

"Mr. George"

Death Claims G. T. Underwood, Strong Benefactor of College

A former trustee and long-time friend and supporter of Chowan College, George Thomas Underwood, 86, died on Jan. 29.

A native of Hertford County, Underwood was widely known in the civic, educational and agricultural life of the area.

He had recently been honored as a charter member of the Murfreesboro Rotary Club and had been a member of American George Masonic Lodge No. 17 for over 60 years. He was also a Shriner.

In his early years, he served as a deacon at Meherrin Baptist Church and was a teacher of the Men's Bible Class at Murfreesboro Baptist Church at his death.

Elected to the county Board of Education in 1937, he served as chairman from 1937 until his retirement in 1955. A strong supporter of Chowan college, he was a former trustee and member of the Endowment Committee.

In addition to his farming activities, he was a founder of the Federal Land Bank of Ahoskie and president of the Board of Directors for 25 years. He was Director Emeritus of the land bank.

An organizer of the Virginia-Carolina Peanut Growers Association in 1953, Underwood was a past president of the organization and served on the Board of Directors a number of years.

He was one of the leaders in founding the county Farm Bureau in 1938, was past president of that group and also served as a state director for several years.

He held the purple heart for injuries received during service in the Medical Corps in World War I and served on the Ration Board in World War II. He had also served on the Draft Board.



GEORGE UNDERWOOD

Gifts of Miller Estates Increases Endowment

Chowan College announced that with the recent addition of over \$63,000 from the estate of Mrs. Eva Etheridge Miller the total endowment fund from the wills of Mr. and Mrs. Hershey Miller of Bertie County has reached \$129,398.

Included in the amount is \$5,000 from Mrs. Miller for the establishment of the Eva Etheridge Scholarship Fund in memory of her mother "to provide one or more scholarships each year for worthy students," she stated in her will.

Earlier, Chowan received \$30,615 for general endowment from her estate making her total bequest to the college exceed \$99,000.

The late Hershey Miller, who died in 1973, made provision for Chowan in his will. He left his 58-acre farm in Bertie County to his wife for her lifetime and then at her death to be sold and the proceeds to be divided between Chowan College and the Baptist Children's Homes of North Carolina, Inc.

After Mrs. Miller's death on March 21, 1975, the farm was sold at public auction and Chowan College and the Baptist Children's Homes each received \$30,265.

President Bruce E. Whitaker noted, "Mrs. Miller loved people and wanted to share in the ministry of providing young men and women with a quality education influenced by the Christian faith."

Whitaker said the general endowment fund is used to support all phases of the college's operation. "Only the income from her bequest to general endowment will be used, thus assuring that her gift will continue to help young men and women from generation to generation."

Dr. Whitaker praised the stewardship of the Millers. "In preparing their wills, Mr. and Mrs. Hershey Miller demonstrated an understanding of the basic principle of Christian stewardship which compels us to utilize our talents, resources and gifts for the benefit of and in service to others. They have set an example worthy of emulation."

Chamblee Authors Article For Music Magazine

Dr. James Chamblee, chairman of the Fine Arts Department, is the author of an article that appears in the current April-May issue of the *American Music Teacher*.

The magazine is the official journal of the Music Teachers National Association. The title of Chamblee's article is "The Vocal Music of Carl Philipp Emanuel Bach."

Chamblee's doctoral dissertation at the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill was on Emanuel Bach's cantatas and oratorios.

Chamblee explained that Emanuel Bach is "known primarily for his contribution to the development of the piano sonata." He said very little is available concerning his vocal music, which includes solos and choral selections.

Chamblee noted that Bach, the second musical son of Johann Sebastian Bach, wrote about 300 solo songs, most of which were published in his day in the mid 18th century. Bach published six collections of his songs.

But after his death, his vocal works were more or less forgotten, while his instrumental music rose to the forefront, Chamblee explained.

Chamblee said the only modern edition of Bach songs, numbering 30, was published in 1921.

The fine arts chairman believes it's time for a revival of interest in Emanuel Bach's vocal music. "For the most part his songs are not overly difficult and would be a good source for young singers. In addition, most of his songs are sacred and could be used by church soloists."

Chamblee is working on a modern edition of some of Bach's solo songs and choral music. The texts will be translated from German into English.

Chamblee is a member of the North Carolina Music Teachers Association and a member of its executive board and chairman of the voice section.

Credit in Art History

European Study Trip Scheduled

An opportunity to earn three hours of credit in art history while touring eight European countries is being offered by the Division of Art of Chowan College.

The tour, which runs from May 26 to June 10, is being arranged by Doug Eubank, director of the Division of Art. He said anyone 18 and over is invited to participate.

Countries on the tour route include France, Switzerland, Italy, Austria, Germany, Luxembourg, Belgium, and England. Departure is from New York City.

Eubank said among the cities to be visited are Lucerne, Florence, Rome, Venice, Innsbruck, Brussels, Heidelberg, and London.

"We will be visiting major art museums in all of these cities," Eubank explained. "In addition, a comprehensive sightseeing program with local guides and lectures will be featured."

Eubank said all intercity, European travel is by private air-conditioned deluxe motor coach. A professional multilingual tour director will accompany the group on the entire tour.

The accommodations will be in superior tourist class hotels. A continental breakfast every day and dinners in some of the cities are included.

Eubank said the round-trip transatlantic flight will be by DC-8 or DC-10 jumbo jet and includes in-flight meals.

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