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## A Chowan Alumnus

### Harold White: Enjoys Serving

The following tribute to Chowan Alumnus, Harold White, Class of 1941, appeared in the June 27, 1981 issue of the BIBLICAL RECORDER. It is written by Dr. Cecil A. Ray, general secretary-treasurer of the Baptist State Convention of North Carolina.

I have known Harold White about as long as I've known anybody on the state convention staff. He came to work in the Stewardship Department in 1963. I came to a similar staff position with Texas Baptists in 1961. Harold and I have been friends ever since.

Harold White retired May 31 of this year as an associate in the Stewardship Division. He gave the past 18 years to the people he loved the best—North Carolina Baptists. He has described us as "the greatest people to be found anywhere." If you know Harold, you know how deeply he means that.

Harold White, in my opinion, is first and foremost a preacher. He is a good preacher. As a child, Harold told me, he always wanted to preach. Due to family circumstances he wasn't sure he could get the necessary education. But he did. And North Carolina Baptists are the richer for it.

Harold White got that education to preach at Chowan College, University of Richmond and Southwestern Seminary. He further

learned to preach and minister as pastor of the Highland Church, Hickory (1949-1953); First Church, Spindale (1953-1959); and First Church, Clayton (1959-1963).

Harold White was pastor at Clayton when asked to come to the state convention. Earl Bradley and O.J. Hagler were in stewardship then. Earl Bradley died and O.J. became stewardship director. O.J. then asked Harold to come on the staff. Doug Branch, general secretary, went by Harold's house in Clayton one night to finalize all the plans. The next night Branch was killed in an automobile accident.

The greatest fulfillment working here, says Harold, is that he has felt called of God to do this ministry. Throughout the years he has felt a sense of mission and calling. North Carolina Baptists have been Harold's place of service.

After retirement? Preaching is Harold White's greatest interest and he will continue to do so as long as possible. He will also be a consultant in the Stewardship Division and assist in special projects. He hopes to serve churches in any way he can.

### CHOWANIAN Change of Address Form

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## 'Eve' Visits Chowan

### Learning to Cope and Live

She appears quite comfortable speaking to audiences. She smiles and jokes about her bout with mental illness called "multiple personality."

But it hasn't always been that way for Chris Sizemore, the "Eve" in the book and movie, "Three Faces of Eve". For 22 years she experienced 22 different personalities in her fight with the mental illness disorder.

She spoke in May to a group at Chowan College on behalf of the Mental Health Association of the Roanoke-Chowan area. "Meeting people and a commitment to Mental Health," is a most enjoyable outlet for Chris since her last therapy sessions exactly four years ago.

"Multiple personality" has been described as a defense mechanism which allows a person to cope with emotional distress.

She revealed that her first experience with emotional distress appeared when she was two years old and she saw a man drown. Two weeks later, Chris explained that she saw a man cut in half at a saw mill near her home town in South Carolina. After those experiences, her mother cut herself one day and Chris began to scream. Her mother told her to get her father and at that time, another personality came into being and went after her father.

She quit school in the tenth grade and was described as a problem child, for her 'multiple personality' was already ruling her life, but her teachers didn't know that. She was called a chronic liar by her teachers, but one personality didn't know what the other personality did the previous day and she was constantly accused of doing things that she wasn't aware of.

In 1952 at the age of 25, she was finally diagnosed a "multiple personality". Her first husband divorced her at that time, leaving her with their four-year old daughter, Taffy, now married and the mother of two children.

During that time, Chris' personalities ranged from the crude "Stawberry Lady" to the compassionate "Eve". Her IQ's also

ranged from 115 to 140 with the various personalities. Some personalities drove a car while another didn't. Once, while she was driving to South Carolina with her daughter, one personality that didn't drive took over. She stopped the car and sat for 12 hours until a personality that drove a car took over.

Once she was a deaf mute for six weeks and was even blind for a brief period of time. She joked about how her present husband of 27-years had to buy three different wardrobes.

During that time, she never socialized and her children never had other children to the house. Her husband had to attend the PTA meetings and athletic events. Her problem was secret to the outside world.

Her future son-in-law was not told of the illness until her daughter became engaged to him. Her son, Bobby, now a student at George Mason University in Virginia, was told when he was 13 years old.

She smiles when she talks about her son saying to her, "Mom, which one are you today?" when he was young and wasn't sure which personality he was dealing with.

She explained that her personalities never lost touch with reality and they knew right from wrong. "I had a dream of becoming one person," said Chris as she spoke of how psychiatry helped her overcome her illness. She never had shock treatments for the illness, nor drugs.

When asked how she would turn from one personality to another, Chris explained that a severe headache would usually accompany a changing of personality.

She is currently working with eight other multiple personality persons and knows of 160 diagnosed multiple personalities nationwide. She thinks there are many more.

"Without family support, I would have been institutionalized," said Chris, revealing the closeness of her family.

She has been assured by her doctor that her multiple personality is under control and now travels the country speaking to groups about her battle.



### New Members of Phi Theta Kappa

Chowan's new members of Phi Theta Kappa were recognized during the induction ceremony, held prior to the end of the spring session in Marks Hall. Phi Theta Kappa is a national, honorary, scholarship fraternity for the junior colleges of America and is open to students with a three point academic average, and who are recommended by a faculty committee and approved by the student members of the organization.