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Reunion of Class of 1862 Was Feature of University's Finals

(Extract from Editor's Correspondence to the News & Observer.)

Chapel Hill, June 15.—There is one outstanding event of every college commencement, if it is really worth while, aside from the orations and regular program and plans of the trustees. Like everything else that holds its own, it must have the personal touch. The event of this commencement, that attracted old and young alike who had the good fortune to be there, was the reunion of the class of 1862. They were stirring days—the most tense and compelling this old State has seen. The story of members of that class who made the supreme sacrifice is told on the tablet in Memorial Hall in whose honor that splendid building was erected. Few remain or that company of brilliant youth, who went forth from these halls all of them to grim duty and some of them to death.

The class of 1862 had only three representatives here—Maj. Thomas S. Webb, of Knoxville, Tenn., better known as Maj. "Shep" Webb; Elder Sylvester Hassell, of Williamston, and Mr. Wiley Fort, of Pikeville. With them on the platform were Prof. W. K. Webb, founder of Bellbuckle School Tennessee and Maj. "Shep" Webb's cousin, Sam Webb, of Orange, and Alexander S. Webb, of Warren Plains, Warren county. It was a fine sight to see these four Webbs, long separated, together and having a family reunion along with the big alumni reunion of the University. Maj. "Shep" Webb, who goes on with his brothers and cousins to Richmond to the Confederate reunion, has had an Enoch Arden sort of life minus the marriage end. Shortly after he left the University and went into the Confederate army and rose to the rank of major. The war over, he settled in the west and did not come back to North Carolina for many years. When Memorial Hall was erected an attempt was made to secure a correct list of all the University men who gave their lives in the great struggle. It was reported that Maj. "Shep" Webb had been killed and his name was placed on the tablet in the honor roll of the University's heroes who made the supreme sacrifice. After being officially declared dead for half a century it was discovered in 1911 that he was very much alive and the University then gave him the diploma which he did not wait to get when the war call came.

It isn't often that a man, declared officially dead, stands here upon the platform and shows that he much alive as Maj. "Shep" Webb did Tuesday morning. His brief address—(for though it has been sixty years since he was a student here he has not been out of college long enough to make a fool of himself)—was delightful, interesting and natural. The young boys warmed up to him. He was accompanied by his charming daughter who was adopted as the daughter of the class of 1862.

I heard a good story about Major Webb and his second marriage that is almost as interesting as the fact that he returned here in the flesh after his name had been carved on the stone as killed in battle. It ran this way: Quite a number of years ago, when the Regents of Mount Vernon had to practice close economy at one of their meetings it was suggested that the Regents should buy a fine cow for Mount Vernon. The funds in the treasury were low and one of the Regents said she felt sure that some prosperous farmer would be glad to donate a cow. The other Regents asked her to find the patriot who would make the gift. She agreed. The upshot of it was that Major Webb was the patriot and, as the result of the correspondence and negotiations Maj. "Shep" Webb and the Regent were married. It isn't often that a courtship begins in that way, but it resulted, so my informant told me, in a very happy marriage. If there are any Regents of Mount Vernon, who are minus a husband, and who are minded to annex Maj. "Shep" Webb is printed here as showing the way to matrimony. If any should follow the example of the Regent, who started out after a cow for Mount Vernon and landed a husband for herself, is as lucky as the Regent who married Major Webb, she will thank me for this delicate suggestion. I always did have a desire to make easy the path to matrimony, and have had some experience in making marriages which turned out so well that I feel capable as qualifying as an expert in that direction.

The biggest men who came to Chapel Hill this week were not the distinguished orator, the learned and

CO-OP'S DRIVE FOR NEW MEMBERS NEARING END

With only a few days left in which to sign up this year's crop with the marketing association, tobacco growers of South Carolina are rapidly joining the great Tri-State Cooperative. The meeting of association warehousemen from 38 marketing points of the South Carolina belt last week will be followed next week by the most extensive drive which has reached tobacco growers of the Palmetto State.

Coming all the way from Kentucky leaders of the Burley Tobacco Growers Association will tell the same message of successful cooperation which resulted recently in bringing thousands of new contracts from Eastern Carolina growers to Raleigh headquarters of the association.

