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ELON COLLEGE NOTES.

Special to The Dispatch.

Elon College, N. C., Sept. 25, 1909.—The opening this year has been gratifying in many respects. There are students here from eight states and new ones arriving almost daily. The prospects are that this will be one of the most successful years in the history of the college.

President Moffitt has been very busy since the opening in looking after the local interests of the college, but he has had his eye on the larger outside interest of the institution also during this time. Last spring he began his campaign to raise a \$50,000 endowment fund for the college, the purpose being to use this money for larger and better equipments. This next week he will again enter into the campaign looking to the raising of this endowment, which is confidently expected and devoutly hoped will be raised before the year shall have passed.

The Faculty this year has been somewhat changed and strengthened. Dr. R. E. Randolph becomes Prof. of Chemistry and Modern Languages, Prof. T. C. Amick becomes Prin. Preparatory Department. Miss Bessie Upchurch head of the Department of Expression. Miss Linda Barnes assistant in piano and voice in the music department. A. L. Lincoln instructor in the business department.

Prof. N. F. Branock will spend a year in study at the Johns Hopkins University. V. C. Pritchette, who has been instructor in the Science Department for two years, resigns his position and enters the graduate department in University of N. C. where he will study Commercial Science. Prof. P. J. Kernodle is now at the Grayson Sulphur Springs, but expects soon to enter the publishing business in Richmond Va.

The new gymnasium in the Annex of West Dormitory meets a long felt need in the equipment of the institution. Gymnastic appliances will from time to time be installed until we have one of the most up-to-date gyms in these parts. The interest in athletics is at a high tension just now. The prospects for basket ball are indeed bright, all the old team having returned and among the Freshman class can be found many prospective players of promise.

Tennis, also, is being participated in with earnestness and the prospects for a good tennis team are very bright. The tennis club last year made a good showing indeed in the contest with other institutions and confidently expects to better its record this year.

The annual recital in the Department of Expression will be given on Saturday Evening Sept. 25 at 8 o'clock in the College Auditorium, by Miss Bessie Uquahart Head of this Department, who will be assisted by Misses Pitt and Barnes of the Music Department.

Items From the University.

The Alamance County Historical Club met in the Y. M. C. A. building Tuesday night, September the twenty first at seven thirty o'clock, and elected officers for the ensuing term as follows:

J. W. Lasley, President; W. L. Cooper, Vice President; S. C. Moser, Secretary Treasurer; A. C. Kimsey, Correspondent Secretary.

Mr. Joe G. Walker spent a few days recently visiting his people at Graham, he reports a good time.

Quite a large number of university students attended the Bible study institute at Gailford College last week. It must have been a success. All the boys who attended seemed to be pleased.

The chief peril of the students the past week has been clothing agents, they seem to be unlimited in number and untiring in their efforts to make a sale.

The Far Heel, the organ of the University Athletic Association has again made its appearance in an enlarged and improved form. It promises to be one of the best ever published by the association.

The Passing of Governor Johnson.

It is pleasing in this age of strenuous politics for one to be able to turn aside from politics and pay tribute to one of opposing political views, though the tribute goes to one who is cold in death. It is with great pleasure that we reproduce the following tribute to the late Governor Johnson, of Minnesota, from the Washington Herald.

"Infinite sorrow has been produced by the announcement of the death of Governor John A. Johnson, of Minnesota.

Unknown personally to the great mass of his countrymen, he nevertheless challenged their admiration by his manly, magnetic qualities and his sturdy Americanism. The story of his life contained a lesson worth studying by the youth of the land—a lesson of what may be accomplished by pluck, perseverance, honesty, and hard work, re-inforced by ability and high aims. He came from the ranks of the lowly and was, therefore, essentially one of the people. At twelve years the support of a struggling mother in a new country hewing out its destiny, he fought the battle for existence bravely and won success by deserving it.

Generations past elevated Lincoln, the wood-chopper, and Garfield, the towpath boy, to the Presidency, and furnished many cases of achievement akin to theirs, if not so striking. The present generation made this washerwoman's son the governor of a great State, and might have placed him in higher station if he had lived. Therein one finds proof that the possibilities of the past are yet a part of twentieth century life, even if the examples do appear to lessen in number as the country grows in years.

