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DIGGING PANAMA CANAL MUST HAVE BEEN EASY

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communication trenches, sapheads and advance trenches were begun.

Dirt flew for an hour and a half and when Panker's bugle "busted" about six, everybody was ready to quit—some were ready before that time.

Everyone had blisters. One man was counting his "Love me, love me not, love me, etc."—was the way he went about it. And when the dust of the departing battalion had settled somewhat, it was discovered that quite a dent had been made in the ground.

The battalion and national colors have arrived, and the ceremony of presentation will take place in two weeks—chance for some co-ed to shine. As soon as the trenches are completed, barbed-wire entanglements and other obstructions will be put up. This will be followed by practice in bombing, attacking and defending trenches, and in rifle practice.

The drum corps and band are increasingly vociferous, and promise even more noise. The awkward squad is growing smaller and smaller, and it seems that it may melt away altogether before long.

The Signal Corps is working on the Morse International Code, learning to wig-wag and send shutter and light signals.

Pacifists never hear any good of themselves.

The more waste the less feed.

Take care of the flag and the war will take care of itself.

The proof of the fighting is the retreating.

Too many crooks spoil the war. German communications corrupt good manners.

He who runs and fights a way, May live to fight another day.

Di Debates R. R. Question

"Resolved, That all Railroads Engaged in Interstate Commerce Should be Operated by Companies Incorporated by the Federal Government," was the query of the debate in the Di Society last week. The affirmative was represented by Messrs. R. E. Price and F. D. Bell, the negative, by Messrs. Ralph Williams and F. T. Thompson. R. E. Price made the best speech, and F. D. Bell received honorable mention.

The orators were W. E. Price, whose subject was, "Why we should aid the Y. M. C. A. war work campaign," and J. J. Rhyne, who spoke on "The possibilities of permanent peace being established after the close of the war."

The Freshman Debate in the Di Society will take place on Saturday, December 8. The query is, Resolved, That it Would be for the Best Interests of all North Carolina Towns and Cities having a Population of 5,000 or More Inhabitants to Adopt the Commission Form of Government." The affirmative preliminaries for this debate will be held on November 12, the negative preliminaries, on November 13.

He strafes best who strafes last.

Never put off till to-morrow what you can't fire to-night.

Conscience makes patriots of us all.

Ye cannot serve war and mamma.

Where there's a war there's a way.

Bill Jones (approaching Fresh as he gets from Cadillac)—"Say, mister, how about joining our pressing club?"

Fresh—"Sure! When do we meet?"

ADVOCATES CHANGE IN COUNTY GOVERNMENT

Judge Gilbert T. Stephenson, of Winston-Salem, speaking on County Officers and Court House Customs before the North Carolina Club Monday night advocated many reforms in North Carolina system of county government. He suggested that the use of the short ballot, the abolition of the office of county treasurer, the creation of auditor for every county, and the placing of all county officers on a salary basis.

Dr. Branson presided at the meeting and made the roll-call by counties. As chairman of the steering committee, he reported that work would soon begin on the laboratory courses of home county studies. Albert Coates, president of the club, introduced the speaker "as a lawyer, a judge, and a man interested in public affairs."

Judge Stephenson said that the crying need in county reform in North Carolina was the institution of the short ballot. He stated that in more than one county in North Carolina over 150 names had appeared on the ballot and that the majority of the voters paid no attention to the individual names but voted the straight ticket.

Judge Stephenson advocated the abolition of the office of county treasurer and the creation of the office of auditor. He said that an annual audit of all county books should be made for the protection of the county officers if for no other reason. He declared that it was more business-like and that all county business could be carried on with less red-tape.

"That all county officers should be put on a salary basis" was the final reform urged by the speaker. He said that under the present system of fees it was impossible to tell what a certain office paid. He cited the instance of a register of deeds recording papers free for the members of his own political party and charging those of the opposite party. This would be impossible under the salary system, for he would have to collect the fees for all work done. Judge Stephenson said that Wake county saved \$12,000 a year on the salary basis and Forsyth county had saved \$75,000 within the last ten years.

MEN REPORT FOR WORK ON INFORMAL VARSITY

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All the men are showing signs of development. A few new men have reported, but the shortage of men still continues, hampering the efforts of the coaches, and causing little scrimmaging.

With some excellent exhibitions of fast tennis the first half of the Varsity Tennis Tournament closed this week. The first place on the team was won by Hugh W. Prince, of Dunn, N. C., when he defeated H. V. Wilson, Jr., in the finals in three fast sets, 3-6, 6-4, and 7-5. Wilson gained second place by defeating in turn all of the men whom Prince had beaten. The other two places on the team are still being fought for by the runners-up, and another week ought to show forth the winners. All four men of the team will be secured from this tournament.

A new plan in regard to challenging is soon to be presented to the Athletic Council for their approval. Under the proposed plan any man may challenge any one of the four men on the varsity team once, provided that the men comprising the varsity team con-

sider the challenger to be a player of sufficiently promising varsity caliber.

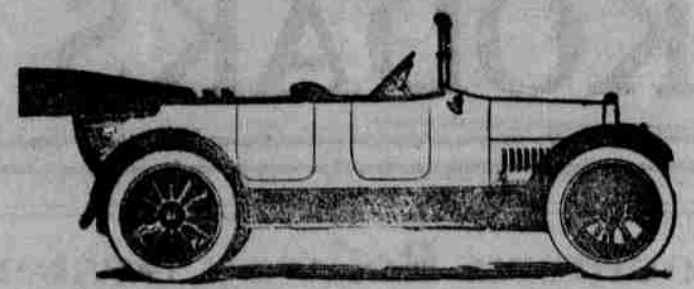
A tennis manager will be selected from the team. Virginia has already written asking for a match in Charlottesville sometime early in November, offering all expenses and entertainment for a team of four men. Match tournaments with A. & E., Trinity, and other state colleges are also expected this fall, and a heavier schedule in the spring.

Steady improvement in teamwork and accuracy is noticeable in the basketball squad since short passes, short-effective shooting, and accuracy in the handling of the ball have been emphasized by the coaches. The weeding out of the sensational high school style of play—long passes, spectacular shots, ineffective teamwork—is being carried on vigorously, and real teamwork is being substituted for it.

The new hour of practice—6:00 to 7:30 every evening—has brought out more new men. The squad now numbers over 25, all out for hard work and expecting to get it. There are very few new guards out, but there is much good material for the forward positions. At center Perry, of last year's subs, and Liipfert are showing up well; at forward, Hodges, Cuthbertson, and Lynch, old men, and Carmichael, Dowd, and Corpening are going good; while at guard, Gwynn, Farrington, Andrews, Persons, and Morris are foremost in the fight.

On an English class the other day a co-ed expressed this instructive aphorism—"Tragedies end with death—Comedies with marriage." How true this is in time of war, when the married men are exempted.

Moral: Get married!



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HIGH SCHOOL QUERY

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compulsory arbitration of industrial disputes.

Winner of Aycock Memorial Cup, 1913: Pleasant Garden High School.

Winner of Aycock Memorial Cup, 1914: Winston-Salem High School.

Winner of Aycock Memorial Cup, 1915: Wilson High School.

Winner of Aycock Memorial Cup, 1916: Graham High School.

Winner of Aycock Memorial Cup, 1917: Waynesville High School.

Robert F. Phillips, who has recently returned to the University, was initiated into Sigma Chi last Monday night.

Fresh (in Chem. Bldg. basement)—"Pardon me, ma'am, but is this the place that you get hydraulic acid?"