

## Mary Ballance Gives Concert In Africa

Mary Ballance, Southern Baptist Missionary Journeyman from Aulander, recently gave a packed-house concert at the University of Nairobi in Kenya, East Africa.

The concert attracted over 1,000 students. Ballance's singing debut on the university campus included contemporary Christian songs, which have been presented during her two-year stay in Nairobi before audiences in churches, schools and colleges.

Mary arrived in Nairobi in August of 1975 and has been teaching business at the Baptist Center in Shauri Moyo. She is a graduate of Chowan College in Murfreesboro and the Atlantic Christian College in Wilson. She was the state vice-president of North Carolina's Baptist Student Union in 1974-1975.

## '76 Grad Named Manning Awardee

Mrs. Charlotte Gail Woodard Garris of Murfreesboro, a 1976 graduate of Chowan College, has been named the Florence Manning Bicentennial Third Place Awardee for achievement as a junior college secretarial student.

The award was presented by the National Alpha Pi Epsilon, secretarial science honor society, with chapters throughout the country. Mrs. Pat Edwards, professor in the Department of Business, is the sponsor of Chowan's chapter.

Mrs. Garris received three awards at the 1976 Honors Day program: Alpha Pi Epsilon Scholarship Award, Department of Business Academic Award, and Highest Scholastic Average for a sophomore.

She was selected to Who's Who Among Students in American Junior Colleges and Phi Theta Kappa.



**ENTERS PRIVATE BUSINESS**—Danny Deskins, center, manager of the college cafeteria, resigned his position recently with Mark IV, Inc., to operate his own restaurant in Courtland, Va. Prior to leaving the college, Deskins was presented a monogrammed rocking chair by members of the faculty and staff. Mrs. Undine Barnhill, right, a professor in the Department of Languages, made the presentation during a recent noon meal, while Mrs. Deskins looks on.

## 1905 Grad Is Claimed By Death

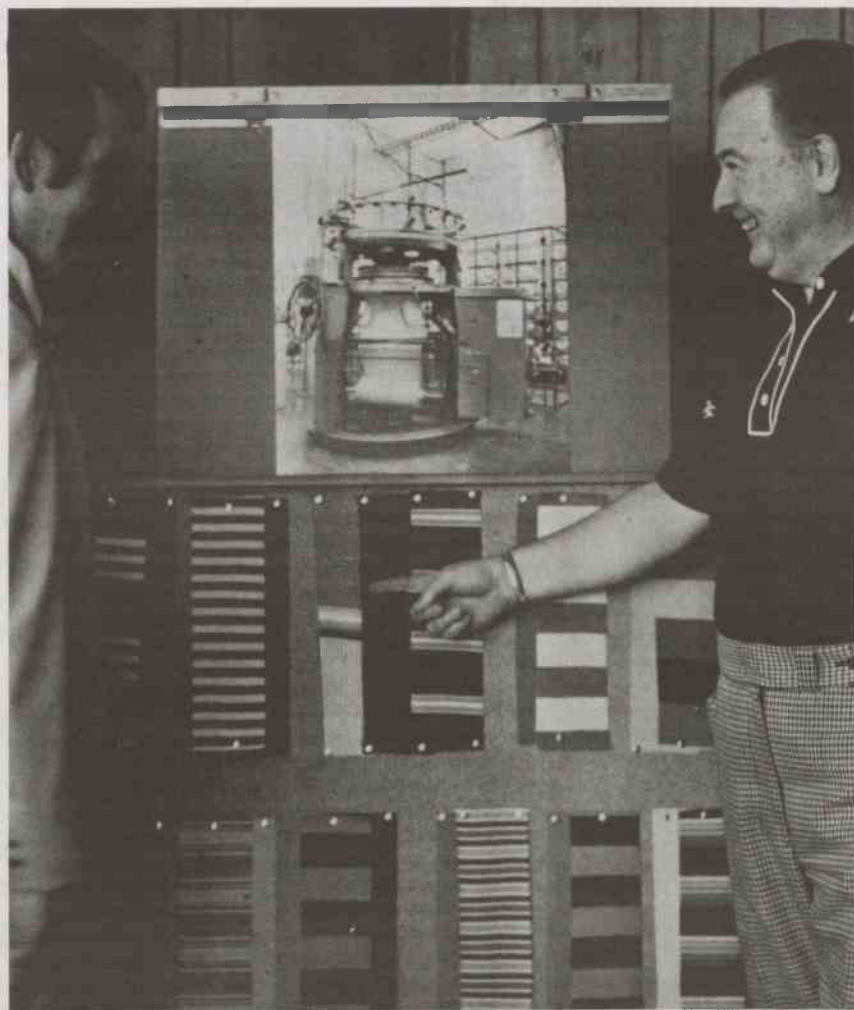
One of Chowan College's oldest alumnae, Mrs. Frances Sears Francis, 91, died February 7 in Southampton Memorial Hospital in Franklin, Va. She was a member of the Class of 1905.

