

# A L U M N I N E W S

## Founders' Day Celebrated By Talk On "Beginning Of Education In N.C."

Dr. Hobbs, President Emeritus,  
Asked To Make Address On  
Granting Of Charter

BIG CELEBRATION IN 1934

Dr. L. L. Hobbs, president emeritus of the college, gave an address Wednesday morning, January 13, on "The Beginning of Education by Friends in North Carolina." The occasion for the talk, Founders' Day, the anniversary of the charter for New Garden School, was not announced, consequently the point of the address was lost to many in the student body.

Founders' Day should mean a great deal to the students and alumni of Guilford. It should be the time when we review the causes back of the movements, the ideals, and conditions which motivated the pioneers in the work which resulted in New Garden Boarding School, later Guilford College; also it would be the time when we recall the pioneers themselves and the part each of them played.

The first recorded mention of the interest of the North Carolina Quakers in education is in the Yearly Meeting Records for November, 1830. A committee "to prepare an essay of an epistle of advice" as appointed, and their address, "produced" November 11, 1931, was "We believe that the Christian, and literary education of our children consistent with the simplicity of our profession is a subject of very deep interest in supporting the various testimonies that we profess to bear to the world, and even to the very existence and continuance of our Society," (i. e. the Yearly Meeting). And that was the purpose of the New Garden Boarding School.

A subscription was started immediately, and in a year \$1200 had been subscribed, \$1500 being their goal. The minutes of 1833 tell us that the committee "met with difficulty in selecting a location," finally deferring the decision to the Yearly Meeting, which chose to locate the school at New Garden, on the site of the present Founders' Hall.

A charter could not be granted to a meeting of Friends, since the Quakers were opposed to slavery. However, George C. Mendenhall had the incorporation passed in the name of certain men, whose religious views were not mentioned. This charter was secured in 1834, ninety-eight years ago.

In 1831 the school opened, with Dougan Clarke, a member of the original committee, superintendent, and his wife, formerly Asenath Hunt, matron. Another member of the committee who later superintended the school was Joshua Stanley, Jeremiah Hubbard, a quarter Indian himself, is remembered for his trip to Washington with two Cherokee chiefs who had appealed to the Meeting for aid, their purpose being to request President Jackson to prohibit the sale of liquor in the Indian territory. David White, another committee member, has descendants in Greensboro now; the other two members were Nathan Mendenhall and Zimri Stuart. Nathan Hunt, although not a member of the committee, was probably the most important of all, for his remarkable eloquence secured a great part of the subscriptions used in building the school.

It is hoped that Dr. Hobbs' speech will create interest in the granting of the charter, for Founders' Day 1934, its hundredth anniversary of the charter, will be the occasion for a big pre-Centennial celebration, which in turn is to increase interest in the Centennial program itself.

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## Alumna Writes Of Home-coming Day

"Greater Future For Guilford"  
Is The Sincere Wish  
Of Old Student

Many of the Alumni and old students returned to the campus for Home-coming Day on November 30, and many others who could not be present sent their greetings and approval of the plan of setting aside a day for reestablishing friendships and living again in memories of school days.

Among those who could not return but wanted to send a message is Ada M. Field. Her letter follows:  
Fellow Alumni:

Home-coming Day is a beautiful idea; many of us who would like to be present and cannot will be thinking of you all.

I have been trying to put into words for myself just what "Home-coming" means. I think it means finding and sharing gladness and fellowship, perhaps escaping from burdens for a little while, renewing old friendships, re-living for a day our student selves. That is a rare treat, yet I hope we shall not miss the rarer one of knowing the Guilford that is today; for Guilford is not her well-known buildings nor her memories, treasured as those are. Unless we know the individuals and the spirit of the faculty and student body now we do not know Guilford.

The liberal arts college which a few years ago seemed on the way to decadence is young again now and looks toward a vision of service and leadership greater than ever before. It is a new vision for a new day, and all the accumulated wisdom of her family is all too little for shaping policies that shall realize that vision to the full. So I hope we alumni shall not be content to relive the past but that we shall take, or make, the opportunity to get acquainted with the students of today, share their dreams and problems, give what we can from the best that life has brought to us, catch a vision and an inspiration for a greater future for Guilford and for ourselves. A great "Home-coming Day" I am wishing for all of you!

Most sincerely,

Ada M. Field,  
Newman, Ga.

