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## MR. TAFT ON PRESIDENCY EXCHANGE LECTURESHIP CAROLINA 6, OAK RIDGE 3 JUDGE PALMER TO SPEAK PRELIMINARIES FRIDAY

### Ex-President the Guest of Durham Bar Friday Night

Mr. Taft's second lecture last Thursday night was no less enjoyable than that of Wednesday night. The aspect of the presidency which he took up first was the appointing power. "Why," asked he, "should the President be bothered with the appointment of the postmaster of Devil Lake, Montana?" Beginning thus he went on to show how unsatisfactory is the present system whereby appointments are made according to the spoils system. Mr. Taft urged that the scope of the civil service should be broadened to include many of the offices which are at present filled by presidential appointment. The whole thing, he stated, was a matter of common sense, and should not be divorced from common sense because it is politics.

Mr. Taft said that there have been frequent and flagrant instances when the rights of aliens have been disrespected, and that there has long been need for timely legislation in this regard.

The "machinery of government" in Washington was complimented by Mr. Taft. The inconspicuous workers in the government offices, those who work while the press-tollowed heads of departments are taking recreation in the mountains and at the seashores, are the real forces that keep the government moving.

The topic with which Mr. Taft dealt last in his lecture, was the military power of the President. Nor did the Ex-President overlook this opportunity to inject some interesting personal reminiscences.

Friday night Mr. Taft spoke of presidential diplomacy. As an illustration he cited the case of the Colorado miners during the present administration. President Wilson was asked to negotiate a settlement in a strike of Colorado miners. The miners desired the closing of the mines as well as the stationing of soldiers to guard the mines. President Wilson diplomatically conceded only part of their demand, and the matter ended peacefully.

With this diplomacy of Wilson's Mr. Taft contrasted Roosevelt's action in settling the coal famine in Pennsylvania.

In speaking of the President's pardoning power, Mr. Taft related how Mr. Roosevelt had received a request of pardon from one of his fellow rough riders. The letter read: "Dear Colonel: As you see I am in trouble again, but it is not my fault this time. I am in jail for shooting a lady in the eye. I wasn't shooting at the lady, but at my wife."

In conclusion Mr. Taft advocated the establishment a court of arbitration to settle all international difficulties. He was not of the opinion that such a court could abolish wars, "But certainly," said he, "it would make war less likely."

Professor Taft congratulated

### President of University of South Carolina Writes

Dr. W. S. Currell, President of the University of South Carolina, has recently returned to Columbia from Nashville, where he delivered a series of lectures before Vanderbilt University on the University Exchange Foundation. President Currell delivered four lectures: Ibsen, Man and Dramatist; Peer Gynt; Brand; and The Master Builder. He also spoke before the University Convention upon an ethico-educational topic: "Marginal Lives;" and gave informal talks to the teachers of the city at the Carnegie Library and to the Peabody students. In a letter recently received by Dr. Henderson, President Currell says:

"It seems to me that the exchange lectureship is an admirable agency for fostering college comity and co-operation. Your committee is to be heartily congratulated upon inaugurating so helpful a movement. . . . Dr. Venable did admirable work with us, both in his technical scientific lectures and in his popular lecture on 'University-Research.' . . . His popular address was one of the very finest I have ever listened to. . . . If we can get his consent to its publication in one of our bulletins, I shall be very glad to give it wide circulation, because I regard it as exceedingly uplifting and inspiring."

#### Dr. Branson at the Y. M. C. A.

Dr. Branson gave his second lecture on "Present Forces in Negro Progress" at the regular Tuesday night meeting of the Y. M. C. A. In this lecture he took up the third chapter of the book. He discussed the ratio of whites and blacks and their proportional increase, and stated that the white race is increasing the faster. The life of both races is intimately connected, and each is necessary to the other. There will be two more lectures on this subject by Dr. Branson.

Prof. Collier Cobb left Wednesday for the eastern part of the state, where he is to do some investigation in the swamps of that section.

the University upon its new President. "I shall always cherish as a sweet memory my visit to Chapel Hill. I hope I may not be premature in congratulating you on the inauguration of your coming president."

After his lecture here Friday night Mr. Taft was the guest of the Durham Bar at an elaborate banquet. Mr. Taft advocated "more freedom of the judiciary, less tinkering with the laws on the part of the legislatures, less cost of litigation, and less delay in the administration of justice."

Other guests at the banquet were Attorney General Bickett, Judge C. M. Cooke, Judge Connor, Judge Boyd, and Judge Clark.

### First Game of Season Ends in Victory for Carolina

Last Friday Carolina opened her baseball season with a victory over Oak Ridge 6-3.

Patterson, for Carolina, succeeded in crossing the home plate in the first inning on a single by Pope.

In the third inning Hornig added another run as the result of an error at short. Bailey scored another in the fourth on a clean bingle by Mac Lewis.

The visitors then got busy and scored a run when Truelove tallied on a double by Hooks.

In the fifth Carolina added another, Patterson counting on a two base hit by Bruce.

Carolina netted her sixth and final run in the eighth when Bailey was driven home on a single by Lewis.

During this time Oak Ridge was not idle. Mayberry and Brittain succeeded in pulling down two runs in the seventh. After that Oak Ridge failed to make connection at any station.

On the whole, the game gave proof of the rumor that Carolina has a team able to connect frequently with the ball. Bailey, Bruce, Hornig, and Pope demonstrated their ability at the bat. In this capacity Woodall failed to show what was in him.

Marshall Williams did the twirling for Carolina, and showed up well for his first game, fanning twelve men. Bland, pitching for Oak Ridge, killed nine in their tracks. Both pitchers were wild at times.