A native of Como, she was the widow of Albert Sidney Francis and mother of Gilbert W. Francis of Boykins, Va., who serves as chairman of Chowan's Endowment Committee and is a member of the Board of Advisors at Chowan. Her daughter-in-law, Mrs. Gilbert W. Francis, directs Chowan's merchandising management program sponsored by the Department of Business.

Mrs. Francis was a member of Boykins Baptist Church and its Women's Christian Temperance Union.

Survivors include three daughters, Mrs. Deaton Faucette and Mrs. Katherine Draper of Boykins, and Mrs. Natalie Coleman of Blackstone; two sons, Everette Sears Francis of Richmond and Gilbert W. Francis of Boykins; 13 grandchildren; and 13 great-grandchildren.

The funeral service was held in Boykins Baptist Church by the Rev. G. Durham Ippock, the Rev. J. Shelton King, and the Rev. Ben B. Ussery.



**HELPING EDUCATION**—Charles M. Geer, (left), manager, shows an educational exhibit used by Ahoskie's Alamac Knitting Division of West Point Pepperell, Inc., to Bobby Cross, Director of Development. Geer earlier presented Cross with a check for \$1,000 toward the Mission Possible Campaign for Carrie Savage Camp Hall. The donation is from the Alamac employees through the West Point Pepperell Foundation.

## Wallaces Attend Church Services With President

Not many people ever get a chance to see a United States president even when they want to, but Mr. and Mrs. L. M. Wallace, Chowan College professors, received a surprise peek at President Carter on March 20.

The Wallaces attended Washington's First Baptist Church where Carter is a member, and, sure enough, as soon as they entered the sanctuary about thirty minutes before the service, they could

hear President Carter teaching the adult men's and women's class in the balcony.

The Wallaces both expressed their surprise in seeing the President teach, but were unable to hear good because of excess noise in the auditorium. The Wallaces were even more surprised when President Carter, his wife, and daughter Amy sat just six pews in front of them during the sermon. The Pastor was Dr. Charles Trentham, who addressed the commencement exercises at Chowan College several years ago.

During the service, Amy Carter's controversial governess was inducted as a member of the church.

The only privilege given to the Carters came at the end of the service, when everyone was asked to remain seated while the presidential family was escorted out. Mrs. Wallace added that President Carter and his wife Roslyan were full of smiles, but daughter Amy seemed embarrassed at the extra attention and kept her head down.

When asked about secret service protection, Mr. Wallace stated that a few men were constantly around the family, while others were inconspicuously placed around the church. They did not, however, try to stop anyone from entering, and it appeared to Mr. Wallace that anyone who wished could have attended, as there were a few empty seats in the balcony.

Mr. and Mrs. Wallace were in Washington to attend the Mid-Atlantic Regional American Accounting Association meeting, which was held at George Washington University March 17-19.

## Students Attend National Confab

Seven Chowan College students attended the National Convention of Phi Theta Kappa, March 30-April 4 in Minneapolis, Minn.

They were accompanied by the sponsor of the Phi Theta Kappa Chapter at Chowan, Carl Simmons, chairman of the Department of Mathematics.

Phi Theta Kappa is a national, honorary, scholarship fraternity for the junior colleges of America. It is open to students with a minimum of a three point average, (B), who are recommended by a faculty committee and approved by the student members of the organization.

Students attending the National Convention were: Nancy Sullivan of Garner; Richard W. Brown, Salem N. J.; Gary Randall Boyter, Moore, S. C.; Kent L. Roberts, Woodbridge, Va.; Richard Allen Walsh, Lenoir, N. C. Charles Thomas McClain, New Castle, Del.; and Mark T. Everhart of Chuckatuck Station, Suffolk, Va.