

SCHOLARSHIPS

Charlotte College has just announced the following scholarships for the academic year 1955-56:

1. One Charlotte College Tuition Scholarship of \$500.00 for the freshman and sophomore years 1955-56. This scholarship is to be allotted in six quarterly payments. Payments after the first and each succeeding quarter are contingent upon the scholarship recipient's maintenance of a satisfactory record for the preceding quarter.
2. Six Charlotte College Tuition Scholarships of \$250.00 each to be awarded to a member of the 1955 graduating class from each of the senior high schools in the city and county. These scholarships are to be allotted in three quarterly payments, each contingent upon the students' records of the preceding quarter.
3. One Charlotte College Tuition scholarship of \$250.00 to be allotted in three quarterly payments to each contingent upon the student's record of the preceding quarter.
4. One Charlotte College Tuition Scholarship of \$150.00 to be awarded to a high school graduate of 1955. This scholarship is to be allotted in three quarterly payments, each contingent upon the student's record of the preceding quarter.
5. Two Charlotte College Tuition Scholarships of \$75.00 each to be awarded to a high school graduate of 1955. These scholarships are to be allotted in three quarterly payments, each contingent upon the students' record of the preceding quarter.
6. One Altrusa Scholarship of \$100.00 to be awarded to the outstanding Charlotte College freshman student of 1954-55.
7. The Bonnie E. Cone Scholarship to be awarded to an outstanding Charlotte College freshman student of 1954-55.

These awards will be made in May, and the college is now receiving applications. Students wishing to apply should procure blanks from the college office.

Through the generosity of friends of Charlotte College these funds have been available for several years, and as a result a large number of students have been able to complete two years of college work. At present twelve Charlotte College students are enjoying the benefits of these funds.

THE GAUNTLET

Last year the University of North Carolina's majestic Bell Tower tolled mournful tidings of the death of James Street, noted author and for the past nine years a resident of Chapel Hill, North Carolina. Mr. Street's novels include *Tap Roots*, *O Promise Land*, *By Valor and Arms*, *In My Father's House*, *The High Calling*, and *The Gauntlet*. A self-made man, James Street at the age of nineteen decided to become a minister. He attended the Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary and shortly thereafter wrote *The High Calling* and *The Gauntlet*.

The Gauntlet is the revealing story of a young Baptist minister who searched for faith and found it only after he had been faced with making a choice between moral uprightness and financial success.

The beginning of the story finds London Wingo in his last year at Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary. His wife Kathy is pregnant, and the resulting financial problems necessitate London's application for a church in Linden, Missouri. His application is accepted and London moves his few belongings and Kathy to Linden. Upon assuming the leadership of the small church, he finds that he and his family are expected to conform to the ideas and practices of the people of Linden.

The petty jealousies and domineering attitudes of the church members make life anything but pleasant for the Wingo family. The unpleasant chain of events leads quickly to the climax when London's wife becomes seriously ill and dies. With Kathy's death London is faced with choosing between Linden and the people who had made Kathy unhappy and a rich parish where he might escape to a happier, more profitable life.

London chooses to remain in Linden, and with his choice comes the faith and satisfaction that he has searched for so long. The novel ends with London Wingo's return to the little church in Linden secure in his new-found faith.

The inspired writings in *The Gauntlet* will appeal to all who are interested in the richer, more worth-while things of life. This novel was written by a man who was familiar with the workings of the church and sympathetic with its aims. James Street reveals his true self in the life of London Wingo and makes *The Gauntlet* one of the most readable novels of the times.

A self-taught man usually ends up in a class by himself.

If you ride your reputation you're apt to be thrown.

THE BLUE RIDGE PARKWAY

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tion of almost six thousand feet in the vicinity of Mt. Mitchell, there are no sharp, dangerous curves, and in many places speeds of forty-five miles per hour are safe and legal. In eight areas the Parkway tunnels through solid rock, one tunnel reaching a length of 775 feet. In other places 100,000 cubic yards of rock per mile had to be blasted away to make a shelf for the road, which literally clings to the cliffs.

Because the Parkway was built solely for recreational purposes, no commercial vehicles are allowed. Moreover, there are no billboards, advertising signs of any kind, or highway route and mileage signs to mar the panoramic views of the adjacent mile-high mountains. Nearly two hundred of North Carolina's highest mountains are visible from this unique highway. Split-rail fences and an occasional mountaineer's cottage can also be seen in the distance. In addition, there are 125 scenic overlooks located at the most beautiful sites along the Parkway and seven developed recreational areas.

There are ever-changing vistas of grandeur in the Blue Ridge. In spring the blossoming of the dogwood, flame azalea, and purple rhododendron makes the Parkway appear as one continuous garden. In summer the myriad shades of green and the cool mountain breezes are a refreshing change from the heat of lower altitudes. In autumn the changing leaves provide a dazzling show of color to the Blue Ridge visitor. And although the higher passes of the Parkway are closed to visitors on November 1, one can imagine the serene splendor of the rime covered trees glistening in the pale winter sun.

The millions who travel this unusual highway every year go away uplifted, enchanted, and inspired with the beauties of nature, and I feel confident the popularity of the Blue Ridge Parkway will continue for a long, long time. The millions who return year after year, I am sure, will concur.

People who use sarcasm, we have always felt, deserve to get a comeuppance, so we liked the story of the young father who was wheeling his new son's carriage. He was asked by a passerby, "That your baby?"

"No," said the father facetiously, "I borrowed it from a neighbor."

"Hmm," replied the other, taking a closer look, "ugly little beast, isn't he?"

This Week

EASTER

To each person the word Easter has a different meaning. Webster's dictionary gives the following definition for Easter: A Sunday between March 21 and April 26 set apart in the ecclesiastical calendar for commemorating the resurrection of Christ.

For the children between the ages of three and eleven, Easter is a time when the Easter Bunny brings them big baskets of candy stuffed toys. It is the time for dyeing eggs and having egg hunts.

The teen-age girls connect new clothes with Easter. The young men are busy trying to decide whether an orchid or roses will look best on his girl friend's new outfit.

Yes, all these things are a part of Easter, but what is the true meaning? Many years ago the meaning of Easter had its beginning. It started with the last supper that Jesus Christ had with His twelve disciples. At this supper Jesus told the twelve men that one of them would betray Him and that another would deny that he knew Him.

After the supper Jesus went to the Mount of Olives where He prayed to His heavenly Father. While Jesus prayed He was arrested and taken before Pilate. Pilate turned Him over to the people and they cried that He must be crucified.

Jesus was crowned with thorns and given vinegar to drink as He was nailed to a cross. The soldiers crucified Him, and then they cast lots for His garments. When Jesus died, a rich man of Arimathea, named Joseph, begged for His body and placed it in his own new tomb.

On the first day of the week Mary Magdalene and the other Mary went to the sepulchre with spices. They found the stone rolled away from the entrance of the tomb. An angel appeared to them and told them that Jesus had risen. The women ran and told the disciples.

The story of Jesus being crucified is the real story of Easter. When the Easter season begins this year, let's all remember the beginning of Easter. New clothes, colored eggs, the Easter bunny—these are all part of Easter, but the crucifixion of Jesus is Easter.

Youth is that time of life when people are too old to take advice.