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AS A STRANGER SEES IT.

A Visitor at Chapel Hill Looks Over The Town

AND GIVES A FEW POINTERS

The Editor of The RECORDER While on a Flying Trip to This Booming College Town, Learns Many Things of Interest to the People of Orange and the Entire State.

Every freight conductor on the line of the Southern Railway will tell you that there is more freight shipped to Chapel Hill than to any town of twice its size on the road. And while this may be explained in part by the fact that, for at least ten months in the year, there are between four and five hundred students to be provided for, it does not explain the amount of brick and lumber, sash, doors, blinds and other building material which is billed for this erstwhile quiet and apparently finished college town.

Strange as it may seem, Chapel Hill is on a boom. If you do not believe it ask White Bros., of Mebane, who have recently had contracts for an electric light building; the D. K. E. hall, erected by the students; the new residences of Professor Cobb, Dr. Ball, and others, all now near completion and each handsome and complete in its way.

The editor of the RECORDER took a flying trip to Chapel Hill the other day. Those who have made an excursion on Captain Smith's train will appreciate this joke—one of our choicest—(two for a nickel.) We offered to send him the RECORDER, at the usual rates, to put him to sleep while on his way to and from University Station, but he said he did not take any paper—it took all of his time to look after his train and see that the passengers did not jump off. We then offered to throw in a box of axle grease, which he refused with scorn, explaining that he liked music and would not stand any monkey work with his car wheels. And the music is still on.

At the Klutz hotel, where we were pleasantly entertained, we found about a hundred healthy and consequently hungry students, who spread desolation through an acre of custard pie at one sitting, and who ate, like Milo the centurion, an ox at a single meal. No wonder that the grocery business is on the move at Chapel Hill. The other two hotels were equally crowded, and the woods were full of them. The official report gives the number as follows:

Graduates	8
Seniors	40
Juniors	56
Sophomores	67
Freshmen	134
Medical	27
Law	43
Teachers in Sum. School	140
Total	515
Counted twice	10
Actual total	505

The men composing the University faculty are not of the kind whose wisdom is confined between the lids of college text books. They are fully abreast with the times, not only as regards educational advancement but material progress. They recognize the fact that an educational institution the same as an individual, cannot afford to stand still or to sacrifice physical well being for the intellectual. Acting on the theory that healthy minds make healthy bodies, and vice versa, athletic sports are indulged in, and students are encouraged to develop manly strength along

with literary attainments. President Winston, like the practical business man that he is, declared that he saw no sense in shutting up a building like memorial hall 362 days in the year, and using it only three—during commencement week—when it could be occupied with pleasure and profit the year round. Carrying out this idea, the seats have been removed and the hall is now converted temporarily into a skating rink, which will afford pleasant recreation, when the weather is unfavorable to out door sports.

Professor Gore, whose name is somewhat suggestive, but who withal is a mild-mannered man with big brain and modern ideas, is the moving spirit in the numerous enterprises by which the State University has profited during the past few years. It is to his energy that Chapel Hill owes the putting in of the electric light plant, which will light not only the college buildings but many private homes. As president of the company and one of the principal stock holders, he has personally supervised the work and pushed it through to a successful finish. The lights were turned on this week, with Mr. L. G. Utley in charge.

Postmaster Kirkland is making a gallant fight for a new post office building, and if he does not get it somebody in Chapel Hill will be sadly wanting in ordinary business judgment to say nothing of public spirit and town pride. The present quarters—the best which the government has, up to this time, been able to secure—are wholly inadequate to the needs and requirements of a place which handles as much mail as must of necessity, be handled here. The building is not only old and unsightly, but so small as to scarcely allow the post master and his assistant to turn round, and their work is done at great personal inconvenience and oftentimes actual discomfort. Mr. Kirkland himself told us that during the recent hot spell when the doors had to be closed while they were opening the mail, the ventilation was so poor and the room so small that the sensation was that of being enclosed in a hot oven and he was on the point of fainting. Having made up his mind that he could not stand it any longer, he requested that the post office inspector be sent to investigate the matter and recommend improvements. He had gone to the trouble to get up a plan by which the present building at the extremely small outlay of \$145 could be converted into an attractive, commodious, comfortable and convenient office. The inspector came, accepted the plan, saw the party owning the property and left in the full expectation that the contemplated improvements would be made without delay. But it appears that after thinking the matter over, the owner could not see that by spending \$145 now and receiving from the government \$100 a year rent instead of \$48, the price now paid, the outlay would prove a profitable investment.

