

"Live Each Day Fully . . ." is Motto of Mrs. Julian Porter

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Mrs. Julian Porter, affectionately known as Jay Porter, is widely recognized for her service to her community and state.

Her philosophy of "Live each day as fully as possible and be thankful for each moment" has given her a satisfying, useful life.

She has always been a leader, but after the death of her husband, a childhood sweetheart, in 1953, she found service a solace for her grief.

Mrs. Porter's first interest is always in her sons, Julian Jr. and Jim. Music has bound the three more closely together. Several years ago they made many public appearances in a combo, with the mother playing the piano, Junior the trumpet and Jim the drum. Both boys were tap dancers.

Later Junior and Jim formed the Kirby-Lites Combo with two other boys. This group won first prize for the best amateur rock and roll band in a statewide contest in High Point.

Now the boys have left home; but music is still one of their main interests. Junior, a 1961 graduate of Wake Forest College has organized a rock and roll band in Lawrenceville, Virginia High School where he teaches history. The students seem to be more interested in history with a teacher who can jive and also trace man from the ancient cave homes to the modern fall-out caves.

Jim, a Kappa Alpha pledge at East Carolina College, entertains his "brothers" with hot notes from his drum.

Mrs. Porter tells of a trip she took through the New England states and Canada with four teenaged boys, her sons and two friends. They had so much luggage strapped to the top of their car that the porter in a Boston hotel exclaimed, "I tell you the Rebels are really taking over."

"I've thoroughly enjoyed my boys," says Mrs. Porter.

Mrs. Porter, formerly Julian Jay White, is a native of Severn and holds many offices in Severn Baptist Church, as well as state wide positions. She is a graduate of Chowan College and has studied at the University of North Carolina and East Carolina College.

She greatly enjoys teaching a ladies class in her church. She says she doesn't teach, but leads the discussions.

Her ease of presiding over any group, her friendliness and tactfulness, compliment her executive ability, especially as president of the sixteenth district of the North Carolina Federation of Women's Clubs.

Mrs. Porter manages several farms in Northampton County, but is relieved from many household duties by a faithful maid who has been with her for nineteen years.

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MRS. PORTER AS SHE SPOKE AT KICK-OFF RALLY

Help Wanted!

Most of you know that the Board of Trustees of Chowan College has authorized the writing and publication of a history of the college. We believe that you will be interested in this work not only because it will provide happy recollections of your days at Chowan, but also because you can have a vital part in the production of the **History**.

We now have a great deal of material available for research—minutes of the Board of Trustees, minutes of Baptist Associational meetings, letters, **et cetera**. However, more material is needed, particularly that which would be representative of former students' viewpoints. Such things as the following would be helpful: (1) accounts of amusing incidents in your college life; (2) word pictures of your professors, the staff, the president; (3) a testimony of what Chowan College has meant to you; (4) a list and description of the courses you took and the most valuable experiences you had in the classroom; (5) a description of extra-curricular activities—religious organizations, literary clubs, social events, **et cetera**; (6) a list of college rules and your reaction to them—then and now; (7) difficulties experienced in your college days—transportation, dormitory life, **et cetera**; (8) description of the traditions which were a part of college life; (9) recollections of what you appreciated about the buildings and grounds; and (10) recollections of the town and the local citizens.

We would appreciate it if you would give serious thought to these and other matters related to your days at Chowan. Please write out your recollections and send them to: **Dr. Edgar V. McKnight, Chowan College, Murfreesboro, N. C.**

In addition, we would like to be advised if you have any materials related to the college, such as pictures, old yearbooks, newspapers, graduation programs, and the like. If so, please list such materials and indicate whether you would be willing for us to borrow them if we do already have copies.