The three Vice Presidents of the Tobacco Growers Association, J. Y. Joyner of North Carolina, Joseph M. Hurt of Virginia and Bright Williamson of South Carolina, officials of Extension Divisions from several states, veteran leaders of the greatest Cooperative in America representing various types of tobacco will take part in this mammoth drive.

"We are ready!" said T. C. Watkins, jr., Director of Warehouses when asked whether the 38 warehouses of the association would be prepared to receive the tobacco of South Carolina growers in the near future.

At the Directors meeting in Raleigh this week the 22 tobacco farmers on the board will complete all details of their plan for receiving the crop of South Carolina in the near future.

From recent announcements of the Leaf and Warehouse Departments the Association will not only give its members unexcelled service in warehousing and grading, but according to Oliver J. Sands, Executive Manager of the Association, millions of dollars have been assured the Association to meet the first payments to South Carolina growers upon delivery of their tobacco.

During the past week, Mr. Sands addressed the bankers of South Carolina at their annual meeting, while T. C. Watkins, director of warehouses and C. B. Cheatham, assistant general manager of the Leaf Department addressed the warehousemen in charge of the 38 warehousing centers of the Association in the South Carolina Belt, and Judge Robert Bingham of the Burley Tobacco Growers has taken the field in the successful campaign for a sign-up of the Dark Tobacco in Kentucky.

able Senator Carter Glass or the able ex-Secretary of the Treasury David Franklin Houston, or any other "in" or "out" public functionary who have devoted most of their long lives to teaching the youth—Sylvester Hassell of Williamston, and William R. Webb, of Bellbuckle, Tenn. The first was my own preceptor and all that I learned in Latin and English was under his instruction. If a better ever lived I have never known him. Ripe scholar, widely read and deeply religious, every student left his school with a respect and admiration and regard which ripened with the passing years. He lived the life of the man without guile and led youths into appreciation of the eternal things as he enjoyed their excursions into Virgil and the other classics. As he stood today, as straight as an Indian, for long before scholars took up golf he believed and practiced exercise for physical culture, and delivered a brief and impressive address, my mind went back to my boyhood days in the Wilson Collegiate Institute when as a young teacher he could outrun any boy in his school and was quite as much concerned that his students had faith in God as knowledge of books. He illustrated the beauties and strength of both learning and religion. As the years passed he was drawn more and more into the pulpit, and some years ago gave up teaching to give his time to preaching the gospel and editing a religious journal. To have been under his tutelage was a benediction to any youth.

William R. Webb, who was born on a farm in Person county, taught awhile in the University and at Horner's after he came back here from the war in 1866. He then moved to Tennessee where he established the famous Bellbuckle School. He is the Thomas Arnold of the South of this generation. Horner and Bingham and Webb—they are

JUNE TERM OF COURT CONVENED YESTERDAY

The June term of the Superior Court convened Monday at 10 o'clock with Judge Loyd Horton presiding and Solicitor R. G. Allbrooks prosecuting.

The following members of the jury were drawn to serve as grand jurors: T. H. Johnson, foreman; W. J. Harris; N. F. Brown; Eli Williams; F. L. Haislip; L. G. Taylor; J. L. Coltraine; Jesse A. Leggett; J. M. Hopewell; L. M. Brown; C. L. Daniel; Andrew Waters, T. C. Cooke; L. R. Nicholson; N. K. Harrison; Wheeler Kogerson and P. H. Brown.

The following served as petit jurors: Jno. A. Lilley; David A. Ausbo; Arnold C. Brown; W. R. Jenkins; Geo. D. Gurganus; W. H. Britton; Jno. H. Wymre; Claude Rawls; Kinchin Hardison; Thos. Koebuck; ar.; R. S. Cochran; Fred A. Taylor; John D. Digg; Albert Rogerson; Claude Roberson; J. T. Davis and H. S. Gardner.

The following cases were disposed of:

State vs John Sexton and John Williams. Found guilty of simple assault. Williams fined \$50.00. Sexton fined \$20.00 and charged with one-half the costs.

State vs Joseph Martin, cruelly to animals. Nol provs.

