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Old Wake Forest Celebrates Her 75th Birthday

The College Community Gives Itself Over to Joyful Festivities - Progressive Exercises Held in Memorial Hall.

Professors Chas. E. Taylor and E. W. Sikes Deliver Appropriate Addresses - Pres't Faunce Speaks To-night.

Washington, N. C., Feb. 11.—This is the greatest day in the history of Wake Forest College. The 75th anniversary of the founding of the college is being celebrated in the most impressive manner.

At 10 o'clock this morning the student body gathered in the Memorial Hall, the classroom building, and the gymnasium.

At 11 o'clock the exercises were held in the Memorial Hall. The exercises were presided over by President Faunce.

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BACK HOME AGAIN!

Biggers' Mind Is Returning

Broke Into a Flood of Tears When Mounting the Jail Steps—Plead to See His Family and Recognized His Brother.

The first sign of any reason to the mind of Mr. Will S. Biggers was shown yesterday when he was taken to the jail.

Officer Elliott had been able to do a good deal with him. The officer spent half an hour with him in his cell yesterday trying to draw him out into conversation.

As the falling of the rain dissipates the cloud and clears the way for the shining of the sun, so did the shedding of tears seem to wash away the cobwebs from the brain of the prisoner.

This morning he became calmer and more tractable still and recognized his brother for the first time since the tragedy.

There is no doubt that Biggers has suffered temporary aberration of mind. There could be no simulation in the fierce glare of the eye and the madman's grip of that single hand.

According to the Brownsville authorities, most of the negroes are from Pittsburg, which place they left when the police made wholesale arrests of negroes on account of the many assaults against white women.

Norfolk, Va., Feb. 11.—A bark, supposed to be the Mantanzas from Ferdinand to Philadelphia, was today sighted ten miles from Big Keonakeet flying distress signals.

Washington, D. C., Feb. 11.—President Roosevelt left here at noon today for Hodgenville, Ky., where tomorrow he will honor the memory of Lincoln at the war president's birthplace.

Proceedings of The Legislature

Raleigh, Feb. 11.—Much time was killed in the house on a long discussion of the report of the committee on privileges and elections on the Dare county contest.

Mr. Campbell sent forward a resolution for a special committee of three to examine the insurance department from its establishment to the present.

Mr. Dowd introduced three bills, require counties bidding in lands sold for taxes to become responsible for state tax; to authorize Charlotte to vote on a special tax for the Carnegie library; to regulate the practice of architecture and establish a state board of examiners.

The senate Mr. Dockery introduced a bill for constitutional convention to meet the first Thursday in June 1911.

The House of Representatives will have charge of the program.

Schooner Had Stormy Voyage

New York, Feb. 11.—With all hands on board exhausted by their constant labors for days to keep their vessel free of water, the schooner Richard L. C. Hartley, from Jacksonville, was towed into harbor by the tug, Reliance, which had picked her up outside.

The Hartley left Jacksonville for New York on January 26th and had a severe blow several of her sails were split, two planks in her side were stove in by pounding seas and the existence of a serious leak below was evidenced by the speedy accumulation of six feet of water in her hold.

Forty-eight men have died on the fleet since it left Hampton Roads in December, 1907, up to the time the fleet left Gibraltar, according to the department figures.

Washington, D. C., Feb. 11.—In point of public interest, the home-coming of the great battleship fleet promises to exceed the notable departure of the same vessels.

Hope For a New Charter

Mayor Franklin Still Optimistic. Board of Aldermen Meets To-night—Public Utilities Will Again be Heard From.

Mayor Franklin has called a meeting of the board of aldermen for to-night at 8 o'clock to consider questions pertaining to the charter.

Another feature will be the presentation of the communication from Chairman McDowell, of the sub-committee of 10 of the committee of 100, in regard to the request from the board that the sub-committee meet with them.

The hitch at present in the charter negotiations seems to be in the difference of opinion as to what is the proper line of procedure.

The charter committee met and acted upon certain provisions of the charter without any notification to the charter committee and then invited the charter committee to meet with the entire board for conference.

The charter committee regards such action as peculiarly inconsistent and refuse to meet a larger committee than was first agreed upon.

The program for the entertainment of the president provides for an enthusiastic welcome and elaborate entertainment.

