

## The Closing of My Day

By JANE BRYSON

A last glow of beauty before the night,  
A glow of radiant colors of delight.  
Falls upon our trodden land.  
A call of colors painted by one gifted hand.

The night quickly follows these colors so bold.  
This darkness I long and yearn to hold.  
I stretch out my smitten hand  
Wanting to be a part of God's perfect plan.

What is this plan I ask of thee,  
Is there a word or some secret key?  
Is it to be done here on this land?  
Is it to be done by us, your man?

We will work until that seventh day,  
Then I hope he can look down and say:  
"This land so vast it pleases me  
To see persons strive to make it free."

Oh thoughts come to me of the closing day;  
The setting sun, the hidden ray.  
Let us be silent while night is here  
And hold these thoughts close and dear.

## Virgil McBride Elected President of Choanoke

Virgil L. McBride, Assistant to the President and Director of Development at Chowan College, has been elected President of the Choanoke Area Development Association. He has served CADA as Secretary-Treasurer for four years.

In addition to his service to the four-county Area Development Association, he has been active in civic work throughout the area. He is listed in "Who's Who in American Education," is a member of the North Carolina Conference for Social Service, the Murfreesboro Rotary Club, and the Murfreesboro Baptist Church, and has made numerous addresses before churches, schools and civic clubs in North Carolina and Virginia.

A former Baptist pastor and veteran of service with the United States Navy, McBride received the Bachelor of Arts degree from Mississippi College and the Bachelor of Divinity degree from Southeastern Baptist Theological Seminary at Wake Forest, N. C. He also received a certificate in Clinical Training from Dorthea Dix Hospital at Raleigh, N. C., and completed additional study in Business Administration, Saleswork and Photography.

A native of Durant, Mississippi, he is a graduate of Durant High School.

Before becoming Director of Development, he served for four years as Assistant to the President in Charge of Public Relations at Chowan and also as Executive Secretary of the Chowan College Alumni Association. He has assisted in Public Relations offices at Mississippi College and Southeastern Seminary, and was photographer for the



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Seminary, and also served under civil service in the Washington, D. C., Office of the Bureau of Naval Personnel.

Mr. McBride is married to the former Marie Atwood of Jefferson, N. C., and they have two sons, Randal Alan and Charles David.

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Try saying nothing but pleasant things for one whole day. If you succeed, it may be habit-forming.

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Someday there'll be a television weatherman who'll tell us, simply, whether the day will be hot or cold, wet or dry.

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Once astronauts start building moonports, what will lovers do then, poor things?

## Bonner Book Collection Donated to Chowan Library

A large collection of books and documents from the library of the late Congressman Herbert C. Bonner has been received by Mrs. Ann Long Harter, Librarian, for the library of Chowan College.

Mrs. Bonner, widow of the Representative for North Carolina's First Congressional District who died on November 7, requested that these volumes be

contributed to Chowan's Library. Included are valuable congressional records and historical documents.

Henry C. Oglesby, who served as Secretary to the late Congressman for many years, commenting on Mrs. Bonner's gift, said, "As you know, Mr. Bonner loved Chowan College, and I am sure that he, too, would want us to do this."

## Friendliness Has a Loud Voice

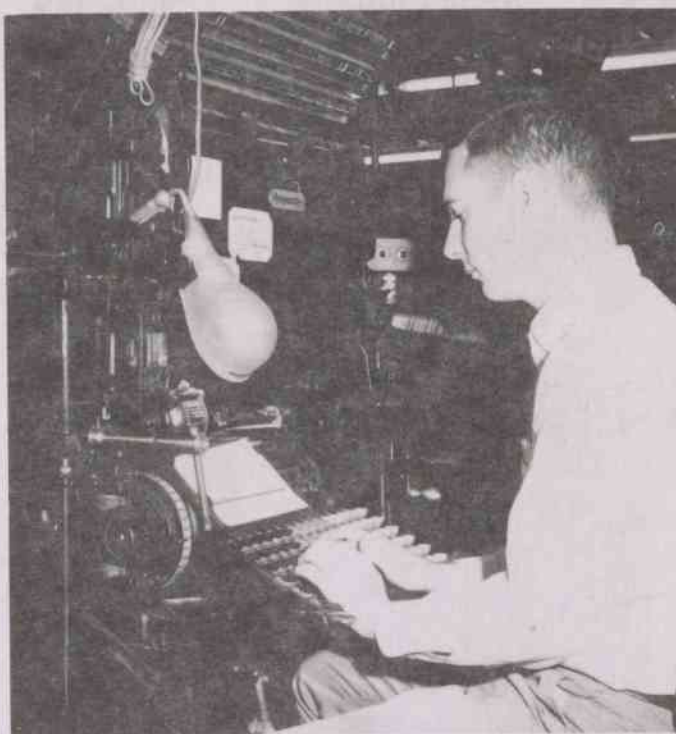
Classmates at Chowan College's School of Graphic Arts know him as one of the friendliest students on their friendly campus, but Marvie Yarbrough is even better known for his determination to overcome obstacles that would leave lesser men handicapped for life.

Marvie is a Special Student, studying Linotype operation and newspaper make-up in the School of Graphic Arts, and is a graduate of the North Carolina School for the Deaf at Morganton. While a student at Morganton, he took his first steps toward a career in newspaper mechanical production. It was there that he studied printing and gained experience under the guiding hand of Harold Brown, an instructor in printing at the North Carolina School for the Deaf who formerly served as a Professor in Chowan College's School of Graphic Arts. Marvie and his former printing instructor are both very fond of Chowan. Mr. Brown is a graduate of the School of Graphic Arts.

Friendliness and scholarly habits have helped bring many new friendships to Marvie since he came to the Chowan campus. "He certainly is an unusual person," says Professor Herman Gatewood. "He fits right in. Others don't even notice his handicap."

Eager to win friends and be active in campus life at Chowan, Marvie has taught fellow students to use sign language so that they can communicate with him. He refuses to let deafness become a handicap," explains Professor Gatewood.

Marvie is a studious young gentleman and considers his main hobby to be reading, but also enjoys sports. His favorite sport is football. "Many people would crawl into a shell of self-pity," comments a fellow student, "but Marvie is so active, and friendly, and happy-



INDUSTRIOUS YOUNG PRINTER—Marvie Yarbrough of Caswell County, operates modern Linotype machine in the School of Graphic Arts. He is Chowan's only deaf student, but is proving himself to be one of the friendliest among fellow classmates.

well, you don't even notice that he's deaf."

His classmates at the North Carolina School for the Deaf paid special tribute to the outstanding personality of Marvie Yarbrough, selecting him as "Friendliest" and "Wittiest." He studied letterpress printing at NCSD and came to Chowan because he wanted to further his education and better prepare himself for a career in printing. When he completes his studies and preparation at Chowan, Marvie hopes to find a job at Danville, Va. Marvie's home is in Caswell County, N. C., just

across the Virginia state boundary and only three miles from Danville.

"Marvie may not talk the same way I do," commented a demure and attractive Chowan co-ed, "but he says more. He's such a fine person — friendly, hard-working, sincere, dedicated, determined. Seeing how happy Marvie is makes everybody around him happy."

Professor Gatewood has a favorite word for describing Marvie, "conscientious," which means that actions speak louder than words.



INSPECTS BOOKS—Mrs. Ann Long Harter, right, Chowan College librarian, and Mrs. Lois Cadle, assistant librarian, look over some of the books donated to the college by Mrs. Herbert C. Bonner. The donation is part of a collection belonging to the late Congressman Bonner, who always displayed a fondness of Chowan College.