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R. H. WRIGHT DONATES ADDITIONAL \$250,000 \$150,000 To Be Expended Immediately For Fine Arts Building

BILLY SUNDAY DELIVERS ADDRESS

Dr. Russell, of Duke University Preaches Baccalaureate Sermon; Pageant Glorious Success; More than One Hundred Graduate; Aeroplane Shows Roses on Graduates; Moving and Still Pictures Made of Events; Biggest Crowd in Attendance in History of College; Alumnae Association Pledges \$50,000 for Physical Education Building; 149th Closing New History for Louisburg Col-

With Rev. W. A. (Billy) Sunday to deliver the graduating address, the announcement of a gift of a quarter of a million dollars to Louisburg College by Mr. R. H. Wright, of Durham, the graduation of a class of more than one hundred, the showering of the class with roses from an aeroplane as it marched to the last formal exercises, the photographing of the events, both in motion and still pictures and the entertainment of the largest crowd ever witnessing a commencement at Louisburg College, Louisburg and its beloved institution enjoyed the biggest day in the history of this old and honored college for women.

Billy Sunday's address was no less a treat than was his visit to Louisburg. Many here had never seen him. The largest crowd ever gathered in the Mills High School auditorium and the two large campuses was here Wednesday. The sermon dealt with simple truths illustrated and impressed with actual and historical examples. Large or small we should adjust ourselves to the surroundings and its problems he said. It's not the opportunities we have that count so much as the use we make of them. He said, whether you graduate or not conduct yourself so that when you leave this world you will leave something besides an epitaph on a tombstone. He thought God wanted men and women to climb to great usefulness, and reminded them that all the donations made to institutions of this kind are of no avail unless the girls are willing to put something in their brain. He beseeched the young ladies to build an ambition to be greater, and to live among greater surroundings. He advised them to go to college. To illustrate his meaning more clearly he pointed to the world's greatest men, told of their handicaps and their determined effort to live to and realize their ideals. He advised them to find their pursuit and follow it. Do one thing at a time. It's not the man on the mountain but the mountain of the man that requires effort to throw it off. It's nothing to be knocked down, the thing that counts is to get up. He advised them to set their aim high, saying it's no harder to shoot at an eagle than a cat. He told them of people make a good start but too many stop too quickly. He says there is something worse than work—not to be able to work. That not to have a desire for an education is worse than the efforts to get it. He told them it matters little what or who their relatives were as measured by this world, but it all depends upon what you make yourself. He contrasted the past and present in industry and invention and gave credit to progressive education. His definition of education was to know what you want, where to get it, and what to do with it. Any system of education that does not make better men and women is a failure. He told the young ladies that education without God is a failure. He said usefulness is the road to success and advised them to sail on if they wanted to win. Conceit is the deadliest enemy to success. He said this world would be better or worse in accordance to what you put into it, and beseeched them to climb the ladder of success rather than roll down the hill of despair. The best thing with which to rub our hard luck is hard work. He told the young ladies he could give them the recipe for a better life, but they would have to mix the ingredients. There are two kinds of education. One you learn yourself, and one you get from others. Kindness is one of the highest virtues of mankind, and polite-

ness is an afterthought. In conclusion he recited a story of how a little orphan boy gave his life that a little girl might live, and how his memory was honored, impressing the fact that after all it was the unselfish service to humanity that counts most.

It was a wonderfully strong and forceful address listened to by fully fifteen hundred people within the auditorium and many hundreds on the outside besides being broadcasted to the world through Radio Station WPTF of Raleigh. The speaker was introduced by President Mohn.

The most delightful surprise of the entire commencement came to the audience in an announcement by President Mohn that Mr. R. H. Wright had given to the College \$250,000, in addition to the \$185,000 previously contributed. In this announcement, which was received with the greatest applause and the singing of Praise God From Whom All Blessings Flow by the audience, who rose to their feet in a unit in honor of the donor and in appreciation of the gift and a college yell for Mr. Wright by the girls, it was explained that \$150,000 was a direct gift for the immediate erection of a fine arts building, which had already been staked off and which was expected to be completed by January 1st, 1929, and the remaining \$100,000 was given upon the condition that the Methodists of North Carolina raise five to one or \$500,000.

