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## Chowan Begins Its Basketball Season

### Home Team Matches William and Mary Extension

#### FIRST TEAM IS SELECTED, TRY-OUT

#### Four Future Games Are On Schedule At Present Time

Opening their season of games with college teams only, the girls basketball team of Chowan will play the first of that series here on Wednesday afternoon, December 16, with the girls team of William and Mary extension of Norfolk, Va. The visiting team will remain after the game on Wednesday afternoon as a guest of the College for dinner in the College dining hall.

On Wednesday evening, December 9, following the boys' game, the girls who are out for basketball divided themselves into two groups—the Blues with Marion Holoman as the Captain, and the Greens with Frances Jilcott as the Captain. The Greens won by a narrow margin of 20-18.

From this group of players the following are prospects for the line-up of the regular team: Forwards, Margaret Adams, Mildred Freeman, Mary Long, Marion Holoman, Shirley Liverman, Vergie Coward, Cornelia Hill, Frances Edwards; guards, Janice Jenkins, Wurtie Lee Marsh, Katherine Matthews, Eleanor Payne, Frances Jones, Pearl Baggett, Jean Holoman, Mayme Davis.

The schedule for the season has not been officially completed as yet, according to "Frank" Jilcott, president of the Athletic Association. Two games with E. C. T. C. of Greenville have been scheduled, one game there on January 12, the other here on Feb. 18. Wingate Junior College plays here on Feb. 3, with a return game there on Feb. 27. On Feb. 24 a return game is to be played with William and Mary extension at Norfolk.

Much interest is noticed among the students as the season gets underway, both for the boys and girls teams. With Mr. Ray Fehrman coaching the boys and Miss Sara Bruce, new Physical Education Director for the girls, Chowan is hoping to make a good showing in its round of games this year.

## Chowan Glee Club To Go Carolling

The Chowan Glee Club like the angels of old, will again proclaim to the world the message of the Savior's love on Friday night, December 18.

The Glee Club, under the direction of Miss Forrest DeLano, head of the Voice Department, leaves the college sometime after 12 o'clock on the last night before the Christmas holidays each year to go carolling. They spend about two hours tramping up and down the street, stopping ever so often to sing several Christmas songs. After they have joyfully awakened the sleepers of each house in town, they return to the college to serenade the President, faculty, and student body. This has become a recognized custom entered into and enjoyed both by town people and college.

Misses Jean Holloman and Annie Howell spent the week-end of November 28 with Miss Elsie Taylor in Como.



## MISS EUNICE McDOWELL OBSERVES 82ND BIRTHDAY

### Has Spent 33 Years In Active College Work

"College born and college bred" is a statement which might well characterize Miss Eunice McDowell, former teacher and dean of women of Chowan College.

On December 15, 1854, she was born in the halls of Chowan, thus beginning her life so filled with colleges and young people the doors of one. A close intimacy with the college was continued because one year while her father was ill she substituted for him by teaching his classes. She finished from Chowan being among the earlier graduates.

During the next few years she left Chowan to fill her places in other schools and colleges. She first went to Scotland Neck high school, then an academy, where she taught for ten and one-half years. From the Academy she went to Franklin Female Semi-

nary, Franklin, Va., where she stayed for eight years.

She then turned back to colleges. She went to Raleigh, N. C. where she spent one year at Meredith College. One year was spent at Saul's College, Murfreesboro, Tennessee, one at Greensboro College, Greensboro, N. C., eight at Central College, Conwan, Arkansas, five at Bessie Tift College, Forsythe, Georgia, five and one-half at Averitt College, Danville, Virginia.

She became Bible and Latin teacher at Chowan in 1920. She remained in this position until 1928 when she accepted the position as Dean of Women of the college. She became very interested in the library being the first to catalogue it. She also was the first to introduce the Dewey Decimal System into this library. Ill health forced her to resign this position in 1932.

Although Miss McDowell is not now officially connected with the college she is personally connected. (Continued on page 3)

## College Choir Gives Christmas Vesper Service

The Christmas Vesper, an annual candlelight service, by the college vested choir under the direction of Miss Forrest DeLano, was held in the college auditorium, Sunday afternoon, December 13, at 5:00 o'clock. The choir this year was assisted by Mrs. Lloyd Lawrence, soloist, of Murfreesboro; and Mrs. R. J. Britton, reader, of Ahoskie, and also included the male quintet of the college for the first year.

The program was as follows: Processional; invocation, Dr. R. R. McCulloch; anthem, "The First Christmas Morn" Newton, choir; anthem "Bethlehem" (Folk Song of Glatz-1791), Dickinson, sextette (Mrs. Lloyd Lawrence, (Continued on page 3)

## White Christmas Is Observed By B. T. U.

The White Christmas program, sponsored by the B. T. U. each year recreates the original spirit of Christmas. This year the program is to be at the Baptist Church on Sunday night, December 13.

