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ALUMNI NEWS

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and musical circles, being leader of the community singers and leading baritone in Saint Phillips Episcopal Choir."

Louise Diggs, Mrs. U. S. Sizer, lives in Raleigh where her husband is assistant to the superintendent of the state highway.

Allison Ormond

Dr. Allison Ormond writes us a delightful letter, all of which we would like to publish but for like of space we are forced to select a few of the most interesting bits.

"I was graduated from the Rockingham High School in the Spring of 1920. The present grammar school building was the public school of Rockingham. The class room of the senior class was the auditorium and stage, and one cannot conceive of efficiency under such circumstances, but there was efficiency and plenty of it. Possibly the reason for the majority of us making the honor roll was due to the goodness, or shall we say benefaction, of Miss Finley. A senior distinction then was class student government, and we were privileged to roam in the auditorium at will during the unsupervised study periods. Often I feel that the privilege was worked, 'overtime.' I recall how often we would slip behind the piano on the stage and steal a little nap on the old leather upholstered davenport there only to be suddenly and boisterously awakened by the 'records' of Miss Smith's music class. From back of the stage I served for many study period feasts. We would call Caesar Crump (dear old Caesar) below the window, throw him some money, and in a few minutes he would return from the store and tie candy, peanuts, etc. to the end of a string we had lowered to him; and then if Caesar knew that someone was late he would ring the bell five minutes overtime if necessary. I shall not soon forget the splendid faculty members who tried desperately to substitute logic and intelligent thinking for the obviously dominant frivolity, but now I know that they understood that youth, with its freedom from worries, was only seeking an avenue of escape in this life that is only too short.

"Robert Shepard is a successful dentist in Southern Pines. George Guthrie, a symbol of friendship because he would divide his last dime with you, is married and doing road construction work in Florida and Louisiana. William Head, whose ambition was to become a physician, is now a successful insurance salesman with the Metropolitan Life Insurance Co. My ambition was to become a physician. My great hobby then was skinning and dissecting frogs, snakes, terrapins, and lizards. I entered Jefferson in the Fall of 1926. Actually my life's work had begun. Shortly thereafter I joined the army of the benefactors by marrying my high school sweetheart, Tessie Covington; and at the beginning of my senior year I was accorded the honor of being elected president of my fraternity, the Theta Kappa Psi Medical Fraternity."

Carl Coley

From Carl Coley, who now lives in High Point comes the following interesting comments.

"I hasten to thank you warmly for your letter asking me to write about my experience in Rockingham High School. It was 13 years ago I left Rockingham High School. And those years have not in any way dimmed my pleasant memory of the personalities in each class and in the faculty. Yesterday afternoon I saw Willie A. Williams who was in the graduating class with me and who is a resident of High Point, N. C. His wife was in our class too.

"I like to go home and on each visit I am brought back face to face with the old High School building across the street. It brings to my mind the friendships and experiences of 1917, 18, 19 and 20 which could properly be labelled the happiest days and the most impressive period of one's life. I like to look around for old scenes and old faces. I remember placing a letter in a most dignified manner in the ground in front of the High School building where a tree was planted—and is

now grown to maturity. "I am happy in the thought that I know I had the privilege of spending four years in the very best High School in America, and under the leadership of the ablest school Superintendent in the country."

Henry W. Steele

The memory of the class of 1921 is kept alive in Rockingham High School because this class presented to the school the '21 Citizenship Cup which goes each year to the best all around Junior. Henry W. Steele, a member of this class has written us from Philadelphia.

"Now that Rockingham has one of the finest and best equipped High Schools in the country, a good many people have probably forgotten the trying conditions under which we worked that year. Each year the number of students increased. That year it became necessary that there be more room. Mr. Bell, I believe, leased the rooms over the opera house, and that is where we held classes. At recess we marched up to what is now the Graded School. The teachers, of course, accompanied us, and I am sure that those walks back and forth brought us a little closer to those who instructed us.

