



NEW ALUMNI OFFICERS—President, The Rev. Bailey Jones, West End Baptist Church, Suffolk, Virginia; vice president, Mrs. Beatrice E. Spivey, Winton, N. C.; secretary, Mrs. Glenn Benthall, Rt. 3, Ahsokie, N. C.; treasurer, Mr. Edgar Parker, 204 Chestnut Street, Franklin, Virginia; were elected at a recent meeting held on May Day, May 5. The Rev. Bailey Jones is the first man to serve as president of the Alumni Association. Last year Rev. Jones served in a commendable way as vice-president.

Alumni Elects First Male President

"Girls they've gone and ruined our Alumnae (oops, Alumni) Association by electing a man as president! How can a man appreciate the hallowed traditions passed down from such presidents as Miss Josephine Vann, Miss Essie Wynn, Miss Madge Conwell, Miss Rennie Spivey, Mrs. C. C. Hoggard, Miss Eunice McDowell, Mrs. J. L. Josey, Miss Una White, Miss Ethel Britt, Mrs. Ralph Mason, Mrs. Edwin Brown, Mrs. Julian Porter, Miss Addie Mae Cooke, Mrs. Grady Bridgers, and Mrs. Harry Underwood.

This certainly was not the attitude displayed at the annual Chowan College Alumni Association meeting May 5 when Rev. C. Bailey Jones was elected the first male president of the Association. Mrs. Harry Underwood passed on the honor and responsibility with the assurance that the new president would uphold the tradition with dignity and success.

There is reason to be concerned that the tradition will be upheld, for it is a noble tradition which belongs to the Alumni Association. From the beginning, the graduates of Chowan were influential in the ongoing life of the college, and after the turn of the twentieth century an Alumnae Association was formed so that the graduates could do more for their school.

A loan fund was established by the Association in the early years to enable worthy girls to attend Chowan. Then, in 1921 the president of the Association suggested that they make a determined effort to enlarge the library. As a result of their labors, the library was of such a quality several years later that the College was recognized as a standard four year college by the North Carolina Department of Education.

When the school needed money in the '20's and '30's the

girls responded by contributing to the endowment fund, and many of the graduates of Chowan were very influential in the reopening of the school in the 1940's.

Today it is the same. A drive is currently underway to raise \$900,000 for a new classroom-administration building and library. The alumni have decided to contribute to this not only as individuals but also through their Association. All money sent to the Alumni Loyalty Fund goes to the campaign.

Mr. Jones is an alumnus worthy and capable of main-

taining these traditions. He graduated from Chowan in the early 1940's and did further work at the University of Richmond and Southern Baptist Theological Seminary. His church is one of the leading churches in Suffolk, and he is a respected leader in all phases of our denominational work. Presently he is serving on the Foreign Mission Board of the Southern Baptist Convention.

We need have no fear that the Chowan College Alumni Association will do anything but move forward under the administration of its new president.



CHOWAN DEDICATES CONCERT GRAND—Miss D. Emily Barnes plays the Concert Grand Baldwin piano, which she recently gave to Chowan in memory of her late sister, Mrs. Christie Barnes Saunders, a former alumna.

College Given Baldwin Piano

Chowan College is grateful for the gift of a Concert Grand Baldwin Piano presented by Miss D. Emily Barnes of Newsoms, Virginia. This gift by Miss Barnes is in memory of her late sister, Mrs. Christie Barnes Saunders, an alumna of Chowan.

Miss Barnes by this gift and in other ways has not only demonstrated her love and loyalty to her sister, but her appreciation for Chowan College, which she did not herself attend. Her grandfather, Je-

thro W. Barnes, was one of the founding and long-time trustees of Chowan.

This gift will add to and strengthen the Daniel School of Music. It will be used for many, many years to enhance the program and cultural offerings of Chowan to present and future student generations and to this entire area.

In behalf of Chowan College, Miss Emily, I salute and thank you. We love and appreciate you.

Alumni Association Elects Its New Officers

The annual Chowan College Alumni Association meeting was held on Saturday, May 5, in conjunction with the annual May Day program.

Alumni president, Mrs. R. H. (Ethleen) Underwood of Murfreesboro was in charge of the Alumni meeting and luncheon.

Miss Mary C. Smith, a former Chowanian, delivered the main address. Miss Smith is Associate Editor of *The Trust Bulletin* of the American Banker's Association. A native of Smithfield, she makes her home in New York City.

Other Alumni program personnel were: M. E. Valentine, Sr., Raleigh; Walter R. Dudley, Red Springs; Dr. Bruce E. Whitaker, president of the college; Miss Francis White, Professor of Religion at Chowan; Mrs. Rhodes Pratt, Secretary of the Alumni Association, Merry Hill; the Reverend J. Bailey Jones, Suffolk, Virginia; Mrs. Gay Flyther, Conway; and J. M. "Piggie" Jenkins, Murfreesboro.

The college-community Oratorio group gave a concert at the Chowan College auditorium on Friday, May 4, at 8:00 p.m. The group is under the direction of Mr. James M. Chamblee, Chairman of the Daniel School of Music at Chowan.

The program opened with a chorus from *The Creation* by Haydn entitled "The Heavens Are Telling". The second part was a met by the 19th century Russian composer, Moussorgsky entitled *Joshua*. This work portrays the biblical account of

Joshua and the battle of Jericho. The third part was another met by the 19th century French composer, Gounod. It is entitled *Gallia* and deals with the Easter Theme.

As a featured work of the program the group rendered the cantata, "The Seven Last Words of Christ On The Cross" by Dubois.

Soloists for the performance were Judy Joyner, Pete Owens, George Seymour, Betsy Boone and Professor Chamblee. The accompanist was Mrs. Carla Chamblee.

Miss Anna Belle Crouch gave her special rendition of "The Sound of Music." Miss Crouch is Assistant Dean of Women at Chowan.

The 1962 May Day was under the direction of Mrs. Jill Barr, Director of Athletics for women at the college. The theme for the May Day program was "A Royal Presentation".

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"Whenever you are angry, be assured that it is not only present evil, but that you have increased a habit"—Ephictetus.

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If you can't be thankful for what you receive, be thankful for what you escape.

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For some reason, the future seems to get here faster than it used to!

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Accuracy is our watchword—we never make mistakes.



MRS. R. H. (ETHLEEN) UNDERWOOD

Alumni Officer 'Bows Out'

Dear Chowanians:

After serving two years as your Alumni secretary, and three as your president, I now 'bow out' to our first male president., the Rev. J. Bailey Jones (of whom you'll learn more about in this issue), under whom I feel our association will become greater and stronger than ever. I'm sure you will support him in the same splendid manner you supported the past officers and for this I want to express my deepest appreciation. Your letters of encouragement, acknowledgement, and pure friendships have been a source of great strength and joy to me.

Especially do I want those of you who wrote to me so promptly, and with such sympathy, when I lost my beloved son last July 7th, to know how deeply I was touched. Your prayers and loving concern have helped me bear this great loss with more Christian fortitude, I'm sure. I have saved each letter, and one day, when (if ever) the edge of grief is less cutting, I shall write to each of you and try to express how much your letters have helped a broken heart.

With best personal wishes to each of you,

Sincerely,
Mrs. Ethleen Underwood