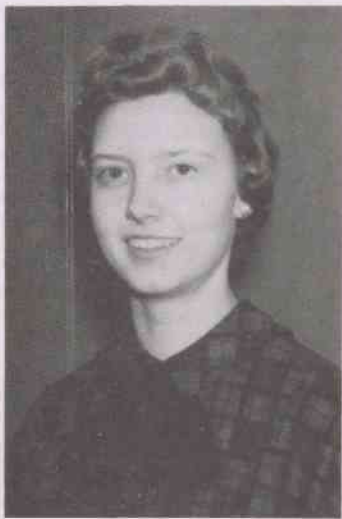
Moreover, it may well be that you have in mind some particular aspect of Chowan College which you would like to see incorporated into this **History**. We would appreciate any suggestions along this line. **OSCAR CREECH, Chairman Committee on History of Chowan College**

Class of '37

The Chowan College graduating class of 1937 is planning to have its Silver Anniversary Reunion on the first Saturday in May, 1962. This 25th Reunion celebration will be held in conjunction with the annual meeting of the Alumni Association which takes place each year at the college on May Day.

A cordial invitation to participate in the Reunion activities is extended to all students who attended Chowan College for any length of time during the years 1933-1937.

The officers of the Alumni Association have set up an excellent program for the annual meeting next spring. This meeting—the '37 Reunion—other class get-togethers now being planned—the always beautiful and entertaining May Day festivities—promise that Saturday, May 5 will be an outstanding day at Chowan College. Why not put that date on your calendar now and begin to make your plans to visit Alma Mater that day?



Pretty Addition

Mrs. Louise (Alston) Rowland, a 1959 graduate of Chowan College, is the new secretary in the offices of development and public relations at the college.

While attending Chowan, Louise was named to Alpha Pi Epsilon, a national honorary fraternity for outstanding secretarial students. This was not surprising since she had been a top student in high school and was salutatorian of her graduating class at Aurelian Springs.



REMEMBER HIM?—Harold and Ella (Smith) Brown moved from Murfreesboro last summer to Morganton. He has become the head of the school of printing at the North Carolina School for the Deaf. Harold was for several years an instructor in the School of Graphic Arts. He and Ella are both grads of 1956. The young man is David, soon to be four. He has a sister, Nanette Maria, almost one.

Where They Are - What They Are Doing

Guy N. Jones, Jr. of Maysville, a 1960 graduate, is now serving in the United States Army. He recently completed the supply training course at the Ordnance School at Aberdeen Proving Grounds in Maryland.

William Mearle Meekins of Manteo, a 1959 graduate was graduated from East Carolina College this spring. He earned the distinction of being the outstanding senior student in the Geography Department. Congratulations!

James F. Wilder of Louisburg, was graduated from North Carolina State College this spring. Prior to his graduation he was named to Phi Kappa Phi, the honorary scholastic fraternity at State. Jim made the honor roll each semester at State. Hats off to Jim!

Mrs. J. R. Hawkins (Minda Chamblee) of Winston-Salem, who graduated from Chowan over 70 years ago, is 91 years of age, but still teaches piano. At her pupils' recital some time ago, she played a number that she had performed as a part of her graduating recital at Chowan 70 years before. Incidentally, she says she likes all kinds of music—except rock and roll.

Lanny Jilcott is employed by the Carolina Office Supply in Jacksonville.

Mrs. Ralph W. Hawkins (Vivian Burgess) is living in Greenville where her husband is in school at East Carolina College.

Larry Glenn Gibson has been discharged from the United States Navy and is living in Raleigh.

Mrs. David John Linkous (Priscilla Daigle) is now living in Hampton. Her husband is employed at the Newport News Shipbuilding and Dry Dock Company.

Mrs. Michael Lee Merritt (Ruby Webb) is living in Burlington where she is a medical technologist in the Alamance County Hospital. Her husband is employed at Western Electric.

Mrs. Glen Daniel (Gwendolyn Vann) is now residing in Murfreesboro where she and her husband are operating a nursery. They have three daughters.