Of his public life and achievements it is enough to say that he stood steadfastly for good government and honest politics. He accomplished reforms while governor that involved an unusual degree of what the East is wont to call radicalism, but with it all displayed such an even temperament, such a level-headedness, and such a disposition to deal fairly and squarely with the affairs of State that he escaped classification with Bryan and La Follette and other statesmen working toward similar ends. It was the East's friendly attitude toward him, based upon the qualities here mentioned, that caused distrust in other quarters and undoubtedly kept him from looming larger as a Presidential quantity preceding the last national election; but it is easy enough to see now, in the light of events, that Henry Watterson was right—absolutely right—in his estimate of him as the most available and promising man his party could offer as its standard bearer.

Governor Johnson's passing is all the more pathetic because of his cheerfulness to the last. He met death as he had met the struggles of his boyhood and youth, with a smile, a stout heart, and a spirit unafraid. A more pleasing or impressive episode in national history cannot be found than the exchange of greetings and good will between the dying governor and the President of the nation on his triumphal tour—an episode revealing the human character in its most lovable form.

May the soul of the great Minnesotan forever be at peace!"

Death of Mr. John Cheek.

Greensboro Record, 23rd.

Mr. John Cheek, who has been in bad health for some time, died at his home on Railroad Avenue, near West Lee yesterday afternoon. Funeral services were conducted from the residence this afternoon, the interment being at Green Hill at four o'clock.

Deceased was a native of Alamance county, coming here years ago to work for the then R. & D. Railroad, where he remained for some years. He was a member of the city police force at one time. He was a carpenter by trade and for the past ten years has followed it. He was a genial man and had a number of warm friends who deplore his death.

FIRST WOMAN SMOKER

Mary Frith Was Likewise Some-What of Highwayman, in Her Way.

Millgate Monthly.

Mary Frith, better known as Moll Cutpurse, was a notable figure in old-time London life. She had the reputation of being the first woman to smoke tobacco in England. The length of her days is a disputed point but it seems certain that she attained the age of over three-score years and ten. It is asserted that constant smoking prolonged her life. A portrait representing her in the act of smoking forms the frontispiece of Middleton's comedy of the "Roaring Girl." She also figures in other plays of the period.

Mary was the daughter of a shoemaker living in the Barbican, and Malone gives 1584 as the date of her birth. She early took to wicked ways and became a noted "highwayman." Among her familiar friends were the notorious Capt. Hind and Richard Hannam. She was an expert swordswoman. Single handed she robbed on Hounslow Heath Gen. Fairfax of 200 gold Jacobuses, shooting him through the arm and killing two of his horses on which his servants were riding. For the offense she was committed to Newgate, but on paying the general 2,000 pounds she obtained her liberty.

At one time Mary had 3,000 pounds of her own, but by giving money on distressed cavaliers she died comparatively poor. Her death took place in July 1659, and she was laid to rest in St. Bridget's.

Of Interest to Farmers and Their Families.

A representative of the Farmers Line Department of The Southern Bell Telephone and Telegraph Company is in Burlington and will remain here several days, it being his intention to visit various sections of the country for the purpose of interesting farmers and other rural residents in the matter of installing telephones in their homes.

Under the plan of the Bell system telephone service is furnished to farmers through the toll stations and exchanges of this company at very low cost. This plan contemplates that those interested in securing telephone service will construct the line and connect with the Bell System.

The line and the telephone and other equipments are the property of the subscribers and the cost for service is very low, varying according to the number of subscribers on the line.

The value of telephone service in the country has been thoroughly demonstrated and farmers in all sections of the South are taking advantage of this modern means of communication. It saves time and enables the farmers and his family to enjoy social intercourse with neighbors and friends without the necessity of leaving home. It is also of particular advantage to merchants and business men in the town by reason of placing the country residents in reach of them at all times.

The details of the proposition will be fully explained by the representative of the Bell Company and there is every indication that he will meet with encouragement and success in this country.

Already Alamance County has over 100 Stations in connections on this propositions and many others proposed for connection during the Fall and Winter months.

Congratulations to Mr. and Mrs. Adolphus Cheek, a young stenographer for the Metropolitan Life Insurance Co., arrived Monday night. Mr. Cheek was all smiles Tuesday morning.

Now is the time to renew or subscribe to the Dispatch.

He had been a sufferer from Bright's disease for a long time, but give up his work only about two months ago.

Alamance No. 1. Items.

Mrs. Mattie Gilliam died yesterday and is to be buried today (Monday). She was about 89 years old. Uncle Alex. Walker has been right feeble. Hope he will soon be out again.

