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ADULT MALE ILLITERACY

THE GRAHAM MEMORIAL

University trustees have decided to begin work at once on the Graham Memorial, which is to be a building dedicated to the memory of the late president of the University and to the service of the citizens of the campus at Chapel Hill.

It is probable that not sufficient money is in hand to carry the work through to completion, but that matters little. The money will be forthcoming and the trustees may go ahead confidently. Hardly a subscriber of the entire number who have underwritten or paid into the hands of the treasurer any part of the memorial fund but stands ready to double his subscription. The only reason that hundreds did not contribute more is that they wanted to share with others this tribute to the spirit of a man who spent himself so freely in the service of his state.

No drive will be needed, gentlemen of the board of trustees, if you find that the money and the building will not come out even. If more is required to put into brick and mortar something of their love for him and pride in the spiritual impetus which he gave the oldest of the state's educational institutions, let those who have contributed know and they'll be glad to give again.

For no man who came under the influence of Ed Graham, his gentle tolerance, broad sympathy, and understanding helpfulness, fails to realize his debt and to realize, also, that the memorial building, to be used by the students of the University for development of friendly gregariousness, is in character, a thing that can seldom be said of memorials.—Raleigh Times.

NEEDS IT BADLY

Governor Morrison's ambition to overhaul the system of county government in North Carolina is one of the most important developments in the policy of a Governor who, from his first day in office, has expressed concern for the restoration of life in local units of government. Government is largely a matter of business, and yet State Auditor Durham testifies that few counties know their financial condition. Many cannot state the amount of their bonded indebtedness, who holds the bonds, when they are due, when the interest is to be paid and where the sinking fund is, for some portions of bonded indebtedness. Auditor Durham admits that there are some business enterprises conducted as public business is, but he comments that "their names are carved deep in the records of bankruptcy and some of their officers and directors are doing time."

Governor Morrison has started out to end not dishonesty but inefficiency; the wrong-doing of county officials is negligible in this problem. A beginning has been made through the statutes which require proper reports of county affairs to the State Auditor and adequate systems of accounting where the latter have not yet been adopted. Today county commissioners are responsible for the handling of funds aggregating the sums once expended by state governments. Not only system but officials of business ability and training are absolutely essential for the proper administration of county affairs. Governor Morrison's commission, to be appointed for a thorough survey of county government, will have opportunity to do a great service for the state.—Asheville Citizen.

A UNIVERSITY HOTEL

The announcement that there is to be erected a large and modern hotel at Chapel Hill will be received with interest and pleasure by thousands of people not only in North Carolina but throughout the nation. It has long been realized that one of the serious handicaps of the university town has been the lack of accommodations for the hundreds of visitors who annually make pilgrimages to the state university. Hundreds avoid going there because of the lack of facilities for entertainment. Alumni passing through this section of the state would visit there oftener if they had some place to stay. But with a modern hotel, the university will become a Mecca for many old Carolina men who would

not otherwise risk a visit to their alma mater. It will also afford a place for banquets and meetings of committees, classes, and organizations more or less related to the work of the university.

The hotel will be another thing which, we believe, directly can be credited to the activity of the Durham chapter of the University Alumni association. At the last annual meeting of the local chapter, steps were taken to provide for a hotel at the university town. The alumni had had the matter up before, and had been busy creating sentiment for it. At the last meeting, if we remember rightly, the matter came up again and it was decided that something should be done.

John Sprunt Hill's Gift

It was entirely fitting, therefore, that a Durham man, an alumnus of the university, should come forward with a gift of land and money amounting to approximately \$40,000 for a hotel. We doubt if there is any one man in the state who in the same length of time has done more for the university than John Sprunt Hill. He sees things that are needed at the university, and when he sees them he goes about getting them, and he usually finds a way or makes one to get them. He realized the need for a hotel at Chapel Hill, and not only realized it, but was willing to put in forty thousand dollars to bring it to pass.

As we had occasion to remark some months ago, we believe that the Durham alumni association was more responsible for the appropriation than any other group of men. The local alumni at their meeting more than a year ago discussed ways and means of getting more money for the university. Plans were formulated and the Durham chapter got behind them as a unit. The result was the securing of practically the entire program as prepared here.

If every other chapter of university alumni were as active as Durham, the great things that could be made possible for accomplishment by the institution would be almost unbelievable at this time. The university has nowhere more loyal and active alumni than right here in Durham.—Durham Herald.

ARE YOU A FAILURE?

If you want to know whether you are destined to be a success or a failure in life, you can easily find out. The test is simple and it is infallible. Are you able to save money? If not, drop out. You will lose. You may think not, but you will lose, as sure as you live. The seed of success is not in you.—James J. Hill.

OUR CONTEMPORARY SCORES

Knowing North Carolina (not Seeing North Carolina, at once the pleasant diversion of Major Bruce Craven and the delight of his readers in the Greensboro Daily News) has been the principal objective of the University News Letter since its founding back in 1914. In season and out, it has minutely studied the varied phases of North Carolina life, and through its five weekly columns has given, in exceedingly readable, thought-provoking form, the results of the studies of the department of Rural Social Economics.

