

Drive Progressing For Re-opening Of Old Chowan College

Prospects Bright Despite Meeting With Many Obstacles

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The drive now progressing in Northeastern North Carolina to re-open historic Chowan College in Murfreesboro strikes many most responsive chords in hearts and homes throughout North Carolina and Tidewater Virginia where graduates of the 100-year-old school now guide the thinking and footsteps of so many families.

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are today fighting to bring back to life a school with a proud history and a noble background, for today with the educational facilities of North Carolina ever moving further and further to the west, the need for a revitalized and readily accessible seat of learning in the rich and long cultured Albemarle becomes far more than an emotional consideration and demands positive action both from social and economic points of view.

Celebrating its centennial next October, Chowan College is the last of four schools that flourished in Murfreesboro in the past 151 years, causing that colonial town to long be known as the educational center of Eastern North Carolina.

In 1911 the name of the school was changed to Chowan College and 20 years later, in 1931, the school was made co-educational. Through wars, depressions and prosperity, the old school carried on, turning out hundreds of fine citizens who today are the backbone of the reopening that will be held next fall on the celebration of the beautiful old school's 100th anniversary.

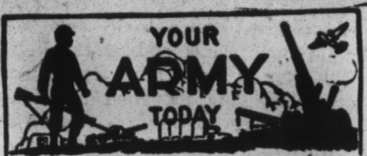
The present drive is the result of many things. The faith of a few. The work of many. The final realization of the pressing need. The removal of Wake Forest to Winston-Salem. The expensiveness of an "away from home" education. The geographical remoteness of all other Baptist schools in the State, insofar as Northeastern North Carolina is concerned. The loss of more and more of the "youth-power" of the Albemarle and Roanoke-Chowan, which leaves to enter schools 200 miles away and never returns in body and seldom in spirit. The great need for more trained men and women to develop and extend the richness of their home lands. The desire in the hearts and minds of many to renew the broken cultural chain that has not been filled since the closing of Chowan in 1942.

The reopening of Chowan College has run onto some pretty deadly snags: Indifference, lack of understanding, plain stinginess, church conflicts; poor cooperation between the West Chowan and Chowan Baptist Associations, owners of the school, the desire among many to centralize education in the huge "diploma factories."

Today as you read this, men and women throughout this area are working and giving and Drive-Director the Rev. Lonnie Sasser of Murfreesboro, one whose faith persisted when others were laughing behind his back, says that the \$100,000 by January 15 goal is well on its way toward success.

Another \$100,000 will be raised by opening time next fall and still another \$300,000 will be raised in the next few years for the expansion of the proud and historical educational center; since the men and women who are reopening Chowan College do not plan to merely "reopen," they plan to go forward with a program that will give the students in this part of North Carolina and Virginia an opportunity to attend one of the best schools in the country, if not the largest.

Meetings have been held in Jackson, Severn, Conway, Roxobel, Ahsokie, Elizabeth City, Lewiston and many more places; in each there has been no air of doubt, for now everyone knows that Chowan College will



With ten below zero weather greeting them upon their November arrival at training grounds in Big Delta, Alaska, troops of the Second Infantry Division participating in the Army Ground Forces Exercise Yukon, began their training in over-snow operations under Arctic conditions. The exercise is scheduled to end in March of 1948.

ARMY LINGUISTS: Selected military personnel are now being trained in 21 languages, including Russian, Chinese, Japanese, Persian and Arabic, in Army Language Schools here and overseas. Length of courses varies with the difficulty of the language, Chinese involving four years of study.

WAR DEAD ESCORTS: An opportunity actively to participate in the nation-wide program of the return and reburial of their fallen comrades-in-arms is being offered to World War II veterans of the Enlisted Reserve Corps. Enlisted Reservists, who qualify for escort and ceremonial duty, may volunteer for six months or a year of active service connected with this program.

SAFETY AWARD: The Department of the Army has been awarded the National Safety Council's Award of Honor for Distinguished Service to Safety in recognition of a reduction of 86 per cent in the Army accident rate in 1946 over the preceding year.

NATIONAL GUARD: A total of 9,197 men enlisted in the National Guard during the week ending November 8th, according to Major General Kenneth F. Cramer, Chief of the National Guard Bureau. This is the highest number of men to enlist in any one week since the campaign to recruit 88,888 men for the National Guard began September 16th. The Guard's total strength now is more than 179,000.

