

## QUERY SELECTED FOR STATE-WIDE DEBATE

By All North Carolina Secondary and High Schools

Resolved, That United States Should Adopt Policy of Subsidizing Merchant Marine Engaged in Foreign Trade.

(Special Star Correspondence.) Chapel Hill, N. C., Sept. 22.—The State Wide High School Debating Union will debate the query, "Resolved, That the United States should adopt the policy of subsidizing its merchant marine engaged in the foreign trade." This question was selected because of its prominence in the minds of the American people today and because there is such a large amount of material in the Library to aid the young debaters.

Last year the state-wide contest was participated in by 150 schools and 600 student-debaters. It is expected that the enrollment of schools will be larger this year than either of the two previous years of the union's existence.

The final contest at Chapel Hill last spring was one of the most spectacular features of the year's work. There were close to a thousand visitors on the Hill at the time.

Every secondary and high school in the State is eligible to become a member of the union and participate in the debate. The method of procedure will be the same as that for the past two years. Every school that enrolls will be grouped with two other for a triangular debate, each school putting out two teams, one on the affirmative and one on the negative. Every school which wins both sides of its triangular debates will send both teams to Chapel Hill to contest for the state championship and the Aycock Memorial Cup. The preliminary debates will be held the latter part of March and the final contest at Chapel Hill early in April. Pleasant Garden won the final two years ago, and Winston-Salem last year. On the losing team on the final was a girl.

E. R. Rankin, of Gastonia, secretary of the union has charge of all the active work of organization. Besides being editor of the well edited and popular Alumni Review he is secretary of the alumni.

The Dialectic and Philanthropic, (or, as they are better known, the Di and Phi.) Literary societies, which have general charge of the High School Debating Union, had their fall initiations Saturday night. The two together took in a total of about 140 men. These two societies are the oldest college literary societies in America, both being founded in 1796.

Prof. O. P. Rhyne, of the German department, returned last Saturday from Germany where he was caught in the whirlpool of war. He returned from the Netherlands to New York by steamer. He reports a terrible trip. Mr. Tom Linn, of Salisbury, a prominent member of the student body, is also reported as having returned from Europe to New York the past week.

**PRESIDENT FEW DELIVERS OPENING ADDRESS AT TRINITY.**  
Annual Event in Life of College and City of Durham.

(Special Star Correspondence.) Durham, N. C., Sept. 21.—Dr. W. P. Few's opening address to the students of Trinity College was delivered Sunday evening in Craven Memorial Hall. The large college auditorium was filled almost to overflowing. The attendance of the students, patrons and friends of the institution exceeded all past records. All the city churches were called in in order that the entire college community and city people might be present at the opening exercises.

A brief but splendid musical programme was provided for the evening, and many of the best musicians in the city took part in this part of the programme.

The address was, of course, an address to Trinity men at the opening of a new collegiate year. Dr. Few stated that in order for any college to be of real lasting worth that it must deal with conceptions of education that have eternal values. Much is now being said about the training of youth into the duties and services of citizenship, but unless an institution give light it is not what it ought to be, and it may be incompetent, inadequate and even injurious. Many institutions which seek to train for immediate practical service enjoy great popularity and are doubtless of intrinsic good, but yet they are not to be considered as of first importance. Physical well-being is a good thing, and a very desirable thing, but there is a great danger in America today towards materialism, and a purely utilitarian conception of life. What we need in all this is to find out and choose the things really worth seeking for and possessing. We need skill and power, but, above all, life. The German Empire is a good example of this kind of education, and who does not shudder as he thinks of the present plight of that people?

But of most importance of all colleges is the college of the church, the child of religion, organically and fundamentally devoted to the kingdom of God and good upon which individual as well as national independence stands. Any type of college, as a man, is to be judged by what he sets first as his ideals and endeavors. Welfare of human kind seeks the great truth which makes us free in our ideals, and powers, and life, and makes a man, not only fitted to think and work, but to be at home anywhere, on any planet; by securing and rectifying for it a soil for human character. We need men who can be trusted, and who have inward mothers who guide them in the truth. We are confronted with this defect America today. There is no way to avoid it, but we must recognize it, for it is indeed simply a national peril. It is the only experiment in history of its kind, for never before has the morals of youth been neglected to so great an extent.

## OFFICIALS NOT DISTURBED

Over Statement of State Board of Charities That Convict Law is Violated in Lenoir.

