



President Bruce E. Whitaker presents information to the Board of Advisors highlighting the college's sound financial condition.



J. E. Ferebee of Camden, chairman of the 1979-80 Annual Giving Fund, reported the college has received \$25,000 toward its minimum goal of \$65,000. He stressed the importance of reaching the goal by May 31 to help the college close in the black for 22 straight years.

For February, 1980

Dr. Ella J. Pierce Dies; Taught 49 Years

Dr. Ella Janet Pierce, 92, of Murfreesboro, who retired from the faculty of Chowan College in 1974, died Saturday, Dec. 15, 1979.

A native of Colerain in Bertie County, she received the B.A. degree in 1921 from Meredith College. She received a graduate degree at Carver School of Missions in 1923 and Masters of Arts and Doctor of Philosophy degrees from Cornell University in 1933 and 1936. She also studied at Columbia and Harvard.

Began Teaching 1925

Dr. Pierce joined the Mars Hill College staff in 1925 teaching in the English Department and serving as dean of women. She became chairman of the English Department in 1938 and served in that capacity for the last 27 years of her 40-year career at the Baptist college.

When she retired from Mars Hill in 1965, she moved back to her family home in Murfreesboro and was soon asked to join the faculty of Chowan. In a remarkable second career, she served as professor and chairman of the English Department for eight years before retiring in 1974.

In addition to her teaching duties at Mars Hill, Dr. Pierce served for 30 years as advisor to the Baptist Student Union and taught a Sunday school class for 35 years. After moving to Murfreesboro, she taught a Sunday school class for many years at Murfreesboro Baptist Church, where she was also a member of the Women's Missionary Union.

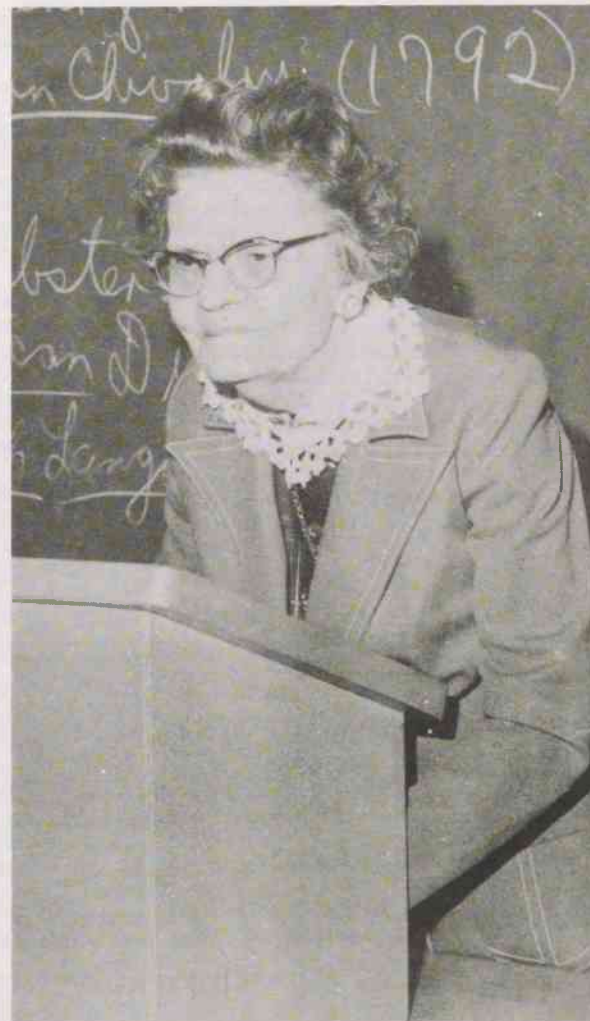
Highly Respected

Respected in national collegiate circles as an outstanding English scholar, she was listed in "Who's Who in Education" and "Who's Who of American Women."

Dr. Pierce was a member of Delta Kappa Gamma, international society of key women teachers; North Carolina English Teachers Association; and National Council of Teachers of English. Her specialty was Shakespeare, and she contributed a number of articles to Shakespearian scholarship.

Survivors include two sisters, Mrs. Nelia Lawrence of Murfreesboro and Mrs. Carrie Pierce Owens of Roseboro; two nieces; four nephews including William G. Lawrence of Murfreesboro; two great nieces; and seven great nephews.

Services were held at Murfreesboro Baptist Church by the Rev. Thomas Caulkins, Dr. Bruce E. Whitaker, and Dr. Robert Melvin of Mars Hill College. Burial was in Buckhorn Baptist Church Cemetery, Como.



DR. ELLA JANET PIERCE

A World in the making . . .

There's a world in the making at Southern Baptist seminaries, colleges and schools.

There are seventy-two different schools, each unique but all sharing the commitment Southern Baptists consistently have shown for the future.

The more than 150,000 students now studying at these schools represent leaders in tomorrow's worlds of business, government, education, medicine, law, and other professions. Southern Baptists' commitment to these young people insures a bold Christian witness in these areas.

For Baptists, tomorrow's world will continue to be one of Bold Mission Thrust. In the next twenty years committed mission volunteers will join in the world the ambitious goal to share the Good News of Christ with everyone in the world by the year 2000.

Today's Baptist school continues to be a tremendous training ground for these volunteers. In the school year, 1978-79, more than 2,700 students studying at Southern Baptist schools indicated that they felt a calling into missionary service. Nearly 28,000 students were studying for all types of Christian service.

Southern Baptists' commitment to a world in the making is carried out with the help of more than 6,000 dedicated, competent faculty members and administrators. A demonstration of the commitment of these educators came last June when representatives of Southern Baptist schools at-

tended the National Conference on Bold Christian Education and Bold Missions.

After three days of intensive study of the historic and vital partnership between Southern Baptist schools and missions, these educators recommitted themselves to the support of Bold Mission Thrust. There, also, they celebrated the opportunities available through Bold Missions for educators and all Southern Baptists to renew their commitment to Christian higher education for a world in the making.

To help all Southern Baptists become more aware of this commitment, Baptist Seminary, College and School Day was Observed on February 17, 1980 throughout the Southern Baptist Convention.

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