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## Guilford College Mourns the Tragic Death of Elmina Siler

### FORMER GUILFORD STUDENT MEETS A SUDDEN DEATH

Deceased Was Young Woman  
of Marked Popularity  
Throughout Section.

#### WAS EXCELLENT STUDENT

Funeral Services Held at Level Cross  
Church—Many Friends Attend;  
Students Pay Tribute.

Early in the afternoon Saturday, Miss Elmina Siler met a violent death when she was accidentally killed as she was walking along the Friendly road. Having enrolled in N. C. C. W. for this semester, she was on her way home from school when the fatality occurred.

Miss Siler had been a student here until the beginning of the second semester of her Junior year. Her major course was Home Economics and her achievements show devoted and efficient study. Throughout her work in the classroom the integrity of her character is revealed. She worked hard, consistently, and well. She gained the respect of her classmates through her sincere and cheerful attitude toward life. Discouragements seemed only to add to her determination to seek and find the higher things in life. Her spirit was one of serenity, and hardships left her unspoiled. Her earnestness in the things she did leaves the memory of her living her life fully and beneficially.

Elmina leaves a vacancy in the community life as well as on the campus. She was highly regarded by those who knew her.

Funeral services were from the home and Level Cross Church. Flower-bearers included classmates from Guilford College and her intimate friends from the community. In a last tribute of respect, the college students assembled at the college gates and stood in silence as the procession passed.

"And when the sun in all his state,  
Illumed the western skies,  
She passed through glory's morning  
gate,  
And walked in Paradise."

### TRIANGULAR DEBATE WILL BE HELD FRIDAY

The Quaker debating teams make their seasonal debut Friday, March 7, in a triangular debate between High Point, Lenoir-Rhyne and Guilford.

The query for debate is, "Resolved, That the Nations of the World Shall Disarm Totally Except for Police Purposes."

The Guilford negative team, composed of Beach, Murphy and R. Farlow, will go to Lenoir-Rhyne, while the negative team of High Point will debate the Guilford affirmative team, which is composed of J. Harper, Blair, and Garner, at Guilford.

Two of the three men on each of the Guilford teams will debate, while the third acts as substitute.

The teams have been under the coaching of Dean Trueblood, who is quite hopeful of the probable outcome. The teams have lots of practice and a good knowledge of their subjects.

It is up to the students to come out and back them up.

### Dr. Elbert Russell, of Duke University Gives Address in Guilford Meeting House

Dr. Elbert Russell, head of the department of religion at Duke University, spoke last Sunday morning at the Guilford meeting house. Mr. Russell opened his address by saying that it was obvious from the text read that Jesus Christ was a constructive critic of his own age and time and one who pointed out the faults of contemporary institutions, customs and ways of life but only in order that he might thus help to better them. The speaker then went on to show that if Jesus were here on earth today he would stand as critic of our time, also. Christ had a certain unwavering standard of values by which he measured all things; but each thing as either absolutely right or else absolutely wrong. "There is," Mr. Russell continued, "a law of moral relativity," and "Christ was the Einstein of the spiritual world." Jesus tells us that although there are many good things in life, there are also some better things, and we need to have well graded values to place first things first—the primary things of character and the develop-

ment of the spiritual inner self must come before all hindrances of secondary value. "It is here," the speaker pointed out, "that the Christian standard comes in," showing us that the truly primary and supreme thing is the kingdom of God, which, to us has come to mean the inner man. So if Christ calls us to self-denial and sacrifice, it is only that we might learn to put the primary things of the spiritual self first, and to live a life of subordination of the lesser to the supremacy of the greater.

"We, in America," says Dr. Russell, have not learned this lesson of the deeper profit to be gained from spiritual development than from material prosperity, and that a man's life does not consist in the abundance of things which he possesses." Our civilization would not stand Jesus' scrutiny, for our standard of values is warped and twisted out of all similarity to that taught by Christ. "The business of the church today is not so much to make people Christians as it is to make a world in which people can be Christians."

### BANQUET AT O. HENRY FOR WESTTOWN ALUMNI

Twenty-One Guilford Representatives  
Enjoy Excellent Program for  
Alumni of Westtown.

