

THE TAR HEEL.

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THE DAVIE POPLAR.

On the Campus at the University of North Carolina.

A SHORT HISTORIC SKETCH.

Named for; William Richardson Davie, "The Father of the University"—Where Class Day Exercises Are Held—Slightly Damaged by the Storm of August 6th.

Mr. Editor:

About 3 o'clock in the afternoon of August 6th, 1902, Chapel Hill, N. C. was visited by a severe wind storm, coming from the North and reaching a velocity of 60 miles an hour. Large and small limbs were twisted and hurled to the ground, trees were uprooted and telephone and electric wires were injured so that the village would have been in darkness that night save for oil lamps.

When the storm had subsided and the report reached the citizens that two limbs of the "Davie Poplar" had been blown down, deep feelings of regret were expressed, as the tree meant so much to the University. This old poplar is situated in the center of the campus and is about 60 feet high and 5 feet in diameter. It is of the Tulip variety, and every year in the month of May it has beautiful blossoms of a pea green color tinted to a pink at the base of each petal. The tree is straight about 50 feet, then three immense limbs branch out; the two of which on the north side were blown off, exposing to view the center which had been burned out by lightning, when the University was closed during the Civil War. About that time, so some of the ante bellum inhabitants tell me, the tree looked as if it would die, but with the reopening of the University in 1875 it took on a new lease of life and has spread its protecting branches over the green sward for a quarter of a century longer.

When these limbs were blown off in August Dr. Kemp. P. Battle and others secured small branches to make souvenir canes. The President of the University now expects to have a piece of furniture made out of the fallen limbs, and placed in one of the buildings, where it will ever be cherished with fond recollections by the alumni of this institution.

It was under this tree that those venerable patriots who selected the site for the University, at their dinner, after which they drank from a fine spring, situated in a shady nook between four sycamore trees now at the rear of the Chapel Hill Hotel. Under the Davie Poplar, too, they decided that Chapel Hill should be the site of the University.

The tree was named for William

Richardson Davie, a graduate of Princeton, a dashing young cavalry officer of the Revolution, Commissary General under Green, a member of the Federal Constitutional Convention of 1787, Governor of the State, Brigadier General of the United States in the contemplated war with France, special minister to France to avert that war, an able lawyer and eloquent orator, "the father of the University." The county of Davie and the Poplar are his only monuments in North Carolina.

At Commencement time, on Class Day, the closing exercises are held under Davie Poplar. About 5 p. m. on that day the graduates in caps and gowns meet in Memorial Hall, form in line, doublefile, march by the music of a brass band, first to the well in front of the South building where each graduate takes a drink of crystal water, then on to the Davie Poplar. This line is headed by the Chief Marshall, who carries a gold-headed cane and wears a black suit. Over his right shoulder is his handsome regalia of blue and white satin fringed with gold. The march is continued around the tree until a large circle has been formed, then they sit in Turkish fashion on the ground. The Historian, who presents medals to the handsomest man, the ugliest man, etc. A brief history of the class is then read. The class poet is next introduced, who rises and reads his original poem. The class pipe with a long handle decorated with class colors is then given to the president who lights it and takes the first smoke, passing it around to each in the circle. "The Old North State" is then sung; the class yell is given for the University President, members of the Faculty and the Class President.

On this occasion there is indeed a solemnity that makes the new graduate forever cherish in memory this last scene around Davie Poplar.

Mrs. S. S. Sibley.
Chapel Hill, N. C.

Annianus Wit.

"1905" went down to the home of a member of the faculty on Sunday to give him a special invitation to come out to the Y. M. C. A. Rally that afternoon. As it was dinner time the Judge cordially invited our friend to dine. Of course naughty-five "no-a-thank-youed." But this good old soul friend of the students would not thus be baffled. So he told our friend he could not accept his refusal. And with this he commenced carrying him toward the dining hall where there were some girls. Our friend's Annianus wit however did not forsake him and so as a last card he boldly played "he-had-just-had-dinner." As a matter of fact he hadn't eaten any breakfast. But the girl's smiles did not touch him so it was all right.

OUR FIRST GAME.

Contest with Guilford Was Very Easily Won.

CAROLINA, 16; GUILFORD, 0.

"We Have Met the Enemy and We Are Their'n," Said Manager White—Varsity Does Herself Credit—Small Attendance—Absence of Rooting—Today's Game.

