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TRINITY TO OPEN SEPTEMBER 13

Fifty-third Session of the College Begins on That Date

AN INTERESTING OCCASION

Opening Day is Second Only to Commencement in Interest in the Life of the College—Session Begins With Annual Opening Address by the President in Craven Hall.

The fifty-third annual session of Trinity College will begin at 9 o'clock on the morning of Wednesday, September 13, with the usual address to the new students by President Few in Craven Memorial Hall. A large number of the old students will return to college on opening day and a big freshman class is expected. The occasion will be accompanied by the usual pleasures that have been attended college openings for the last fifty years and many alumni have signified their intention of being present on opening day. Next to commencement, the first day of each session is the biggest gala day at Trinity College—one welcomed by students and people of Durham alike.

In the meantime things are beginning to take on an expectant air around Trinity Campus. A force of men is at work going over the dormitories and making them ready to receive the incoming students. The new East Dormitory with its fresh looking rooms makes a much needed addition to the facilities of the college for housing men and now that it is about finished, even to clearing the grounds around it, presents an appearance that exceeds the fondest hopes of those who are interested in making it as complete as possible.

The office force continues to be busy in attending to the correspondence with prospective students and Professors R. L. Flowers and W. H. Wainmaker, who have been here practically all summer, are still unable to register. Mr. D. W. Newman, Registrar, who is away on his vacation, is expected to return early this week. Every arrangement necessary to receive the students when they arrive is being made and every indication points to one of the most prosperous years in the history of the college.

During the past week much progress has been made in grading and smoothing the new athletic field. This work has been delayed several weeks by the recent dry weather, but now the big plot of ground is in fine condition and looks almost good enough for Bob Gantt to knock a three bagger on. It will be sown in grass immediately.

Members of the faculty who have been spending the hot summer months away from Durham, some in study at Eastern summer schools, and some in the cool mountains are beginning to drop in to prepare to take up their duties again. Professor C. B. Markham, of this city, who has been engaged in work at the summer school of Columbia University in New York, has returned to Durham and will spend the remainder of the summer here. Professor C. W. Edwards, of the department of physics, who after his wedding journey, has been doing advanced experimental work in his branch of study at Cornell University, Ithaca, N. Y., has returned to his home on the park and will be busy the remainder of the vacation in overseeing the installation of the heating plant in the new buildings and overhauling the electric lighting apparatus of the college.

FIREMAN MEETS DEATH IN WRECK

Two Engines Fall into Ravine Through Burned Trestle

Columbia, S. C., Aug. 21.—Fireman Luther W. Bennett, white, of Columbia, was crushed to death yesterday in the first wreck that has befallen the Southern Railway's Cincinnati-Charleston flyer, the "Carolina Special", since that train was established about six months ago. The wreck occurred at 4:45 o'clock, just when the train was due here, both locomotives plunging into a ravine where 150 feet of a frame trestle had been burned away, at Suvville, an industrial siding four miles north of Alton and 24 miles north of Columbia. Nobody except Fireman Bennett was hurt. The passengers were not even jarred.

The train was crowded, a large number of the passengers being Columbia and Charleston business men, returning from a Sunday's visit to their families sojourning in the mountains of western North Carolina.

Engineer Delano G. McAllister of this city, driving the head engine, No. 1019, saw the gap in time to apply the emergency brakes and to jump in safety, with his colored fireman, Hal Robertson, but not in time to warn the crew of the second engine, Mr. McAllister's locomotive plunged into the ravine and turned upside, and No. 1096 also toppled over the brink. Engineer William H. Green somehow escaped injury, but the fireman, Bennett, was instantly crushed to death beneath the ponderous machine.

CROSSED IN LOVE TAKES HER LIFE

Miss Gerlie Holmes, of Benson, Drinks Carbohc Acid

Benson, Aug. 21.—Miss Gerlie Holmes, the seventeen year old daughter of Mr. John B. Holmes, of this place, committed suicide Saturday afternoon by drinking one and one-half ounces of carbohc acid at her home in South Benson. It seems that she was to have married this month, but was jilted by her lover, who married another girl, a few days ago, and wishing to live no longer, she took her own life.