The gift was formally accepted for the Trustees and the Church by Rev. A. J. Parker, chairman of the Board of Trustees, who paid a beautiful tribute to the benefactor, and accepted the challenge for the church to raise the \$500,000.

Mr. W. H. Yarborough in most beautiful language paid a fitting tribute to Mr. Wright, telling how much Franklin county was proud of the glorious past and the beautiful present of Louisburg College, how grateful it was for not only the gift of the \$250,000 today announced, but also of the other donations made by Mr. Wright, but more especially so for the benefactor whose spirit has returned to the soil from whence he came to lay a wreath of love and service at the feet of his home for the use and happiness of the young womanhood of his county and state. This was an hour of deep gratitude, generously bestowed.

The graduating class formed in line in front of the college, and followed by the junior class and others, marched to the graded school immediately across the street. During this march an aeroplane hovered low over the line and showered the graduates with beautiful roses, gifts from the College Alumnae. They entered the spacious auditorium in time with March in E Minor, by Mendelssohn, rendered by Miss Evalena Terry, with violin, and Miss Harriet May Crenshaw, at the piano. The audience stood while the graduates entered and remained standing while "Faith of Our Fathers" was sung. Invocation was offered by Rev. J. H. Shore, of Weldon.

The awarding of the Diplomas and Certificates was made by President A. W. Mohn, and the Bibles were presented by Rev. Daniel Lane, College Chaplain. Important announcements were made by President Mohn and benediction was pronounced by Rev. S. A. Cotton.

Six of the girls carried the college bell, whose history reaches far back into the life of the college, and it was rung at the opening of the commencement exercises.

The exercises over the girls marched back to the college in like order, while an aeroplane overhead carried a photographer who photographed the college, school and surroundings.

Rev. Elbert Russell, D. D., of Duke University delivered the commencement sermon for Louisburg College on Sunday, at eleven o'clock at the Methodist church. As Miss Crenshaw softly played the organ processional, March from Tanhauser, the seniors, in their caps and gowns entered the church from the two doors in the rear and took their places, the audience remaining standing until the candidates were seated. The hymn, "Come Thou Almighty King," was sung, after which the congregation repeated the Apostles Creed and was led in prayer by Rev. A. J. Parker. The college choir sang a beautiful anthem, "Holy Art Thou." The Psalm and Gloria followed. Rev. J. D. Miller, of St. Paul's Episcopal church read the scripture reading, a part of the eleventh chapter of Paul's Epistles to the Hebrews—a great chapter on faith. The violin offertory, played by Miss Evalena Terry, im-

TRIBUTES PAID TO MR. RICHARD H. WRIGHT



MR. RICHARD H. WRIGHT

The following is the tribute to Mr. Wright from Rev. A. J. Parker, chairman, in behalf of the Board of Trustees, of Louisburg College and the Methodist Church of North Carolina:

"I have been associated in one way or another with Louisburg College for some 28 or 30 years. I have witnessed its success and its failures. I have seen men sweat blood trying to 'make brick without straw' as they carried the heart breaking load. I have seen it with about 65 pupils attending its classes expand to 300. There have been times when it seemed that the doors must close and the property fall under the hammer of the sheriff. Some 20 years ago when the days were dark I made a speech in a District Conference, in which I pictured a great institution in the future. I was asked how I expected this to be done. I said, 'The Lord will raise up a man in his own good time to do it.' A few days ago that individual said to me, 'That is great work you all are doing over at Louisburg and I believe that dream you told us about 20 years ago will yet come true.'

