Alumni News

Recently Rockingham High School has made contact through letters with many of its graduates. These letters have made interesting reading for those of us who are now in school, because they help us to appreciate the fine spirit that has always prevailed in our school. It has done us good to touch hands with those who have helped to build the traditions of our school. We are giving excerpts from these letters because we know the people of Rockingham will be interested in hearing from the boys and girls who have graduated from Rockingham High School.

Miss Lila Walsh has given us the following interesting data about the class of 1912:

The Graduating Class of 1912

June 4th

(Red and White)

"Epluribus Unum"

Mary Todd Armistead
Inez Biggs
Lottie Brigman
Elizabeth Crudup
Dorothy Fairley
Lila Walsh
William Harry Entwistle
Carlisle Gibson
Alex Monroe
Ellis Thomas

Teachers:

Prof. L. J. Bell
Miss Nettie Brogden
Miss Bessie Dunlap

Class Officers:

President—Ellis Thomas
Class History—Lila Walsh
Class Prophecy—Dorothy Fairley
Class Poem—Elizabeth Crudup
Class Will—Carlisle Gibson

Numerous Places for Recitations:

Law Office of Lawyer J. P. Cameron (little yellow building on corner of school yard) for Geometry and History sometimes and Old Presbyterian Church, near the Manufacturers' Building, on the ground that now stands the buildings of Harllees' and Linton Tire Co. for History or other subjects.

Any place we could find for other subjects not mentioned.

[illegible] Class as of Today:

Mary Todd Armistead—Mrs. Douglas Spiers, 2409 Massachusetts Ave., N. W., Washington, D. C.

Inez Biggs—Mrs. Walter Cline, Raleigh, N. C.

Lottie Brigman—Mrs. Lottie Brigman Sedberry, Rockingham, N. C.

Elizabeth Crudup—Belzoni, Miss.

Dorothy Fairley—Charlotte, N. C., care of Arrowhead Tea Room.

Lila Walsh—Rockingham, N. C., with Pee Dee Mfg. Co.

William Harry Entwistle—Rockingham, N. C., with Pee Dee Mfg. Co. and Entwistle Mfg. Co.

Carlisle Gibson—With Entwistle Mfg. Co., Rockingham, N. C.

Alex Monroe—Rockingham, N. C., with Standard Oil Co., of N. J.

Ellis Thomas—Greensboro, N. C., Attorney at Law.

Jessie McCullen

Jessie McCullen of the New Jersey Telephone Company writes as follows:

"As I look back over my last year in Rockingham High School I think of the very small senior class, and it being the days before woman suffrage, it was considered the proper thing to elect a male student as president rather than one of the fair sex. When you considered that there were but two men to select from in the senior class, it can hardly be said that there was a great deal of honor in attaining the position. From an educational standpoint there was a decided advantage in the small class since it was possible to receive almost individual instruction from the very capable faculty of Mr Bell, Miss Dunlap, and Miss Blackburn. Then there was the training in public speaking and the organization of material for debates. Today these are pleasant memories, and my poor performance as a Latin student has been almost forgotten."

Houston S. Everett

Dr. Houston S. Everett, in a very interesting letter, writes, "I felt much bigger and more distinguished when a senior in the Rockingham High School than I do now. Most of us find, I think, that as our circle of acquaintances and contacts widens our estimate of our importance becomes proportionately decreased.

"But as to the days when I was in the Rockingham High. Those were really the good old days. I graduated in 1916 in a class of ten which we were always told was an exceptional class in several ways. It was divided equally as to boys and girls which was rare in those days, the girls usually outnumbering the boys considerably. The girls were Helen Currie, Emma Grey Ledbetter, Octavia Scales, Alma Sinclair, and Berta West. The boys were Vernon Crawford, Jerome Pence, John Stancil, Harvey Terry and myself. There was keen rivalry among all of us for the various honors and distinctions to be had in the school.

"Under Miss Frazier's direction we gave acts of several of Shakespeare's plays and in our last year gave "A Midsummer Night's Dream" in [illegible]

"But enough of the more studious of our activities. We were also much interested in sports and athletics. We played tennis considerably and had annual track and field meets. In our last year we organized the first football team that Rockingham ever had. It was a meagre beginning with improvised uniforms and Mr. Wall's vacant lot for a gridiron, but under the coaching of Mr. F. D. Phillips we managed to win three of the six games we played. There is a picture of that team still in existence and if you would like to publish it I believe you can get one from Mr. Morgan's studio. Several years later when Rockingham Highs won the state championship I was rather proud of the fact that I had had something to do with introducing the sport into the school."