Walter H. Durham is right sick with bronchial troubles.

W. G. Matkins is in bed again, he had some thing like a fit Sunday morning.

John L. Boulden had the misfortune to have his tobacco barn and packing house with all of his tobacco to be burnt last Wednesday night, except about two hundred pounds that he had carried out and put in another barn. Brother Bouldin is a weakly man with five little children and he deserves help and the good people will help him.

The farmers are still busy harrowing and fixing wheat land. Uncle J. W. Faucett says he has a field of ten acres, known by the name of the "Hatchett field, where an old man by the name of Ned Hatchett lived in the forties and fifties. He followed the trade by making reapers or hand cradles. It was said that he made a very good reaper of the kind. In this field Rockingham and Guilford corners, and about a quarter of a mile North, Alamance and Caswell corners, on a big white oak. It seems from the quantity of scars on it every man that has passed has given it a chop. Faucett harrowed this field last week and he was in three counties in going around the field. But felt most at home when he was in the Alamance part. They say that Faucett can stand in Guilford and kill a squirrel over in Rockingham. In the edge of this field there is a lonely grave marked with a plain rock, S. W. It is a lonesome grave with all of the big vines around it. But its where some mother in Israel sleeps in a dream.

One Result of the New Tariff.

An interesting statement is found printed in that persistent opponent of the protective tariff the New York Times, which says that a big boom in low-priced American jewelry has begun, since the new tariff went into effect. Our contemporary adds: "The factories making this grade of jewelry are busier than they have been in years and in many instances, are operated night and day in order to meet the demand which is expected to increase from now until the holiday season. The new tariff makes a heavy increase in rates of duty on cheap jewelry and establishes a new classification. These changes the New York manufacturers say, will enable them to overcome the handicap caused by the difference in the cost of labor here and abroad. The rate on cheap jewelry ranges from seventy-five to eighty-five per cent, against sixty per cent, under the old law." We are further informed that heretofore these ornaments and novelties have been coming to us from France, Austria, and Germany. What better evidence could we have that the protective tariff does protect American labor and strengthen American credit?

Burlington Tobacco Market.

Mr. W. J. Martin of Winston, an old experienced tobacco buyer arrived Friday. The warehousemen and his many friends are glad to see him.

Tobacco being in good case during the latter part of last week and the ground being to wet for farmers to plough no little amount was sold. Farmers receiving a good average. Early marketed tobacco hardly brought a fair average but during the past week or two prices have increased wonderfully and at present tobacco is bringing a good average. Both of the warehouses are giving excellent service and we feel that farmers living within reach are duty bound to sell their tobacco here and patronize their home market because they will receive as much or more for their tobacco and be at less expense and trouble marketing it. We have talked with farmers who have sold tobacco elsewhere and they are all pleased with our market.

SAYINGS OF MRS. SOLOMON.

Being the Confessions of the Seven Hundredth Wife—Translated Helen Rowland.

Washington Herald.

Hear me, O daughter, for men are like unto the soup of the hotel, which appeareth in many disguises, but is all of one stock. Yea, as tomato differeth from mulligatawny, and bouillion from consomme, and consomme from bisque, so differ they in appearance and name only!

Lo! impertinence is to be snubbed and freshness shall be despised, but who is to be feared like unto a man with the "possessive" manner? He that calleth thee "Miss Smith" is stupid but he that calleth thee "Little Girl" cannot be resisted!

Behold, how he helpeth thee over puddles, even when there are none, and lifeth thee across gutters as though thou hadst been Dresden china! Mark how tenderly he wrap-peth his coat about thee and button-eth it down in front. Lo! thy gloves and thy veil he putteth in his own pockets with solicitous care lest they be to heavy for thee. He will not suffer thee to lift so much as a silk thread from the carpet! Yet, be not deceived by vain signs! For on the morrow peradventure, he shall have forgotten thy name!

Verily, verily the "possessive" manner is a cultivated thing, even as an English accent, which may be practiced until it hath become second-nature—even a habit. Yet it is pretty.

For every woman longeth to do the "clinging vine" and yearneth to be taken care of. Go! Though she weigh a hundred and seventy, yet doth she pine to be called "Little One," though her years be forty and five yet doth she thrill to be called "Girlie."

