



Lotan A. Corriher, was born on a farm, in modest circumstances, on December 9, 1872 in Rowan County, N. C. Educated at Old Catawba College at Newton, N. C., he earned the money for his education by selling religious literature from horseback in North and South Carolina.

He was engaged in the teaching profession until he developed his first commercial enterprise, a mercantile store. His success with this establishment led him to open a saw mill and then a brick mill. In 1900, with the help of some Rowan County farmers, he founded, in Landis, the Linn Mill Company, and in 1909, the Corriher Mill Company. Mayor of the town of Landis for 25 years, he was instrumental in providing Landis with its water supply which made it possible for the town to attract industry and to assure the continuance of a permanent supply of water.

Having been instrumental in moving Catawba College from Newton to Salisbury in 1924, Mr. Corriher served with distinction as a member of the Catawba College Board of Trustees from 1925 to 1955. His thirty years of service to Catawba College was indicative of his deep interest in the development of this institution.

Mr. Corriher maintained a constant and conscientious interest in state, national, and international affairs, and corresponded often with the members of Congress, the President, and the Secretary of State. In a letter to President Truman prior to the founding of the United Nations Organization at San Francisco in 1945, he urged the formation of an international organization which would raise the standard of living of all people and would put an end to war.

The LOTAN A. CORRIHER MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP has been made possible by the family of Mr. Corriher, through the Landis Community Foundation, in recognition of him as a Christian, a Patriot, and an Educator, with the hope that this scholarship will enable the recipient to further his education and to develop a sense of responsibility to his Church, his country, and his community.