(Special Star Correspondence.) Kinston, N. C., Sept. 22.—Lenoir county officials do not confess to being much disturbed over a recent letter from the State Board of Charities, stating that they are violating the law by not allowing prisoners five days off of each month for good behavior in accordance with a 1915 law. The officials, it is believed, are willing to comply with the law without hesitation, but are perplexed to find what constitutes good behavior in the Lenoir county camp, where there are now around 70 blacks, mostly of a class of vagrants who have troubled the local authorities by congregating in the negro section of Kinston and are repeatedly recommitted because of their incorrigibility.

The law of might enforces good conduct in such a camp, it is said, and few of the convicts have shown the disposition to behave well of their own accord. The behavior of 10 men who a year ago mutinied, assaulted their guards and escaped is only what would happen every day if sufficient precautions were not taken, officials say.

## WORKING ON COLLEGE FOR WOMEN AT TRINITY Such an Institution No Longer a Mere Dream.

(Special Star Correspondence.) Durham, N. C., Sept. 21.—A co-ordinate college for women at Trinity College is no longer a mere dream, but active work is being done at present with the establishment of such a college in view. An executive com-

mittee of the board of trustees has been appointed to attend to the matter, and an executive secretary has been secured to carry forward the propagation of the plan.

At its recent meeting in the spring, the Board of trustees gave its executive committee authority to "proceed in the effort to build and organize a co-ordinate college for women at Trinity." In order to carry forward this work effectively, the Executive Committee was authorized to create a "committee on organization," to consist of the present of the college, a member of the board of trustees, a member of the faculty, a representative of the alumnae, and an executive secretary.

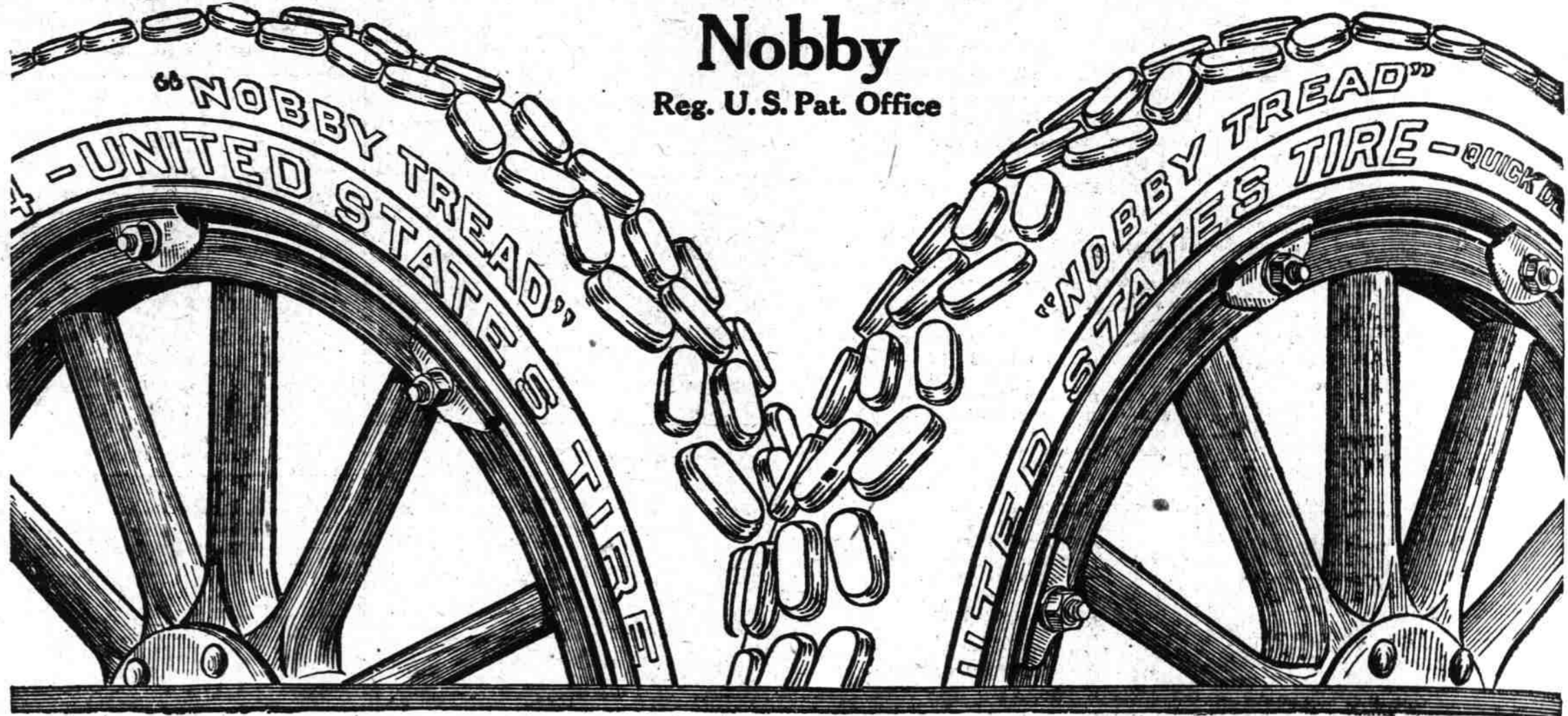
The purpose of this committee was to try to secure funds and to arrange other preliminaries looking to the organization of the woman's college at Trinity. The committee was given one year in which to secure necessary funds for the purpose. If, "at the end of one year there is in hand sufficient funds for this undertaking," the committee is authorized to continue during a second year the organization and building of the new institution.

