

Alumna is centenarian

An Aulander native who lived in Ahoskie 65 years celebrated her 100th birthday this past summer, at a special party in her honor.

The centenarian, Mrs. C. C. Hoggard is believed to be the oldest member of the Chowan College Alumni Association, having graduated in 1901. Her husband, the late Charles C. Hoggard, was a trustee of the college.

During her residency in nearby Ahoskie, she was one of the first two women ever elected to be deacons at Ahoskie First Baptist Church. She remained a deacon for 25 years.

Involved in Church Work

Mrs. Hoggard said when her daughter, now Mrs. Mabel Claire Maddrey, was born in 1907, she stayed at home to raise her. But her involvement with church work included an active role in the Women's Missionary Union.

Her involvement with Baptist work has followed a pattern which ran through her family. Her late son-in-law was executive secretary of the Baptist Foundation of the Baptist State Convention of North Carolina.

Both of her sisters also attended Chowan and an aunt was a Chowan alumna.

Her support of Chowan has been strong through the years. Dr. Bruce E. Whitaker calls her "a pioneer in church and educational circles."

"Deep Love" for Chowan

He adds that she has "a deep love for Chowan and appreciation for the college's mission to provide young men and women with opportunities for Christian higher education. We are proud to call Mrs. Hoggard a Chowan alumna and greatly appreciate her long-standing faithfulness, loyalty and service."

She was the recipient of the Distinguished Alumni Award during graduation exercises in 1979.

In commemoration of her 100th birthday, Mrs. Hoggard received birthday cards from Gov. James B. Hunt and President Ronald Reagan.

Currently a resident of Mayview Manor, a nursing home in Raleigh, Mrs. Hoggard comments that she "can't see, and I can't hear and I can't walk, but the Lord has left me my mind and I'm so thankful for that."

Rocky Mount businessman joins Board of Advisors

J.C.D. Bailey of Rocky Mount, president of Franchise Enterprises, Inc. which operates the local Hardee's, has been appointed to the Chowan Board of Advisors, according to President Bruce E. Whitaker.

Bailey, who is president of Southeastern Advertising, Inc., is a Wake Forest University graduate. He was designated a Certified Advertising Specialist after completing a Western Reserve University (Cleveland, Oh.) advertising program.

Bailey has served as a director of both the Advertising Specialty National Association and the N.C. Restaurant Association.

The new advisor is active in civic affairs. He is Region IV Advisory Council Director of the Small Business Administration, member of the Nash County Finance Committee of the Farmers Home Administration, and is active in the Y.M.C.A. Campaign. He is a past member of the Rocky Mount Rotary Club and Jaycees.

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A Nash County native, Bailey has served as an officer on the state and national levels of Ducks Unlimited, Inc. He is a member and former president of the Men of the Church at Lakeside Baptist Church. A United States Navy veteran, Bailey is married to the former Anne Duncan Neal of Danville, Va. They have three daughters, Susan Bailey Morgan, Sara Camdem Bailey, and Anne Duncan Bailey.

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Alumna marks 100th Birthday

Mrs. C. C. Hoggard, believed to be the oldest member of the Chowan Alumni Association, is pictured on the day she became a centenarian.

Dr. Harris' writings topic of lecture

Hazel Griffin of Woodland opened the 1982-83 Faculty Forum-Lyceum Series in September when she spoke on "The Writings of Dr. Bernice Kelly Harris." Miss Griffin, a published author, is a former professor of English at Chowan College and North Carolina State University.

Dr. Harris was a prolific writer of novels and plays set in eastern North Carolina. Her short stories were published in national magazines, and her novels were published in this country and abroad. Her first novel, *Purslane*, was the first novel ever published by the University of North Carolina Press. Her second novel, *Portulaca*, was published by Doubleday after the publisher sent a representative to the small eastern North Carolina town of Seaboard to find her.

Her other novels include *Wild Cherry Tree Road*, *Sweet Beulah Land*, *Sage Quarter*, *Janey Jeems*, and *Hearthstone*.

Dr. Harris taught creative writing at Chowan the last ten years of her life. Among her awards and honors were the first Mayflower Cup Award in 1939 for her first book, *Purslane*; Master Playwright Award, North Carolina Drama Association; North Carolina Award for Literature; first woman to serve as president of the North Carolina Literary and Historical Association; and honorary doctorates by the University of North Carolina at Greensboro and Wake Forest University.



Ben C. Suttor, business manager, points out the progress being made in new landscaping around Lake Vann to J. C. D. Bailey of Rocky Mount. Bailey is the new member of the Board of Advisors, and attended his first meeting with the group in early September.