State vs H. F. Badger. Called and failed. Judgment nisi. State vs Charles Carraway, seduction. Defendant plead guilty. Prayer for judgment. Prayer continued upon the payment of the cost of action, and the defendant paying into the court the sum of \$225.00 for the use of the prosecuting witnesses.

200 PLACES IN TRAINING CAMPS YET TO BE FILLED BY N. C. BOYS

Out of 502 places allotted to North Carolina for boys who might desire training in the Citizens' camps to be held this summer, 200 vacancies are yet to be filled and it is hoped that all who desire to take advantage of this opportunity to get a fine vacation with plenty of time for sports of all kinds with military instruction will send their application blanks without delay since North Carolina is now at the bottom of the list in the Fourth Corps Area and if the boys of her state do not respond in the next ten days their places will be filled by young men from South Carolina, Alabama, Georgia and Florida where a great many more have applied for admission to the Camps than can be sent from these states under the present arrangement.

Governors, Women's Clubs, University Presidents, Rotarians and other prominent civilians and organizations have endorsed the work and the idea throughout the Fourth Corps Area and parents whose boys attended last year were pleased not only because of the training which was given the boys in these camps but also because of the great physical and mental benefits received.

The camps will be held this summer at Camp McClellan, near Anniston, Alabama, and Fort Barrancas near Pensacola, Florida, July 27 to August 26.

An boy who is interested can get detailed information and application blanks from, Major, R. S. Lytle, Recruiting Adjutant, Headquarters, 4th Corps Area, Fort McPherson, Ga.

He—"A man lives in that house who has been married 15 years and spends all his evenings at home."
She—"Ah, surely that's true love."
He—"No; it's paralysis."

the three upstanding and great figures of their day in preparing boys for college and for life. They were not above using the rod if occasion demanded in a generation when the Solomon admonition was still held as applicable. Mr. Webb and his son continue Bellbuckle School and now he is growing old, Mr. Webb has the happiness of seeing everywhere the boys he taught hold high station and leading in good and great things in their communities. He made the best speech at the alumni dinner—full of the wisdom of ripened years and the tolerance and glory of one who grows old gracefully.

I remember very well when he came to Washington, appointed by the Governor of Tennessee, to fill an unexpired term in the United States Senate. If my memory does not mislead me, he made only one speech, but there was much wisdom and true philosophy, the philosophy born of faith in man and faith in God, which he sought to make the rule in public as in private life. Venerable years, with the spirit of loving this world and a conscious nearness to the next—that is the benediction which age brings to youth. J. D.

Local News and Personal Mention

Mr. Wheeler Martin motored to Durham yesterday on a business trip.

Mr. J. C. Crisp of Robersonville was in town yesterday.

Miss Eva Peel left this morning for Chapel Hill where she will attend the University Summer School.

Mr. and Mrs. G. H. Harrison motored to Richland to visit Mrs. Harrison's Mother, Mrs. Murrill for the week-end.

Mr. and Mrs. Chas. Mobley, Miss Sylvia Upton and Mr. Cortez Green went to Washington yesterday to bring Mrs. Deleha Green home from the Washington Hospital where she underwent a minor operation.

Miss Ethel Griffin left this morning for Chapel Hill to enter the summer school at the University.

Judge J. C. Smith of Robersonville was in town yesterday attending court.

Miss Olive Braswell of Rocky Mt. who has been nursing Mr. Whitaker Monday for her home in Rocky Mount.

Engineer Bradley of the Southern Willite Paving Co. spent Sunday in Washington.

Messrs. James C. and W. C. Manning, Jr. spent Sunday in town.

Solicitor R. G. Allbrooks of Tarboro and Judge Loyd Horton of Farmville are the guests of the Atlantic Hotel while they are here attending the June term of the Superior Court.

Messrs. H. A. Cullipher, Claud Roberson, M. R. Taylor, Jesse Coltraine were in town yesterday.

Mrs. A. W. Brown, Miss Daisy Wynne, Mrs. Z. H. Rose and sons, Tom and Hardy, jr. and Mr. John Hadley motored to Rae's Beach Sunday.

