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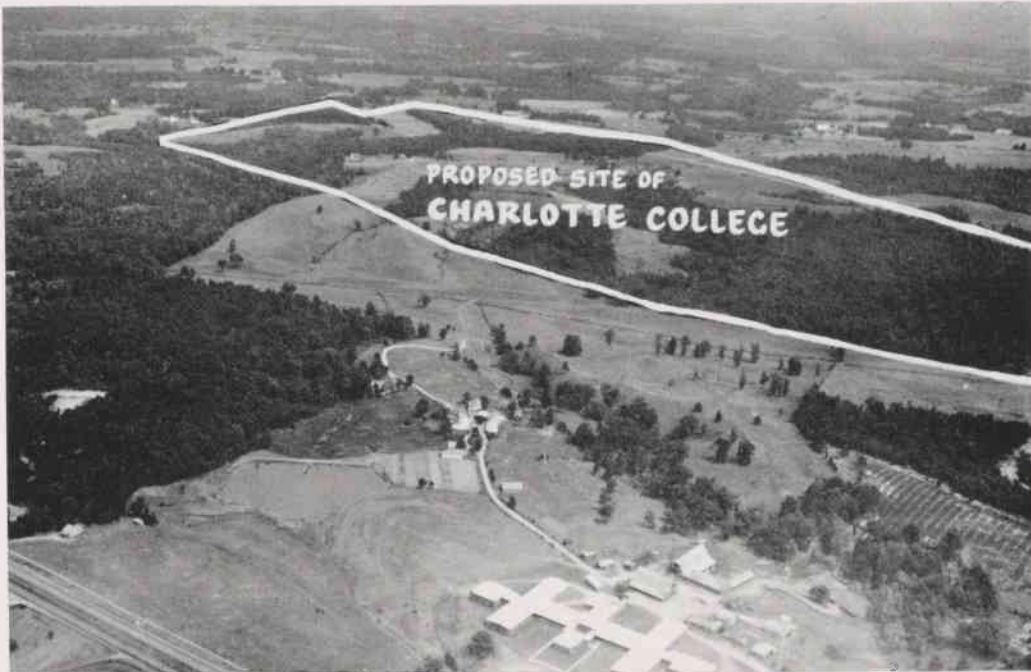
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## Charlotte College Obtains Campus

### Site For School's Future Home Chosen



Aerial Photograph of Proposed Site

(Charlotte News Photo)

Mr. J. Murrey Atkins, chairman of the College Advisory Committee, announced that a site has been chosen for the future home of Charlotte College. This announcement was made at a meeting of the Charlotte School Board on August 29.

The land, a 240-acre tract, is located about eight and one-half miles northeast of the Square.

The cost of the land is estimated at more than \$151,000. The School Board had previously requested a special election for a bond issue of \$915,000 for college buildings, as well as a county-wide tax levy of 2 cents for college operations. Mr. Atkins said that everything depends upon the success of the bond and tax election.

"If and when the people approve the bond issue and the special tax," he further stated, "the way will be cleared for the execution of contracts to purchase the land now under option."

Mr. Atkins pointed out that the two-cent tax levy for the two community colleges, now city-wide in effect, should be extended to a county-wide status. The newly situated college will be in the county, and of course, students residing in Mecklenburg County will be attending.

He continued, explaining that the bond election is necessary in order that Charlotte College may obtain state funds on a matching basis.

No formal resolution requesting the bond issue and tax election was passed by the School Board since there was some question as to who would be the proper authority to undertake such an action.

The \$915,000 figure was reached in this manner: the cost of the property will be \$315,000; the remaining \$600,000 will be combined with state funds for financing the construction of the buildings.

Mr. W. Cleve Davis, who has worked in close connection with col-

lege officials in investigating the site, summed up the several advantages of the proposed location as follows:

Its proximity to well-traveled highways with adequate access for safe entrance and exit for a large number of automobiles.

Its accessibility to the area to be served.

The land's sufficiency for normal growth with additional acreage for future expansion.

The community's trend of past development to indicate continued proper use of the area to guarantee growth of the community college.

A rolling site affording good drainage and accenting the architectural beauty of the buildings.

