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DR. BRUCE EZELL WHITAKER

To be inaugurated as twentieth Chowan president

Friday, October 11, Greatest Day in the History of Chowan

On Friday, October 11, Dr. Bruce Ezell Whitaker will be inaugurated as the twentieth president of Chowan College. On the same date, which is Founder's Day, the Chowan College Alumni Association is holding its annual meeting.

Fifty-six colleges and universities will send representatives for inaugural ceremonies. Many dignitaries from newspapers and other professional fields are also expected. Alumni and other guests will add to the crowd expected for the day's events.

Four Chowan professors will represent their alma maters for the inauguration. They are Mrs. F. O. Mixon, Winthrop College; Miss Frances White, General Assembly Training School; W. I. Marable, William and Mary; Mrs. Bruce E. Whitaker, George Peabody College for Teachers. Professor Eugene Williams will represent the faculty, and Michael H. Johnson the student body.

Registration of guest will begin at 10:00 o'clock, followed by the alumni meeting in the auditorium. Mrs. Grady Bridgers, alumni president, will preside at this meeting. Founders' Day will be observed in connection with the alumni meeting.

Due to lack of facilities only specially invited guests will attend the inaugural luncheon to be held in the college cafeteria at 12:45. The Rev. Oscar Creech, associate to the president, will preside at the luncheon, with The Rev. Ross A. Cadle, vice president, giving the invocation.

Schedule of Events

REGISTRATION
Ten o'Clock
Administration Building

ALUMNI MEETING
Ten-Thirty o'Clock
College Auditorium

LUNCHEON FOR OFFICIAL DELEGATES
Twelve-Forty-Five o'Clock
College Dining Hall

INAUGURAL PROGRAM
Two-Thirty o'Clock
College Auditorium

INAUGURAL RECEPTION
Four o'Clock
Student Center

Greetings will be extended the luncheon guest by Richard T. Vann, mayor of Murfreesboro; Mrs. Grady Bridgers, president of the Alumni Association; Michael H. Johnson, president of the Student Body; M. Eugene Williams, representing the faculty and administration; Claude F. Gaddy, executive secretary, Council on Christian Education. Response will be made by President Whitaker. The benediction will be given by The Rev. John C. Gill, Jr., administrative assistant.

The inauguration program will start at 2:30 o'clock, with faculty and representatives from

colleges and universities, attired in academic garb, entering the auditorium to "Pomp and Circumstance", with Professor James Brisson, as organist.

The inauguration invocation will be given by The Rev. Rowland S. Pruette, pastor of the Murfreesboro Baptist Church. Recognition of delegates and guests by J. Irving Brooks, dean of instruction.

Greetings will be offered by Honorable Thad Eure, secretary of state, representing Governor Luther H. Hodges; Malloy A. Huggins, general secretary, Baptist State Convention of North Carolina; Dr. J. P. Freeman, associate director, Department of Teacher Certification, N. C. Department of Public Instruction; Dr. Harold W. Tribble, president, Wake Forest College, representing Southern Association of Colleges and Secondary Schools; Dr. Budd E. Smith, president, Wingate College, for American Association of Junior Colleges; Dr. Edgar W. Hirshberg, professor, East Carolina College, for American Association of University Professors; Dr. Arthur D. Wenger, president, Atlantic Christian College, for N. C. Foundation of Church-Related Colleges.

President Whitaker will be inducted into office by Dr. Raleigh Parker, chairman, Board of Trustees. The President will then deliver his acceptance.

The inaugural address will be (See FRIDAY page 8)

Development Program To Raise \$750,000

Memorial To J. Roy Parker

The proposed new wing of the Roy Parker School of Printing at the college will be built as a memorial to the late J. Roy Parker of Ahoskie for whom the school was named. Memorial funds are being presented by friends and newspapers, and as soon as a sufficient amount is received, construction will begin.

It was through the efforts of Mr. Parker who inspired the cooperation of others, that the Graphic Arts work at Chowan was started in 1952. With only seven students and one linotype, the school had its beginning. Today, housed in a modern new building with the most up-to-date equipment available, it is attracting scores of students annually. The enrollment this semester is 40.

John McSweeney has been head of the school since it started. Assisting him in instruction are William Sowell and Harold Brown.

Mr. Parker, who died on May 8, was president of Parker Brothers, Inc., of Ahoskie, publishers of four weekly newspapers serving that number of counties. He gave his talents to posterity in numerous ways. Besides being an editor and publisher, he had practiced law, served as professor of journalism at the University of North Carolina and Chowan, and at his death was representative of Hertford County in the Legislature.

Mr. Parker throughout his public life took a keen interest in helping young people develop their talents and use them for the good of mankind. As a newspaper man, he held deep convictions of honesty, courage, fairness and accuracy. His faith in Jesus Christ was expressed through service in the church, his writing and personal living. Though there were times when illness kept him flat of his back for months, he never quit work. Rarely did he miss an issue of the papers with his regular column. (Chowan College Magazine)

Three Students Get Scholarships

Gwendolyn Eure of Gatesville, Betty Jane Rhodes of Columbia, and Philip Sanderlin of Belcross, were granted \$500. scholarships to attend Chowan College.

In announcing the selection of these recent high school graduates to receive the awards, Dr. Bruce E. Whitaker, president of Chowan College, stated that the scholarships were made possible by an anonymous donor.

Dr. Whitaker further said that under the terms of the scholarship gift, the Superintendents of Schools in seven northeastern North Carolina counties — Gates, Camden, Perquimans, Currituck, Dare, Hyde, and Tyrell — recommended one student from his county to a Selection Board which made the final decision on the awards.

Miss Eure, Miss Rhodes, and Mr. Sanderlin were selected on the basis of scholastic ability, need, and purposefulness in life.

This is "Campaign Time" and everyone devoted to Chowan College is rallying to the campaign for seven buildings on our campus. A minimum of \$750,000 is needed. Trustees have approved a Plan of Campaign which will be announced at a Citizen's Dinner in the college gymnasium on October 11th. An organization of at least 500 is being recruited to lead the campaign. Dr. W. Raleigh Parker, chairman of the Board of Trustees and Dr. Bruce E. Whitaker, president, announce the selection of two important committee chairman, Mr. H. D. White of Rocky Mount, to direct the Special Gifts Committee and Mrs. Edwin P. Brown of Murfreesboro to direct the Women's Committee. An intensive solicitation will begin on November 4th and finish with a "Victory Dinner" on Monday night, November 18th.

Mr. White is a Trustee of Chowan. He is manager of Belk-Ty-



MR. H. D. WHITE

ler store in Rocky Mount and very active in the work of the First Baptist Church. He is an alumni of Wake Forest College. Mrs. Brown is an alumnae of



MRS. EDWIN P. BROWN

Chowan, who has been most outstanding in women's affairs throughout the State. She has been active in the work of furnishing and decorating the Student Center on Campus and the new president's home. With Mr. Brown she has assisted in raising funds for several of the recently constructed buildings at (See DEVELOPMENT page 8)