Then give the wise gallant the fruit of his labors and let his works praise him. Lo! if he is dangerous, yet is he a novelty and worth the price? Let me say of him. "What do woman see in him?" but they shall not be answered. Matrons shall invite him to dinner and their husbands shall be forced to receive him. Grandmothers shall delight in him and "small sisters" shall greet him gladly. He shall be trusted in the cozy corners, alone, with the daughter of the house, and the best hammock shall be at his disposal. Verily, verily women shall follow him all the days of his life, and at the appointed hour he shall marry a rich widow! Selah!

Alamance Public School Teachers Meeting Called.

TO THE TEACHERS OF ALAMANCE COUNTY:—GREETING—This will inform you that the white Public School Teachers of Alamance county are hereby called to meet at the Court House in Graham, at 10:00 a. m. Saturday, October 2, 1909.

This is an important meeting and every teacher and those expecting to teach are urged to be present.

Prof. J. A. Bivens, "Supervisor of Teacher Training" will be with us and deliver an address and give instructions regarding the "Reading Circle," a course of study, that every teacher is expected to take.

Other speakers are to be present and other important subjects of school work discussed by them. Do not fail to attend this meeting.

Wishing you much success in the school work. I am,

Very truly yours,
P. H. FLEMING,
County Supt. of Pub. Instruction.
Graham, N. C. Sept. 27, 1909.

John Mason, a negro recently sentenced in Gaston Superior court to five years for an attempt to commit criminal assault on a member of his own race, made a motion for a new trial which was overruled. Notice was given of an appeal to the Supreme court. The crime with which the negro is charged was committed near Lowell, in Gaston county, some time ago.

A Self-made Man.

Philadelphia Record.

Judge Lovett worked on a farm so far away from the financial center of the country as Texas. Thirty five years ago he worked as a clerk in a store in a railroad town at \$10 a month and his board. He became station agent in that unimportant village. Then he was a clerk in a freight office at \$40, studied law, succeeded in his practice, and especially in the legal business of railroads.

Perhaps not all men attain success who deserve it, but persons who have reason to know tell us that it is not easy to find men capable of holding important positions in business management. Lovett may have had some luck. There may be still in the freight office in Houston some clerk of equal capacity who did not have a chance, or thinks he did not. But Lovett studied law while earning his living as a clerk. He prized open a second door to success. A man now dead, who had attained the presidency of the New York Central Railroad, stuck to his clerkship in the freight office and landed in a position of great honor and emolument. Perhaps a third clerk was equally competent, but did not get ahead. The chances are, however, that he lacked push rather than opportunity. Success is generally deserved, and most of those who deserve it attain it.

R. F. D. No. 5.

J. D. Pritchett, and Miss Ava Rogers attended services at Union Ridge Sunday.

Mrs. J. Walter Johnson has the sympathy of her many friends in the death of her mother, which occurred last Friday at her home near Graham.

Quite a number our people attended the Presbyterian at Cross Roads last week report a pleasant time. Miss Daisy Wyatt is spending several weeks with her grandfather, L. W. Johnston.

Rev. Y. I. Chandler of Caswell spent Saturday night and Sunday his son John Chandler.

W. L. Anderson and sister Miss Mamie spent Saturday and Sunday at their home returning to Elon College and Burlington Sunday to their schools.

R. F. D. No. 1.

Miss Minnie Montgomery of Gibsonville spent Saturday night and Sunday at home on No. 1.

Misses Minnie and Mary Lee Coble spent Sunday visiting Miss Vida Isley of No. 10.

Mrs. Dr. Crouse and family have moved back to No. 1.

Mrs. L. J. Brambler of Greensboro who have been spending some time on No. 1, returned home Saturday.

Miss Mertle Nicholson left since our last writing for Greensboro where she will enter school at the Normal.

Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Cheek and son Ernest went to Greensboro last Thursday at attend Mr. Cheek's brothers funeral.

T. M. Sharp left last week for Raleigh to enter the school for the blind.

Thanks to Little Enla and Viola Isley for scuppernongs, Georgia Isley beans, roasting ears, apples and molasses.

F. J. Brower, who lives at Wilmington, a railway flagman, aged 20 years met with a serious accident at Lake Waccamaw, which resulted in the loss of an arm. Brower was riding on the cow-catcher. The train stopped suddenly and he was thrown from the position, getting his arm terribly mangled, necessitating amputation.

There was a hot time at the meeting at the colored lodge building in Fayetteville last Tuesday night. Some one turned off the light and began to shoot up the building. The crowd became panic-stricken—men shouted and women screamed and rushed to the street. One woman had her face scorched by the fire from the pistol.