Carolina has played and won her initial football game of the season. While we were not sure that Varsity would defeat the Quakers, we had every reason to believe she would, considering the fact that Guilford had never, in all her football career, lowered the white and blue. Therefore, the victory came to us as no surprise and while the score is not as large as it should have been, when it is remembered that the contest was fought under the most unfavorable circumstances, the extreme hot weather rendering a telling effect upon the men, it is entirely satisfactory and indicates that more victories await us.

At 1:30 Capt. Foust and his warriors went hurriedly out to the athletic field where the Piedmont boys were leisurely awaiting their arrival. The two Captains agreed upon 15 minute halves and every man went running to his place. Capt. Foust chose to defend the east goal and Bully Jones planted his foot against the pig skin and the game was on.

Patterson, for Guilford, received the kick off but did not advance any as Mr. Farlow objected and emphasized his objection by a complete turning over of Patterson's "earthly tabernacle." After making two futile attempts to gain ground Patterson attempted to punt but Foust spoiled the idea. Carolina having the ball, Berkeley, by the beautiful interference of Foust, skirted left end for twenty yards and McNeill on the next pass gained ten. The ball was then on Guilford's 15 yard line. It was up to Newton for a touch down. He broke through Guilford's line of human defense and, out of breath, placed the leather under the goal. Jones kicked goal.

Time: 2 min. 4 sec. Carolina 6, Guilford 0.

Lindsey kicked the ball to Jones in deep left who threw to Graves who fumbled and a Guilford child sat squarely on the ball. It availed the Quakers nothing, however, as the Carolina wall was impregnable and Giles, a new man, figured greatly in making the line appear as a stone wall. He had a world of force in every rush and brought forth vociferous applause. Carolina being held on downs, Graves kicked to right but Guilford fumbled and Townsend claimed the honor. Newton was given the ball and

by interference that was strong and fervid, made a beautiful run of 35 yards. Berkeley skirted left end for a touch down amid great applause. Graves failed to make place kick.

Time: 6 minutes. Score: Carolina 10, Guilford 0.

Guilford landed the skin over in Grave's territory but he found the Quakers watching him. Being unable to advance, Berkeley sent the ball 45 yards into Guilford's grounds. Here Guilford tries a trick that Noah worked. They made double passes and lost double ground. Patterson noticing his proximity to the goal punted 40 yds. Foust carried Berkeley around the left end for seventy yards and there Newton is given the ball and another touch down is credited.

Time: 5 min. Score: C. 16. G. 0.

With one minute remaining in which to make a touch down, Guilford sends the ball to Jones. Jackcocks relieves Berkeley after the first rush. Jones punts 34 yards. Time up.

Ball on Guilford's 15 yard line.

At the close of the first half it was evident owing to the extreme warm weather, that the boys could not hold out for fifteen minutes in the second half, so the managers very agreeably fixed the limit to ten minutes.

After an intermission of twenty minutes the warriors, bloody, dirty and sweaty braced themselves and went forth to determine the struggle.

Mann and Parker respectively relieved Newton and Giles.

Guilford punted the ball "into" Farlow who advanced 10 yards. McNeil, Mann and Berkeley each in turn carried the ball within 20 yds. of the visitors goal. Mann then circled left end for a touch down, but on account of foul interference by one of our half backs, the ball was brought back to its former place. By consistent gains Carolina carried the ball within five yards of Guilford's goal and then lost on downs. Guilford then went into the game apparently with renewed vigor. Time after time they hit our line for good gains, and it looked as if they would score. But Foust spoke to his men and they obeyed. Once more the "Tar Heels", proved as a stone wall and the Quakers hit it as paper dolls. The referee blew his whistle, the game was over, and Carolina, as usual, had won.

Carolina—

Stewart, C.; Farlow, R. G.; Giles and Parker, L. G.; Jones, R. T.; Foust, L. T.; Fisher and Norcum, L. E.; Townsend and Harris, R. E.; McNeil, F.; Jackcocks and Berkeley, L. H. B.; Mann and Newton, R. H. B. and Graves, Q.

Guilford—

Stockard, C.; Odell, R. G.; Fitzgerald, L. G.; McNairy, R. T.; Pritchard, L. T.; Henton, L. E.; Short, R. E.; Dixon, Q.; Patterson, F.; Snipes, R. H. B.; Leak, L. H. B.

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