

## Joseph William Lineberger '33

A newspaper account of his wedding in 1938 to Anna Boyce Rankin called Joe Lineberger Belmont "one of the state's most popular young men."

Archie K. Davis '32, his roommate for seven years at Woodberry Forest and at Carolina his lifelong friend, credits Mr. Lineberger for helping him get through school. Mr. Davis "Joe Lineberger has dedicated himself to his family business where he has been extremely

successful, but he still has time for his favorite game — golf. He's the one person in our class who hasn't changed. He's the same attractive young man I knew sixty years ago."

After earning his degree at Chapel Hill, Joe Lineberger studied textile engineering at N.C. State in preparation for his career as a textile executive. Mr. Lineberger is president of Linford Mills and an officer in other textile corporations in his family's business in Belmont. The Lineberger family has pioneered in the textile industry.

Joe Lineberger is an active citizen. He has been a member of the Gaston County Board of Commissioners and has served as a trustee or board member for Chatham Hall in Virginia, the Z. Smith Reynolds Foundation, Gaston Memorial Hospital, Lenoir Rhyne College and others.

Since his student days, Joe Lineberger has maintained his ties with Carolina. He was one of the original members of the Education Foundation and served for many years on its board of directors. He was a member of the former Tar Heel One Hundred and is currently on the Board of Visitors. Mr. and Mrs. Lineberger love to travel and recently visited China with an Alumni Association tour.

The Lineberger Foundation was founded in 1944. Joe Lineberger is vice-president. The support of that Foundation helped establish the Medical Foundation and the Lineberger Cancer Research Center. Recently the Lineberger family has made a gift to the University's endowment fund to create and support professorships in cancer research and the humanities.

About his good friend Charlie Shaffer '35 says, "Joe Lineberger is a quiet man of few words, but when he speaks his generosity shines through. He wanted what he did for the University to mean something and to speak for itself."