

124th Graduation Exercises May 14

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**BACCALAUREATE SPEAKER
DR. J. WINSTON PEARCE**



**GRADUATION SPEAKER
DR. DALE H. GRAMLEY**

Dr. J. Winston Pearce, writer in residence at Campbell College, and Dr. Dale H. Gramley, executive director of the Z. Smith Reynolds Foundation, Inc. of Winston-Salem, will be featured speakers as Chowan College closes its 124th year with commencement exercises Sunday, May 14.

Dr. Pearce will speak at the baccalaureate service scheduled for 11 a.m. on the front lawn. Also on the program are Mrs. Janet Collins, professor in the department of physical education, who will bring the invocation, Dr. R. Hargus Taylor, chaplain, who will read the scripture; Mrs. Dell L. McKeithan, professor of English, who will deliver the prayer; and Warren G. Sexton, acting chairman of the department of social science, who will offer the benediction.

Chowan's president, Dr. Bruce E. Whitaker, will introduce the speaker.

The commencement address will be delivered at the 3:00 p.m. graduation service by Dr. Gramley. Others taking part include George Hazelton, physics professor, who will bring the invocation, and Dr. Whitaker, who will introduce Dr. Gramley.

Assisting Chowan's president with the awarding of diplomas will be Dr. B. Franklin Lowe, Jr., dean of the college, and Darrell Nicholson, registrar. Also scheduled for the graduation service are the awarding of the Distinguished Alumni Awards.

Special music will be presented at both services by the Chowan Concert Choir, under the direction of Jefferson Ishee.

The schedule for commencement day also includes breakfast at 8 a.m., coffee hour at 9:30 a.m. and lunch at 12:30 p.m. for candidates and their guests.

The baccalaureate speaker assumed his present position after serving from 1961-1970 as professor of preaching at the Golden Gate Baptist Theological Seminary. He was guest professor at Baptist Seminary, Ruschlikon, Switzerland, during 1970-71.

Dr. Pearce has also served as pastor of the First Baptist Church, Nevada, Miss.; First Baptist Church, Durham; Seventh Baptist Church, Baltimore; and First Baptist Church, Deland, Fla.

He received his education at Campbell College and Wake Forest University, where he received his A.B., University of Chicago, which granted him the B.D., and undertook graduate studies at Southern Baptist Theological Seminary in Louisville, Ky. He was granted the honorary Doctor of Divinity degree from Wake Forest.

In Baptist circles and churches, he has served in the following capacities: president of General Board, North Carolina Baptist State Convention; chairman, executive committee of General Board for North Carolina Baptists; member of board of trustees, Wake Forest University; member of executive committee, Baptist State Convention of Maryland; president of the Baltimore Pastor's Conference; official clergy staff at John Hopkins Hospital, Baltimore; president of DeLand Pastor's Conference; pastor

advisor, Florida Baptist students; member of the executive committee of the Southern Baptist Convention; and preacher on the "Baptist Hour."

In community affairs, he has served on the board of directors for YMCA, Salvation Army, Association of the Blind, and Wright Refuge (home for children); Mayor's Committee on Redevelopment; past president of Rotary Club, Phillips Brooks Club; and chairman of Mayor's Committee on Youth Work.

A North Carolina native, Dr. Pearce traveled around the world in 1957 visiting missions fields, under the sponsorship of the Foreign Mission Board of the Southern Baptist Convention. He has also spent a year studying in Scotland.

He is the author of nine books. His most recent book, *Light On The Lord's Face*, was published in 1970. He is also the author of *Planning Your Preaching*, *Seven First Words of Jesus*, *Come, Let Us Worship*, *We Covenant Together*, *Paul and His Letters*, *God Calls Me*, *Window Sill of Heaven*, and *I Believe*. He has also contributed numerous articles for Southern Baptist Publications.

He is married to the former Winnie Rickett. They have three children, two married daughters and a son who is a student at the University of California Law School.

Dale Hartzler Gramley, executive director of the Z. Smith Reynolds Foundation and president emeritus of Salem College and Academy, was born in Pennsylvania. The son of a minister, he lived in Pennsylvania and Maryland before attending Albright College in Reading, Pa., where he majored in English, edited the college newspaper, was the college publicity director, and editor of the yearbook. He played right tackle on the football team.