CAROLINA:						
	AB	R	H	PO	A	E
Honig, lf.	4	1	1	1	0	0
Patterson, 2b.	3	2	0	0	4	0
Pope, lb.	3	0	1	11	0	0
Bruce, s. s.	4	0	2	0	0	1
Woodall, c.	4	0	0	13	3	0
Zollicoffer, rf.	3	1	1	0	0	0
Bailey, cf.	4	2	2	2	1	0
Lewis, 3b.	3	0	2	0	1	0
Williams, p.	4	0	0	0	5	0
Totals	32	6	9	27	14	1

OAK RIDGE:						
	AB	R	H	PO	A	E
Kackie, 2b.	3	0	0	1	3	0
Barnes, 3b.	4	0	0	1	1	2
Hooks, s. s.	4	0	1	0	1	0
May, lf.	4	0	1	2	0	0
Mayberry, 1b.	3	1	1	8	0	0
Brittain, c.	2	1	0	10	1	0
Bland, p.	4	0	1	0	4	0
Auffman, cf.	4	0	1	2	0	0
Truelove, rf.	3	1	1	0	0	0
Totals	31	3	6	24	10	2

#### Ambassador Naon

Ambassador Romulo S. Naon, who was scheduled to speak at the University in April, has postponed his visit to Chapel Hill. Mr. Naon, when he does arrive, will discuss in several lectures the "Relations between the United States and South America."

#### Omega Delta Initiates

Last Tuesday night Omega Delta initiated Messrs. Bernard, Towles, Hanford, and Dargen, of the Faculty, and Messrs. Teltair, Bradshaw, Cowan, and Polk, students.

### Secretary McAdoo Unable To Attend Commencement

Contrary to expectations, Secretary of the Treasury McAdoo will not deliver the commencement address at the University. Mr. McAdoo accepted the invitation of the University before the date for the meeting of the International Finance Conference had been determined. Since the dates conflict, Mr. McAdoo, being compelled to attend the conference, will consequently not be able to come to Chapel Hill.

In his stead, however, former Representative A. Mitchell Palmer will make the commencement address June 2. *The Raleigh News and Observer* has the following to say of Mr. Palmer's career:

Mr. Palmer, who retired from Congress March 4, after making the race for the Senate against Boise Penrose, has been appointed a judge of the court of claims of the district of Columbia by the president and will be sworn in about the first of June. His career in politics, though brief, has been brilliant. He represents Wilson democracy in Pennsylvania and is a national political figure. He is chairman of the executive committee of the national democratic committee, and in the last congress, was a leader of the Wilson forces in the House.

Palmer is a striking figure in debate, exceptionally handsome and a fluent speaker. He is a Quaker by lineage and affiliation and so devoted to that faith that he declined one of the two fighting portfolios in the president's cabinet. He was asked to be the secretary of war in the Wilson administration, but declined on the ground that the post would not be in keeping with his religious beliefs. In politics he has always been clean and straight forward. He went into the last senatorial campaign with hardly any hope of winning in spite of the fact that his congressional district would have certainly sent him back to the House had he desired to come.

Secretary McAdoo regretted his inability to go to Chapel Hill and expressed the hope that he will be able to go some time in the future.

#### Junior Week Concert

One of the entertainments of Junior Week will be a concert to be given Wednesday night by Messrs. W. C. Wright, P. L. Branson, P. H. Epps, and J. E. Harris, together with the Mandolin Club.

No baseball game with Vermont will be played here Friday as scheduled. The game with Elon, which would have been played Saturday except for inclement weather, will be held sometime in May after the regular schedule has been played off.

Dr. H. W. Chase will deliver the commencement address for Mapleville Academy, Franklin County, on May 6th.

### Finals To Be Held at the University April 9

As the date of the preliminary high school debates draws near, interest throughout the State increases accordingly. This institution which was inaugurated only three years ago by the University has already become a force among the high schools of the State, the value of which cannot be estimated.

At present the office of Mr. E. R. Rankin is one of the busiest places in Chapel Hill. There he receives daily letters from all over North Carolina in regard to the debates-letters from teachers, superintendents, ambitious fathers, interested laymen. Mr. Rankin is in touch with 250 schools in 90 counties, which are taking an active part in the debate.

The increase in the number of girl debaters this year is marked. Already 95 girls, representing 50 schools have been enrolled, and the roll has not yet been completed.

The same debaters who represented Winston-Salem last year will try again for the Aycock Cup this year. It will be remembered that Clifton Eaton and Charles Roddick won the cup last year as the defenders of the negative side of the woman suffrage question. This year they again have the negative side to uphold.

Two weeks from Friday the final debate will be held in Chapel Hill. The schedule of procedure here will be the same as last year. The preliminaries will be held Thursday night and as long as is necessary Friday. The final debate will be held in Memorial Hall, and will be followed by a reception in the Library.

#### COBURN PLAYERS COMING

"The Yellow Jacket" and "The Imaginary Sick Man" to Be Presented

The University of North Carolina has made arrangements with The Coburn Players for two performances to be given on the campus, Thursday, May 6th, matinee and night. Much interest is shown in this engagement which makes the return of The Coburn Players to Chapel Hill after an absence of two years. The plays to be presented are "The Imaginary Sick Man" of Moliere, the greatest of French comedy writers, and "The Yellow Jacket" by Hazleton and Benrimo, whose collaboration has resulted in the production of one of the most exquisite comedies seen in the past fifty years. The plays are both new to Chapel Hill, and, in fact, one might say, to the whole South. The plays of Moliere are rarely seen outside of New York, and "The Yellow Jacket" has been presented only in largest cities of America and Europe.

Dr. W. C. Coker will give an illustrated lecture on "Across Porto Rico" at the Southern Presbyterian College in Red Springs on April 2.