ADDRESS BY JOHN S. WALKER

A number of alumni of Westtown School in Philadelphia were entertained at a dinner given at the O. Henry hotel. This was the first of a series of alumni dinners, and was addressed by Jones L. Walker, principal, and Francis P. Taylor, who is president of the Westtown Alumni Association.

Richard Hobbs, of Chapel Hill, was toastmaster. James Walker spoke on "Westtown As It Is Today." He reviewed briefly the new additions to the campus, such as the New Meeting House, a Home Economics Cottage and a new Out-Door Theater, known as the Greenwood. This is Westtown's 130th year. There have been 14,500 people as students there and from that number 4,500 are living now. It is a "Quaker Melting Pot" and is to preserve the elements of Quakerism.

Francis P. Taylor spoke on "Westtown As We Want to Make It." He said: "It is a society instead of a denomination." Westtown has a three-fold purpose: (1) Intensity of purpose, (2) Consistency of purpose, (3) Sincerity of purpose.

Other speakers were Alice Paige White of High Point, N. C.; J. Franklin Davis, Dr. Lyndon Hobbs and Dr. Raymond Binford, of Guilford College.

After the banquet a cinema reel of Westtown life and of Alumni day last May, attended by Mrs. Herbert Hoover, were shown.

Westtown alumni in Guilford College include Gurney Grantham and Dr. John D. Williams, and those of Guilford county are Bertha M. B. Andrews, J. Franklin Davis, John Frazier, Phillip Furnas, David Hodgton, Margaret Levering, Waldo McBane, Raymond McCracken, Albert Peele, Addie Smith, French Smith, Rufus Smith, Leslie and Frances White, Sarah White, Margaret Warner, Edith Haines, Horace Regon, Stanley Moore, Elizabeth Tomlinson, and Gertrude Hinshaw.

### ELIZABETH MARSH VISITS THE CAMPUS

Speaks in Chapel of the First  
World Peace Conference  
for Young People.

#### FRIENDS SERVICE SEC'Y

Elizabeth Marsh, who is working with the American Friends Service Committee, was on the campus February 25 and 26. For four years she has been the Young Friends Secretary of the Five Years' Meeting, which has its headquarters at Richmond, Ind. She is now making a tour of the country, visiting Friends colleges and endeavoring to interest the students in home service work.

While she was on the campus, Miss Marsh held conferences with a number of students who showed a great deal of interest. Some of the openings for service which she had to offer were: works in boys' and girls' camps, lumber camps, Daily Vacation Bible Schools, slums, and work with the sub-normal. In addition to these, there were the possible "peace tours," for which a car is furnished and all expenses are paid.

In chapel Tuesday morning, Miss Marsh spoke of two very vital problems confronting the youth of today. First the question of peace. In speaking of this she told of the First World Youth Peace Conference held in Holland last year. At that conference, delegates from many nations met and discussed the "peace problem." Secondly, the industrial problem, in which it was difficult to find the party to blame.

The only remedy seemed to lie in considering frankly and honestly the matters at stake and arriving at some fair compromise.

On Tuesday afternoon Misses Dorothy Gilbert and Eva Miles entertained at a delightful tea on West porch for Miss Elizabeth Marsh and Mrs. Miles, who is visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Edgar Hole.

Miss Elizabeth Marsh who is Secretary of Young Friends Missions was a visitor on the campus last week.

### GUILFORDIAN HAS REAL BOARD PICNIC

Picnickers Choose the Hillside  
Near College Pond for a  
Camp Fire Supper.

#### MR. M'CRACKEN SPEAKS

The pioneering spirit of Quaker forefathers dominated the inclinations of the Guilfordian board, and, on Wednesday evening, they trekked down into the college pasture—therein to picnic. Choosing the familiar highway to the college pond, the party, including members of the board and their preferred guests, took off about 5 o'clock. Since the mule and truck were both occupied, the picnickers carried the eats along in true pioneering style.

Cups were juggled efficiently—proving further that basketball training is a blessing to the great American home. Co-operation was trumps in transport in the ham, pickles, and other accessories. Even the huge pot of coffee was conveyed with surprising ability. And the rolls, together with faculty favorites, brought up the rear.

