



YWA'S AND THEIR OFFICERS—The YWA's and their officers are as follows: Mrs. George, adviser; Katherine Ellington, vice-president; Jerry Ballard, president; and Lorene Holloman, secretary and treasurer. Standing are: Rose Ann Anderson, Joan Morris, Donnie Neatery, Linda White, Margaret Stern, Nan Murray, Ann Holt, Linda Cowan, and Barbara Morrison.

YWA's Begin Membership Drive

YWA's is an organization for all the young women of Chowan College. We strive to promote a better relationship between God and man. The YWA's have various projects during the school term. This year the group plans to visit the rest homes at Potecasi and Rich Square.

At the beginning of this year we had a cookout to welcome our new members.

The first regular meeting was held October 1, at which, Mrs. Bernice Smith, the associational director, from Seaboard, spoke to us about the purposes of YWA's. We also elected the officers for the coming year and appointed the ex-

ecutive council which is made up of the various committee chairmen.

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Our executive council members are as follows: Linda Cowan, Barbara Morrison, program committee; Donnie Neatherly, mission study; Joan Morris, prayer committee; Nan Murray, community missions; Rose Ann Anderson, stewardship committee; Margaret Stern, social committee; Lianne Wilson, publications committee; Ann Holt, publicity committee; Linda White, music committee; Katherine Ellington, enlistment

committee; and Mrs. A. O. George, advisor.

The YWA's would like to urge the other young women to join us. We will be very glad to have you with us.

BSU Fall Convention At Durham

Temple Baptist Church, Durham, will be the scene of the annual fall B.S.U. convention to be held the weekend of November 2-4. "God's Redemptive Love" has been selected as the theme by the convention committee led by Carroll Stegal of Wake Forest. The purpose of this theme is to explore the concept of missions today and to make an attempt to determine its importance in our modern world.

Andy Blane, presently a graduate student at Harvard, heads the list of program personalities. Having recently returned from a year's study in Russia, Mr. Blane's insight into "missions" should have greatly expanded. He will speak on Friday evening and on Sunday morning during the convention.

The worship part of the program will be led by Bill Lawson, who was the BSU director at Texas Southern University in Houston, Texas, for several years. Bill is a well-known figure among student groups throughout the south.

Also participating in the program will be Bill Moyers, who is the associate director of public affairs for the Peace Corps. He will give the message on Saturday evening.

Other participants include Howard Hovde, pastor of the Madison Baptist Church in Madison, New Jersey, and Bill Dyal, an associate in the department of missionary personnel of the Foreign Mission Board.

At the faculty dinner on Saturday evening, Dr. Kyle Haselden, managing editor of THE CHRISTIAN CENTURY will speak.

Registration for the convention will begin on Friday afternoon, and the evening session starts at 7:30. The convention will close at around 10:30 Sunday morning after the worship service.

Housing will be provided by the churches in Durham and transportation will be provided by the Chowan BSU. All students planning to attend are urged to give the \$1.50 registration fee to Dr. Edgar McKnight, College Chaplain, as quickly as possible.

Prayer Held Useless When Meant For Show

By JIMMY LEE

This is the parable. "Before we leave, let us bow our heads for a moment of prayer," says the "minister" of a big denominational church. Little Joey bows his head as does his mother and father when the minister begins to pray a well versed, impressive sounding prayer. "Our Father. . ." Joey begins to think about lunch. What will be served? Mother wonders how she can possibly get dinner cooked and be ready for the table by one o'clock. Father begins to think who will win the game on TV today. "Amen," What? Is the prayer over? Oh, well.

Joey gets up feeling a little sleeper than before. "Mother, let's get a drink on the way home," pleads little Joey. Joey shakes the "minister's" hand as he receives a pat on the head.

"Nice sermon today, John," says Father as he receives a hearty thank-you for his gesture.

At lunch all are around the table but Mother. She is slow cooking the biscuits. Little Joey starts to snatch a bit of crust from his chicken when Father's word quickly brings things to the dreaded halt. "Stop Joey! Wait until the blessing has been said." Joey's mouth begins to water; Father's does too.

At last! Mother! "Father, return the blessing, please," says Mother. Father, who by now, is foaming at the mouth quickly recites a prayer he has known since childhood. It takes only a second or two. Even as he recites, he smells the sweet savor of mashed potatoes and gravy. He can hardly wait to end his prayer and begin on his potatoes. Finally, the prayer is over. Quickly Joey follows Father's example and dives into his food. Mother, a little on the reserve side, gives a chuckle at her two hungry boys. It's the same thing three times a day.

The day drags on. Bedtime. . . Little Joey is cleaned by Mother. Then he jumps into bed and is almost in another world when Mother's sweet voice breaks the silence. "Now, Joey, be a good little boy and say your prayer before you go to bed." Reluctantly, Joey crawls out of bed and recites the 'Now I lay me down to sleep. . .' bit as he thinks of the cowboy he is going to grow up to be. Later Mother and Father go to bed. No prayer is given. Just another day has gone by.

This is the meaning. We were created by God, not evolution. In repayment God requests our life. God loves us. He talks to us through His Holy Word. He wants us to talk to Him. Did God appreciate the above prayers? No! As a matter of fact, He did not even hear them! The "preacher" recited an elaborate prayer that impressed everyone but God. The family had heard the same blessing so many times that they did not even realize what they were saying. They were also disobeying Jesus who commanded when we pray "use not vain repetitions, as the heathen do: for they think that they shall be heard for their much speaking." (Matthew 6:7)

We cannot truly know God and say the same prayer twice! We will put our whole being into each prayer realizing that we are trying to thank the Supreme Power of the universe for gifts we do not even deserve. This Being loves us. He has the Power to destroy us. A Christian respects this and prays accordingly. A Christian says a different prayer with each meal and spends almost two hours or more in daily prayer and non-compulsory Bible study. This is the person who gets answers to his prayers. He does not try to force his prayer on anyone nor does he try to let anyone see or hear him pray. He tries to and does win God's Favor.

