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CLASSES, EQUIPMENT INCREASE IN BUSINESS EDUCATION

Fourth of \$200,000 Chowan Fund Drive Has Been Raised

One fourth of the \$200,000 fund campaign for Chowan College, which was launched last winter, has been raised, according to Rev. Oscar Creech, associate to the president of the college.

The need for the money as outlined by the college when the campaign was announced included living endowment for operation, \$25,000; pay debts incurred in remodeling buildings and erecting four cottages for boys, \$50,000; equipment for better teaching, \$10,000; build graphic arts building, \$10,000; pay for farm acquired in January and erect farm building, \$15,000; build dormitory for boys, \$60,000; add to endowment, \$20,000.

The amount of \$14,000 was contributed by the churches of the Chowan, West Chowan and Roanoke association in July and August in connection with Christian education day, Rev. Creech stated.

"This was indeed a gratifying amount by the churches," Rev. Creech said. "Far more has been accomplished at the college with this money than the amount would indicate. With the amount for operation the college closed the year July 1 in the black, with some balance. The interest on the debts was paid and the indebtedness was refinanced with a loan of \$60,000 from the Planters National Bank of Rocky Mount. All creditors of the original loan were paid and the college has ten years in which to pay the new

loan. This has made it possible to proceed with the building program," he added.

Rev. Creech said that much equipment for the classrooms has been added this year. The graphic arts building was constructed during the summer. The cost was \$10,500. The farm building was begun the first of August and is now about completed at a cost of \$5,000. Nearly all the materials for this building were donated. The farm of 54 acres was purchased last winter by two individuals and \$2,000 has been paid on the purchase price. The rent from the farm this year will pay the interest so there has been no obligation to the college in connection with the farm so far.

The old president's home has been renovated and the commercial department is using it. The stone building also has been renovated for the fine arts department. Thus several classes have been moved from the basement of the administration building.

"Five of the seven objects as set forth in the beginning of the campaign have been fairly well taken care of," Rev. Creech said. "Certainly, much progress has been made this year. For the amount of money received in view of the amount of work accomplished it looks as if the 'loaves and fishes' have been multiplied. The way has now been cleared to begin on the objective, a dormitory for boys to house at least one hundred and fifty."



Miss Virginia Powell, instructor in office machinery, in the Business Education department, explains operation of Graphotype to Eugene Furgerson of Hillsboro, Virginia. (See BUSINESS, Page 4)

The Department of Business Education of Chowan College is the oldest department of the College offering courses in terminal education, having offered certificates in this field as far as 1918.

The catalog for that year listed courses in bookkeeping, typewriting, and shorthand and stated that a certificate would be awarded upon successful completion. Thirteen girls were listed as commercial students in that catalog. These courses were apparently offered to meet the extraordinary demand for women in industry because of war, as the whole commercial program was dropped from the college catalog in 1921, and we find no further mention of business subjects until 1928, when once again bookkeeping, typewriting, and shorthand are listed in the catalog.

From that time on business courses have been offered each year the college has operated.

In addition to being the oldest department offering terminal education, the Business Department has been, since the re-opening of the college in 1949, the largest department in the school. During the past four years enrollment in this department has represented between 40 and 50 percent of the total enrollment.

Because its size required additional space and facilities, the Business Department this fall of 1953 took over the large white frame building known as the "Old Presidents' Home." This building, which had been completely renovated during the summer, gives the department additional space for classrooms, machine facilities, and office room.

New machinery and equipment have been added each year, so that the department has grown in the quality and quantity of its offerings as well as in number of students enrolled. Instruction is

Meet Our Two New Deans

Dean of Instruction

L. Robert Grogan was appointed to the position of Dean of Instruction and head of the English Department of Chowan. The staff vacancy was created when R. H. Woodland resigned to continue graduate work at the University of Texas.

A graduate of Reidsville High School, Grogan attended Wake Forest College, receiving his B. A. degree in 1949. Recently he completed work for his Masters of Education degree at Woman's College and is working for his Master of Arts degree in English.

While a student at Wake Forest College, Grogan was active in the publications field, editing the newspaper, working on the staffs of the magazine and yearbook, and heading the Publications Board. He is a member of Omicron Delta Kappa, national honorary leadership fraternity, and is listed in Who's Who in American Colleges and Universities.

For three years after graduation Grogan taught at Wentworth High School. He joined the Reidsville High School faculty last year and taught Freshman English. In Rockingham County he held several offices in the local unit of the N. C. E. A. and the Schoolmaster's Club.