A few days ago, just after the marriage of her lover, she attempted to end her life, by drinking laudanum, but the dose was not sufficient, and she was revived by physicians, to whom together with several members of the family she admitted her attempt to take her own life, and told why she wished to die.

She was watched closely by her parents until today, when she bathed, dressed in the gown in which she was to have married, put on her wedding ring, and other jewelry, the gift of her lover, drank the acid and was dead in less than half an hour.

Resigns As Sunday School Superintendent

Mr. L. G. Cole resigned as superintendent of the Sunday school of the First Baptist church Sunday morning. Mr. Cole has held this position for a number of years and has been one of the most faithful and enthusiastic superintendents that the school has ever had. Dimensions in the church were given as the cause for the resignation. A successor to Mr. Cole has not been chosen.

DIVORCE SUIT IS PROBLEMATIC

Both Mr. and Mrs. Fleming Will Perhaps Ask Separation

CHILDREN STAY WITH UNCLE

Decree Creates Most Sensational and Pitiful Scene, Mrs. Fleming Swooning and the Children Screaming—Judge Clark Decides to Leave Matter up to Jury in Divorce Case.

Raleigh, N. C., Aug. 21.—There is no indication made public yet as to just when or how the divorce proceedings in the sensational Fleming case that stirred Raleigh the past week be instituted. The definite statement Saturday night by Chief Justice Walter Clark in the ruling as to the disposition of the two children, leaving them in the custody of Dr. A. H. Fleming, that there would soon be divorce proceedings taken that would more definitely determine the permanent disposition of the children. When the hearing first began it was definitely stated by Percy B. Fleming, the husband and father, against whom the petition for the children was brought, that he had no idea of instituting proceedings for divorce.

It is understood that Mrs. Fleming, having failed to gain possession of the children in the habeas corpus proceeding on the ground of cruelty and drinking on the part of her husband. On the other hand Mr. Fleming is expected now to bring a counter suit in which the charges he has made against Mrs. Fleming as to unfaithfulness will be aired before a jury.

The decree stirred the most sensational and pitiful scene witnessed here in a great while. Judge Clark closed his written ruling with the inquiry: "Is Dr. Fleming in the court room?" The latter advanced to the bar where the children sat close by their mother, who convulsively clasped them in her arms and then swooned. This and the rush of others close by to the aid of the little woman threw the two children into a panic and they began screaming.

Mrs. Fleming's father, H. E. Crouch, of Washington, and her sister, who has accompanied her regularly at the hearings, were aided by numbers of people in efforts to restore Mrs. Fleming to consciousness. Finally, as the court room was cleared, Mr. Crouch took his fainting daughter in his arms and carried her into the ante-room where she gradually recovered and in the course of an hour was able to be driven home.

YOUNG NOT RESPONSIBLE DECISION RENDERED BY NAVAL MEDICAL BOARD.

Washington, Aug. 21.—Ensign R. S. Young, Jr., of Concord, N. C., who recently disappeared from the destroyer Perkins, leaving a note that he contemplated suicide and was later found by his father in New York City, has been declared by a naval medical board of survey at Norfolk, Va., to be mentally irresponsible for his act.

The navy department has ordered the young officer to the government hospital for the insane at Washington for observation and treatment. Previous to his disappearance Ensign Young was under orders for court-martial on charges of absence, without leave.

He was examined by naval physicians to determine whether he should be prosecuted on these charges. When found by his father he was taken to a North Carolina sanitarium and removed from there to Norfolk for the examination.

Rev. C. J. Thompson At First Baptist Church

Rev. C. J. Thompson, pastor of Jackson Hill Baptist church, Atlanta, preached a powerful and impressive sermon at the First Baptist church Sunday morning to a large congregation.

Rev. Mr. Thompson was formerly pastor of the First Baptist church in Durham, and his many friends were delighted to have the opportunity of hearing him once again.

Negro Pythians in Session. Indianapolis, Ind., Aug. 21.—Upwards of 30,000 visitors are in Indianapolis to take part in the world's meetings of the supreme lodge of the colored Knights of Pythias and the uniform rank, which will hold forth here this week. Booker T. Washington is scheduled to address the gathering tomorrow.

Mr. Theodore Spence returned Saturday afternoon to Hillsboro.