"The only sport at that time was basket ball. Both the boys and girls had good teams. The girls were coached by Miss Tempie Boddy who also taught us Latin. The girls had a wonderful team and seldom lost a game. We boys did not fare quite so well. We had no coach. We just played for the love of the game. Most of our matches were in the state with a few in South Carolina. During my last year I had the honor of being captain. That year we won all games in the county so guess today we could say we held the championship, although we did not think about those things then.

"There are two things I really learned how to do while there, namely, how to study and how to play. So many boys and girls go through High School and also college and never really learn how to study. It is one of the first things that should be stressed upon, for it is of great assistance after one is out in the world.

"One morning at Chapel Mr. Bell said, 'Every boy and girl should aim at a star. Never stop short of it, then pick another above.' From Miss Finley we took our class motto 'Be Square.' That is the kind of spirit they instilled in us, and I don't think it can be improved upon."

Martha Fletcher Biggs

We were fortunate enough to receive three letters from the class of 1922. Martha Fletcher Biggs writes from Davenport College in Lenoir, N. C.

"From my earliest years I had three major ambitions:

- (1) To go to college—graduate—and attend Columbia University.
- (2) To teach but not to become the traditional 'School marm' type.
- (3) To teach in a college—be it large or small. The main requirement being merely a college.

"I have been lucky enough to carry out all of these in a very small way, partially through my own efforts but greatly due to the inspiration and help of others. Some of these others being people like Miss Finley, Miss Terry, and Mr. Bell who are still with you.

"Since graduating from college I have done hospital work, teaching, coaching, catering, and various and sundry other things that go along with the work of teaching Home Economics.

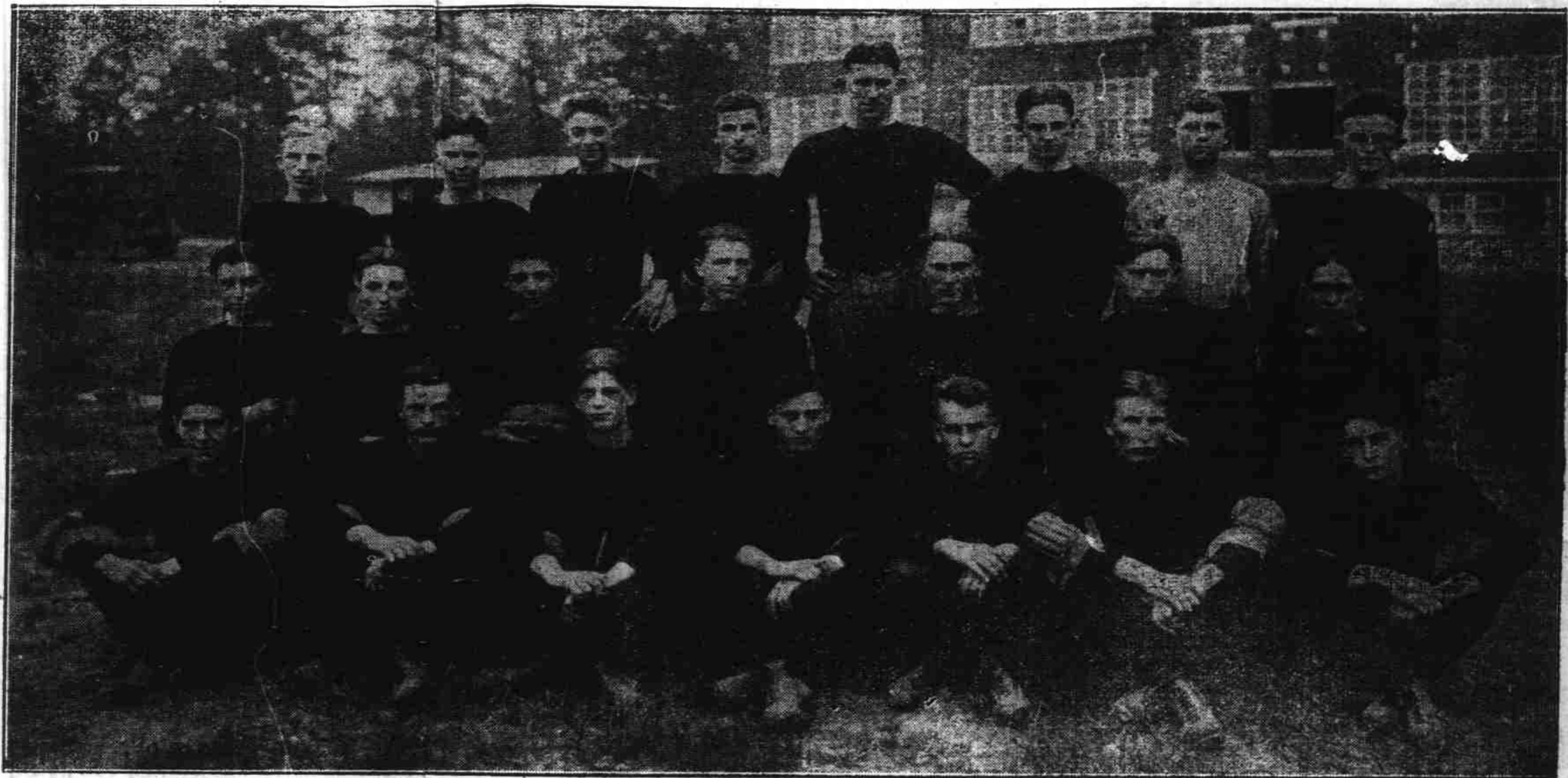
"Of course, you know that we had no modern high school building. The eleventh grade room was the cloak closet of the old club over the Garden or is it the Richmond Theatre now? We were very crowded but we had so much fun. I remember how we scattered out for study hours. I usually took mine on the stair steps—partially due to lack of any other place to go but mostly because of my admiration for a fellow classmate, who usually had a bag of chocolates in his pocket."