Attempt to Draw Color Line Was Failure

London, Eng., Feb. 11.—The attempt to draw the color line, quite a new departure in this country, met with signal failure at Birmingham, when an effort was made to exclude a negro student of the university from the local skating rink.

Loss By Fire \$200,000. Sumner, Miss., Feb. 11.—Fire last night partly destroyed the business section of Sumner. The loss is \$200,000.

Heaviest Voting of The Contest Wednesday

Mystery Of The Caspian

Berlin, Feb. 11.—Advices from Baku, the great oil port on the Caspian, tell of the agitation of the populace there over the impenetrable mystery surrounding the deaths of three of the city's wealthiest residents.

The three victims of the strange fatality, headed by H. Krassilnikov, a noted sportsman, went on a shooting expedition to a small island in the Caspian, not far from Baku.

As soon as the searching party landed they saw two horses hobbled and quietly grazing at a spot not far from the shore, but beyond these animals there was no sign of life.

The money and jewelry each of the sportsmen had carried was found intact. The only things that had disappeared were their rifles, revolvers and hunting knives.

When the bodies were conveyed to Baku an autopsy was at once made. The first thought being that the sportsmen had in some way been poisoned.

New Directors of C. & O. By Associated Press. New York, Feb. 11.—At a meeting of directors of the Chesapeake & Ohio E. A. Vandervlyt, Edwin Howey, H. E. Huntington, J. G. Castles, Frank Turnbull and Frederick Scott, of Richmond, Va., were elected directors.

Port Eads, via New Orleans, La., Feb. 11.—The scout cruiser Birmingham crossed the bar at 8:50 this morning and proceeded on her way up the river, conveying President-Elect Taft and party to New Orleans.

Port Eads, via New Orleans, La., Feb. 11.—As the president-elect boarded the Birmingham salutes were fired by the cruisers North Carolina and Montana.

The president-elect has been in the tropics still was present. The people of Port Eads and Hilloiwun were up early watching for the transfer.

The King Indisposed. Berlin, Feb. 11.—King Edward is suffering from an attack of bronchial catarrh, and, according to a local newspaper, has called in consultation a German physician, who ordered him to remain in his room until he was better.

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Miss Estelle Wolfe, Miss Blanche Rowe, Miss Lemma Clodjeter, Miss Winniefied Carraway Poll Heavy Votes.

Just a week more and everyone will be telling his friends that he voted for the successful candidate for the index in the News' prize contest.

That's human nature. They all love to be on the winning side and any one of them that is in doubt as to where to deposit his votes is far more likely to cast them for the fellow who looks like a sure winner or at least acts like one than for the fellow who wants to be helped even though he thinks he has no possible show.

Everybody likes to be lined up with the winning side in any sort of a contest. If you show that you are going to win or at least have a chance to win everyone will flock to your standard and so many unsolicited votes will be thrown to you that you will be astounded by the growth of your score.

Well, ladies and gentlemen, can you see the handwriting on the wall? Do you see that it is going to take some voting from now until the finish? Not voting once a week, but once a day, and a good strong vote at that, in the few remaining days of the contest and remember that now it is a case of gauging the other fellow's reserves and piling up enough votes to beat him out. The contest manager's favorite saying at this stage of the game is, "Better have a million votes too many than lack a few hundred at the finish."

Mr. Candidate, the time is getting short. If you are to win one of the splendid prizes the News has offered you will have to get busy and stay busy the rest of the time. It may look as if you had a cinch on some one of the prizes now. Perhaps you think you are sure of the first grand prize, but being sure is a dangerous state of mind. While you are feeling certain you will hesitate for a moment, in that very moment some one who is awake all the time will make a lap on you and carry off the honors and the premiums.

All the wise candidates are out to win the last bonus vote that will be offered during this contest. After this week there will be no votes over and above the regular scale published in the News.

This is the final word on the bonus proposition. If you appreciate the value of votes secured in this manner get busy and win them. You don't have to stop with one, you know, and the wise ones will try for several of them. You can overcome the leaders by a hard week's work.

After the preceding ones of larger size, but remember it is a time of heavy voting now, and you should win at least two of these extra certificates if you wish to feel confident of winning a prize.

THE LAST BONUS OFFER.

An extra ballot of 15,000 will be given for every \$25.00 worth of new subscriptions turned in between 7 a. m. Feb. 8th and midnight Saturday, Feb. 13th.

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