Mrs. K. B. Crawford spent Saturday night in town and returned to Washington Sunday morning to be with Asa. Asa's friends will be very glad to learn that he is holding his own so well, and his condition has improved so much since his last operation.

Dr. Wm. E. Warren left Monday for Norfolk on a business trip.

Miss Anna Crawford returned Saturday night from Washington where she has been for the past week with her nephew, Asa Crawford, jr.

Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Ausbon and Miss Annie Ange of Plymouth were in town Monday for a short while.

Mr. and Mrs. Asa T. Crawford and Miss Frances Williams were the guests of Capt. and Mrs. Tilghman at their cottage at Willoughby Beach last week and this week they are spending at Virginia Beach.

Mr. and Mrs. W. W. Griffin were in town Monday shopping.

Mrs. James Roberson and sons, Warren and William of Norfolk are the guests of Mr. and Mrs. J. J. Andrews in New Town.

Miss Eleanor Belk will return to Tarboro this week after visiting her aunt, Mrs. Anna Harrison.

Mr. J. B. Lawley of the Tobacco Growers Association is in town this week.

Miss Jewel Burnett is the guest of Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Manning while Mrs. B. A. Critcher is away.

Miss Martha Slade Hassell has accepted a position as stenographer with Dunning and Moore, attorneys.

Miss Carrie Dell White will be the guest of Mr. and Mrs. Louis Bennett while Rev. and Mrs. A. V. Joyner are away.

Mr. W. T. Hunter is at home after an extended stay in Florida.

Miss Fannie Myrt Williams left this morning for Chapel Hill.

Messrs. Raleigh Manning, and R. O. Martin of Jamesville were in town yesterday.

Mr. Arthur Anderson and daughter, Miss Martha Louise left this morning for Suffolk and from there they will go to Norfolk where they will be guests

11 CONFEDERATE VETS FROM HERE AT REUNION

Monday morning eleven members of the faded grey line of the once great host of the Southern Army left Martin County for the reunion in Richmond. They were A. B. Watters of Dardens; W. H. Danet of Jamesville; C. B. Harrison, James B. Waters, Noah Jackson of Williamston, James A. Britton, Zeph Howel, David F. Roberson and Simon Everett of Robersonville; John Nelson of Parmele, and John H. Rawls of Hassel.

Among those taking the train at Williamston were J. B. Watters, now 82 years old. Mr. Watters was a member of the 41st Regiment, Third Cavalry Confederate Army. C. B. Harrison now 79 years old was a member of Company A, seventeenth North Carolina Regulars. W. H. Danet who will be 75 years old very soon. He was a member of Company K First North Carolina Junior reserves.

Noah Jackson now 88 and nearing his 89 birth day. He was in the 40th Regular North Carolina heavy artillery. Mr. Jackson will be the oldest Martin County Veteran, and there will be few older than he who will attend the reunion. Mr. Daniel who likes a week of being 75 will be the youngest from Martin County and about as young as will be found at the Reunion. The War having been ended more than 57 years makes all those who were engaged in it old men and even those who are old enough to remember it are growing old.

The tickets for all those attending were paid for by the county, the cost being \$34.34 for the eleven return tickets, which is only a cost of \$3.14 for each man. Such a plan makes it possible for the old soldiers to visit their old battle grounds and meet old comrades once more before the bugle calls the final march for the old soldier to lay down their armor and cross the Jordan of Death.

THE LESSON OF HISTORY

For a half century we have tried to get rich raising cotton and tobacco and buying supplies with cotton and tobacco money, and we have tried it long enough to know that it cannot be done—that as a matter of fact it has not been done by any county in the state. We lead the South in the per-acre production of cotton and tobacco values and we stand ahead of thirty-eight states in the per acre production of gross crop values, all crops counted. But in the per-worker production of crop wealth thirty-one states make a better showing and only seven states are poorer in the per capita accumulation of wealth in farm properties—farm lands and buildings, livestock, farm implements and the like.

Near the top in farm wealth production and near the bottom in farm-wealth retention—that's history in North Carolina.

When a farm people are worth less than \$684 per capita after two hundred and fifty years of history, it is high time they were doing some first class thinking. And it's high time merchants and bankers were helping them to think the problem clear thru to the end and to think straight.