Now, after seven years, it takes on a new group of co-workers. At its meeting last summer, the North Carolina Press Association formally resolved to promote this particular thing, enabling North Carolinians to know their Home State, and The News Letter becomes the medium through which the association's program will be carried out. The articles now appearing in the News Letter are being copied and commented upon by the press as a whole.

We have frequently had occasion to felicitate our campus contemporary on the fine purposes to which it lends itself. In this instance we make one of our most profound bows.—Alumni Review.

CHAMBERS OF COMMERCE

The chamber of commerce today in the American small town and in the American city is the leading exponent of altruism in the community. It is not

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KNOW NORTH CAROLINA Club Women and their Work

Mrs. W. T. Bost

Organized twenty years ago the North Carolina Federation of Women's Clubs has now a membership of over 10,000 women. Its object is to bring women's clubs and other organizations of women throughout North Carolina into relations of mutual helpfulness and cooperation, only clubs pursuing some line of elevating effort being eligible. "A body of organized women in every community who can be depended on to promote whatever leads toward the betterment of life", may be termed the slogan of the Federation. Mrs. Sidney P. Cooper of Henderson is now president.

The most constructive piece of work ever undertaken by the Federation was the establishment in 1909 of an education fund, known as the Sallie Southall Cotton Loan Fund, for the purpose of helping fine and worthy young women secure an education. Thirty-five women have borrowed from this fund which is now approximately \$5,000. The money repaid is loaned to new applicants.

The two scholarships given yearly to the Social Welfare School at the State University and the maintenance of a bed at the State Tuberculosis Sanatorium as a memorial to the late Mrs. L. B. McBrayer are other forms of service the Federation is rendering the state.

With superlative faith in the efforts of North Carolina to redeem her wayward and delinquent girls and women through the establishment of a state institution at Samar-cand, the federated clubs—the first organized group to take any steps toward the establishment of such an institution—have undertaken to furnish the living rooms in the five new cottages recently erected, the furnishing of each room to cost about \$300.

In order to stimulate the women to do original work along musical and literary lines the Federation offers annually the Duncan cup for the best musical composition; the Seapark Poetry cup for the best poem; and the Joseph Pearson Caldwell Cup for the best prose work.

The work of the Federation is carried on through its ten departments—civics, education, music, home economics, art, conservation, health, library extension, literature, social service, while special committees are appointed to work toward improved legislation, and to arouse interest in social and industrial conditions, Americanization, thrift, schools in citizenship, etc. The beautification of the state's highways has been a feature of the civic improvement work of the clubs during the current year, many of the clubs having undertaken to plant long stretches of road with avenues of trees.

The federated clubs of North Carolina are dedicated to some form of community service and it is to that end that they labor.

a wide interurban altruism that the chamber of commerce fosters; it is Higginsville first. But it is for Higginsville all the time.

The chamber of commerce modifies the innate cussedness of the average selfish, hard-boiled, picayunish, penny-pinching, narrow-gauged human porker, and lifts up his snout; makes him see further than his home, his business, and his personal interest, and gets him rooting for his community.

It is a shorter step from the city to the state, from the state to the nation, and from the nation to humanity than the tremendous jump which a man must take to consider his city before his own interest. And the town chamber of commerce is giving the first lesson in practical Christianity to millions of savages in America. It is not a full baptism, but it helps.

A man, no matter how greedy and saint-eyed he may be, cannot work a year upon any moderately important committee of his town's chamber of commerce without being a better father, a better husband, a better citizen, a better brother.

The Rotarians

After this apprenticeship he falls an easy victim to the Rotarians, or the Lions, or the Kiwanis club. These groups interest men in a somewhat broader fellowship than the one which the chamber of commerce promotes. They are interested in the neighboring under-dog; in man as a suffering or as an inspiring creature. The Rotarians typify the others. He who serves best, thrives most, they declare. They are interested in friendship, in boys, in jollying up the country people around the towns, in the poor and needy one that clusters all about, in parks and playgrounds, and they nationalize a number of highly altruistic activities.

Men in these gay groups of rough-necked low-browed Samaritans are making the Jericho road a fairly safe and decently comfortable highway wherever they roll their chariots along. And they interlock with the chamber of commerce. It is bad form for a Rotarian or for a member of any of these societies not to be a member of the chamber of commerce. Thus a stream of rather intelligent altruism keeps flowing into the chamber of commerce.—William Allen White.

THE SOCIAL SCIENCES

Never was the opportunity and need for the scholarly and dispassionate study of the great problems of life more urgent. If the universities do not supply the men trained to deal with them, these issues must become the playthings of amateurs and charlatans. Two generations ago the tension in the intellectual world of America was perhaps greatest in the field of theology. Then came the period of Darwin and the tension was transferred to the field of biology and natural science, but still with theological implications.

Today undoubtedly the tension is greatest in the field of economics, of political and social theory—what we sometimes call the social sciences. Many good citizens are disturbed, somewhat needlessly I suspect, by the alleged radical character of our collegiate instruction in these fields and by the supposed spread of radical heresies among our students. Whatever may be the facts in this particular issue, certain it is that we need in all these matters the most painstaking and thoughtful examination of social problems, by men of wide experience, thorough training and utter impartiality, in order that we may know the truth and act accordingly.—President James R. Angell, of Yale University.