Following his graduation with a Bachelor of Arts degree, for two years he was a reporter and then city editor of the *York Dispatch*. While studying for his Master's degree at Columbia University, he did public relations work for the Columbia Gas and Electric Company, investigations of charities for the *New York Journal-American*, and copy editing for the *New York Journal of Commerce*. For the next 12 years, until 1942, he was chairman of the Journalism Department at Lyhigh University.

From 1942 to 1944, Dr. Gramley was assistant to the president at Moravian College and Theological Seminary in Bethlehem, Pa., and for five years, until 1949, he was editor-in-chief of the *Bethlehem (Pa.) Globe-Times*. He was the 13th president of Salem College and Academy, 1949-1971.

Albright College, Moravian College, Wake Forest University, and Davidson College have awarded him honorary doctorate degrees: Litt.D., LL.D. and Lit.D. He has also been honored twice by election to the presidency of the North Carolina Foundation of Church-Related Colleges, and the vice presidency of the Moravian Music Foundation and of Old Salem, Inc.

BACCALAUREATE SERVICE

Sunday, May 14, 1972 - 11:00 A. M.

Processional: <i>Trumpet Voluntary</i>	Jeremiah Clarke
<i>Chowan College Brass Ensemble</i>	
Invocation	Mrs. Janet Collins <i>Department of Physical Education</i>
Hymn: "A Mighty Fortress Is Our God"	Luther
Scripture	Dr. R. Hargus Taylor <i>Chaplain to the College</i>
Prayer	Mrs. Dell L. McKeithan <i>Department of English</i>
Baccalaureate Anthem: "Now Let Every Tongue Adore Thee"	Bach
<i>Chowan Chorale - James Chamblee, Director</i>	
Introduction of Speaker	Dr. Bruce E. Whitaker <i>President, Chowan College</i>
Baccalaureate Sermon	Dr. J. Winston Pearce <i>Writer in Residence Campbell College Buie's Creek, North Carolina</i>
Hymn: "Come, Thou Almighty King"	Giordini
Benediction	Mr. Warren G. Sexton <i>Department of Social Science</i>
Recessional: "Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee"	Beethoven
<i>Chowan College Brass Ensemble</i>	

GRADUATION EXERCISES

Sunday, May 14, 1972 - 3:00 P.M.

Processional: <i>Intrada in B-flat minor</i>	Melchior Franck
<i>Chowan College Brass Ensemble</i>	
Invocation	MR. GEORGE HAZELTON <i>Department of Science</i>
Commencement Anthem: "Praise We Sing to Thee"	Haydn
<i>Chowan Chorale - James Chamblee, Director</i>	
Introduction of Speaker	Dr. Bruce E. Whitaker <i>President, Chowan College</i>
Commencement Address	Dr. Dale H. Gramley <i>Executive Director, Z. Smith Reynolds Foundation, Inc., Winston-Salem, N. C.</i>
Awarding of Diplomas	
Awarding of Distinguished Alumni Award(s)	
Alma Mater	
Recessional: <i>Intrada in F</i>	Melchior Franck
<i>Chowan College Brass Ensemble</i>	

M'boro WSCS Hear Nigerian Student

By MARGARET JOHNSON

Tony Odion Esene spoke on his native Nigeria to members of the Woman's Society of Christian Service Monday night at the Methodist Church.

The Chowan College student told of these things:

Nigeria on the west coast of Africa is made up of many tribes with many dialects, which results in a communications problem and often warring of tribe against tribe.

A person remains a member of the tribe he is born in even though he may move to another tribe, as Esene did. He is still counted a member of his native tribe. Each tribe has its king and each village a head administrator. Subjects must lie down before the king, even though it may be in a mud-hole.

Marriages are arranged through parents and a man may have as many wives as he desires. In fact they are assets instead of liabilities for they toil in the fields or do other work to help the husband, who is complete master with the wives having no preference. However, Esene said men are disgraced if they are not kind to their wives. Children add to the labor force and fathers are displeased if they want to leave home.

Esene noted that the Moslem religion prevails in northern Nigeria while Christians are in the south, in addition to their pagan religion. He said real Christianity is foreign to the people of Africa. Every family has an idol god in the home, but it seems to be for men only. They believe in an Almighty God who must be reached through an intermediary, such as the idol, so they are not really praying to the idol he said. The type of God worshipped depends on one's occupation, as a fisherman would pray to the river god, farmers to the gods of sun and rain and blacksmiths to the god of iron. The student also spoke of superstitions.

Esene, who speaks excellent English which he first learned in kindergarten, said he wanted an education so he could be of service to others.