Rev. Lonnie Sasser Speaks To Student Body on Founder's Day

The speaker at Founders' Day this year emphasized that Chowan has modern as well as ancient founders. Rev. Lonnie Sasser was mentioned as one of the outstanding leaders in the reopening of Chowan College in 1949.

Mr. Sasser has long been a friend of Chowan, at least since he came into this area over one-third of a century ago. In the late 1930's, for example, he was persistent in his demands that Chowan remain open and continue to serve as a senior college. The school, however, was forced to move to junior college status and, with the coming of World War II and the lack of students, in 1943 it suspended operations.

When a committee in 1944 suggested the possibility of eventually beginning to operate the college again, Mr. Sasser quickly made a motion at a meeting of the West Chowan Association that a committee be formed to approach the churches in the area for the necessary money. A year later he was elected leader of a three year campaign to raise the money to open the school.

The drive bogged down almost before it began, however, and leaders in northeastern North Carolina decided that it was best to give the property to the Baptist State Convention and wash their hands of the responsibility for the college. Mr. Sasser remained determined. He declared, "There has never been a greater need for colleges in North Carolina."

Mr. Pat Banks invited Mr. Sasser to talk with members of the

Murfreesboro Exchange Club about the possibilities of reopening the school. Then, one week before the representatives of Baptist churches in the area were to meet at Edenton to ratify the decision of Baptist leaders to give the property to the convention, the "Hertford County Herald" declared that a way remained to open the college. The credit for this plan was given to a "drive that originated in the Exchange Club of Murfreesboro, swept on into the Rotary Club, the Woman's Club, the Board of Trade, and every church in town."

At the Edenton meeting in March of 1947 the desire was expressed that Chowan reopen. Money was still lacking, however; and finally the point was reached that \$100,000 had to be raised or the hopes of beginning work at Chowan again would be dead. At that period Mr. Sasser served as general chairman of a campaign to raise the necessary money. The drive was conducted from November of 1947 to March of 1948. On March 19, 1948 a "Chowan College Victory Night" was held at the First Baptist Church of Ahoskie, and the announcement was made that the goal had been reached.

In many ways Rev. Lonnie Sasser has manifested his concern for Chowan College. The feeling of many in this area was expressed by a Murfreesboro businessman when he told Congressman Herbert C. Boner of Mr. Sasser (during the dedication of the new cafeteria in 1959), "Had it not been for this man there would have been no Chowan College."

Campus Evangelism Week is Observed

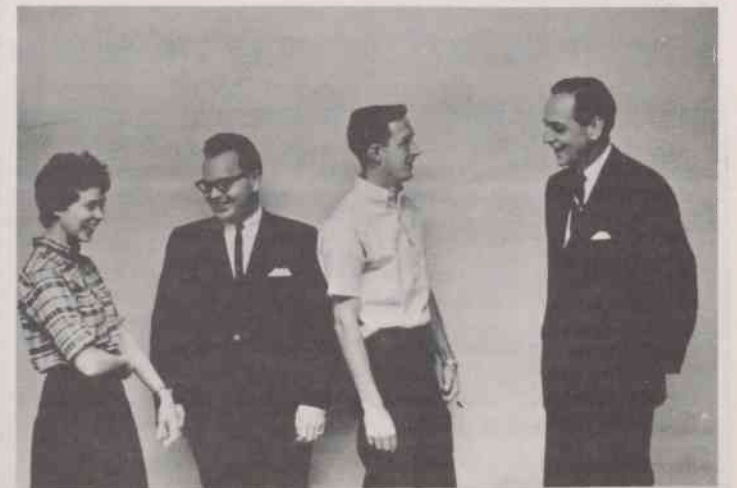
Chowan College observed Campus Evangelism Week Oct. 15-19.

Dr. Richard Archie Ellis, pastor of the First Baptist Church in Columbia, South Carolina, was the featured speaker. He spoke on Tuesday, Wednesday, and Friday mornings at 10:00 a.m. Dr. Ellis is a native of South Carolina. He attended Dunbarton High School from which he graduated in 1933, and attended Furman University from which he received his B.A. Degree in 1937. He attended Southern Seminary in Louisville, Kentucky. His Alma Mater conferred upon him the honorary degree of Doctor of Divinity in 1953. He has

served as president of the North Carolina Baptist Convention.

Mr. Adrian Littlejohn, Minister of Music and Director of Youth Activities at the First Baptist Church of Ahoskie, led the singing for the three services and gave solo renditions during the services. Mr. Littlejohn is a recent graduate of Southern Baptist Theological Seminary.

In addition to the three chapel services, three discussions were conducted during the week on the theme of the book, **The Gospel on Campus**, by McCoy and McCarter. Professor Calvin Dickinson, of the Chowan history department, led these discussions.



CAMPUS EVANGELISM WEEK LEADERS TALK WITH STUDENTS—Dr. Richard Ellis, of the First Baptist Church in Columbia, South Carolina, was the speaker. Mr. Adrian Littlejohn, minister of music and director of youth activities at the First Baptist Church of Ahoskie, led the singing. Libba Daughtry talks to Mr. Littlejohn and Jack Norvell speaks with Dr. Ellis.