## The Error Made In "Vision" Corrected

In a previous issue of the Alumni Edition of The Guilfordian an article appeared concerning Eliot Kays Stone, former Guilford student, whose book of verse, "He Who Rides The Sky" has recently been acclaimed by national critics. "Vision," taken from the collection of poems, was quoted in an effort to show something of the ability of Mr. Stone, but an error was made so "Vision" is reprinted in corrected form:

"Come, now, and turn your eyes on space

And stare the cosmos in the face.  
There's more than any eye can see  
To be discerned by you and me.  
How keen his sight! The man is blind  
Who has no windows in his mind!  
Sweep out the cobwebs, dust the bin,  
And let the air of heaven in,  
And when the air pours in on you,  
Somewhat the cosmos seeps in, too."

Louise Welch, of Mt. Airy, spent the week-end with her sister, Clara Belle.

Mrs. J. V. Davis was the dinner guest of her daughter, Sarah, Wednesday evening.

## ALUMNI PERSONALS

MAIE HOLLADY, '27, TEACHING  
BIBLE IN PITTSBURG

Maie Hollady is teaching religion in two public schools in Pittsburgh, Pa. Her address is 500 Holmes St., Wilkensburg, Pa. A letter from her gives the following interesting details concerning her work:

"I teach in a public school building two days a week and one day each week I teach in a church on public school time (the children being dismissed from school and sent to the church). I have thirteen classes of children (from kindergarten through the sixth grades) each week. My classes are large with between 35 and 45 in a class. There are 477 children all told.

"On Sundays I work at an Episcopal church where I have twelve teachers to look after. The first, second, third, fourth and fifth grades of this church school have what is known as the Extended Session which means that they meet from 9:30 to 12:05. This work is very interesting. The children often create their own songs, make prayers and put them to music, make dramatizations, et cetera. Each Wednesday evening I meet a group of these teachers for conference and to make plans for the work.

"Tuesday evenings I teach two training classes here in Wilkensburg. The churches go together and have a community school. You may imagine my surprise to find 63 in my class on child psychology. I would have considered twenty a large class in any training school I have known. The other course I have is dramatization and there are about forty in it."

1921-22

Mr. and Mrs. Rawleigh Tremain of 2148 O St., N. W., Washington, D. C., announce the arrival of a son, Rawleigh Lewis, Jr., on September 19, 1931.

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Graham Allen recently accepted a position with the weather bureau in Dallas, Texas.

### Former Students

Pervis H. Beeson, of Greensboro, N. C., a student of Guilford College in 1913-14, was married to Miss Margaret Patterson on November 4, 1931. Mrs. Beeson is a native of Greensboro, a former student of N. C. C. W. and a graduate of the Wesley Long Hospital School for Nurses. For two years she was instructor and superintendent of nurses at Martin Memorial Hospital in Mt. Airy. For several months prior to her marriage she was office nurse for Dr. Charles R. Reaves.

Mr. Beeson is a member of the state bar, and for several years has been secretary to Judge James E. Boyd.

Mr. and Mrs. Beeson are living at 1819 Rolling Road.

Thad H. Mackie is civil engineer with the State Highway Commission of Jefferson City, Missouri.

Marie H. Tyson is a teacher in the public schools of Yanceyville, N. C.

Mr. and Mrs. Ralph D. Richardson of Wadesboro, N. C. announce the arrival of a son, Ralph Dan, on November 23, 1931.

Edith K. Swing received the A. B. degree from Whittier College, Whittier, California, last year, and during the summer did graduate work at Whittier. On August 11, 1931, she was married to Charles D. Chambers. Her address is 717 N. Prairie Ave., Inglewood, Calif.

Mrs. George J. Murdock (Cordia Thompson), who since her marriage in 1925 has been living in India, is studying in the School of Religious Education, Hartford Theological Seminary. Her husband is a student there also. Mr. and Mrs. Murdock and their three children are living at 85 Serman Street, Hartford, Conn.

CURRIE SPIVEY WRITES

FROM ATHENS, GREECE

The following is taken from a letter received from Curry Spivey who, last fall, accepted a position with the American Tobacco Company in Athens, Greece:

"I had a very nice trip coming over. We were a little over two weeks from New York to Athens. We spent three days in Paris, and saw as many of the interesting sights as was possible during that time. I must say that what I learned in my Freshman course at Guilford College was of great help to me in my visit at the Louvre. I sadly regret not having concentrated more on the work when I was passing over it.

"After leaving Paris we came down to Trieste by way of the Simplon-Orient Express. I enjoyed the trip through the Alps very much. We spent two days at Trieste and then took a boat for Pireaus, the seaport of Athens. We came by way of Venice and spent about five hours there.

