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**SECEDERS HAVE ANNUAL DINNER**

**Erskine Alumni Banquet at Chamber Attended by Many Former Students.**

The annual banquet of the Erskine College Alumni Association of Mecklenburg county and Charlotte was held at the Chamber of Commerce building Tuesday night, with about 100 alumni and friends present and with President R. C. Grier of the college, recently elected, and Dode Phillips, of Chester, S. C., noted fullback of the Erskine College football team, as special guests.

Dr. George W. Presser, president of the local association, presided at the opening of the banquet and later presented Col. T. L. Kirkpatrick, an alumnus of Erskine to introduce the several speakers. On the program of speakers the first one heard was J. C. Reid, Jr., of Mecklenburg county, who brought greetings from the Erskine student body and who told something of college life as it is today.

Mr. Phillips, who is one of the foremost figures in Southern football, though representing but a small college, told of some needs of the college in an athletic way.

President Grier, who is the second member of his family to serve Erskine College as president and who is the son of the late Prof. Paul Grier, long-time professor of mathematics there, was greeted with all the enthusiasm typical of a college student body when he was presented by Col. Kirkpatrick. Although quite youthful, he has already made an impression upon the life of the college, according to students and alumni, that promises much for the future of the institution.

The new president spoke of some of the outstanding needs of the college at present, declaring that one of its primary needs is for more physical equipment. A certain percentage of physical equipment, irrespective of any standard of teaching or subjects taught, he said, is now necessary if colleges are to be rated high in the classification of American institutions. A new dormitory, a gymnasium, and beautification of the college grounds were some of the things he said are needed at once. He made a plea for support of the institution by its alumni everywhere.

Brief speeches were made by several alumni, including Rev. W. B. Lindsay, Julian S. Miller, Rev. E. G. Carson, J. C. Reid, Sr., Dr. G. E. White and others. During the serving of the banquet, the Carolina Orchestra rendered music. An alumni quartet composed of J. C. Reid, Sr., J. L. L. H., and M. B. Hood, sang several college numbers. A take-off on college life as it is expressed in student councils and debating societies was J. C. Stancill, Julian S. Miller, Dr. W. W. Orr, Rev. W. B. Lindsay and others, much to the astonishment of those who had not been advised in advance of the stunt.

The election of officers of the association for the ensuing year for stanzas during the six days preceding Christmas as compared with the six days preceding Christmas last year. About 12,000 packages were dispatched through the local office, bearing the office's insurance tag. The number indicates that about every four persons in Charlotte received a package. In other terms, about every family received one.

The postal receipts during the six days of last week amounted to \$13,436.34, while for the corresponding days of 1920 they amounted to \$11,306.09. The receipts by days for the six days preceding Christmas were as follows:

1921	1920
\$1,719.20	\$1,469.81
2,773.85	1,874.79
2,800.19	2,431.32
\$3,144.90	2,995.55
2,269.64	2,279.08
1,059.16	1,235.33
<b>\$13,436.34</b>	<b>\$11,306.09</b>

**AROUSING MILITANT SPIRIT OF DEMOCRACY**  
Nashville, Tenn., Dec. 28.—Cordell Hull, chairman of the Democratic National Committee, and who is to be honor guest at a democratic get-together banquet tonight, is devoting a full day to arousing the militant spirit of Tennessee democracy.

Tonight's banquet is planned as a formal recognition of the high party honor conferred upon a Tennesseean. Leading Democrats from all over the State are here for the occasion and more reservations for tonight's banquet have been asked than the banquet hall will accommodate.

The day's program began with a meeting of the Democratic State Committee this morning, attended by the national chairman, who later delivered an address to a gathering of Democrats in the hall of the House of Representatives. Judge Hull and Phil J. Garrett, of the ninth Tennessee district, are to be the principal speakers at tonight's banquet.