In the nearly one hundred years of its history 4,215 students have studied in this famous old school, and 1,021 have graduated.

State's Truck Crops \$16,009,000 In 1947

Prices Received Generally Lower Than Paid During 1946

The value of sales of North Carolina's principal commercial truck crops in 1947 was estimated at \$16,009,000. This is \$3,623,000 less than the \$19,642,000 realized from sales during the 1946 season. Sales of truck crops for fresh market totaled \$15,100,000 this year compared with \$18,890,000 in 1946. Sales for processing amounted to \$909,000 in 1947 compared with \$752,000 last year. Except for lettuce, cabbage and cantaloupes, the value of sales of North Carolina truck crops was generally lower than in 1946.

A total of 80,530 acres of commercial truck crops were brought to maturity by North Carolina farmers in 1947. This is 14,050 acres, or 15 per cent less than the 94,580 acres harvested in 1946. The value per acre for all truck crops in 1947 averaged \$199 which was 29 below that of 1946. The per acre return from fresh market sales was 25 less than in 1946 or \$210 compared with \$235 in 1946. Per acre value for processing was higher than that of last year, or \$106 in 1947 compared with \$89 in 1946.

Prices received for North Carolina truck crops were generally lower in 1947 than in 1946. Specific crops that were an exception to this were early Irish potatoes, green peas, lettuce, cabbage and beets, for which prices received were above those in 1946. However, 1947 prices received were well above the 10-year (1936-45) average. The most marked improvement in prices received were for cabbage, which brought an average price of \$52.34 per ton compared with \$33.39 in 1946, and lettuce, which sold for \$4.50 per crate compared with \$1.50 last year.

The 1947 growing season was unfavorable to most truck crops. A late, wet spring with below normal temperatures retarded the planting season. This was followed by dry weather in late spring and early summer. Yields for late summer snap beans, late summer cabbage, green peppers and watermelons were above those of last year, but for other truck crops yields were somewhat lower.

Three Chowan Boys Enlist In U. S. Army

Three Chowan County boys, Earl M. Toppin and Marvin Williams of Route 1, and William Ward of Tyner, were among 12 young men who recently enlisted in the U. S. Army, according to Master Sergeant C. B. Cayton, commanding officer of the Elizabeth City U. S. Army and Air Force recruiting office.

According to Sgt. Cayton, white men with prior service in the Army, Navy, Marines or Coast Guard, who served outside the continental limits of the United States after September 2, 1945, may now enlist for a three year assignment at Fort Lewis, Washington; Camp Hood, Texas;

Port Bragg, North Carolina; Fort Worden, Washington; Fort Knox, Kentucky; Fort Ord, California; Fort Jackson, South Carolina, or Fort Dix, New Jersey. Applicants will be eligible for grades up to and including the grade of sergeant.

Sgt. Cayton says anyone desiring enlistment or information should apply at the Edenton Post Office Thursday of each week or at 202 Kramer Building, Elizabeth City, any day except Sunday.

Willie Love Morgan Weds C. H. Shaw, Jr.

Impressive Ceremony In Methodist Church December 20

Miss Willie Love Morgan, daughter of Mrs. W. M. Morgan and the late Mr. Morgan, and Charles Henry Shaw, Jr., son of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Henry Shaw, of Riverside, Rhode Island, were united in marriage in a candlelight ceremony Saturday afternoon, December 20, at 4 o'clock at the Edenton Methodist Church. The Rev. W. L. Freeman, pastor of the church, performed the double ring ceremony.

Mrs. Kathleen Ross, organist of the church, rendered the wedding music and Mrs. Frank Elliott sang two selections.

The bride was given in marriage by her brother, W. Leslie Morgan. She wore an ivory Duchess satin gown, fashioned with sweetheart neck, outlined with shimmering seed pearls in leaf motif, long sleeves which tapered to points over her hands and her billowy skirt extended from a basque bodice, buttoning up the back with self covered buttons, and forming a round peacock train. Her finger tip veil of imported illusion fell from a tiara of seed pearls. She carried a prayer book and white orchid.