OUTDOOR SCHOOLING

Every child should have mudpies, grasshoppers, water-bugs, tadpoles, frogs, mud-turtles, elderberries, wild strawberries, acorns, chestnuts; trees to climb, brooks to wade in; water-lilies, wood-chucks, bats, bees, butterflies, various animals to pet, hay-fields, pine cones, rocks to roll, sand, snakes, huckleberries, and hornets; and any child who has been deprived of these has been deprived of the best part of his education.—Luther Burbank.

ILLITERATE WHITE MALES IN N. C.

Twenty-one Years Old and Over

Based on advance sheets of the U. S. Census for 1920. The average of state illiteracy among male whites of voting age in North Carolina in 1920 was 10.95 percent. All told, the male white adult illiterates number 46,744. Nearly one of every nine adult white males in the state cannot read or write. The table for illiterate adult white females will appear in a subsequent issue.

Pitiful increases in Washington, Pasquotank, Dare, Cabarrus, Perquimans, McDowell, Gaston, Haywood, Caswell, Onslow, Swain, and Graham counties.

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Rank	County	Pct. 1920	Pct. 1910	Rank	County	Pct. 1920	Pct. 1910
1	New Hanover	1.7	3.0	51	Pasquotank	11.2	7.5
2	Mecklenburg	4.3	4.4	52	Dare	11.7	6.8
3	Hoke	5.4	—	53	Franklin	11.8	13.8
4	Guilford	5.5	9.6	54	Currituck	11.9	10.8
5	Craven	6.3	8.8	54	Robeson	11.9	14.3
6	Pender	6.4	9.8	56	Lenoir	12.0	15.7
6	Rowan	6.4	8.0	56	Rutherford	12.0	16.1
8	Buncombe	6.6	10.1	58	Alexander	12.2	17.5
9	Moore	6.7	10.7	58	Stanly	12.2	17.3
10	Brunswick	6.8	15.4	60	Camden	12.3	18.0
11	Chowan	7.3	14.9	61	Jones	12.4	15.8
11	Pamlico	7.3	12.5	62	Cabarrus	12.5	12.0
13	Cumberland	7.7	12.6	63	Perquimans	12.7	9.8
13	Forsyth	7.7	12.0	64	Gates	12.8	13.3
13	Lee	7.7	11.7	64	Nash	12.8	17.2
16	Alamance	8.1	10.6	66	Johnston	12.9	17.6
16	Durham	8.1	9.7	66	McDowell	12.9	12.1
16	Beaufort	8.1	13.5	66	Sampson	12.9	17.5
19	Warren	8.2	12.1	69	Ashe	13.1	17.6
19	Washington	8.2	6.2	70	Rockingham	13.2	14.4
21	Halifax	8.3	10.3	71	Clay	13.3	18.1
22	Alleghany	8.5	11.2	72	Scotland	13.4	17.9
22	Bertie	8.5	10.1	73	Person	13.7	17.6
22	Harnett	8.5	14.5	73	Polk	13.7	16.0
25	Vance	8.6	9.0	75	Cleveland	13.8	15.4
25	Wayne	8.6	12.6	76	Montgomery	13.9	16.9
27	Richmond	8.7	9.5	77	Columbus	14.1	20.1
28	Hyde	8.8	12.1	78	Hertford	14.2	15.0
28	Iredell	8.8	9.1	79	Gaston	14.5	14.0
30	Bladen	9.0	14.1	80	Yadkin	14.6	19.6
30	Catawba	9.0	12.5	81	Haywood	14.7	13.7
32	Orange	9.3	11.8	82	Madison	14.9	21.7
33	Northampton	9.5	16.1	83	Watauga	15.0	16.1
34	Davidson	9.6	15.2	84	Wilson	15.3	16.3
34	Henderson	9.6	11.1	85	Duplin	15.6	18.0
36	Chatham	9.7	13.7	86	Caswell	15.8	15.3
36	Wake	9.7	11.5	87	Avery	15.9	—
38	Tyrrell	9.8	17.0	87	Onslow	15.9	15.7
39	Carteret	10.2	15.6	89	Caldwell	16.1	18.8
39	Edgecombe	10.2	13.7	90	Mitchell	16.5	24.1
41	Macon	10.3	16.4	91	Davie	16.7	19.2
41	Pitt	10.3	15.3	92	Jackson	17.3	17.5
43	Randolph	10.4	12.9	93	Burke	17.4	18.2
44	Martin	10.6	16.9	94	Greene	17.7	13.9
44	Transylvania	10.6	12.1	95	Swain	18.3	18.0
46	Anson	10.7	11.0	96	Surry	18.7	23.2
46	Cherokee	10.7	21.9	97	Graham	19.1	9.1
48	Granville	11.0	14.2	98	Yancey	20.0	21.7
48	Union	11.0	13.0	99	Stokes	20.6	26.9
50	Lincoln	11.1	14.3	100	Wilkes	20.8	22.7

Avery and Hoke formed since 1910.