No city can safely live to itself alone. In sheer self-defence it must take generous thought of the country side that supports it. That city is richest whose trade territory is richest.

of the Monticello Hotel for a few days.

Messrs. W. H. Gurkin and S. Collins Peel motored to Greenville Sunday.

Rev. A. V. Joyner and children, Miss Rena Forest and Raymond left yesterday for Wake Forest to spend some time. While Mr. Joyner is away he will join Mrs. Joyner and they will go to the mountains of Western Carolina. Rev. Joyner will return to his pastorate here for the services on the second Sunday in July.

Mrs. J. P. Boyle of Hamilton spent last week here as the guest of Mrs. J. H. Saunders.

Mrs. Joe Bennett returned to her home in Welch, West Virginia last Saturday.

Mr. H. M. Stubbs attended the Elks Convention in Durham last week.

Miss Vella Andrews for Chapel Hill today to attend summer school.

Messrs. Andrew Clark and J. T. Barnhill of Everett were in town yesterday.

Mr. J. E. Moore, deputy tax collector was in town yesterday.

Messrs. Eva and Carrie Lee Peel and Messrs. R. J. Peel, Marshall Wilson and W. C. Manning attended church in Everett Sunday.

GOVERNMENT'S SAVING SECURITIES POPULAR

Postmaster Jesse T. Price of the Williamston post office says that the sustained popularity of Government Savings securities in the Fifth Federal Reserve District is indicated by a report just received from Howard T. Cree, government director of savings for the district. According to the director, the people of this district invested in nearly three-fourths of a million dollars worth of Treasury Savings Certificates during the month of May. The exact figures reported from 100 hundred and sixteen post offices and in the Federal Reserve Bank of Richmond are \$7,856,413. This is a highly favorable contrast with the receipts from the sale of savings securities in May, 1921, which were only \$101,298.

The amount of these certificates sold in May in each state is as follows: Virginia \$1,592,375; West Virginia \$153,625; North Carolina \$122,625; District of Columbia \$112,625; Maryland \$88,983; South Carolina \$27,425. In addition there were sold through the Federal Reserve Bank of Richmond \$104,525, making a grand total of \$718,683.

"This sum of nearly three-fourths of a million dollars," said the postmaster, "will mature and may be collected in May 1927, and the original investment will increase 25 per cent in the five years. This is an exhibition of financial wisdom, which should be imitated by thousands of others who in vain hope of getting rich quick, put their savings in schemes of questionable character, when there is no certainty of either principal or interest. It is better to be sure than sorry."

MR. J. H. HOPKINS OF OAK CITY DISAPPEARS

Mr. J. H. Hopkins left his home in Oak City last Thursday at 2 o'clock for a fishing trip. He frequently engaged in this sport, but this time he went away alone stating that he was going to join a fishing party at the camp which is about eight miles below Burnell's landing.

On Friday afternoon the friends at the camp reported that he had not arrived and sent a boat up the river in search of him. His boat was found about eight miles below the landing drifting down the river with his gun some shells and his coat in the boat. His car was found standing at the landing and no other trace of him could be found. At first it was generally believed by the people of that community that he was drowned as he was not a good swimmer and was afraid of the river. But it has been morning on the Norfolk train, this report has later been verified, yet it cannot be understood why he should wish to disappear mysteriously, as the best of relationships existed in his home and in his business, and no motive for anything mysterious is apparent.

Mr. Hopkins is 28 years old and was formerly an agent in the A. C. L. R. R. service, but a few years ago he married a daughter of Mrs. H. K. Harrell and went into the mercantile business in Oak City.

READIN', RITIN', AND ROUND DANCES

Ye olden time editor remembreth, with painful recollection, discipline administered by both teacher and parent on ye same spot, because, forsooth, ye editor indulged in ribald dance, to wit, "Ye olde Virginia Reel," in ye little olde district schoolhouse, at the nooning hour and during absence of ye teacher. And now ye gods and little fishes here are some little Californian Children being expelled from school for refusal to join in the "Aes of Diamonds, Minuet, Polka," and other dances equivalent to the "Fox Trot," and qualifying the children to graduate to any modern dance floor, the dancing having been made a part of the curriculum by the school board. The appellate courts sustained the children in their refusal of the high jass education.