Mrs. Charles Payne of Elizabeth City, as matron of honor, wore an American beauty moire taffeta gown over crinoline fashioned with drop shoulder and wide berth, cap sleeves and fitted bodice which extended to a full bustle back skirt. She wore a matching ostrich tip band in her hair and carried a nosegay of mixed flowers.

Phil Foster of Boston, Mass., was best man. Ushers were John Richard White, Guy C. Hobbs, Dr. C. N. Wright of Jarvisburg, and Roy Simmons of Elizabeth City.

Mrs. Morgan, mother of the bride, wore a black crepe sequin trimmed dress. Her corsage was a purple orchid which matched her hat.

The bridegroom's mother wore a black crepe dress with matching accessories. Her corsage was a purple orchid.

The bride graduated from the Edenton High School and Peace Institute at Raleigh. During the war she was head of the local OPA office. She was also chief clerk of the Veterans' Administration office at Edenton.

The bridegroom graduated from Duke University at Durham and served in the U. S. Navy during World War II.

After the wedding a reception was given at the Episcopal Parish House by Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Morgan of Norfolk, at which time more than 200 guests attended. In the receiving line at the reception were Mrs. W. M. Morgan, Mrs. Charles H. Shaw, Mr. and Mrs. Charles H. Shaw, Jr., W. Leslie Morgan and Mrs. Charles Payne.

The couple left immediately following the reception for a wedding trip to unannounced points.

Out-of-town guests were Mr. and Mrs. C. A. Wright, Dr. C. N. Wright, Miss Caroline Wright, Mr. and Mrs. J. R. Wright, Mr. and Mrs. J. R. Wright, Jr., Mrs. Oscar Symons, all of Jarvisburg, N. C.; Mr. and Mrs. Edward Griggs of Point Harbor; Mrs. J. M. Morgan, Norfolk; Mrs. Elizabeth Hall, Portsmouth, Va.; Mrs. Marjorie Frost, Portsmouth, Va.; Mrs. Q. R. Hurdle, Norfolk; Mr. and Mrs. Tommie Hernandez, Norfolk; Mr. and Mrs. C. P. Midgette, Nags Head; Mrs. D. P. Holder, Windsor; Mr. and Mrs. Charles Payne, Elizabeth City; Mr. and Mrs. O. Roy Symons, Elizabeth City; Mr. and Mrs. D. M. Jackson, Hertford; Mr. and Mrs. Leroy Nixon, Chapanoke; Mr. and Mrs. Fred Edwards, Spring Hope; Mr. and Mrs. Alvin Edwards, Spring Hope; Mrs. Lena Crawley, Mrs. Sadie Burnell and Mrs. Charles Shaw, all of Providence, Rhode Island.

Many parties and luncheons were given Miss Morgan prior to her marriage. Those entertaining for her were Mesdames Tom Goodwin, A. M. Day, Rupert Goodwin, E. K. White, Nathan Dail, Kenneth Floars and Charles Payne. Mrs. Morgan and W. Leslie Morgan entertained at a party held at their home on Friday evening following the wedding rehearsals.

Mr. and Mrs. Shaw will make their home in Durham for the present, where Mr. Shaw is studying at Duke University.

E. A. Twine Funeral Held At Belvidere

Funeral services were held Sunday afternoon, December 21, for E. A. Twine, 58, who died the previous Friday night at his home at Belvidere. The services were held at the home, with the Rev. E. R. Meekins officiating. Mrs. Jarvis Overman and Mrs. James Wright sang "Never Grow Old," "Rock of Ages" and "Nearer My God to Thee," favorite hymns of deceased. Burial was in the family

cemetary. Surviving are his wife, Mrs. Annie R. Twine; a daughter, Mrs. Guy Riddick of Hobbsville; three brothers, T. M. Twine, J. E. Twine and E. E. Twine, and a sister, Miss Leola Twine, all of Belvidere.

Active pallbearers were Linwood Twine, James Edward Twine, H. A. Turner, J. T. Winslow, J. A. Riddick and Elton Walters.

Honorary pallbearers were Percy Curtis, L. J. Rountree, Robert Riddick, John I. Riddick, John Jolliff, W. H. Winslow, E. L. Hurdle, Lon Stallings, Moody White, Ervin Baker and Will Jethro.

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