Grogan is married to the former Marilea Roberts of Wentworth. They have one child, a son Keith.

Dean of Men

Dr. Joseph I. Reece was appointed to the position of Dean of Men and head of the Mathematics department this year due to the vacancy created by Mr. Henry L. Reeves, who resigned to take a position in the University of Mississippi.

Dr. Reece received his B. A. degree at Carson-Newman College in South Carolina and his M. A. degree at Harvard University. He received his second M. A. degree at the University of North Carolina and his Ph. D. at the University of Chicago.

Dr. Reece is a brother of Congressman Carroll Reece of Tennessee. He was the former dean of Carson-Newman College, and since early in World II, Dr. Reece has been teaching mathematics and science in the high schools of South Carolina. He has also been doing special teaching in the "psychology of method" at Wofford College, Spartanburg, South Carolina.

Glee Club Is Active During November

The Glee Club has been very busy for the last month working on their Christmas program and music for their public appearances. The members of the Glee Club will travel to Hickory, Va., and Elizabeth City, Sunday, November 22. They sang for the congregations of the First Baptist Church of these towns.

On November 19, the student body entertained by the Glee Club. The Program was as follows: God of Our Fathers; Now We Thank Thee Our God; Trusting in Thee, solo by D. C. Williams; Thanks Be to God, trio by Nancy Rainey, Anne Marie Long, and Patricia Guthrie; Faith of our Fathers, by the Men's Chorus. The program ended when the Glee Club sang an old German round, All Praise to Thee My God This Day.

Ministerial Student Is Gates Guest Speaker

Charles Middleton, of Daytona Beach, Fla., a ministerial student at Chowan College, was the guest speaker at Reynoldson Baptist Church, near Gates, Sunday, October 28, at the morning service.

Mr. Middleton's subject was "Faith", and his scripture was Hebrews 11.

He used Noah from the Old Testament to demonstrate that Noah had faith in Christ, and preached to the people that the world would be destroyed by water.

In the New Testament Peter, Matthew, and Paul were used as illustrations by Mr. Middleton to signify that they had faith in Christ.

Other guests attending the service from the college were Misses Virginia Powell, Mildred Mizell, and Mary Lou Harker, Dan Page, and Charles Fulcher.

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Jean Parker of Silverdale, transcribes dictation from a Dictaphone in a typing class in the Business Education department. Much equipment has been added to this department during the

year, and placed in the renovated "old presidents' home."—Photos by Chowan News Bureau

Visiting Around Inside the Various Offices

By BARBARA THORNE

In the offices of administration and heads of departments of Chowan College many students are holding responsible part-time positions, aiding in office work and at the same time getting valuable experience.

As you enter the doors of Chowan College, you will probably be greeted by Miss Addie Mae Cooke, dean of women, Mrs. Mary Kennedy, assistant dean of women, or one of girls of their office staff. These girls are Barbara Thorne, Wilson; Ethelene Simpkins, Enuri; Betty Lou Reinhardt, a sophomore from Hillsboro, and Rosalyn Hamill of Enfield.

Miss Cooke and Mrs. Kennedy have found their staff very helpful. They believe that they have an excellent group of girls.

It is the duty of these girls, as

receptionist, to greet all visitors and welcome them to Chowan. Their other duties consist of answering the telephone, typing, and keeping the office tidy. Every girl who desires to be a secretary would enjoy this work, as the girls who are working do. Each of them seems to be pleased with their new jobs.

In Mr. John McSweeney's office in the Graphic Arts building, you will find another of our freshmen girls. Betty Ruth Boyd is Mr. McSweeney's secretary, and she hails from Monroe. Her duties consist of filing, typing and mailing out publicity stories, and other general office tasks.

Gloria Cox, a sophomore from Conway, is assistant to Miss Arelia Adams, bookkeeper and registrar to Dr. F. O. Mixon, president, and Mr. Oscar Creech, associate to the

president. She takes dictation, does some filing, and types.

Now we shall get a look at the office of the dean of instruction, which is a very necessary part of Chowan College. Mr. L. Robert Grogan is our dean of instruction. The dean is responsible for the administration and supervision of the entire instructional program. It is his duty to keep student and faculty records, and to procure follow-up information on each student. His secretary, Mrs. Robert Boston, is certainly a necessary helper. Mrs. Boston keeps records, helps with registration, simulates and handles correspondence, and works with schools and church guidance personnel through correspondence in the student solicitation programs. Yes, she also forwards our dear report cards to our parents.