitaker from a plant valued at less than \$1 million to a plant at more than \$4.5 million. He also noted that the growth had not stopped.

"Since 1948 the college has produced leaders for Hertford County, for Northeastern North Carolina and for our entire state and nation. But the opportunities for Chowan College are greater today than they have ever been in the entire 116 years of the existence of this institution.

"We know North Carolina will need in increasing numbers the secretaries, the skilled craftsmen of the School of Graphic Arts, the nurses and the other graduates of Chowan College and other church-supported schools of North Carolina.

He said every student who is taught in a church-related college represents a marked saving to the taxpayers.

And channeling funds from the Higher Education Facilities Act is no more offensive to the belief of separation of church and state than is the G.I. bill, he said.

Baptist Convention Rejects Proposals

North Carolina Baptist Messengers at their recent convention in Greensboro voted down the Higher Education Facilities and the Trustee Proposals for the Baptist colleges.

The two proposals were designed to help the colleges maintain and possibly expand their vital places in Denominational Christian Higher Education.

In recent letter to Dr. Bruce E. Whitaker, Chowan College president, George Pittard, IV, president of the Student Government Association, said:

"I would like to express to you my heartfelt thanks and gratitude for the effort which you so vigorously put forth in behalf of Higher Education Facilities and the Trustee Proposal. I know how much the two proposals meant to you personally, and also how much their approval could have meant to all of us here at Chowan College. . . . I can assure you that every student here at Chowan College appreciates how

unselfishly you give yourself to your work."

In reply to the student government president's letter Dr. Whitaker said in part:

"You are correct that these two proposals meant a great deal to me personally and that they could have been meaningful to all of us here at Chowan College.

George, your letter at this time means more to me than you and the students, whom you represent in a very real sense, could possibly know. Let me add that I am grateful that the members of our student body have sought to express their disappointment in quiet but none-the-less deeply felt sentiments, than could have been the case. Frankly, it demonstrates an understanding and maturity on the part of our students which I greatly appreciate."

OLD CEMETERY

Arlington National Cemetery was established 100 years ago.

Missionary to Brazil Visitor At Chowan

Miss Sistie Givens, Baptist missionary to Brazil toured the Chowan College campus, Friday, October 30, and gave a brief talk to the Young Woman's Auxiliary as announced by Mrs. Al George, counselor of the YWA's at Chowan.

Miss Givens says it was from her counselor in Young Woman's Auxiliary that she "caught the contagious fervor of missions." Now she shares that fervor with Brazilian girls as she teaches in the South Brazil Training School, in Rio de Janeiro, Guanabara, and assists in Brazilian YWA work.

Her duties with the Trio Training School (where young women prepare for vocational Christian missionary education, evangelism, church recreation and English courses, supervising the students' field work in local churches and slum areas, and substituting as director of the school during the furlough of another missionary. Appointed by the Foreign Mission Board in 1958, Miss Givens studied Portuguese in Campinas, Sao Paulo, for a year before going to Rio. While she was still struggling to learn the language she organized a YWA in her Campinas church.

An Oklahoman, Miss Givens was born and reared near Mangum.

The Oklahoma Baptist Student Union sent her to Jamaica to work in Vacation Bible Schools in the summer following her college graduation. Upon her return to the States, she was assistant home demonstration agent in Tulsa County, Oklahoma, for two years.

Other Baptist campuses Miss Givens visited other than Chowan included Mars Hill, and Campbell.