TAFT WILL MAKE MANY SPEECHES

Plans for Western Tour Practically Completed

Washington, Aug. 21.—Plans for President Taft's coming trip through the west and to the Pacific coast practically were completed yesterday. The journey will be almost as extensive as that taken by the president on his famous "swing around the circle" in 1909, when he traveled more than 13,000 miles and visited 33 states. He will break ground for the Panama canal exposition at San Francisco, make several score of addresses and attempt to scale the 14,000 feet of Mount Rainier's precipitous slope.

According to the present arrangement, the president will be gone six weeks. In that time, it is expected that he will make close to 200 speeches, from platforms, from the rear end of his private car and at other places not on the regular schedule. Republican leaders look upon the trip as the most important politically that the president has mapped out since entering the white house. He will go through all the states in the west in which they recognize the domination of the progressive republicans who are counted on to oppose his renomination next year.

The president probably will leave Beverly September 17 returning east about November 1. He will go west through Iowa, Kansas, Nebraska, Colorado and Nevada to the coast. Most of the big cities in the states including Des Moines, Kansas City, Omaha, Denver and Salt Lake will be visited but the plans for the trip contemplate stops at scores of smaller places as well. From California the president will go north to Portland and Seattle. Three days are to be spent in Washington state and the route eastward will allow him to stop in Idaho, Montana, the Dakotas and Minnesota.

ONLY ABOUT 1500 ARE REGISTERED

For the Bond Election for the Farm-Life School

A conservative estimate of the extent of registration for the farm life school election places the total number of voters registered throughout the county at 1500. Of this number, another conservative estimate places the number that will vote favorably at 1000 and there may be a larger favorable vote than this.

The returns from the different precincts are coming in but slowly. All of the registrars were requested to turn in a list of the names on the books to the committee for tabulation and examination. So far only a few have reported. There are 29 qualified voters registered at the Five Points polling place. West Durham has 32 registered. At the court house there are 37, at Brady's store 96; Robesonmont 45; Stagville 17. These are the only precincts from which returns have been received. These lists are being gone over by the committee and all voters who have not paid their poll taxes are being eliminated. This cuts down the registration considerably in some districts.

Mr. Baldwin Recovers From His Operation

Mr. R. L. Baldwin, manager of the dry goods store of R. A. Baldwin and sons, has recovered from Richmond where he underwent a serious operation for appendicitis and gall stones. Mr. Baldwin was able to be at the store this morning, but is still feeling weak.

MR. ERWIN DELIVERS LECTURE

Addresses Mill People of Duke on "King Cotton."

Duke, Aug. 21.—An unusually large crowd greeted Mr. W. A. Erwin Friday night when he entered the Erwin hall to lecture on the subject of "King Cotton." The lecture was largely for the mill people of Duke and was intensely interesting and instructive, explaining to his people the condition that the trade is in at present. He stated that he did not wish to see cotton go to 8 or 10 cents, neither to 15 or 16 cents, but preferred it around 12 cents and believed that should it stay around 12 cents that mills, operatives and farmers would all prosper.

Hearings on Charter Bill

New York, Aug. 21.—Public hearings on the bill proposing a new charter for New York city were begun at the city hall today and will continue probably until September 6, the date fixed for the reconvening of the legislature.

POWER CO. TO ENTER RALEIGH

Buying Rights of Way Between Durham and Capital City

SURVEYERS ARE AT WORK

Activity of the Giant Electrical Company Can Only Mean That It Intends Going Into Raleigh to Compete With Other Companies—Sub-Station Here About Ready to Furnish "Juice."

The purchase of rights of way beyond Durham toward Raleigh by the Southern Power company has created much speculation as to the intentions of this giant concern which is spreading its network of wires over the Piedmont section like a spider spinning its web.

Today, deeds for rights of way for the company in Oak Grove township were filed at the office of the registrar of deeds of the county. Surveyors are now at work on the route to Raleigh from Durham and rights of way are being secured as rapidly as possible. This can mean but one thing, and that is the company intends to enter Raleigh and compete for business there with the numerous other companies that are now preparing to enter the Capital city with a supply of electrical energy. Some have thought that the Southern Power company intends to make connection with some of the power plants that are now being installed in the vicinity of Raleigh. This seems hardly probable, for the reason that, if this had been the intention of the company, the long line from Greensboro to Durham would not have been constructed.