Two old salts who had spent most of their lives on fishing smacks, were arguing about mathematics. Finally, the captain of the ship proposed a problem. "If you sold 125 pounds of codfish at 6 cent a pound," he said, "how much would you make?" Both men worked a while with pencils and paper, but neither seemed to get very far. At last old Bill turned to the Captain. "Is it codfish they caught?" he demanded. "Yep" replied the captain. "No wonder I couldn't get an answer!" exclaimed Bill in disgust. "I've been figuring on shad all the time."

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STATE FAIR TO BE BIGGER THAN EVER

Raleigh, June 19.—One of the many new and attractive features of the state fair this year will be the display of flowering plants, shrubs and cut flowers in Floral Hall and in beds outside this building in October. The florists of North Carolina will have charge of this display. They have already made arrangements with the fair association to put this flower show in October.

The florists of the North Carolina Florists Associations have appointed committees to work out the details of this display of cut flowers, shrubs, bulb plants, and all varieties of flowering plants which bloom in the fall. The building just directly in front of the entrance to the fair grounds will be a place of floral beauty by the time the fair opens. A number of florists have already sent down a large number of bulbs and plants with directions for planting them. In addition to the borders and beds which will be arranged along both sides of the entrance to Floral Hall, some of the florists of the state have arranged to plant flowers along the entrances to the Woman's Building.

Ultimately the fair association hopes to make the fair grounds one of the beauty spots of the state. Flowering plants of all kinds which bloom or reach their maturity in the fall will be bedded at many places in the fair grounds, in accordance with plans that will be made by a landscape gardener. Mrs. Edith Vanderbilt, president of the fair this year, is very much interested in the phase of a substantial beginning along the development of the fair grounds. Lines will be shown in the displays of the North Carolina florists next October.

The floral display will be in the octagonal domed part of Floral Hall, which this year will justify its name with one of the finest collections of North Carolina grown flowers ever exhibited in the state. There will be eight booths around the walls and the center space will also be available for displays. The florists are making arrangements for a demonstration of the work of the Florist Telegraphic Delivery Association, an international organization of florists through which deliveries of flowers can be made to any part of the United States and Canada by use of the telegraph wires. Final arrangements for this display will be made when the Florists Association meets in Raleigh in July.

WILLIAM JOSEPH WHITAKER

William Joseph Whitaker died at his home on Smithwick Street Sunday at 3:30 P. M. He had been sick for about two weeks with pneumonia and brights disease.

Mr. Whitaker was born near Williamston, the son of Stanley Whitaker and Jane Perry Whitaker. His father was killed in the Civil War and his mother was drowned in the Roanoke River when Mr. Whitaker was very young. Mrs. Whitaker with three infant children were rowing down the river, and she accidentally fell out of the boat and was drowned just below Concho. The three children drifted on down the river and were found near Williamston. Soon after this his grandfather, Elder William Whitaker died and this placed him out in the world alone.

In early life he made two important resolutions; they were to always be honest and truthful, and to those he always shared closely. He never openly accepted Christ, but he always had the greatest reverence for Christianity. He was married to Miss Ellen Boyette when he was a young man and they lived near here until her death several years ago, and since that time he has lived here at his home with Mr. H. W. Stubbs.

Mr. Whitaker was a faithful member of the Masonic Order, he being a member of Skewakee Lodge, a member of the Chapter Commandery and a Shriner. He took both the York and Scottish Rite work. He was always a close friend of the Oxford Orphanage, and the children there. The circumstances surrounding his own life possibly warmed his heart toward the orphan child, and it is understood that the principal part of his property is to go to the Oxford Orphanage, and he could not have selected any institution for charity that is more deserving than a home for motherless and fatherless children.

He was buried yesterday in the Baptist Cemetery with full Masonic Honors in the presence of a host of friends.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Faulkner of Rocky Mount are here spending some time with Mrs. Faulkner's parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Hight on Main Street.

more of June after this issue