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Homecoming Festivities, Fall Play Coincide on Gala Oct. 18

Alumni Plans Include Parker Memorial Room Dedication Exercises

Homecoming day, annual affair at Guilford, will be held this year on October 18, with alumni returning to meet other alumni and to go through a program planned by the Homecoming day committee, of which J. Wilmer Pancoast is head. To give activities an early start, regular classes will be shortened to 35 minutes each, and will end at 10:40 a.m.

The traditional hockey game and cross-country run will start at 11 o'clock. A hockey team composed of star players of other years and the varsity team will compete on the hockey field, while Catawba college's harrriers meet the Quaker squad.

First thing scheduled after lunch, which will be held in Founder's hall at 12:30, is the public meeting of the Scholarship society in the library at 1:30 p.m., at which there will be a guest speaker.

On Hobbs field at 2:30 Coach "Block" Smith's football eleven will meet the Lenoir-Rhyne team in the first home game of the season.

The official opening of the D. Ralph Parker Memorial board and faculty room is set for 5:30 in the gymnasium. The room is the gift of Eunice Parker, wife of D. Ralph Parker, who

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356 Register For Classes In Decreased Enrollment

Guilford college has begun its 105th year with a total enrollment of 366 students, as compared to 386 a year ago. There are 128 freshmen, 215 previously enrolled students, and 13 transfers.

Of these students, 167 are women, 199, men. Four women are day students, while there are 76 men commuters.

The Society of Friends again heads the list of religious denominations with 98 members. The Methodist are second with 70 members, and the Presbyterians rank third with 38.

Leading states represented are: North Carolina, 53%; New Jersey, 11.5%; New York, 11.2%; and Pennsylvania, 9.2%. There are 60 students who are descendants of former Guilfordians.

Majority of Senior Class Teaching in N. C. Schools

By NANCY GRAVES

"Imagine 'Shorty' Heath at a C. O. Camp!"

"Well, he is, at Buck Creek; and Joe Carter expects to go to one in Baltimore soon."

Why people are always so surprised to hear what last year's seniors are doing no one knows. Maybe it's because one doesn't think of Winfred Meibohm teaching girls' basketball at Bessemer high school, even in connection with history and civics—or of diminutive Polly Morton handling the first THROUGH the fifth grades at a school in Friendsville, Tennessee.

Then there's Joe Crescenzo, an English major, who is teaching "everything I didn't take in college" at Stonewall, N. C. He teaches math, history, and civics and likes it.

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Skating Party Tonight

Guilford students and faculty will don wheels tonight at Sedgefield rink for the first skating party of the year.

The group will leave Founders hall at 7 o'clock in cars provided by the transportation committee—Thornton Sparrow and Walter Kueker.

Charles Lewis, Alice Ott, Margaret Jones and Mary Lou Stafford have charge of tickets; Frances Johnson—posters; and Elois Mitchell—chaperones.

200 New Books Added To Library's Shelves

"Reveille in Washington" and "This Is London" Are Among Summer Purchases

Modern novels, biographies, and commentaries on such subjects as national politics, art, the conscientious objector and social life are featured in the 200 books which the library purchased during the summer and which are rapidly being placed in circulation.

Such best-sellers as *This Is London* (Murray) and *Reveille in Washington* (Leech) are on hand with the London of today and the Washington of the Civil War as their subjects.

Among the most important fiction procured is *The World of the Thibaults* (Roger Martin du Gard), a "river novel" in two volumes known as *The Thibaults* and *Summer 1914*. This book, which brought its author the Nobel Prize for Literature in 1937, has been acclaimed as the equal of Rolland's *Jean-Christophe* and other modern French novels.

Having as their topic the rise of nations are *The Arab Awakening* (Antonius), *The Great Russian Revolution* (Chernov), *The Mongol Empire* (Prawdin), and *Modern Spain* (Trend).

Several biographies have been bought: *Strange Destiny*, a biography of Warren Hastings (Davis); *Milton in the Puritan Revolution* (Wolfe), *Adonais*, a life of Keats (Hewlett), *George Washington* (Little), and *The Life of Robert Burns* (Sydney).

Quakers especially will be interested

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Machines Discover, Aid Slow Readers In Scheduled Classes

English Department Makes Use of Scientific Methods To Raise W. P. M. Average

Approximately 41% of Guilford freshmen read less than 325 words per minute, the average for a college student. The average freshman here has a recognition span of 1.17 words against the established college average of 1.25.

Calculated by Philip Dewees, these are the results of tests made by the ophthalmograph, a camera for photographing the movements of the eyes as they cross the printed page. This machine focuses the small points of light reflected from the eyes on a strip of film moving vertically at a constant speed. Stops, or fixations, of the eyes are recorded as vertical lines. Horizontal movements, or regressions, are also pictured.

In order to train these poor readers—freshmen reading an average of 308 words per minute—the metronoscope, another newly developed scientific device, will be used. This instrument has three shutters operating in sequence to expose one-third of a printed line at a time. The eyes are forced to read in rhythmic left to right sequence with no regression.

Since the speed of the machine may be regulated, students will begin the training at their normal reading rate. This will gradually be increased until they have attained the proper college level.

