

# Business Professor Reaches 'Life Goal'

By STEPHEN BOWMAN

Mrs. Edwards, Business Education teacher here at Chowan, believes that she has reached her life's goal. She incorporates her unique philosophy of life in her daily teaching and credits most of her success and advancement with that philosophy.

Mrs. Edwards was born in 1939 at Laurinburg, N.C., the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. T. M. Britt. She was raised in Laurinburg along with three brothers and one sister. Mrs. Edwards graduated from Laurinburg High School (now Scotland County High) in 1957, after which she went to work for the summer as a stenographer at Sears and Roebuck in Atlanta, Georgia. Deciding on a more secure career, she chose to further her education.

College was the answer and she began her study at Appalachian State Teachers College, Boone, N. C., in the fall of 1957. Unlike many students she had to work her way through college with scholarships, library work as a graduate assistant, and typing thesis papers for students during the summer.

She attended ASTC year round for four years and received a Bachelor of Arts Degree in Business Education in 1961. In the fall and spring of the same year Mrs. Edwards taught at Chowan

and went back to ASTC in the summer of 1962 to complete the requirements for and to receive her Masters degree in Business Education. Looking back on her college days Mrs. Edwards says, "Even though it was hard, it was well worth it." After receiving her masters degree she came back to Chowan and has been teaching here since that time.

In 1962 Mrs. Edwards (formerly Miss Britt) married Mr. Bill Edwards who is now a prominent business man in town, involved in several Murfreesboro enterprises. Mr. and Mrs. Edwards have three children, Susanne, eight; John, four; and David, three and two French Poodles, Michelle and Sally Boppin. Mrs. Edwards enjoys playing Bridge, cooking, swimming, reading, singing, and playing the piano. She is involved in a good many organizations including the Community Concert Association, Pi Omega Pi, the North Carolina, Southern, and National Business Education Associations. Mrs. Edwards is a sponsor for the Alpha Pi Chapter, Alpha Pi Epsilon, currently engaged in starting a Womans Society on campus.

Mrs. Edwards has a completed correspondence course from the University of Nebraska. She has served as treasurer to the faculty for twelve years.

Her interest in the world of business was, and is stimulated

by the fact that the career opportunities in business are unlimited.

Speaking about Chowan, Mrs. Edwards said, "Based on observation's as a teacher and formerly a college student, I think that we have the finest, most dedicated faculty anywhere." Although she believes Chowan to be weak in certain areas, she is confident that the college leaders realize this and are striving to improve. "It's top notch." One of the major changes she says that she would like to see is in the cafeteria. She had this to say:

"A major complaint on campus seems to be the cafeteria—cafeteria-style service. Having come from a school (ASTC) where the College owned and operated its own farms and dairies, food was abundant and well prepared under the supervision of a dietician who worked in conjunction with the School of Home Economics. The Cafeteria was one of the most highly praised areas on ASTC's campus. I did not hear a single complaint about the food during the years I spent on campus. However, with the price of food continuing to rise, it will probably be a long time before Chowan can afford this service."

Mrs. Edwards would also like to see more attitude of study in the students on campus and she believes that the students should take college more seriously, "Education is such a vital part of life." She also said, "I would like to see Chowan go on the quarter system. I realize it would take a tremendous amount of work to make the transition, but I believe it would be much better for the students and faculty, as well."

Speaking from a woman's point of view, Mrs. Edwards suggested that students, planning to become teachers, should finish their Masters degree. To all students she suggests acquiring four years of college, "You have to plan for the future. Think in terms of after graduation—monetary and psychological. Think positive."

Mrs. Edwards has this special comment to make about the most influential person in her life:

"The single most influential person in my life who influenced my decision to make education my life's work was Mrs. Cecil Sanford, mother of N. C.'s former governor, Terry Sanford. She taught for many years in Lbg., stayed in the teaching profession long enough that she taught my mother, and all of my brothers and sisters. Since she was a close

## ONE HOUR FILMS AT ART GALLERY

In cooperation with the National Gallery of Art in Washington, the Chowan Art Gallery presents a series of one hour films entitled "Pioneers of Modern Painting." The films are written and narrated by Sir Kenneth Clark who also narrated the famed "Civilization" series. There are six films, each pertaining to the life and works of one of the following artists: Claude Monet, Paul Cezanne, Edouard Manet, Georges Seurat, Henri Rousseau, and Edward Munch. The films will be shown on the following events: Manet, February 21 and 22; Cezanne, April 4 and 5; Monet, April 11 and 12; Seurat, April 18 and 19; Rousseau, April 25 and 26; and Munch, May 2 and 3.