The White Christmas celebration offers each person an opportunity to share his many blessings with others who are not so fortunate. At this time these cheerful givers bring any gift of food and place it around the Christmas tree. Later these gifts are distributed in Murfreesboro to the families that most need the provisions. Dr. Bunn has been playing Santa Claus, but this year the Junior, Intermediate, and Senior B. T. U. are to travel (Continued on page 3)

## CHRISTMAS FESTIVITIES END WITH TREE FRIDAY NIGHT, 18TH

### Home for Holidays

We all want to be home Christmas. We want to be there with our mothers and fathers and our brothers and sisters. There is an indefinable something which calls us to the family fireside as Christmas approaches. Students, teachers, business employees, and government officials—all who can—will soon be homeward bound.

The almost universal practice of going home at Christmas time is not different from what was done the first Christmas. "And they went—each to his own city. And Joseph also went up from Galilee . . . to the city of David, which is called Bethlehem, because he was of the house of David . . . with Mary" (Luke 2:3-5).

All the people of Judea were at home, but it was Christmas only at Bethlehem. At Bethlehem it was Christmas only to those who saw the Christ Child. What a glorious Christmas it was.

As students and faculty return— (Continued on page 3)

### Try-Outs Held For Society Day

Society Day which is the first Friday in March is the climax of achievement for the Lucalian and Athenian Literary Societies each year. Preparation for this day begins in earnest with the annual debate and reading try-outs.

This year the try-outs will be held during the week of December 14-19. Each society by means of try-outs select the two best debaters with an alternate and the best reader to represent the society on Society Day. Many talented members in both societies enter this contest with hearts filled with society spirit and loyalty.

After the try-outs are held those selected by the faculty judges, which are the sponsors of the society, begin to select their material. Many hours are spent by each contestant in loyal effort to uphold the honor and fame of her society.

Then in March, an entire day is given to the contests between the societies. In the morning, the opposing teams devote their time to basket ball. After lunch the teams meet on the tennis court. At three o'clock, the reader of each society challenges the opponent in dramatic ability. On Society night the debate proves to be the climax of the day in spirit and interest. A reception follows the debate with the Society receiving line composed of the judges, the two society, presidents, six debaters, and two readers.

Miss Lou Wilson Evans of Harrellsville, a graduate of the class of 1936, left Monday afternoon, November 30 for St. Vincent's hospital, Norfolk, Va., to undergo an appendectomy.

Miss Edythe Pierce, of the class of 1936, who is now teaching at Red Oak high school, spent the Thanksgiving holidays with Miss Wilma Woolard.

Mrs. Wilson Fleetwood, graduate of the class of 1935, Misses Faye Fleetwood and Evelyn Davis graduates of the commercial class of 1936, called to see friends at the college Friday, December 4.

Mrs. Mary D. Kennedy went to Norfolk, Va., Friday, December 4, to meet her daughter, Mrs. Jack Meyers who just returned to the United States after traveling in Europe.

### Climax for Peanut Week Is Tree In Gymnasium

#### SPONSORED BY THE STUDENT GOVT.

#### Traditional Peanut Week Begun Before 1923

The annual Christmas tree for the entire college family will be held Friday night, December 18, at 7:30 in the college gymnasium, coming as a fitting climax to the customary peanut week and the other Christmas festivities before the holidays.

At 7:30 Friday evening, the entire college family will assemble in the auditorium, ready for the annual visit of Santa Claus to Chowan. When all have assembled, the president of Student Government, Martha Seymour, will take her stand at the front of the auditorium and each member of the college family who has been peanutting will fall in line behind the one whom he has been peanutting during the days given over to that event.

When all have fallen in line, the line will go into the gymnasium where the large tree lighted and loaded with gifts, will be subject to the approval of the onlookers and ready to give of its fruits to members of the college family. After having assembled, Santa Claus will arrive to distribute the gifts, overlooking not a single member of the college family. So will close the Christmas festivities at Chowan for on Saturday the greater part of the college personnel will leave to spend the holidays in scattered parts of the country.

This Christmas tree for members of the college family will come as a fitting climax to the activities of the week, especially peanutting. During part of the week prior to December 18, members of the college family will be engaged in that sport, known as peanutting, which is one of the outstanding characteristics of Chowan.

On Wednesday, December 9, students, faculty members, and other members of the college personnel drew a name enclosed in a peanut shell. This name was the name of the person whom the drawer was to "peanut." To "peanut" means to give gifts of fruit, candy, nuts, toys, write notes and anything else that the "peanutter" may think that the "peanut" might enjoy. It might even include a ticket to the show.

On Wednesday, December 16, peanutting will begin. For three days Chowan will be alive with excitement, thrills, and, above all, suspense. The hall table will be covered with multi-colored packages of all shapes and sizes. The stair posts will hold all kinds of objects. Packages will be found in all kinds of unusual places. Directions will be stuck in conspicuous places directing people to unheard of places. Notes will be passed from hand to hand. Everyone will be excited and laboring under great suspense, wondering who his or her "peanut" is. Care and troubles will be forgotten in the excitement.

Peanut week started at Chowan College before 1923. The idea was introduced by Mrs. Bob Britton of Ahoskie, who was a graduate of Bessie Tift College, and who used to be at the head of the expression department at the college. She first used the plan of peanutting (Continued on page 3)