"Greece is a very barren country, but it has several characteristics which, I think, any other country would find it very hard to surpass. The sky is the bluest in the world, the climate is wonderful and, I think, very healthy, the atmosphere being very dry.

"I like my work very much. We have very good facilities for recreation. Golf and tennis are inexpensive and the tennis courts are very good."

## ALUMNI NOTES

Continuation of the History of the  
1911 Graduating Class of Guilford  
College Covering the Period  
From 1911 to 1931

John Gurney Briggs  
High Point, N. C.

Married—Hazel Harmon, of the Children—John Gurney, Jr.; Margaret Ragan (names for Margaret Rutledge), and Mary Sue. Margaret and John are in high school. John will be senior editor of the high school paper next year. Margaret will be a sophomore next year. Mary Sue is in the sixth grade.

In the summer after graduating he went to Lake Forest, Ill., to attend the Student Y. M. C. A. Summer School. He then became Y. M. C. A. Student Secretary, in Charleston, S. C., for two years. His work there was in the Citadel, Porter Military Academy, College of Charleston, and the Medical College. He also assisted in the City Y. M. C. A. and sang in the historic St. Michael's Episcopal church in a quartette. He returned home expecting to attend Columbia University, but married instead.

He accepted a position with the High Point Branch of the Wachovia Bank and Trust Company which he held until 1918. Then he served as assistant secretary of the city Y. M. C. A. in Columbia, S. C., until after the war. While in Columbia he sang in the choir at the Trinity Episcopal church and at the First Baptist Church. After the war he came back to High Point where he accepted a position which he has held until now, with the Beeson Hardware Company. He had charge of the choir at the High Point First Baptist Church from 1918 to 1923. From 1923 to 1925 he had charge of the West Market Street Church choir in Greensboro. From 1925 until now he has had charge of the High Point Wesley Memorial Church Choir.

Gurney has made an unusual success with his music. He sang the tenor solos in the Rose Maiden, at the Rock Hill Music Festival some years ago and received \$150.00 for about an hour's time. He still possesses his usual amount of energy and has enjoyed much success.

He and Hazel have as their hobby "Music."

## CHARLES BOWLES WAS FORMER STUDENT HERE

Speaks In Chapel On "Dare  
To Be Different"

PASTOR IN GREENSBORO

Rev. Charles T. Bowles, pastor of Holts Chapel, Greensboro, and a former student of Guilford, was the Chapel speaker on Tuesday, January 12. His subject was "Dare to Be Different!"

"We are prone to be slack along the line of being individualistic; we miss too much with the crowd. We are living in a Machine Age and tend to become like a machine. The steam roller typifies the average college student. We place ourselves in front of the steam roller of Convention and Custom and are crushed into the same pattern by it."

The history of the world has been made by those who have dared to be different. Our own country was discovered by a man of no peculiar genius, but he dared to be different, and took advantage of his surrounding. Alexander Bell was called a dreamer, an idealist, but he dared to be different. Charles Lindbergh quietly accepted the challenge, and contributed his life to the world.

All progress is made by accepting the challenge and being different. If progress is to be made one can't depend on society, and be bound by convention and custom. This is equally true in the spiritual world.

As American students and citizens we should guard against the steam roller of Convention and stand alone as an individual.

Lillie Bulla

310 Wood Street, Burlington, N. J. Single.

She has lived from Miami to New York—not at either place but at many points between.

From 1913 to 1917 she taught a little of everything in high school. Had two years stenographic work at Badin, North Carolina. She taught three years in Florida and three years in Roanoke Rapids, N. C. She has studied some in the University of Florida, University of California, and finally got ambitious and went to Johns Hopkins. At present she is at the head of the History Department at Burlington, N. J. Her hobby is "dramatics."

She says: "I used to think that existence would become monotonous as one grew older, especially if one did not marry and settle down, and I still have a feeling that the monotony is just around the corner but it stays out of reach. Things get more interesting to me as the years go on. Rich and deep and full have I found the spring of joy. I am sure the other members of the class have found the same thing true. I once wrote and gave the pageant called 'The Living Road.' Now I seem to see the Class of 1911 moving their several ways, some stumbling over rocks and brambles, others marching straight-shouldered ahead."

Mrs. E. P. Edwards (Flo White)  
N. C. C. W., Greensboro, N. C.  
Widow.

She has one child, "Betty Phil" Edwards, 10 years old.

Flo is rather stingy with her history. Nursed in Spartanburg, S. C. Studied two years in the University of Chicago and has been teaching since then in North Carolina College for Women, at Greensboro.

Rumors have it that she has other interests besides teaching.

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