

CHOWAN'S YESTERDAYS
MARCH

1926

The Carolina Playmakers had just presented "Fixin's", "Square Medicine", and "Gaius and Gaius, Jr.", at Chowan. The audience, which came from within a radius of forty miles, was delighted with the Playmakers and their work in "creating a love for the best and noblest ideals of life and a love for the folk drama".

Hope Cottage, known today as the "Old Junior Tearoom", had just been formally opened as a club house for the college girls under the direction of Miss Terry and her home economics girls. A gift from Rowlingeon Myers, of Charlotte, had made it possible.

An endowment drive was under way to keep Chowan a standard institution. Dean W. B. Edwards and Mr. W. H. S. Burgwyn, of Woodland, had just been to New York, trying to interest B. N. Duke in Chowan.

The Dramatic Club, directed by Miss Gertrude Knott, was preparing to present Maeterlinck's "Blue Bird". Scenes were being painted by Clifton Barber of Norfolk, and costumes had already been selected by experts. An unusually large

audience was expected to attend the performance.

1928

Plans for Music and Drama Week had been perfected. There were to be two afternoon and three night performances. On the first evening the Glee Club presented a Spanish operetta, "The Toreadors". "Adam and Eva", a three-act play was given by the Dramatic Club on the second evening.

An article on "Hair" in the Chowanian said that girls had started letting their hair grow again, because they found that it took so much time and energy to keep it trimmed and trained.

The Chowanaka proof had been corrected and sent back to the printer.

A picture of the proposed Ahoskie Baptist Church appeared on the front page of the Chowanian. The church is being used today.

1929

The Fine Arts Department was presenting four students in graduating recitals: Maide Lee Wade (voice), Jean Craddock (expression), Betty Walter Jenkins (piano), and Kate Mackie (expression).

The Alathenians had won the basketball game, song and reading contests on Society Day, while the Lucalians were victorious in the debate.

The Sophomore Class had presented the play, "The New Co-ed", in which Robert Sewell was the outstanding star.

1930

Isla Poole and Mary Lou Martin, debating for Chowan, had just been defeated by H. H. Deaton and S. W. Miller, of Wake Forest. This was the first time that Chowan girls had ever debated against their "big brothers".

Preparations were being made for an Alumnae Banquet to be held in Elizabeth City during the State Woman's Missionary Union meeting there.

Lucalians had again captured honors in the Society Day debate, basketball game, and song contest. Dorothy Heath had won the reader's contest for the Alathenians.

1932

Chowan Co-eds had won several basketball games, "proving themselves useful as well as ornamental".

A memorial service had been held for Mrs. C. M. Billings, who was professor of romance languages at Chowan until her death in December, 1931.

JOKES

He: "Dear, tomorrow is our 20th anniversary. Shall I kill the turkey?"

He: "No, let him live. He didn't have anything to do with it."

Policeman: As soon as I saw you coming around the bend I said to myself "Forty-five at least."

Old Maid: How dare you? Its the hat that makes me look so old.

The History class had been discussing Savonarola. Ray Stephenson, who had not been paying attention, turned to Ruth and said, "Who did she say Saratoga was?"

GONE BUT NOT FORGOTTEN

Mrs. J. M. Barbee (Jennie M. Jones, '71) recently celebrated her eightieth birthday. She has a record of more than forty years teaching in the Raleigh public schools, where she still teaches daily. The following is clipped from the News and Observer: "It is a peculiar comfort and a joy that Mrs. Barbee is still with us, still actively teaching, and still the same glowing inspiration to teachers and parents as well as to the boys and girls that she has been through many years."

Funeral services for Mrs. John N. Ryland (Marie A. Gwathney,

'76) were held at Bruington church on January 30.

Miss Jimmie Benton, '32, visited friends at the college Monday, March 13.

Miss Thelma Percy was a Chowan visitor Sunday, March 12.

SIGNS THAT SPRING IS HERE

1. People stroll aimlessly around the campus.
2. Those who do not stroll, sit, or lie leisurely on the grass.
3. Girls stay down town until six o'clock.
4. The porches are filled between classes.
5. Students are restless while on class.
6. The tennis courts are filled every hour in the day.
7. Everyone is talking about Spring holidays. For several weeks some students have been counting the days; doubtlessly, the hours will soon be numbered in

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