Mrs. Joseph L. Pearce (Wanda Woodley) is working for Riverside Manufacturing Company in Murfreesboro. Her husband is employed by Union Bag-Camp Paper Company in Franklin, Virginia. They reside in Murfreesboro.

Bill Norvell is now the Advertising Manager of the **Hertford County Herald** in Ahoskie.

Hal Byrum is working at the Ahoskie Manufacturing Company.

W. C. Harrell, Superintendent of Schools in Gates County, was recently elected Moderator of the Chowan Baptist Association for the coming year.

Vance Stewart, who lives in Roanoke Rapids, is serving as business manager for the current "Miss North Carolina."

Al Pierce is the manager of the American Finance Corp. in Concord. Interestingly enough, his wife is employed by the Carolina Finance Co. in the same city.

Bobby Price of Halifax, an outstanding footballer on last year's Brave eleven, is now at Parris Island, S. C., where he is serving in the United States Marine Corps.

Faye Adams, who lives near New Bern, is now working for the New Bern Production Credit Association.

Robert Ray Johnson of Wilmington is employed by the **Star-News** newspapers in that city.

Walter Milton Farmer is employed by Swift and Company.

His wife is a member of the staff of Congressman Harold D. Cooley.

Charles Edwards of Ahoskie is working as a Highway Patrolman for the State of North Carolina.

Joe Dixon is now the manager of Edwards Tire Service in Murfreesboro.

Mrs. F. V. Harrell (Linda Sheek) is a medical secretary in the X-Ray department of the Roanoke-Chowan Hospital in Ahoskie.

Melvin H. Vinson, Jr. is the bookkeeper at the Davis Grain Corporation in South Norfolk. **NECROLOGY**

Mrs. Emma Gray Stephenson of Pendleton died this spring.

FUTURE CHOWANIANS

A daughter, Julia Ann, on April 8, 1961, to Mr. and Mrs. Bob Koestler of Chester, Pa. She was the former **Sally Moore**.

A son, on May 15, 1961, to Mr. and Mrs. Randy Britton of Ahoskie. **Randy** was an honor graduate of the 1959 class and is currently employed by the Carolina Aluminum Company in Winton.

WEDDINGS

Walter Milton Farmer of Spring Hope to Joyce Faye Johnson of Spring Hope, on October 7, in Spring Hope.

Robert Ray Johnson of Smithfield to Shirley Ann Barnhill of Wilmington, on October 21, in Wilmington. The Rev. Colton Jackson, a Chowan alumnus, officiated.

Al McDonald Pierce of Norfolk to Donna Aileen Cantwell of Concord, on October 1, in Concord.

Wanda Marie Woodley of Columbia to Joseph L. Pearce Murfreesboro, on June 10, in Columbia.

Melvin H. Vinson, Jr. of Murfreesboro to Janet Carol Edwards of Como, on June 11, in Como.

Fletcher Vann Harrell of Colerain to Linda Carol Sheek of Ahoskie, on June 25, in Yadkinville.

Ralph Winston Hawkins to Vivian Burgess of Conway, on June 30, in Greenville.

Lanny Edwards Jilcott of Roxobel to Rebecca Sue Outland of Aulander, on August 3, in Roxobel.

Priscilla Daigle of Aulander to David John Linkous of Ahoskie, on August 4, in Williams-ton.

Larry Glenn Gibson of Raleigh to Barbara Faye Byrd of Raleigh, on August 27.

Ruby Virginia Webb of Stantonburg to Michael Lee Merritt of Burlington, on August 27.

Carlyle Wimbish of South Boston to Josephine Weatherford of South Boston, on July 1.

Hal Askew Byrum of Colerain to Peggy Jean Hughes of Merry Hill, on August 19, in Merry Hill.

Rufus Martin Mangum, Jr. of Angier to Audrey Emagene Butler of Virginia Beach in October.

Edna Rae Rhodes of Columbia to Rudy Vallee Pearce of Bunn, on May 19, in Raleigh.

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