The line to Durham is now complete and the wires have been strung into the sub-station near the Pearl cotton mill. The greater part of the transforming machinery has been placed in the sub-station and power will in a short time be going through the station into the cotton mills and other manufacturing plants. The electrical machinery necessary for driving the spindles of the cotton mills is being placed and the whole systems will soon be in operation.

Montreal Welcomes Togo

Montreal, Aug. 21.—Admiral Togo received a cordial welcome upon his arrival in Montreal this morning. He was the guest of the Canadian club at a luncheon given at the Sailors' Institute and later in the day was tendered a civic reception. Tonight the distinguished Japanese commander departs for Vancouver.

AVIATOR CRAZY WITH HEAT

KILLS HIS INSTRUCTOR AND THEN COMMITS SUICIDE.

London, Aug. 21.—Pierre Prier, the French aviator, and his pupil, M. Hanot, died yesterday from pistol shot wounds received Saturday at the Hendon aerodrome. Hanot, who is believed to have been rendered suddenly insane by the heat, fired at M. Chevreton, manager for M. Bleriot, but the bullets went wild and struck Prier. Realizing what he had done, he turned the revolver upon himself and fired twice and afterwards tried to cut his throat with a razor.

Prier last April flew from London to Paris in an aeroplane without stopping. He made the 290 miles in 4 hours and 8 minutes, which at that time was a record.

Little Games Help The City's Finances

The city treasury was enriched by more than \$60 this morning by raids on Sunday gaming parties Sunday night. B. J. Levin and J. Bell were taxed half the costs each for Sunday card playing at one of the hotels. Jessie Hood, Harvey Mathis, S. B. Andrews and H. H. Land were caught in the midst of a game in an upstairs room on Mangum street. They were each taxed \$10 and one-fourth the costs in the case.

Winona Bible Conference

Waraw, Ind., Aug. 21.—Rev. "Billy" Sunday, Dr. G. L. Robinson, of McCormick Theological Seminary, and Dr. John Timothy Stone, of Chicago, are among the well known religious workers on the program of the annual young men's Bible conference which opened at Winona Lake today. The conference will continue until August 30.

Laundrymen Seek Public Favor

St. Paul, Aug. 21.—Plans for a nationwide advertising campaign to remove, if possible, from the public mind some popular prejudices against laundry methods are to be discussed at the annual convention of the national laundrymen's association which began in this city today.

ATWOOD NEARS NEW YORK CITY

Flew 104 Miles Without a Stop Sunday Afternoon

Lyons, N. Y., Aug. 21.—Nine hundred and thirty miles from his starting point Harry A. Atwood, the young Boston aviator, who is fast approaching the world's long distance record in his flight from St. Louis to New York, landed in a field in Lyons yesterday afternoon, after flying 104 miles from Buffalo without a stop.

Ascending at Buffalo at 3:20 p. m., Atwood, who has flown seven days without a mishap, circled to a high altitude, turned eastward, and hit by a brisk wind from the west, shot over towns and villages at a speed which kept railroad telegraph operators busy reporting his progress. He alighted in Lyons at 5:31 p. m., having covered the 104 miles in exactly 2 hours and 11 minutes. A train which left Buffalo at exactly the same time that Atwood did, ran in sight of the aeroplane almost all the way to Rochester, but arrived there 18 minutes after the aviator had passed around the city and had disappeared in the east. The train, however, had made a stop en route.

Atwood is now 335 miles from New York, or almost three-fourths of his 1,265 mile flight. Tuesday night he hopes to reach Albany and on Wednesday in a one-day flight down the Hudson river he expects to break the world's record for the distance and finish his trip, landing at Coney Island in New York before sundown.

POPULAR YOUNG ATHLETE PASSES

William L. Dowd Dies at South Boston, Va.

Mr. William L. Dowd, one of the most popular young men that ever lived in Durham, died at the home of his sister, Mrs. F. L. Walker, at South Boston, Saturday night at 10 o'clock.

The first news of the serious nature of Mr. Dowd's illness was a telephone message to Dr. Arch Cheatham, the physician of Mr. Dowd's family, asking him to come to South Boston at once. Before Dr. Cheatham could make arrangements to go, the news of the death was received. The cause of the death was a disease of the stomach.