**COMMEMORATE THE BIRTHDAY OF WILSON**  
New York, Dec. 28.—Women from all parts of the United States were here today to attend a luncheon commemorating the birthday of Woodrow Wilson. At the same time they were to celebrate the first anniversary of the plan to honor the former President through a permanent foundation.

**PERLSTEIN WAS GUEST OF HONOR**

**Little-Long Employees Tender Departing Manager Studded Rotary Ring.**

A farewell party for William Perlstein general manager for the past two years of the Little Long Company was given Tuesday night by the staff and employees of the company in the basement of the store. Mr. Perlstein goes to Raleigh within a few days to become connected with one of the big stores of the capital city.

The Little-Long party was seated at a long table arranged in the basement of the building and Plato Alexander, of the auditing department, acted as toastmaster. There were 60 or 70 officers and employees present. A delicious banquet was served.

The climax of the party came when Mr. Perlstein was presented with a handsome Rotary ring set with a diamond as an expression of the esteem in which he is held by employees of the store here.

At the end of the room a stage had been erected on which were presented a number of dramatic stunts that showed cleverness both in conception and execution. Take-offs on several of the members of the store were done with exceptional skill, the characteristics of the persons being depicted with much accuracy.

One of the stunts was a make-believe reception at the Myers Park Country Club, at which butlers announced the arrival of celebrities.

An exceptionally well conceived stunt was that picturing the supposed career of Mr. Perlstein from his entrance into the mercantile world up to the present date. A page of The Dry Goods Economist was revealed and presently this was transformed into a door with a youthful William Perlstein in it. He was shown first as a 12-year-old bundle boy in Wannamaker's store, then a youth in overalls sweeping the store, then as an assistant window decorator in Philadelphia, buyer for the rug department of a big store, Bon-Marche, manager of the Charlotte store, active Rotarian, member of the Chamber of Commerce and finally in a handsome automobile with Mrs. Perlstein.

The presentation of the Rotary emblem at the close of this part of the program took Mr. Perlstein altogether by surprise. J. L. Jamison of the store made the presentation speech, after reviewing the work Mr. Perlstein had done during the past two years a manager of the store and relating the pleasant memories the store personnel would cherish in connection with him as manager. Mr. Perlstein fittingly and feelingly expressed his appreciation of the ring and the sentiment connected with it and said it was a real trial and ordeal to him to leave the store.

On behalf of the store personnel, Miss Lillie Benson presented Mrs. Perlstein with a magnificent corsage bouquet as a token of esteem for herself by the employees of the store. Louis Lepinsky, one of the owners of the Bon-Marche system of stores, of which Little-Long's is one, expressed the hope that continued success will follow Mr. Perlstein wherever he goes.

The party sang "Long, Long Trail" before adjourning.

**CATAWBA I. O. O. F. ELECTS NEW OFFICERS**  
Catawba Encampment, I. O. O. F., elected officers last night for the first six months of the new year. W. W. Clary was elected chief patriarch; T. C. Chauque, high priest; J. A. Quick, senior warden; L. S. Fox, scribe; A. R. Willman, treasurer; W. Dannege, junior warden.

The encampment is planning for a big demonstration meeting and banquet January 24. At that meeting all three degrees will be given to a number of candidates, many of them coming from other towns in this section.

**LITTLE DEMAND FOR WAGONS.**  
Buffalo, N. Y., Dec. 28.—A marked shrinkage in the demand for wagons is given by the Wayne Wheel Company of Newark, as the chief reason for a voluntary petition in bankruptcy, now before the Federal court here.

**HEALTH IS VITAL**  
Here is How to Take Proper Care of It. Covington, Ky.—"For a long time I have used Dr. Pierce's Pleasant Pellets for biliousness and constipation to my entire satisfaction. I have also recommended the same to other people who have later thanked me for telling them about these 'Pleasant Pellets.' Just take them according to directions and relief is certain."—Mrs. A. Walker, 1325 Banklick St.

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