

A Salute To The First Family On Chowan's Campus



PRESIDENT BRUCE E. WHITAKER

He Directs Progress of Chowan

By FRANK PITTARD

It is often said that behind every progressive organization or institution there is an outstanding man. Chowan is certainly outstanding, and the man behind it is President Bruce E. Whitaker.

No one spends more time or effort in the interest of Chowan College. He's ever present, and his effect upon the College is ever present. No matter whether its seeking money for the building program or making a speech, he always has the interest of Chowan always in mind and heart.

Look at his record of accomplishments while at Chowan. When he was appointed in May of 1957 Chowan had approximately 200 students. There was a great need for a building program if Chowan was to become an outstanding institution. He came to Chowan during a crucial period in its history when it had to go either forward or backward. Under his influence and guidance it has moved forward at a very rapid pace.

New Buildings

Two new buildings have been added since he came, and another is being built. These buildings are the girls dormitory, the recently constructed cafeteria, and the new men's dormitory, which is now under construction.

Inrollment has increased over 100 per cent. The faculty has been enlarged, both in size and in qualification of teachers. It is Dr. Whitaker's firm belief that, "No college can be any stronger than the level of instruction of its faculty," and he believes Chowan has a faculty which it can be proud of, both as to classroom and extra-curricular work.

Dr. Whitaker was born in Cleveland County on June 27, 1921, near Shelby. He was the oldest of eight children. At the age of 19, with \$74.25 as assets and a desire to become a minister he entered Wake Forest College. He graduated from this institution in 1944 and then entered Southern Baptist Theological Seminary from which he graduated in 1950 with BD, ThD, and ThM degrees. He has served as pastor of the Smith-

field Baptist Church, in Smithfield, Kentucky, and as assistant to the president at Shorter College, just to mention a very few of the positions he has held. Before coming to Chowan in 1957, he served as State Student Secretary for the Baptist State Convention in North Carolina, during which time he worked with 58 colleges.

Continuously Planning

President Whitaker is planning continuously for Chowan. His plans include having a student body of 650 on-the-campus students; adding several more buildings, including classroom, a new library, and other much needed buildings, and to continue to add new staff members of the highest caliber.

Another goal which he considers very important is that of some day having Chowan a four year college, a day which may not be too far away. It has been learned from a reliable source that for the present Chowan is to remain a junior college, but as soon as certain requirements are met, such as obtaining a higher general endowment, new classroom and other facilities, Chowan can and will be made a four-year institution.

Chowan certainly has reason to be proud of its President. Hard working, tirelessly, he works for the future of Chowan.

Graphic Arts Class Visits Newspaper Plant in Raleigh

On Tuesday, April 12, the students of the School of Graphic Arts made a field trip to Raleigh to visit the News and Observer plant.

The purpose of the trip was to give the students, who will be going into the printing field upon graduation, a look-see at how a newspaper of this size is produced.

The students were met at the plant by Mr. Noel Blackard, the mechanical superintendent of the plant. He took them on an extensive tour of the plant—taking in all departments, and each separate operation that goes into the newspaper's production.

Mrs. Whitaker

The First Lady Has Very Busy, Busy Schedule

By BUDDY OWENS

The wife of Chowan's President is indeed a busy woman. Having two young children to care for is considered quite a job for most mothers, but Mrs. Bruce E. Whitaker, in addition to her duties as housewife, mother and hostess for President Whitaker's guests, also teaches classes in the department of Religion and English.

Some of Mrs. Whitaker's other activities include teaching a Sunday School class at the Baptist Church, acting as president of the Melrose Women's Club, and participating as member of several college faculty committees.

President and Mrs. Whitaker have two boys, Garry Bruce, one-year-old, and Barry Eugene, who is seven.

A day in the life of Mrs. Whitaker goes something like this: Preparing breakfast, getting the children ready—Barry for his first grade school class and Garry for his busy day playing at home. After taking Barry to school, there are a dozen or so house chores to complete before going to her early morning class. After teaching is over, Mrs. Whitaker goes to her office in the Columns building where she grades papers, and consults with students.

At four o'clock she begins to prepare the evening meal. After the meal is finished and the house chores are completed, she sits down with the children and listens to Barry's reading assignment.

As the heads begin to nod, she gets the boys ready for bed, listens to Barry's prayer and then returns to her chair to finish up on some sewing, catches up on the latest news, or just sits and looks at TV. She prefers to cut to a minimum any night meetings that might interfere with her time with her family.

Saturdays and Sundays are family days at the Whitaker home. The family can be found working in the yard, taking an afternoon stroll, visiting their friends, going on picnics, and of course attending their church services on Sunday.

Above, and in spite of all this activity, Mrs. Whitaker is always congenial, and ready to offer her help when and where it may be needed.

A gracious lady is the wife of Chowan's President.

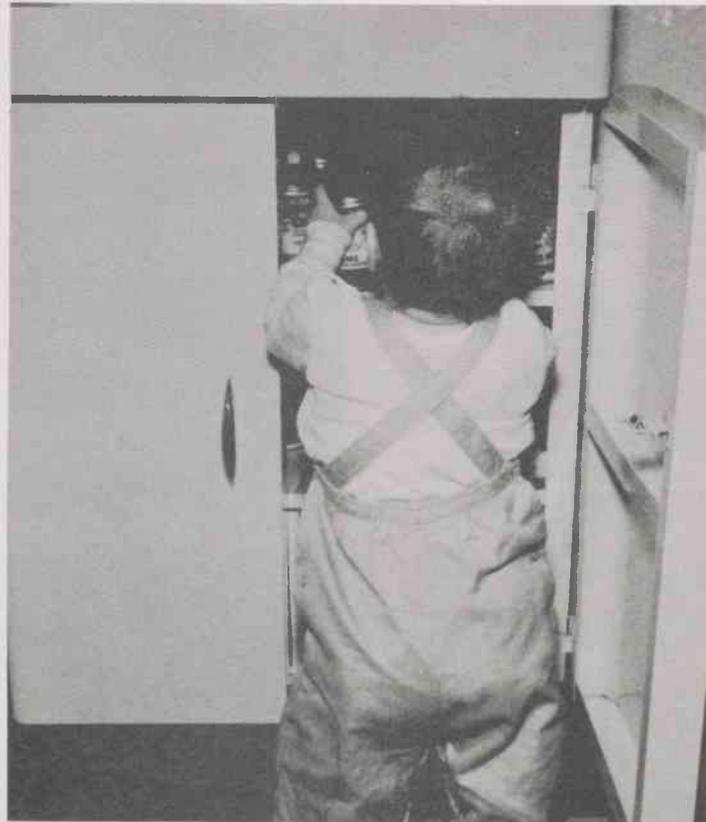
Scholarships

There are a limited number of \$100 scholarships to be given each year by Chowan College. These scholarships are for students with the highest academic standing, having an "A" average, it has been announced by Mr. Ross A. Cadle director of admissions. There are also athletic scholarships.

Also there is the National Defense Act Loan Fund which is available to needy students. These loans are made through the college. Mr. Cadle will be available to talk with students interested.



BARRY, MRS. WHITAKER AND GARRY



GARRY GOES AFTER THE JAM



BARRY SAYS HIS PRAYERS