The deceased young man was reared in Durham and had hosts of friends in the city who learned of his death with surprised grief. He was the son of Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Dowd. He was the only son and his father preceded him to the grave several years ago. The greater part of his youth and young manhood was spent in Durham, but for the past five or six years he has been physical director of the Young Men's Christian Association at Columbus, Ga. He was a gifted and talented young man, a gentleman in every sense of the word.

The remains will be brought to Durham this evening on the 9:15 train. The funeral services will be held from the residence of Mr. P. W. Vaughan Tuesday afternoon at 4 o'clock, conducted by Rev. R. C. Craven.

MR. JOB P. WYATT'S WILL

Estate Valued at \$60,000 Left to Widow and Children.

Raleigh, Aug. 21.—Job P. Wyatt, the prominent merchant who died last week from the effect of self-inflicted wounds, razor gashes in his throat made in a moment of despondency due to failing health, left a will providing for the division of his \$60,000 estate between his widow and four children. The estate consists of real estate and his interest in the Job P. Wyatt & Sons Co., farmers' supplies and machinery. A new \$40,000 home on Wilmington street was under construction when he died.

DISASTROUS FIRE VISITS KINSTON

Buggy Factory, Tobacco Warehouse and Other Property

LOSS AMOUNTS TO \$100,000

The Blaze Spreads Rapidly, Fed by Paint and Varnish—Many Finished Buggies Destroyed—Fire Started in Same Place as the Disastrous Blaze of 1895.

Kinston, Aug. 21.—Sunday morning about 4 o'clock fire destroyed the large buggy manufacturing plant of the Ellis Carriage Works, the farmers' warehouse for the sale of leaf tobacco, a large storage warehouse and three residences before it could be checked, entailing a loss of over \$100,000.

Fire was first discovered in the planer room of the Ellis Carriage Works and quickly spread to the balance of the building. Nearly the entire second story was occupied by the painting department, the floor of which was covered and saturated with varnish and paint, and it was hardly a minute before the fire spread all over the upper part of the building. Next door to the two-story main building was a single-story building used by the Ellis Carriage Works in which to store manufacturing material. This building was also burned. Across from the Ellis Carriage Works was the farmers' warehouse operated for the sale of leaf tobacco. This immense wooden building was soon on fire and burned quickly. In the rear of the carriage factory L. Harvey and Sons Company had a wooden warehouse full of farming implements. This building caught from the heat and was destroyed together with its contents. Across Gordon street from the carriage factory were three dwellings which were also fired by the intense heat and destroyed.

The fire department did fine work to stop the flames within this territory. Owing to the intense heat caused by the burning of the large wooden buildings and their highly combustible contents the fire was hard to conquer. The following figures as to losses and insurance are approximately correct: J. H. Ellis, proprietor of Ellis Carriage Works, was the largest loser. Estimated value of finished buggies and carriages, machinery and manufacturing material, \$65,000, all destroyed, insurance \$25,000. This establishment turned out about 25 buggies each week and had about 75 employees. The building was owned by W. C. Fields, loss about \$15,000, insured for \$8,000; building used for storage of manufacturing material, owned by J. A. Pridden, loss about \$2,000, insured. The farmers' warehouse was owned by Mrs. Lawrence Sutton of Jacksonville, Fla.; loss about \$10,000, insurance \$5,000. L. Harvey and Sons Company, loss probably \$5,000, insured. The dwellings were worth probably \$500 each and insured. Two of the dwellings were owned by Mrs. Dan Quinberry and the other by Mrs. L. H. Rountree of Greenville. The occupants of the dwellings lost all of their household furniture with little, if any, insurance.

Many people believe the fire was of incendiary origin, yet no one is suspected.

On February 28, 1895, at nearly the identical spot of the starting of the fire Sunday morning, another fire began which burned up \$200,000 worth of property.

Large Attendance At Special Service

The special service at the Christian church Sunday morning was largely attended. The congregation enjoyed very much the singing of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Underwood Butler. Mr. and Mrs. Butler were formerly with Evangelist Torrey and are singers of national reputation. A very impressive sermon was delivered by Rev. J. O. Adkinson, D. D., of Elon College.

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