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## EDITORIAL COMMENT

Two games of the basketball season have already been played and on both of these occasions Guilford supporters have had the opportunity of seeing their team in action. At least two things have been clearly revealed. First, that Guilford has a strong team this year, a team which is superior to those of the past few years, and which should go through the season with a creditable majority of victories. Second, that if the team continues the "lone player" stuff which was so much in evidence in the game with State College the victories are certain to be on the other side of the score board.

The team demonstrated its ability to work together in the Elon game. Each man on the floor worked for the game and the team, and the galleries backed their efforts with splendid cooperation. The result of these united efforts, as might be expected, was a fast skillful exhibition of the game and a clean cut victory for Guilford.

But how different is the story of the game with N. C. State. True the visitors were decidedly off at the beginning of the contest, and Guilford had the whole floor during the first period. But the team has had experience enough to have learned the value lesson that a game is never safely bagged until the final whistle sounds, and that no circumstances justify a slackening of the pace or loosening of the team work.

Evidently this lesson was either never learned, or entirely forgotten. The team played the first period with a fair amount of cooperation and team work which was entirely responsible for the showing made. But with the opening of the second period, Guilford, as a team, had entirely vanished. True enough there were still five men on the floor wearing the "crimson and the gray" but the team was somewhere else. Guilford played as five men rather than one team and the result was as in inevitably a defeat as the first game was surely victory. Whatever blame and disgrace there is attached to such a "lay down" rests on the shoulders of each man on the team in like degree.

What we wish to know is how long it is going to take our team to learn this lesson? How long is it going to take the men to realize the cost of their grand-stand stuff and that such playing is not only ruinous to the team's chances of victory but in addition that the limelight in which they thus expose themselves does not give them the individual glory which they crave but only serves to show more clearly the selfishness and narrowness of which they are guilty.

When will Guilford students and alumni and other supporters hear the end of this "Tough Luck", "Hard Luck Old Man," explanation of defeats which has long ago passed the

stage of monotony and is now a shibboleth? It is not bad luck. I is simply and plainly lack of team work and there is no use in giving further impetus to such conditions by merely passing the thing up as hard luck and consoling members of the team with unmerited "you played a good game, old man." It's about time that individual players consider a little more the welfare of the college team and let their own reputation as players take care of themselves. Certainly any loyal person ought to consider his college before himself. And we are frank to say that the person who fails to do this is not worthy of a place on a college team. Pray tell us what difference it makes who wins the game just so long as Guilford wins.

If individual honor is the thing to be sought for in intercollegiate athletics, if players are to consider themselves as of more importance in the game than the institution which they represent, than we say that it's time for a revolution in the system.

**To Wash Down A Hill**—Rio de Janeiro, beautiful Brazillian city, doesn't like a hill two hundred feet high, standing on the waterfront, obstructing the view and cutting off traffic. United States contractors have agreed to move that hill with water.

very minute for a year twenty thousand gallons of water under high pressure through a twelve-inch nozzle will bombard that hill. The water of the bay, pumped by powerful engines, will finally demolish the hill, once crowned by a Jesuit monastery and the grave of a Brazilian hero.

**Sees Crisis in Education**—"A crisis exists in American education which is fully as acute as that which exists in the business world," according to the new Commissioner of Education. The extent of illiteracy among native Americans, the inability of large numbers of the people to understand our language or to appreciate our institutions and ideals, the failure to provide proper training for young people on the farms, the lack of efficient means of physical education, and the necessity for better methods of school financing are among the most serious problems that he finds confronting Americans of this generation. The Bureau of Education is constantly called upon for advice and guidance in all these matters, says Commissioner John James Tigert. More than two-thirds of the schools of the United States are of rural schools Mr. Tigert observes: "Notwithstanding the efforts that have been put forth in their behalf during recent years they still constitute the most unsatisfactory part of our public school system. . . . It is in the country that the greater part of the illiteracy among native Americans is found.

## ALUMNI NEWS

Mrs. Walter Mendenhall and daughter are visiting in North Carolina until May.

Mr. Hugh Moore, '20, has recently been appointed pastor of the Friend's church in Winston-Salem.

Mr. Richard Hobbs; '09, has a son, Richard, Jr., born January 29.

We are glad to note that Mr. Arthur K. Moore, '11, who has been ill with Influenza for some time, is very much improved.

Mr. Norman A. Fox, '20, is studying medicine at the University of North Carolina.

Mr. Fred Morris, '16, is principal of the high school at Chapel Hill, N. C.

Miss Clara Blair, '19, was married to Mr. Orlando Mastin Barnes on last Tuesday. Mr. and Mrs. Barnes will be at home after February 20th at 124 Tate Street, Greensboro, N. C.

Guilfordians will be glad to know that the father of Annie E. Gordon, '08, who has been critically ill for some time is now convalescent.

Mrs. Alma Crutchfield Nunn, '14, has recently been elected principal of the Guilford College Graded School to succeed Miss Walker, who was forced to give up the work because of ill health.

Dr. C. O. Meredith, 1900, has a daughter born last December.

Miss Ellen Raiford, '18, spent last Week end with her cousins, Misses Lula and Edna Raiford.

### THE A. W. G. F. CLUB ENTERTAINS IN HONOR OF MISS RUTH RAGSDALE

On Tuesday evening the A. W. G. L. Club surprised Miss Ruth Ragsdale with a banquet and reception in honor of her birthday. The guests met at the Students' Parlor, Founders Hall. They entered the dining-room, where the banquet table was reserved. It was beautifully decorated with potted plants. The colors of the Club were attractively used on the place cards.

A delicious dinner was then served. Between courses, Miss Carrie Edmunds and Spot Taylor gave appropriate toasts to the guest of honor. After the banquet the party retired to the Student's Parlor for a social hour, where they enjoyed music and toasting marshmallows over a grate fire.

Those present were Misses Ruth Ragsdale, Evelyn Henley, Marie Tyson, Ethel Watkins, Carrie Edmund, Susie Wright, Mary Lou Wilkins, Marie Beaman, Luna Taylor, Sallie Wilkins. Messrs. Walter Edwards, Lammons Edgerton, Spot Taylor, Edwin Brown, Jack Ragsdale, John Frazier, Jr., Brantley McAdoo, Frank McGee, Joe Ragsdale and Benbow Merriman. The faculty guests were Miss Louise Osborne and Miss Beatrice L. Byrd.

### THE SIZE AND SPEED OF TRUCKS

How large is the average truck and how fast does it travel? This question and others of interest to truck owners and users of the highways are answered by information obtained in a recent traffic census taken by the Bureau of Public Roads. United States Department of Agriculture, one of the most traveled highways in New England. The census discloses that 40 per cent of the trucks were of 1 ton capacity or less; 33 per cent between 1 and 2 1-2 tons; 5 per cent between 2 1-2 tons; and that less than 2 per cent of the trucks were of more than 5 tons capacity. On a level stretch of road, over which the speed of motor vehicles was timed, it was found that more trucks traveled at a speed of 20 miles an hour than at any other rate. Thirty-seven per cent traveled 20 miles an hour or faster. One truck, whose driver said he was in a hurry to get there, was found to be traveling at a speed of 45 miles an hour.

The following girls spent the week-end at their respective homes: Pansy Donnell, Bessie Phipps, Pherlie Mae Sisk, Ruth Sampson, and Nell Chilton.

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