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neighbor of ours, as a child I spent many happy hours playing in her back yard. As a result of this close relationship with her, I developed much of her philosophy of life; that is "to enjoy life, to accept life's challenges with a positive attitude. She would say: 'You will be surprised at how much you can do of what you thought you couldn't.' " And, she was right! Words like these from her made the going a little easier through college.

"Every day, life offers a challenge and we should accept

life's challenge."

Mrs. Edwards believes that she has accepted the challenge and has as a result is satisfied with her past, present, and confident of her future.

Finding that she has inspired others is her most rewarding experience as a teacher is knowing that I might have inspired some of my students, as my teachers have inspired me. I love teaching, especially college-age young people, and I fully believe that, as the title of a poem I once read goes, 'You Can't Grow Old In a College Town.'

# 'Dead to Sin; Alive to Christ'

By STEPHEN BOWMAN

In the sixth chapter, the twenty-third verse of Romans we read "For the wages of sin is death; but the gift of God is eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord."

An account of the first sin is given in the third chapter of Genesis, when Adam and Eve ate the fruit of the tree of knowledge, God's command was not obeyed, but the serpent of sin was obeyed instead. God set punishment upon Adam and all man thereafter by sending Adam and Eve out of the Garden, into the world and sentencing all sinners to death.

The Law or Ten Commandments and the Sermon On the Mount are our best guidelines to follow in learning right from wrong and sin from righteousness. It should be perfection we desire, for the Bible says in Matthew 6:48, "Be ye therefore perfect, as your Father which is in Heaven is perfect." The question of how we can be perfect is answered in Genesis 7:1 in which the Lord says, "Walk before Me and thou be perfect."

What is the result of sin? It is plain and simple to see, as it is written throughout the Bible that the result of sin or "the wages of sin" is death and exclusion from Heaven.

We should learn as much about the life of Christ as we can. The things that Christ tells us in the Bible and the answers to our prayers are the most supreme truth available. The Bible says, "Awake to righteousness, and sin not."

There are ways to escape sin's wage of death. We can be freed of our sins and the result of sin by God's forgiveness through our confession of sins, repentance, and faith in Jesus Christ. Christ says that He has the power to forgive sin in Matthew 9:6 when He is talking to the paralyzed man, "But that ye may know that the Son of man hath power on earth to forgive sins, 'Arise, take up thy bed and go unto thy house.'" And he did. There is but one unforgivable sin and in the words of our Lord in Matthew 12:32 "but whoever speaketh against the Holy Ghost, it shall not be forgiven him, neither in this world, neither in the next world to come."

Even on the cross, as Jesus was suffering, He forgave sin by saying, "Forgive them; for they know not what they do." Before Christ came, men died and suffered for the sins they committed. Christ came and died so that the body of sin in us would die and our souls would pass from sin's death to Christ's life.

Here is a demonstration of what happens to sin when Christ comes into our life. When oil is put into a cup and water poured into it, the oil floats up to and over the top of the cup, as it fills with water. I relate the cup as being life, the oil as the sin in our life, and the water as Christ combined with the Holy Spirit. So what happens? When Christ comes into our life, our sin is washed away, we are filled with the Holy Spirit, and our cup runneth over.

As Adam came and brought sin to man, Christ came and took it away. So, get the Adam out of your life with Romans 6:11, "Be dead to sin, alive to Christ."

# A Plea to God

By HUNTER GISH

My freedom, an oddity - unknown; What is it?  
Peace of mind, Serenity; Where have they gone?  
Dear heaven, why am I being forbade these things?  
My spirit is being dulled with the consideration of humanity.  
My mind, warped by the co-existence of your children; Am I one?  
What is my purpose here? I do not understand.  
I feel alone, that I belong with some other than your children.  
Is it my fault? That I can not achieve unity with the world I live in.  
Or is it a fault? Am I being tested as if I were a piece of defective machinery?  
Why do you keep this knowledge from me?  
Must I continue to suffer quietly? Not being relieved of this anxiety?  
Will competing to belittle my fellow man accomplish anything more than selfish satisfaction?  
This restriction of my ability to comprehend truth, greatness,  
What will it accomplish?  
Further restricting myself. I am dying, afraid only of your judgement.  
I feel contempt for the atrocities of the mass of humanity.  
My capacity to feel love is waning and yet you refuse me knowledge.  
Shall I never be rewarded with your guidance?  
Will you only answer me while I am at your side?  
To have the knowledge of faith and love, love for you and your creations.  
This is what I ask, what I need.  
That I may have confidence in your power in my life.  
To be aware of reality and not become obliterated by it.  
To exude your spirit, to live my life in your greatness.  
But how? Why must I go on this way? Am I being selfish for wanting these things?  
God, save me from myself.