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## A LITTLE MOTOR JOURNEY

Trip to Wake Forest Baptist School is One of Historic Interest



WAKE FOREST is the seat of one of the largest Baptist schools for men in the country, this having been established in 1834 by Rev. Samuel Wait of New England and named Wake Forest College, the name being given because of the location in Wake county and in a section where the trees are grand in size. Wake Forest is located directly on the Capital Highway, the main road between Columbia, Raleigh, Richmond, Washington and points north, this highway passing directly in front of the college campus, which is marked by a long fence of rough stone and a memorial arch, also of stone. The ride from Raleigh to Wake Forest is on a road which has plenty of history behind it. This road goes out from the northeast corner of Raleigh, passing by some homes of the old regime, with hedges and out-buildings for slaves, and passes under two railways, the Seaboard Air Line and the Norfolk Southern, within a few yards of their intersection. The road at the latter point runs in front of one of the great drill grounds in which North Carolina trained its troops during the war between the states, then drops to the valley of Crabtree creek and makes a long, straight stretch, passing by a large stuccoed villa built by a gentleman from southern France, in front of this house being very large oaks. It was at this particular point in 1825 that General LaFayette and his son, George Washington LaFayette, on their way to Raleigh, stopped for a change of horses, one of the numerous post-houses on the great national highway between the North and South being then at this place. The odd construction of the villa, without porches or balconies, will attract attention.

Much of the way to Lake Forest the road runs on a high table land and there are wide views, right and left, notably across the valley of the Neuse river, which river is crossed by two bridges, one of these being necessary only in times of high water, the stream being subject to heavy freshets. Some of the old homes along this road are impressive and tell stories of the days long before the war, of large farms and numerous slaves. Wake Forest has some quaint aspects and looks the college town. The college originally had only one building, of brick, and the houses erected for the president and the faculty at that time are of the same material. The campus is a spacious one, with fine trees and shrubbery, and now there are a group of buildings, among these being one in memory of Rev. Dr. Wingate, for many years president. The present head of the college is Dr. William Louis Poteat, widely known among the Baptists in the United States. In a corner of the campus nearest the highway a memorial church is in course of construction, this being quite modern. The Seaboard Air Line Rail-

way runs through the center of the town, the highway being between it and the front or eastern face of the campus. The section around Wake Forest has always been a social center and the homes of such families as the Crenshaws, Mangums and others were the seats of hospitality in old times, and are yet. In those old days many great men passed that way, going north or south. The founder of the Mangum estate was Willie P. Mangum, whose home, built in 1790, is near a church built the same year by him, as a gift to all denominations, and named Wake Union Chapel. It is white, with green blinds, stands in one of the finest oak groves in all North Carolina, and can be used by any denomination at pleasure.

Thirty years ago the then head of the Mangum family invented what is known as the Mangum terrace on sloped land; this having become famous and bringing as visitors thousands of farmers and also experts from the United States and state agricultural departments. This terrace instead of being abrupt, like a ditch, has a very gentle slope, so that all of it can be cultivated. On one of the finest farms, the "Mangum place," in this section, to which one can go by taking a road a mile westward from Wake Forest, the original terraces can now be seen, and in the vicinity are perfectly preserved and admirably maintained old homes, each in its grove. Wake Forest College has sent out many missionaries into foreign and home fields, and from the inspiration of this institution grew the Baptist female college at Raleigh, recently renamed Meredith College, which has been often termed the daughter of Wake Forest, and is one of the largest colleges for women owned and conducted by this denomination. The Baptists are a power in North Carolina, leading by a considerable number any other denomination in membership, and they are devoted to Wake Forest College, which has a neat endowment and which has received aid from Mr. Rockefeller after careful study of its work; that gentleman having also aided Meredith College.

The change in the aspect of the country in Wake county, from that part to the southward and nearest to Pinehurst to that in Wake Forest section, is marked, red clay, rolling hills and a preponderance of oaks and other hard wood and short-leaf pines, with plenty of hills and wide ranging views, giving the region a piedmont touch. It is on the divide between the valleys of the Neuse and Tar rivers, and four miles away are the Falls of Neuse, to which another road leads from Raleigh, not so good as this one, however.

The first historian of North Carolina, John Lawson, was at the Falls of Neuse in 1706, his guide being a friendly Indian named "Eno Will," who had come with him all the way from where Hillsboro now is, in Orange county, and who was showing him the way along what was known as the "Indian Trading Path" to the eastern settlements, Lawson being the surveyor general of the seven Lords Proprietors of Carolina, which