

That You May Read What Others Wrote

The School of Graphic Arts and Chowan College received much favorable publicity throughout North Carolina and Virginia when some 75 newspaper publishers and related guests visited the campus.

The occasion was the dedication of the new School of Graphic Arts building, money for which was mostly subscribed by the newspapers of North Carolina and Tidewater Virginia.

Preferable to writing a favorable story on "ourselves" the editors decided to use material from several newspapers. Pardon us if it is lengthy; it is important to so many readers of THE CHOWANIAN who are alumni.

"A glorious day in the printing industry of North Carolina," was the way Mrs. Elizabeth G. Swindell, publisher of the Wilson Daily Times, described dedication of the School of Graphic Arts at Chowan College Saturday morning.

J. Mayon Parker, publisher of The Ahoskie Herald, and Mrs. Swindell dedicated the new building, valued at \$50,000 of which North Carolina newspapers put up over \$25,000. The speakers were pinch-hitting for Josh L. Horne of Rocky Mount who was unable to attend due to illness.

Excerpts from Mrs. Swindell's address follow:

"We old timers have lived to see an opportunity develop for the youth of this state that surpasses our fondest dreams. The school is a priceless gift you younger leaders

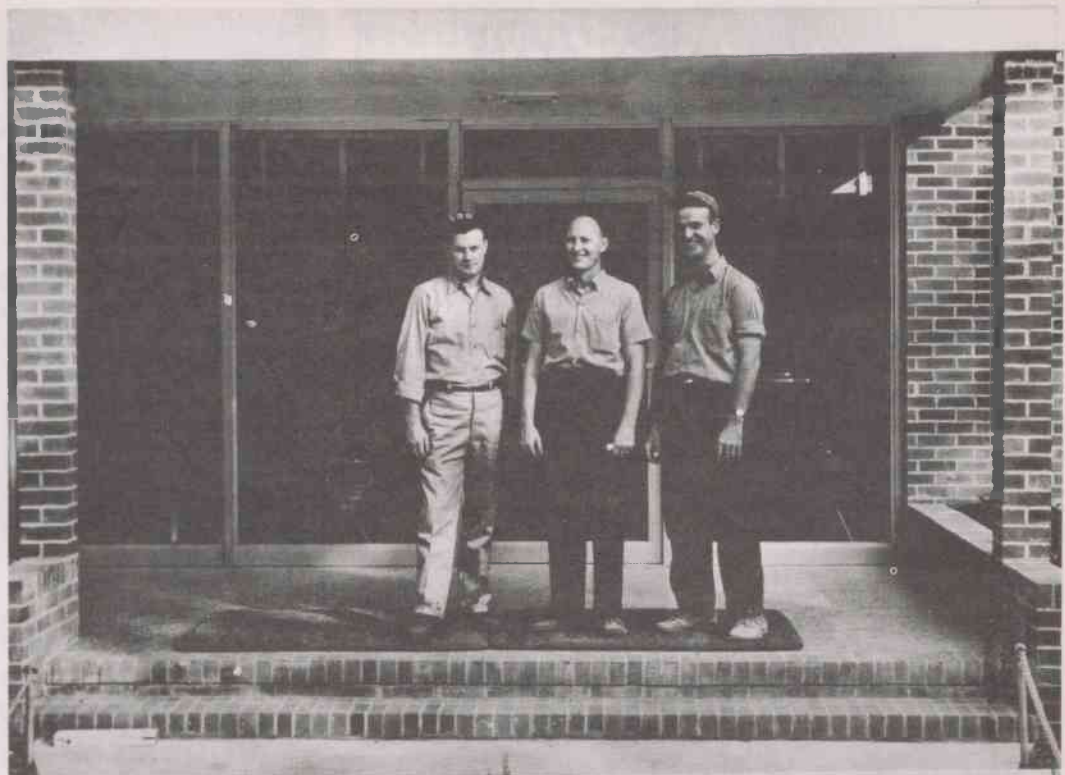
are inheriting. Its future is as bright as the sun on one of the recent October days. Give it your interest, your time, your money and there will be other fine buildings to dedicate like the one today, visible signs of the spiritual and mental potential educational training develop.

Satisfying Profession

"Students are being taught the most satisfying of all professions in buildings of more than 11,000 square feet with 15 linecasting machines, 10 presses, photographic and lithographic equipment, with type thrown in. And the work they are putting out, including their newspaper, would be a credit to any college or university. And the worth in human values is beyond price. More than 50 students attend the classes and approximately 200 have been graduated and are working in the newspaper plants in their state and our neighbor state of Virginia. All the graduates are not in the printing and composing departments of the newspapers. Some are doing editorial work, others are in advertising and sales and many are in mechanical departments. If all the newspapers are as pleased with their Chowan graduate as we are you are pleased.

