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Pioneering in Christian higher education, Chowan College continues preparing young people for careers in rapidly changing and exciting enterprises.



CHOWAN PLAYERS FEATURED IN "OUR TOWN"—In a wedding scene in the drama, "Our Town", are Lewis Paynter, South Hill, Va., and Frances Merkel, Richmond, Va. They are shown in one of the wedding scenes from Thornton Wilder's play being presented at Chowan College on March 3, 4 and 5.

Drama Production Planned

The second production for the year for The Chowan Players will be their presentation of "Our Town" on March 3, 4, and 5 in the college auditorium. The play and players are under the direction of Mrs. Edith Larson, Dramatist and member of the Department of English. Featured in the play by Thornton Wilder are:

Frances Merkel, Richmond, Virginia, who is a cheerleader and a member of the Homecoming Court. She hopes to attend college and major in psychology.

Lewis Paynter, South Hill, Virginia, was a member of the cast for the first production this year. He plans a career in business administration.

James Smith, Warsaw, Virginia, who prefers comic roles but is seen as a more serious character in "Our Town".

Sandra Tierney of Norfolk, Virginia, participated in several plays in high school and was active in the Thespians Club. A sophomore, she was staged in "Lord Byron's Love Letters" last year at Chowan.

Dedee MacAdoo, Petersburg, Va., was born in Germany but came to America at the age of eleven. During high school days she participated in school plays.

Irwin Coons, Richmond, Virginia, played football in high school and was active in Junior Red Cross activities. He plans a future in engineering.

Our Cover

Busy Television News Executive Got Start on Chowan Newspaper

John R. Griffin '56 busy Director of News and Public Affairs for Norfolk's WTAR-TV, makes time in his busy schedule to serve as President of the Chowan College Alumni Association.

Murfreesboro Native

A Murfreesboro native, he whetted his appetite for news coverage by working with THE CHOWANIAN when he was a Chowan College student. He is now in command of a 38-man newsgathering team. Work with photographic layouts for THE CHOWANIAN prepared him for the time news photographers under his direction would win awards for outstanding news photography.

Among Specialties

Documentaries, involving difficult camera techniques, are among his specialties today and he credits work on the Chowan College campus with giving him



JOHN GRIFFIN

the background for his present accomplishments.

Many miles are put on his car each year, fitting the interests of

New Hospital

(ACP)—The small South Vietnamese village of Long Yen may have a new medical clinic as a result of fund-raising efforts by Michigan State University's chapter of the People-to-People Assn.

The chapter raised \$500 by selling Rose Bowl souvenirs at airports, railroad stations and bus depots as tour groups were leaving for Pasadena.

This money and \$1,000 more to be raised by fund-raising projects will be sent to the village of Long Yen, which has a population of about 3,000, to build a five-room medical clinic. The MSU chapter hopes to staff the clinic with a male nurse and a pharmacist, according to Judith Rice, chapter president. Present medical facilities have only one midwife.

Chowan College into his busy newsgathering schedule. Although covering Tidewater news and public affairs is a demanding and time-consuming job, he also covers the nation and world in the interest of Alumni Association activities.

While commanding his 38-man organization, he is now laying the groundwork for organizing former Chowan College students in the Tidewater area into an Alumni club, or, possibly, Alumni clubs.

During a recent visit to campus, a co-ed pointed to the tall and handsome young television news executive and asked her companion, "Who is that man? He looks awfully familiar. I'm sure I've seen him somewhere before."

"Yes," replied her companion, "you sure have. You've seen a lot of him on TV and you've seen him around here a lot, too, because he's one of us."