"For the past five years the college has grown by leaps and bounds under the matchless leadership of Prof. A. W. Mohn. During these years I have watched it grow with keenest pleasure but back of Mohn and the Board of Trustees has stood a man that has in a large degree made this phenomenal success possible. This man who is a quiet, hard headed Christian gentleman has a vision of the needs of young womanhood. This man who has heard the cry of the orphan and who has assuaged his grief. This man said that the young womanhood of North Carolina and especially those who are not able financially to attend the expensive institutions of learning should have an opportunity. This man who has already given large gifts to this institution has spoken today in a gift of \$250,000 making possible another new and much needed building to be known as the Richard H. Wright Auditorium on the college campus and a challenge to the church to do something on their part that is worthwhile. In these great gifts Mr. R. H. Wright has immortalized himself. I want to say to you Mr. Wright, that you have and are building here a memorial not only in brick and stone that will last through the ages, but in the lives of young women that you will have reached and lived in the lives of unborn generations. Your name will be revered and your memory held in loving remembrance long after you have passed over the river. It would have rejoiced your heart if you had heard read the other day, as I did, a letter from a young woman whose education and training in Louisburg College was made possible by your previous benefactions of the college. This young woman who comes from the most humble walk of life, had but little hope of any education beyond the public school until she received help from your benefaction. She told how that her life had been made over, moulded by this institution. She is making good as a teacher and is hard at work in the church, Sunday school and Epworth League, and a blessing to the community. No man in our state has done more to help deserving young womanhood than Mr. R. H. Wright.

In the name of the Board of Trustees, the College, faculty, student body and the Methodist church and the citizens of the Old North State we thank you from the depths of our hearts for this great Christian gift.

The following tribute was paid Mr. Wright by Mr. W. H. Yarborough in behalf of Franklin county:

"President Mohn, may I have just a moment. I feel that this hour is destined to become historic in the annals of Louisburg College and Franklin county. A great son of this county has done a great deed. We stand upon the soil that gave him birth and under the skies to which he first lifted his infant gaze. In the spirit he is with us. He has not returned as man often return to the place of their nativity, broken and empty handed, to seek refuge and respite from the buffetings of a world they have not had the courage or the genius or the endurance to master; but he has returned bringing with him a part of the fruit and reward of a life of conquering achievement to lay it upon the hearthstone beside which he dreamed his first dreams. This returning—this magnificently generous benefaction means much to the College and to those who direct its destinies. It means much to the young women who love the college and to those who will learn to owe it as their alma mater in the long years to come. The gratitude and appreciation of these have found today and will continue to find throughout those years fitting and appropriate expression. I would not undertake to say for them what they can so much better say for themselves. But I feel that the occasion would not be complete—that this usain of rejoicing ought not to reach its amen until amid the voices which are sounding it is heard the voice of the people of Franklin county. In my own person I represent but an humble part of its manhood, but in the emotions which now move me I am assured that I represent the whole throbbing heart of it, and I beg the privilege of saying in its behalf that we are proud of and grateful for this splendid gift which has just been announced. We are proud of and grateful for the College which is to receive that gift. But, Mr. President, young ladies, and you of the audience, let me say that we are prouder still and more grateful yet for the man who made the gift. I need not tell any father or mother here present of the sweetness of the satisfaction or the thrill of the pride which the achievement of the child brings to the parent. It is a part of the mystery of our dual nature—that the instincts which we share with the beasts are ennobled and glorified and made holy by the spirit which we derive from God. And, so, to his mother county of Franklin—while she cherishes this institution with a profound affection—while she rejoices in the enhancement of its usefulness and the enlargement of its service to the womanhood of the State which this gift assures—to her, the supremest satisfaction, the deepest delight are stirred in her mother's heart by the knowledge that it is from no alien hand and from no stranger to her blood that has come this glorious benefaction—but that it is the gift of the son she herself gave to the world. And finer still more moving yet is the tender thought that when he came to divide again unto humanity the rewards which his genius and his la-

LARGE DOCKET AT RECORDERS COURT

With thirty cases on docket Franklin Recorders Court convened Monday morning with Judge H. W. Perry presiding with one of the largest number of cases in the history of the court. The large number was caused however by accumulation of cases since the death of Recorder S. A. Newell, this being the first regular session of the court held since. Cases were disposed of as follows:

State vs C. F. Gibson, operating automobile intoxicated, not guilty.

State vs Bert Wilder, operating automobile intoxicated, not pros.

State vs Nat Henderson, assault with deadly weapon, pleads guilty, prayer for judgment continued upon payment of costs.

State vs Herbert Privett, larceny and receiving, not guilty.

State vs Gus Strickland, three cases growing out of an automobile accident near Leah's church on Sunday, May 13th, transferred to Superior Court because of Recorder not having jurisdiction.

