

# Dr. Raleigh Parker dies; served as college trustee for 26 years

Dr. W. Raleigh Parker, Sr., 89, long-time Chowan College trustee and supporter, died Nov. 9. The Menola native served as a trustee for the college for 26 years including six years as chairman.

Dr. Parker began his trustee service at Chowan in 1944 when the college closed due to a shortage of students during World War II. He played a leading role in the reopening of the college in 1949.

Parker was presented a Citation for Meritorious Service by

the Board of Trustees in February, 1975. A portrait of Dr. Parker was presented to the college by family members in May of this year.

Parker was a general practitioner in Woodland from 1918 to 1937 and was public health director of Northampton, Hertford and Gates counties from 1937-1968.

He attended Wake Forest University, graduated from the Medical College of Virginia in Richmond, and did his postdoc-

toral work at the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill.

## Served in Navy

During World War I, he was a lieutenant commander and a medical surgeon in the Navy.

A pioneer in public health work in North Carolina, he was recognized by the state and federal government for his special pilot projects.

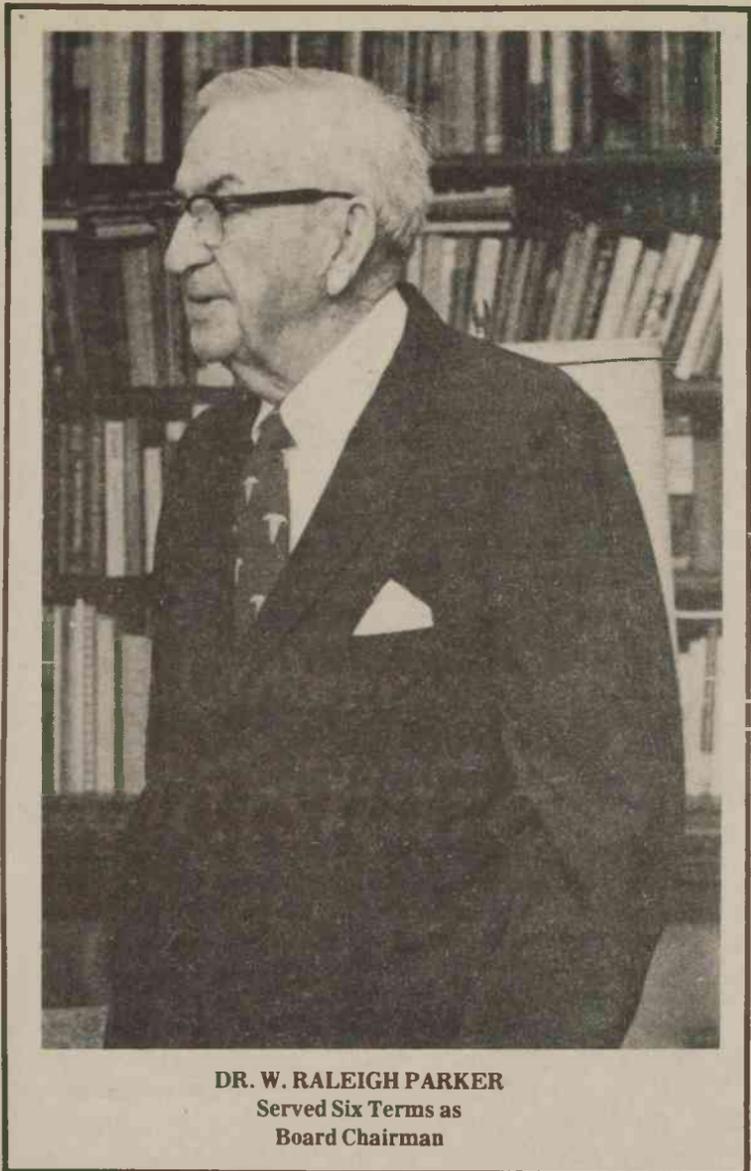
Parker was one of the originators of Tri-County Airport and had served on its board. In addition, he was one of the founders of Roanoke-Chowan Hospital in Ahoskie and was regional director of the American Red Cross Mobile Organization in southeastern Virginia and northeastern North Carolina.

The deceased was a former member of Woodland Board of Education and the Woodland Town Council and a member of the Northampton County Board of Education.

Parker was a member of the Woodland Baptist Church, where he was a deacon and a past Sunday School teacher. He was also a member of the Potocasi Masonic Lodge. He was one of the original members of the Hertford County Corn Club, which became the 4-H Club.

## Survivors

Survivors include his wife, Mary Ella Copeland Parker; two daughters, Mrs. Walter Reinhardt of Woodland and Mrs. William W. Hill of Murfreesboro; a son, Dr. W. R. Parker, Jr., of Rocky Mount; two sisters, Mrs.



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Clifton Parker, Sr., of Roanoke Rapids, and Mrs. Lee Parker of Raleigh; a stepsister, Mrs. R. L. Holloman, Jr., of Point Harbor; four grandchildren; and two great-grandchildren.

A funeral was held on Nov. 11 in Woodland Baptist Church by Dr.

Alston Staples, the Rev. Lamar Wheeler and Dr. Bruce E. Whitaker. Entombment was in Woodland Cemetery Mausoleum.

Memorial donations may be sent to the Dr. Raleigh Parker Scholarship Fund at Chowan College.

# Large gift provided as memorial to Coopers

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being, Mrs. White exclaimed. "She loved people. Children would sit at her feet for hours to hear her tell stories about life and experiences, She appealed to the young and old and in between."