Chapel Hill is at last to have a real newspaper. Many of the leading business men like D. McCauley, J. D. Webb and others whom we could name, believe that Chapel Hill is a good point for a live paper. Mr. Thomas, who is a good printer and also foreman of the University Press, will direct the policy of the journalistic venture. Having, like Colonel William Shelburn, of Durham, "gotten rid of his incompetent help," which cost him along with others, some thing besides sleep, he says he will make a success of it.

BARHAM MAKES A SPEECH.

Large Crowd Present at The Farmers' Tuesday.

THE OPENING A SUCCESS

The New Warehouse Firm of Riley, Barham & Co. Starts Off In Great Shape—Big Breaks and Good Prices are the Record of the First Day's Business.

Capt. Cladius Barham, alias "Fish," the noted auctioneer, appeared in a new role on the opening day of the Farmers' Warehouse at Durham. He made a speech to the farmers and buyers which elicited much applause. Tom Martin's dray was turned into a "float" from which the buyers sent up "three cheers and a tiger" for Barham and the Farmers' Warehouse.

A RECORDER reporter there, and is able to give his speech verbatim. It was as follows:

"GENTLEMEN AND FRIENDS:—

Yes, it is a fact that Mr. Riley, Mr. Allen and I have rented this, the old Farmers' Warehouse, and we have appointed to-day as the time for launching our little leaf tobacco craft. Mr. Riley and I (Mr. Allen I shall speak of later) are experienced engineers on such craft, and by some might be considered experts, though, of course, our extreme modesty will not allow us to say this. Now, gentlemen, we are very desirous, I can assure you, of making a successful trip of this, our new enterprise. While we are veterans in the auctioneering department, yet as proprietors it is something new for us. Now if on our part energy, push, prompt and honest dealing with our friends should tend to accomplish this end, we assure you, together with the approval of kind Providence and with the aid and support of the Durham Tobacco Board of Trade, and the patronage of our many Farmer friends, we feel safe in saying, that we will run this craft clear of rocks, shoals and breakers, and we trust, make a clean landing on the beautiful beach of Prosperity.

Just here I might as well tell you gentlemen that we expect to sell our tobaccos straight from our farmer and shipping friends, of course giving our "pinhookers" carte blanche; in other words, we do not expect to buy a load of tobacco at the barn doors, being opposed to this practice, and believe it detrimental to this or any other market. However, we do not object to and of our opponents pleasing themselves in this respect, and success to all of them who think otherwise.

Allow me now to introduce Mr. Riley, engineer number two of this little craft. He is an experienced and safe runner, and while steaming up this beautiful stream may it never be necessary for him to reverse his machinery from any pecuniary impediments ahead. While ascending this stream—we trust of prosperity—may we never have the misfortune of meeting either of our opponents.

I now have the pleasure of introducing Mr. Joe. Allen whom you all know, being one of the pioneers in the tobacco business, and a gentleman of sterling worth, correct in all of his dealings, courteous and obliging. He is purser of this little craft; has the key of the exchequer box in which I am glad to tell you we have an abundance of boodle to pay the farmers for all the tobacco they may bring us."

Notwithstanding the weather so unfavorable to handling of tobacco, the breaks were large on the opening day and the prices more than satisfactory.

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Dr John F. Crowell, late president of Trinity College, has been elected to the Chair of Sociology in Smith College, Northampton, Mass.

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