Reading classes have been taking place since the beginning of school in

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'Y' Cabinets To Launch Drive For Members

Grumbrecht and Lewis Advocate Active Membership Policy

Led by Presidents Marie Grumbrecht and Charles Lewis, the cabinets of the Y. W. and Y. M. C. A. "re-treated" recently to the Cascades to adopt a new working philosophy whereby members at large of the organizations will be asked to serve on committees headed by cabinet officials.

Here is the call to service. All freshmen (and upperclassmen who do not yet belong) who would like to join may do so by telling cabinet members who will launch a membership drive this coming week.

Consistent with the policy of active membership participation, the "Y's" will have one membership meeting a month in addition to their three regular cabinet meetings. By this method "Y" leaders hope to establish an organization all of whose members assume responsibility for one or more of the various activities.

Seeking to promote a richer religious life on the campus, the group will sponsor silent meetings in the Hut on Sunday mornings and once during the week. They will also conduct regular Sunday vesper services. Students not attending New Garden Meeting or Sunday school are urged to come to this service.

The "Y's" are also planning an extensive social service program in Guilford College community.

Freshman Thespian



Virginia Chapin, who shares the lead in "Spring Dance" with Hudson Bowne.

Friday Lecture Series Planned for Students

Dramatic Council To Enact Scenes For Drama Lectures

Guilford college has planned a series of Friday evening lectures to be given this year by members of our faculty and those of nearby colleges.

Topics relate to class work and to more general subjects valuable in broadening the student's outlook and knowledge of life.

Dr. Curt Victorius will lecture on "Great Enterprises and Enterprisers" on October 10. Dean D. D. Carroll, dean of commerce at the University of North Carolina, will speak on the following Friday.

Of special interest to the scientifically minded will be Dr. E. Garness Purdon's lecture on "Artificial Radioactivity."

Notice should be taken of a lecture by Mrs. Ernestine C. Milner, "Miracle and Morality Plays," on November 14, and Miss Dorothy L. Gilbert's lecture on "Realism and Burlesque in Comedy, the Knight of the Burning Pestle" on November 21. Both lectures will feature scenes from the plays, to be produced by the Dramatic Council.

Dr. Furnas' elaboration of "The

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'Spring Dance' Stars Chapin, Bowne With Supporting Cast of 11

In line with last year's spring comedy, but with a more delicate touch, is Philip Barry's "Spring Dance," the Dramatic Council's fall production which is due to raise the curtain on October 18.

The play, directed by Dr. Philip W. Furnas, Mr. E. Daryl Kent and Helen Van Achtenberg, Dramatic council president, centers around the erratic Leftist tendencies of young Sam Thatcher—Hudson Bowne—and his friend, The Lippincott—Mason Krenn.

The scene is laid in a small house near the campus of a girls' college in New England; the action occurs on the eve and morning of the all-important spring dance.

Living in the house are Alex—Virginia Chapin—who is in love with Sam; Kate, her roommate—Winifred Ellis; Mady, the authorized comedian of the group—Virginia Gray; Sally, the social butterfly—Sarah Poy; and Frances, the eternally "beautiful but dumb"—Jane Ritchie.

The action concerns the girls' efforts to keep Sam from dashing off to Russia with the Lippincott so that Sam can take Alex to the dance.

Other players in the tentative cast are: Edward Behre, Jane Walters, Florence Dutton, George Bunce, Merle Pickett, and John Hobby.

Only three of the thirteen players have been seen across Guilford footlights. John Hobby has a leading part

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Last Gilbert-Pope Work Will Be Published Soon

The third in a series of articles by Dorothy Lloyd Gilbert and the late Dr. Russell Pope on Quakerism and French Quietism has been accepted for publication. This article, "Animadversions of Bishop Bossuet on Quakers and Quietists" will appear in the "Publication of the Modern Language Association" soon.

Miss Gilbert and Dr. Pope have shown that Bossuet, bishop of Meaux, knew the writing of Robert Barclay, and have attempted to trace the similarity of the objectives which he held regarding the Quietists and the Quakers.

This study is the last collaborative work completed before Dr. Pope's death in July, 1940.

Guilford Girl Takes Off-- In an Airplane, to Be Sure

By BETTY WILSON

"It just runs in the family," said Myrtle Stanley, 17, freshman from Greensboro, referring to the flying lessons she has been taking since her graduation from Greensboro senior high school last spring. Before then, both her brother and father learned to fly, and this made Myrtle decide to do it too.

"I've been messing around with them for years," she declared. Now she can solo any time she wants to but probably won't for another two months. In answer to the off-the-record question as to whether she could take any passengers along, she replied, "Not yet. I have to have 200 hours flight time before I can risk anyone's neck but my own."

Knowing planes as she did, Myrtle was not frightened when she had her

first lesson. "I just wondered what it would be like to take over the controls, and when I finally did, there wasn't time to think about being scared."

"Flying isn't easy. A lot of people have the idea that all one does is hop in a plane and sail off, but it isn't that glamorous. There's a great deal of studying connected with it and many technical points to learn and always remember. The ordinary person has no idea how fast a pilot has to think."

"Most people do not really enjoy flying until they become expert at it."

Myrtle has lessons whenever the weather permits and rather dreads the next one. She has to practice spins, and they always make her sick. Yet she insists she enjoys stunt-flying.

Brunette and petite—only five feet one, too short to be an air-hostess—

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