## "To Memorialize His Wife"

After Jo's death, Mr. Cooper expressed to Mrs. White an interest in leaving a gift to Chowan to memorialize his wife. Mrs. White provided him with information to acquaint him with the present-day Chowan. During one of his visits with the Whites, she arranged for Mr. Cooper to visit the campus and meet President Bruce Whitaker. Following this visit he announced he would leave his estate to the college and donate items from his wife's collection to form a permanent display as a visible memorial to Jo. These items include trays and boxes, pictures and a bowl, all painted by Jo; and antique Thistle glass. Dr. Whitaker said the College plans to place the items "which he called priceless," on permanent display.

Commented Dr. Whitaker, "The story of the courageous life of Jo Piland Cooper is an inspiration to all who hear it. In spite of her physical handicap, she lived a full and productive life. She brought joy and light to many people, both through her lovely paintings and her wonderful spirit. It is very appropriate that this substantial gift be made in her memory to Chowan, her alma mater with whose loved and her she mem her hus-

band. It is the students who will benefit from this gift, and I know that what Jo Piland Cooper would want the most."

Continued Dr. Whitaker, "Our thoughts of appreciation also turn to David Henry Cooper. His gift to memorialize his wife will help young men and women both now and for years to come."

Dr. Whitaker thanked Mr. and Mrs. White for their assistance with the trust fund gift received by Chowan and many services over the years on behalf of the college and the cause of Christian higher education.

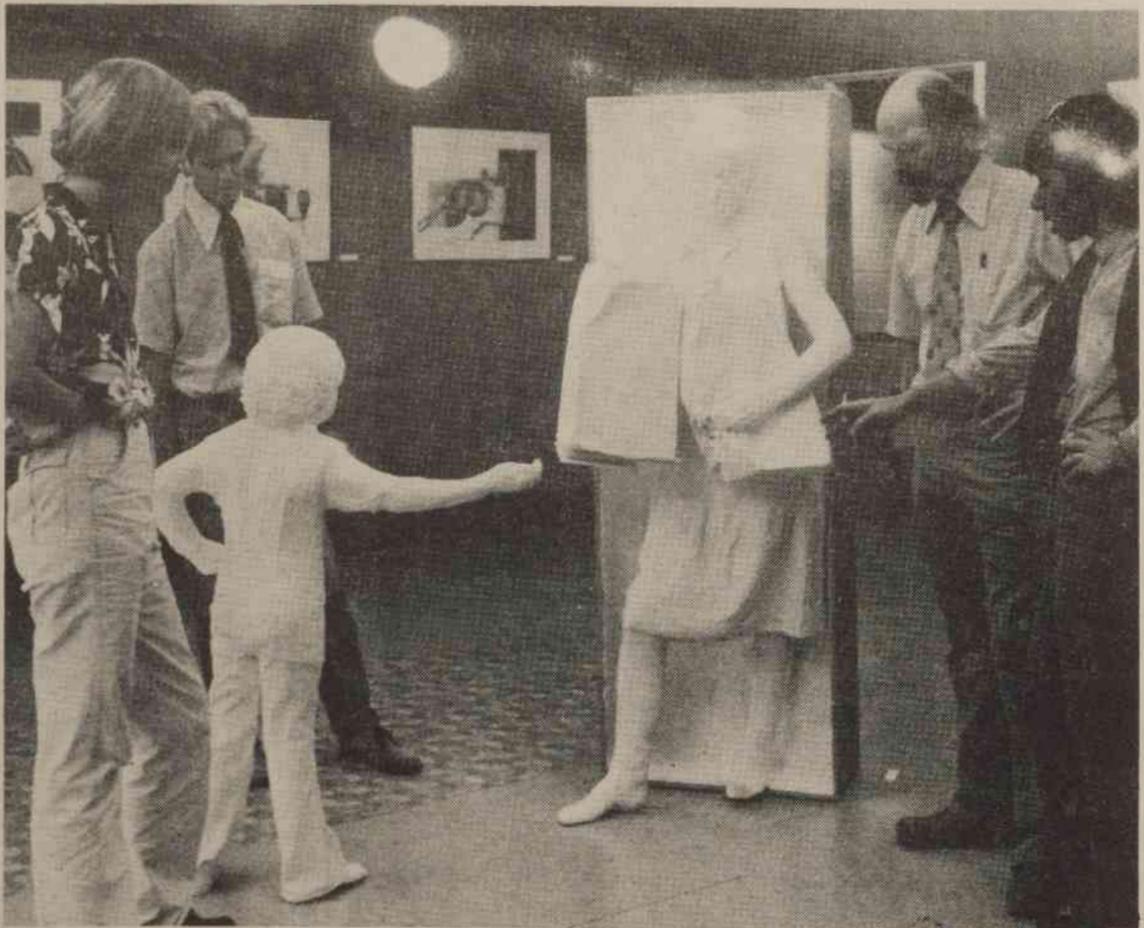
# Freshmen elect 1982 officers

The freshman class has elected officers for the current school year, with Steve Banks of Gloucester serving as president.

Serving with Banks is Rufus Sims of Winston-Salem, as vice-president. Marci Loux of Hockessin, Delaware, was elected secretary, along with Jeannette Harrell of Whitakers as treasurer.

The freshman class is currently raising funds to sponsor projects to benefit needy area residents. Last year, the freshmen sponsored a Christmas dinner for area senior citizens.

Class sponsor, Roy Winslow, associate dean of students, praised the officers for their overall leadership and the entire freshman class for its involvement in helping others.



# Sculpture discussed by artist

Artist Isabel Levitt of Durham, right, discusses one of her sculptures of familiar family scenes which were on exhibit during October in Green Hall. Shown with the artist are, from left, professors Rinda Metz, David Parker, and Stanley Mitchell. Levitt, assistant professor of art at North Carolina Central University, also presented a slide show and lecture on her work to Chowan art students.

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