Mrs. Johasie Henry Cobb

Johasie Henry (Mrs. G. P. Cobb) Greensboro, N. C., writes:

"My first job, or to be more dignified I should say, position, was in the Greensboro City Schools. For two

THE 1922 TEAM ROCKINGHAM HIGH SCHOOL



NAMES OF PLAYERS

(Reading left to right, bottom row): Thomas Leath, R. E.; Charlie Carter, R. T.; Jasper Hasty, R. G.; Lloyd Jenkins, Center; Jesse Philter, L. G.; George Covington, L. T.; Johnnie Webb, L. F.
 (Reading left to right, middle row): John Hamer, utility line; Crawford Lisker R. H.; Ammie Webb, Captain and Quarterback; Lee Ballard, utility; Frank Ellerbe, full; Red Lennon, R. T.; Harry West, Halfback.
 (Top Row) Substitutes: Bob Cole, Everett Hamer, Thomas McRae, Fred Hicks, Coach J. B. Lawrence, Jesse Green, McLean Leath, George Maurice.

years I had charge of the organized play periods in three grammar schools of the city and also the after school activities for the boys and girls of these three schools. During the week, I came in contact with nearly two thousand children and over fifty teachers. So you see my work was varied and never monotonous.

"I went to Salisbury the following year where my work was practically the same as before. In the second year, however, I did high school work.

"My travelling has been limited, but six weeks in New York City one summer was quite an experience. I went to Washington, D. C. The city was at its height in beauty for the cherry trees were in full bloom. This city, with its superb architecture and numerous places of interest, appealed to me very much.

"Aside from teaching, travelling some, I have spent much time in reading, mingling with people and participating in outdoor sports. I do not think that a person's age should hinder him from taking part in some sport though it be one as mild as walking. I have not done very many interesting things, but everything was fun and I have been happy in the things I did."