Jerome Pence

Jerome Pence, Principal of Hoff-

teachers were the best [illegible] Mr. Bell that there have [illegible] any teachers as good as [illegible] through the years I have [illegible] very often find myself [illegible] teachers who have taught [illegible] the standard of those who [illegible]

"Led by Mr. Bell, a teacher whose vision and wisdom have [illegible] the schools of Rockingham and Richmond County with a solid foundation of the practical and bordered [illegible] noblest ideals. Due to superintendent's energetic leadership we were kept ahead of the more traditional methods of that [illegible] school life was very interesting and progressive. The literary societies were begun when we entered high school. We entered the first [illegible] debates. Recitation and Declamation contests were held each commencement, and beautiful medals, given by loyal patrons of Rockingham, were awarded the winners. Entertainment, plays, and programs of culture and refinement were given in the school auditorium, and people of the community as well as the school children enjoyed these exceedingly.

"The rules of the school were strictly adhered to. We were [illegible] to be on time, and if we could [illegible] sight of Caesar (I called him [illegible] after I began studying Latin, and I think probably he resembles the old Roman a great deal) even if a little late, he always rang the bell and we were safely within our rooms. [illegible] now, when I am in Rockingham, I thrill to the ringing of that old bell.

"It seems that I could go on indefinitely with these memories, but I've already taken more than my share of space. I say with the restless boys (with apologies to the poet)—

"Of all the schools from East to West
The loveliest school, the dearest and best
Was that big brick school, the old brick school
In Rockingham."

Mrs. Emma Porter Nance

Emma Porter, who is now Mrs. Clyde Nance, writes us from Troy, N. C.

"After graduating I taught [illegible] I have been grade mother for the first and second grades. I have been a Sunday School teacher too. You can't imagine how much I enjoyed doing this. I have three children so really I teach at home all the time."

Geraldine Smith

The class of 1919 was composed of ten members, two boys and eight girls. The boys were William Seales and Zack Long who are located in Rockingham. Interesting letters have come to us from Geraldine Smith and Concord Leak, who is now Mrs. John Austin. Geraldine writes from New York City where she is engaged in physical education work.

"When a student in Rockingham High School I had the satisfaction and pride that came from believing that I attended a school which ranked with the best. After graduation there came opportunities to observe intimately the work of many schools in North Carolina, then close contacts with students from all parts of the United States and more recently with many foreign-born people. Comparisons offered by these experiences have never given reason for wavering in patriotism nor for lacking of confidence in the work of my own school. Because I believe that your school created situations in which one could act to the fullest ability, I sent a student (Martha Tillghman Smith) there for final preparation before entering an university which is considered one of the three best in the work of her major interest."

Mrs. Concord Leak Austin

Concord Leak (now Mrs. John Austin) writes from Memphis.

"My life is very full with church work, charitable and social duties, home and family. There is something to demand my time every minute of the day but I like that for if I am not doing something I am seeing or knitting dresses. I like to be forever busy. I do find time to work in the garden which is a hobby of hers, of course. Mr. Austin is a great lover of flowers and very artistic so he has made our back yard which isn't much larger than the living room, into a charming garden where we spend many happy hours working together."

We have had beautiful letters from three members of the class of 1918. Florence Covington writes in a cordial letter of good spirit in which she tells us that the [illegible] of her time is spending [illegible] small grandchildren. [illegible]

[illegible] Graduated as Judge Wright [illegible]

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SCHOOL SERMONS

Preachers Who Have Delivered Sermons R'ham Commencements

1924—Rev. J. J. Douglas, Greensboro, Presbyterian. Text: Romans I-20.

1925—Dr. W. R. Cullom, Wake Forest, Baptist. Text: Exodus III 1-15.

1926—Dr. C. M. Hawkins, Rockingham, Methodist. Text: Ephesians II-10.

1927—Dr. Charles Durham, Lumberton, Baptist. Text: Hebrews XI, 24-27.

1928—Rev. T. M. Stribling, Rockingham, Presbyterian. Text: [illegible]

1929—Dr. W. W. Peele, Charlotte, Methodist. Text: Psalm [illegible]

1930—Rev. [illegible], Rockingham, Episcopalian. Text: Mark VI-3.

1931—Dr. Ashby Chappell, [illegible], Methodist. Text: [illegible]