State vs Ed Perry, operating automobile accident, sent up to Superior Court along with Strickland.

State vs John Day, operating automobile intoxicated, guilty, judgment suspended upon payment of costs.

State vs Jesse Boone, operating automobile intoxicated, pleads guilty, fined \$25 and costs.

The following cases were continued:

State vs Bryant King, ccw.

State vs Bryant King, public drunkenness.

State vs Bryant King, assault on female.

State vs Ernest Macon, unlawful possession of whiskey.

State vs George Hartsfield, distilling.

State vs Lonnie B. Lancaster, resisting officer.

State vs Lonnie B. Lancaster, operating automobile intoxicated.

State vs Lonnie B. Lancaster, carrying concealed weapons.

State vs Ira Mabrey, abandonment.

A number of cases were on the docket through error and were ordered off.



REV. A. J. PARKER

Chairman Board of Trustees of Louisburg College, who accepted the challenge for the Methodist of the State held out by Mr. R. H. Wright.

Contests In Most Offices Throughout the County

The Board of Elections met on Saturday and canvassed the several filings of candidates preparatory to making up the tickets for the primary to be held on June 2nd. It was found that Messrs. C. P. Harris and W. M. Person will contest for a seat in the State Senate, Messrs. G. H. Cooper and W. L. Lumpkin will oppose each other for Representatives. In the county campaign the following contests will be the order of the primary:

Sheriff—E. W. Justice and H. A. Kearney.

Judge of Recorders Court—H. W. Perry and J. L. Palmer.

Coroner—B. S. Mitchell, J. S. Finch, J. E. Collins, R. H. Layton.

For Commissioners: District No. 1—H. K. Baker, C. B. Barham, District No. 3—H. P. Speed, J. Z. Terrill, District No. 4—H. J. Harper, J. B. Sturdivant, District No. 5—T. W. Watson, W. B. Perry.

The township contests are as follows:

Sandy Creek—F. F. Hicks, K. E. Joyner, J. W. Wilson.

Cedar Rock—W. J. Boone, T. S. Gupton, George Bunn, J. J. Dean.

Cypress Creek—L. G. Turnage, E. B. Moore, R. L. Hicks.

Louisburg—J. E. Thomas, A. S. Wiggs, M. S. Beasley.

J. S. Holden having no opposition for Register of Deeds he was declared the nominee, as likewise was Col. Claude L. McGhee for Commissioner from the second district.

Township officers declared nominated were as follows: Constables—P. L. Strickland, Harris; J. B. Young, Youngsville; F. M. Ayscue and J. S. Rowland of Hayesville and O. H. Leonard, of Gold Mine. All of the above are Democrats except J. S. Rowland, who qualified as a Republican.

There was no opposition to W. A. Mullen from District No. 1 and J. H. Joyner from District No. 2, for members of the Board of Education. However, as they are not seeking a nomination, only a recommendation to the General Assembly their names will appear on their respective district tickets.

A complete Democratic ticket is being published in another column of this issue.

Mr. C. K. Cooke returned Tuesday from a trip to Washington City.



MR. ARTHUR W. MOHN

President of Louisburg College, who presented to Louisburg the biggest Annual Commencement in the history of Louisburg College, and to whose unprecedented efforts is largely due the great progress Louisburg College has made the past five years.

When his eyes had gathered together, his feet first turned towards her and at her feet his hands lay this full rich tribute of an unforgotten love and devotion."

MEMORIAL SERVICES

Franklin County Memorial Association

Sunday, May 27th, at 2:30 P. M.

Mills High School Auditorium, Louisburg, N. C.

PROGRAM

- Song—America (two verses) Audience
- Invocation Rev. E. C. Crawford
- Roll of Deceased Soldiers Mr. D. T. Dickie
- Music
- Presentation of Speaker Mr. W. L. Lumpkin
- Address Maj. Samuel P. Boddie
- Music
- and Medal Mr. James E. Malone, Jr.
- Cup and Medal Mrs. James E. Malone, Jr.
- Acceptance:
- Cup for Bunn School Mr. J. R. White
- Medal by Winner Mr. Hamilton Hobgood
- Announcement of Committees
- Song—Star Spangled Banner (one verse) Audience