Interest Spreads

"Mr. McSweeney considers the newspapers in the state first, for today the interest in Roy Parker School of Printing at Chowan College has spread from Manteo to Murphy and we are certain every newspaper has had a part in bringing about the great prog-



MONEY SAVERS!—These three men played prominent parts in keeping the cost of the new Graphic Arts Building to a minimum. They are from left: Frank Casper, an electrician and also a ministerial student here at Chowan; Jack Hassell, superintendent of buildings and grounds; and Jimmy Davenport, who was an experienced construction worker prior to entering Chowan as a ministerial student. The building is a testimonial as to the quality of their work.

ress that marks each successive year."

Mr. J. Mayon Parker's address follows:

"This is a happy occasion for me. Aside from the primary delight of being present with you here in this fine new building, perhaps it will give me a chance for some redemption for my sins of the past. For I have the dubious distinction of being the person charged with closing the doors of this institution of education during the dark days of World War Two when the college had more faculty members on its payroll than it had students enrolled in its classes and I was chairman of its board of trustees.

"Education is as old as civilization—and civilization is hundreds of centuries old, however you figure it, whether by the strict Biblical concept of creation or by the scientific measurements of the evolutionists.

Education Is Progress

"The spirit of education is progress, for it is through the application of accumulated knowledge coming down through the hundreds of centuries that mankind has erected today's civilization.

"The progress and permanence of civilization, its breadth and scope over the face of the earth, its benefits for the masses of men, bringing them up from the status of slaves and serfs to the dignity of individuals equal in the sight of God, has been many times greater in the past five hundred years than in all the centuries that went before.

Printing 500 Years Old

"This five hundred years has been the age of printing—the five hundred years since Gutenberg manufactured his first moveable leaden types and adapted an ancient winepress to the job of printing books. Before then knowledge was confined to the cloister, books—and learning from them—were a priceless advantage available only to the privileged few.

"But since printing began just over five centuries ago, education, knowledge and human dignity have become the common heritage of all men.

"This has been the contribution of printing and the men who practice this art and craft, the

printers of the world, to the builders of civilization, to the teachers and preachers and propounders of the Christian gospel.

Happy Marriage at Chowan

"Here at Chowan College there has been a happy marriage between those devoted to the task of imparting the knowledge and wisdom of the ages, as this has been preserved and made available by printing—the art preservative of all the arts—and the training of young men and women to become proficient in the modern techniques of the art and craft of printing. For books and the printed word are the most beneficent tools that the science of education has. As teachers and preachers and others are given a primary foundation in education here, it is good that here also young men and women can receive the education and training in the skills of the art and craft which has made and does make all education a practical reality. So, the art of printing and the science of education go hand-in-hand—and through them working together civilization and humanity marches forward.

Building Modern

"This building, then, and the modern equipment and tools for training which it contains, is dedicated to furthering the progress of mankind by imparting to young men and women character and skills worthy of the great art and craft of printing which makes education in all fields of modern life possible for all of those who will read, study, and apply the accumulated knowledge of the ages which has been recorded and preserved and made abundantly available by the printed word.

It is fitting and proper that tribute should be given at this time to the men whose vision and effort conceived and made this school of printing a reality. The building for training printers and its contents have in large measure been supplied through the generosity of the practicing printers and publishers of North Carolina. Their generosity and their interest have been continuous since its beginning and have made its expansion physically possible. And it is this continuing interest and support which attests most forcefully to the success the school has achieved in its educational purpose. They have continued their interest and their gifts because Chowan graduates have taken their places among them in their daily work and proven themselves both as printers

and as good citizens in today's world. The end result of their education at this school of printing at Chowan.

Special Talents

"And here, too, it seems fitting that special tribute should be paid to a man whose special talents always spurred the interest of the printers and publishers when gifts were needed and at the same time inspired his students to make the best of themselves and the training available to them. This one is John M. McSweeney who has directed the school's teaching, guided and counseled its students since the beginning, and constantly kept open the channel of interest and gifts between the college and the practicing printers and publishers who have provided the funds for growth and expansion of the school's usefulness and purpose.

Dedication

"So, this building may be dedicated in honor of all those who have had a part in making it a reality, in recognition of those students who have gone out from this school to take their places along side of the best of their craft who serve civilization and humanity through the medium of the printed word, and to continuing service to education and humanity through those students who come in the future to receive the benefit of the education that has been made available to them here.

Dickin's Estimate

"This building thus dedicated, may it always return to us men worthy of Dicken's estimate of the printer. He said:

"Without him tyrants and humbugs in all countries would have their own way . . . He is a friend of intelligence and thought . . . a friend of liberty . . . of freedom . . . of law . . . indeed the friend of every man who is a friend of order . . . of all inventions, of all discoveries in science and art . . . of all the great results in the wonderful progress of mechanical energy and skill . . . the printer is the only product of civilization necessary to the existence of free men."



GOING UP!—This photograph, made during construction of the School of Graphic Arts at Chowan College, shows two students on the job. Hoisting part of the framing is Martin Forbes of Norfolk, while Charlie Stephens looks on. Both were summer school students at Chowan and now are attending VPI where they play on the football team.