Gaily the group set out, and gaily they arrived. But the way was not without events. Enticing pools of mud added to the scenery of the pasture, which was just beginning to don its coat for spring. And in the excitement of the occasion, or perhaps it was in a moment of artistic interpretation of the weather conditions; anyway, a false step was taken. And later Bobby was discovered on his knees, for the very first time, sacrificing his manly dignity to the cause of keeping tan shoes tan.

Raising the flag over the chosen site held an important position in the ceremonies of the evening. But during the ceremony an almost-clean pair of white overalls were ruined by Sonny's efforts to plant the flag-pole in the middle of the stream which flowed nearby.

The hilarity of the occasion increased rapidly as preparations were made for the camp-fire. Great logs were brought in from the surrounding wood, and a tree was even uprooted by a rising young Samson for a contribution to the burning material. Being always insistent that everything be done as it should be, our editor selected a definite pattern for the piling of wood for the fire. He carefully worked out each detail and made a very systematic arrangement of stick placement. Finally the task was complete, but lacking the necessary skill in manipulating sticks with the resultant sparks, he sought a match; first in his own pockets, then in his own pockets again. The appeal was pathetically sincere, for Cox Hall—and matches—was far away. A search followed which had all the thrills of a treasure-hunt plus the knowledge that a grand razz would result if none of the

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### MRS. A. M. JOHNSON MEETS JOINT Y'S

Importance of Religion in Life  
of Students is Stressed  
Most Effectively.

#### CHALLENGE TO STUDENTS

Mrs. Bessie Johnson, wife of A. M. Johnson, wealthy manufacturer and head of the royan mills, Burlington, N. C., spoke before a joint meeting of the Christian Association in Memorial Hall, February 27. Mrs. Johnson is intensely interested in religious work, and people everywhere are impressed by her evangelistic type of appeal.

As a basis for her talk Mrs. Johnson read the parable of the wise man who built his house upon a rock, and of the foolish man who built his house upon sand. She referred to these as biographies. "God is a mathematician," she said. Everything is created on a mathematical basis and His word is law. There are two distinct classes of people—the wholly saved, and the wholly unsaved. The Bible appeals to the emotions instead of the reason.

The speaker continually referred to the beauties of the desert and especially in Southwestern United States, where she has travelled extensively. The desert is a most desolate, and yet a most wonderful place. It is there that God manifests His three essentials—life, love and light, most of all.

In conclusion, Mrs. Johnson said that "a perishing world is waiting for young people who are wholly given over to Christ. The challenge is to them to take up His cause. But their lives can be built on nothing but Him, because any other foundation is shifting sands."

### DRAMATIC COUNCIL IS CONSIDERING PLAYS

Mr. Furnas' Illness Has Delayed Plans  
for Presentation of Spring  
College Play.

Although the members of the dramatic council have not as yet announced the spring play, they have been thinking seriously the past few weeks. Due to Mr. Furnas' illness, the date of the presentation has been changed until after the spring holidays. The first regular meeting of the council this semester was held at Mr. Furnas' home last Tuesday.

It has been a hard matter to select a play that will have as universal appeal as "Captain Applejack." Of the plays considered, "The Show-Off," by George Keely and, Bernard Shaw's "Candida" and "You Never Can Tell" are considered the best. At the present the members are considering the recent Broadway successes, "Skidding," "Lilies of the Field," "Laugh That Off" and "Coquette." Public try-outs will be held in the near future.

### "Clean Up Day" Transforms Leafy Campus to Smooth Lawns

There is not a leaf or twig in sight on the Guilford campus now; for Wednesday, February 26, Mr. Purdom sent all the students and faculty scurrying after them. At 8 o'clock the big bell called everybody out to the front of Founders Hall. The knickered, frocked, overalled, trousered, boys and girls seized the brush-brooms and rakes and went to work with a vengeance. The swish and scrape of these cleaners soon made leaf mountains here and there; that is, when the wind didn't blow the leaves away.

Guilford's annual clean-up day was on. The students and faculty were following a custom established many years ago, when the trees that caused its beginning were much younger. For everyone who has been a student at the college, this occasion remains one of the fond memories of school days. Freshmen had been anticipating good times from accounts of former students and upper-classmen; the rest knew just how much fun the work of clean-up day was from experience. So every-

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