The committee on organization was very fortunate in securing as the executive secretary of the committee, Miss Laura Drake Gill, who will begin work actively for the college about September 20. Miss Gill was for several years Dean of Barnard College, the Co-ordinate College for Women at Columbia University, in New York. She is generally regarded in the entire country as the foremost woman in America in this kind of work.

The committee on organization which was appointed to carry forward this work consists of the following: President W. P. Few, J. H. Southgate, from the trustees, Professor R. L. Flowers, from the Trinity faculty, Miss Gill as executive secretary, and Mrs. Bivins from the alumnae. Mrs. Bivins was active in the work of the alumnae association when the idea of the co-ordinate college was first agitated.

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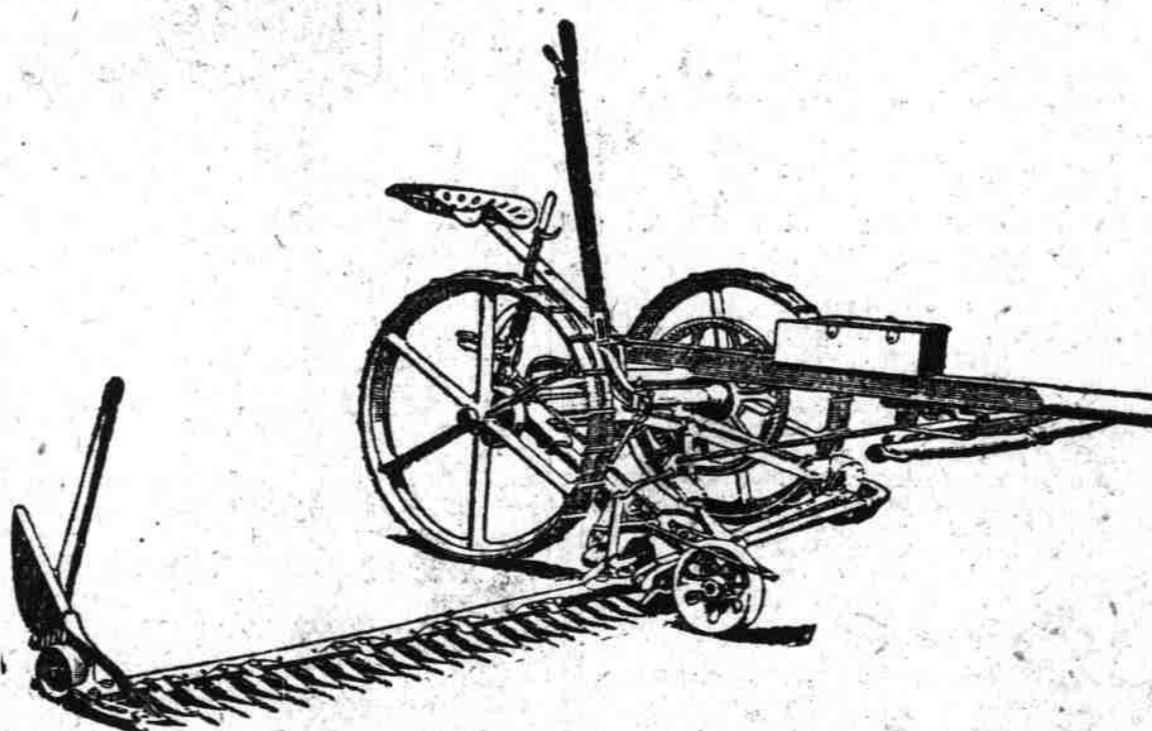
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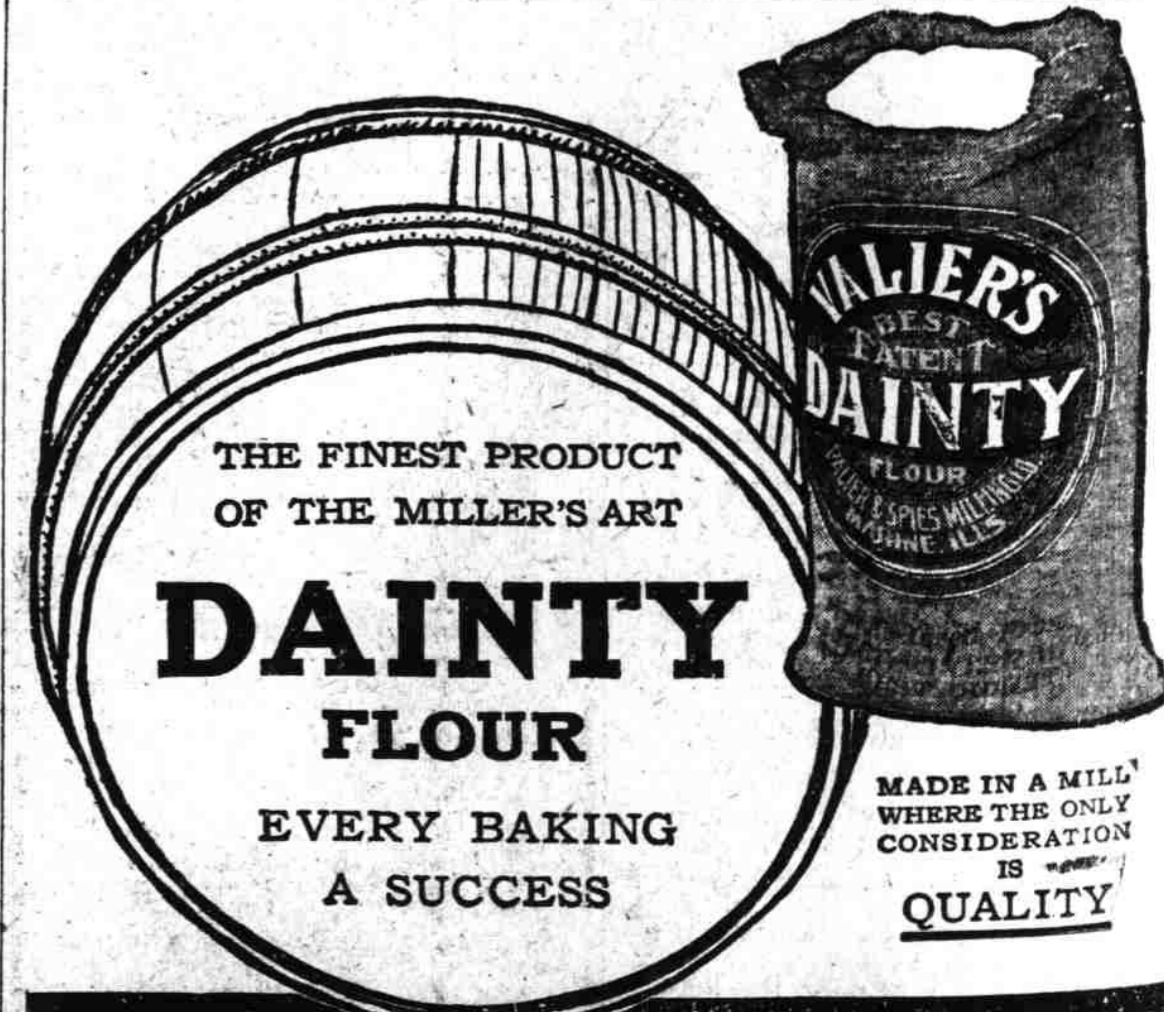
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