W. A. Hamer

Dr. W. A. Hamer of Charlotte, N. C., says:

"It gives me great pleasure to recall some of my experiences in Rockingham High School while I was a student there. I shall always look upon my high school days as fundamental stones in the foundation of my career. It was there I learned the great principles of love, character and self-reliance.

"There were two literary societies, the Woodrow Wilson for the boys and the Patterson for the girls. These met every two weeks at which time there were debates and declaiming. The societies often met jointly and had socials, entertainments once a semester.

"Our athletic teams at that time were very good. The football and baseball games and practices were held at the old Fair Ground. The football team defeated our old rivals Hamlet and Ellerbe but didn't quite win the Eastern championship. The girls basketball team defeated every school in that section.

"Student Government was in its infancy. There was no president of the organization but each grade had a monitor, who looked after the welfare of the room."

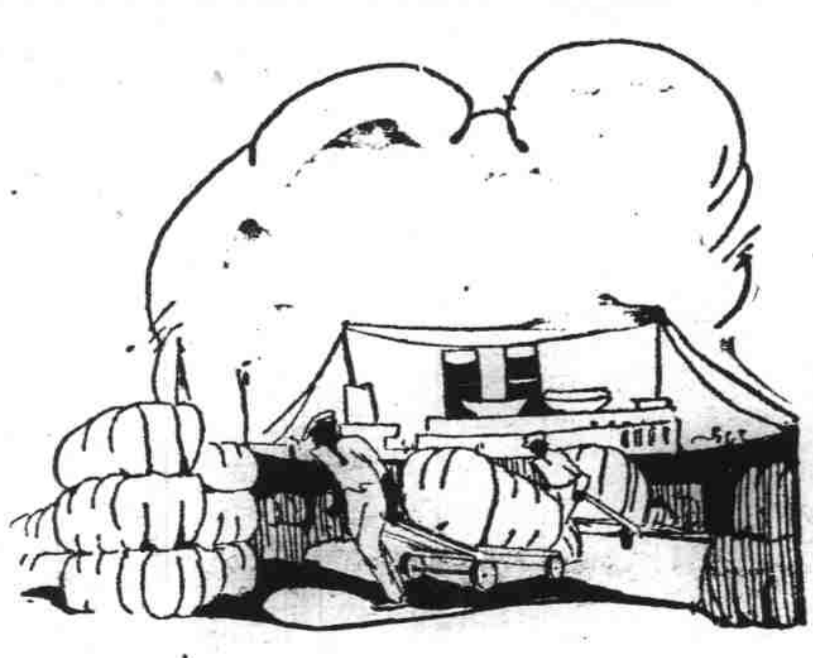
Thomas Leath
 The class of 1923 was the first to graduate from our new high school auditorium. At the request of the editors, Thomas Leath has given us a brief account of his doing since he left the high school.
 "Your esteemed favor of March 26 is at hand. You honor me in your request and I am quite glad to do anything I can for the Rockingham High School.
 "After graduating from the Rockingham High School, I entered Trinity College, Durham, N. C., in

the fall of 1923. While at Trinity I became a member of the Sigma Chi Fraternity and won a letter as one of the high jumpers on the track team. In the fall of 1925 I entered the University of North Carolina as a junior, and in 1927 I graduated from the school of Liberal Arts. Having majored in History and Government, I was awarded a Teaching Fellowship for the following year. So in 1928 I again graduated from the University, with the degree of Master of Arts. My plan had always been to study law but on being

offered a job in New York City with Rockingham mill connections I decided to change my plans and enter the business world instead. I had been in New York less than a year when the opportunity to come back to Rockingham arose so I forthwith set out to return to my family and friends."

Mrs. Sarah Everett Lee

The class of 1924 had the novel distinction of graduating more boys than girls. We have had several (Continued on page six)



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