The exact location of the proposed site is 1½ miles from the intersection of U. S. 29N, the new U. S. 29 bypass and N. C. 49N. It is located eight and one-half miles from downtown Charlotte, 8 miles from the Charlotte Coliseum, and 14 miles from Concord, Salisbury, Concord, Monroe, Gastonia, Albemarle, Mount Holly, Rock Hill, S. C., and Fort Mill, S. C. all lie within a 30-mile radius.

The County Home's 500 acre tract adjoins the rear of the property. Its land has frontage on U. S. 29N.

Mr. Atkins recalled that Dr. Harris Purks, chairman of the State Board of Higher Education, had appropriately styled the future Charlotte College as a "drive-in" institution. That is to say, students will be commuting, and hundreds of cars will be driven to and from the college every day. The property under option meets the require-

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## Charlotte College Names William Halstead New Technical Director

Announcement of the appointment of William Robert Halstead to the faculty of Charlotte College was made this summer by Dr. E. H. Garinger, superintendent of city schools. Mr. Halstead will head the technical terminal division.

Miss Bonnie Cone, director of Charlotte College, expressed delight at the appointment. "We have been trying to get Mr. Halstead for more than two years. We are more than delighted that he is coming to head our technical division," she said.

Mr. Halstead is already judged one of the top men in the nation in

the technical terminal education field.

He joined the faculty of Southern Technical Institute, in Georgia, in 1949, and has served as head of the departments of electrical technology and electronics and communications technology there since 1951. A World War II veteran, Mr. Halstead is a graduate of Georgia Tech.

The appointment was unanimously recommended to the school board by members of the Charlotte College advisory committee, who express their belief he is the man to promote the technical division of

the college.

The technical division, in a formative stage for several years, is designed to prepare people for immediate employment after completion of the two year course.

An attempt to provide this type of program was made in 1954 but failed because of lack of adequate laboratory space. The erection of a new building last year provided the needed space, and equipment was added throughout last fall and spring.

Over 100 students are expected to enroll in one of the three study fields offered through the program.

Miss Cone pointed out that Charlotte College is the only community college in North Carolina in which all three courses—mechanical, electrical and electronics technology—are being offered.

## Mrs. Scherger Chosen Full Time Librarian

Miss Bonnie Cone announced that Mrs. Mozelle Spainhower Scherger has joined the staff of Charlotte College as head librarian. Mrs. Scherger is the first full-time librarian that the college has employed. She will be assisted by Margaret Fisher, a student.

Mrs. Scherger's experience extends beyond that of a school librarian. In addition to having worked in a public library, she has practiced her profession in the armed forces, at Camp Breckenridge and at Pope Field, an air force base in North Carolina.

She was librarian at Piedmont Junior High School, in Charlotte, during the year 1944-45.

Mrs. Scherger earned her Bachelor of Science degree at Appalachian State Teachers College, Boone, North Carolina. Her bachelor's degree in library science was conferred at the University of North Carolina.

Mrs. Scherger is the mother of four children.

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## Message For New Students

On behalf of the faculty and administration, I am happy to welcome you to Charlotte College. We sincerely hope that as a member of this student body you will enjoy pleasant and profitable experiences in the classrooms and in your associations with the staff, faculty, and fellow students.

This fall our college will begin its twelfth year of operation. For the first three years as the Charlotte College Center, the University of North Carolina was responsible for its administration; but since 1949 it has truly been Charlotte College. We know that students and faculty working together make a college, and it is our belief that your happiness in college will depend upon your successful achievement.

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## Day Classes Attract

## New Record Registration Predicted

On Friday, September 6, the Charlotte College office closed with a total registration of 360 students.

That was one hundred more than the day before school opened last year.

On the date that this material was collected, Miss Bonnie Cone, the director of Charlotte College, stated that a final enrollment of at least 450 students is anticipated. "Of this number, from seventy-five to one hundred students will probably be enrolled in day classes," Miss Cone explained.

Day classes will be scheduled from 9:00 A. M. to 3:00 P. M. Monday through Friday. They will be held in the education building of the A. R. P. Tabernacle Church, which is located on Elizabeth Avenue about a block west of the school. These classes now consist

of freshman subjects.

"At present, courses in history, botany, elementary Spanish, English, engineering drawing, engi-

neering algebra, review algebra, college algebra, and elementary chemistry are being offered," said Miss Cone.



(Staff Photo—Harmer)

Standing in Line to Register