

GRID GAME OF PECULIAR TYPE HELD HERE IN '75

Judge Winston Recalls Contest of Half Century Ago—Tells of Thanksgiving.

Judge Robert W. Winston of the class of 1879, who reentered college in 1922 and '23, was asked for information yesterday about the Thanksgiving sports in 1875, the reopening year of the University after the Civil War. Judge Winston was very much amused. He recalled instantly that the foundation for football was laid in this year.

The students had imported a football from a northern University and there developed a game called "shandy" or "bandy." The game was played on a larger field than present day football. Twelve or fifteen men lined up on each side and with instruments resembling hockey or polo sticks, endeavored to keep the ball inside goal lines. The library, Smith, the Infirmary and fraternity houses now stand on the field where this game was first played. The sticks which the players used were sometimes made to serve as weapons, and soon kicking the ball became the accepted method, and rules were gradually made. The game was worked out up north, but colleges all over the United States had played games resembling this before any rules and principles were accepted universally.

Thanksgiving Day in 1875 was an extraordinary event. Just after the Civil War Thanksgiving day and the fourth of July were holidays frowned upon by all good Southerners. They originated in the north, and were considered "Yankee holidays." Christmas was the only holiday southerners considered it good form to celebrate.

But there happened to be a few northerners in Chapel Hill at that time, and a good many Republicans. So a band was brought from Raleigh and ceremonies were to be held in

Gerrard Hall, but the affair fell almost flat. The whole thing was looked upon with disfavor, almost hostility, by most of the people, and Judge Winston doubted if more than five turkeys were cooked in the whole village.

But this, one must remember, was during the start of the reconstruction period. Judge Winston told of rabbits under the university buildings and squirrels in the attics. Everything was in disrepair and disorder; weeds had overgrown the campus, and none of the buildings were sufficiently equipped with window lights. At that time there were only seventy students and six faculty members. What is now New East and New West, South building and Gerrard Hall were the only buildings.

So in 1875 football had its beginning at this University. Now it has grown till it is the major university sport, and a \$300,000 stadium is needed. When the crowds gather and the band starts playing at the Thanksgiving game, only a few alumni are living to recall the primitive sport played on a field where imposing buildings now stand, but those who do will mention it as something significant, something stirring and historic.

EMINENT SERVICE MARKS RECORD OF KENAN FAMILY

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Kenan, is the donor of the Graham Kenan Fellowship in Philosophy; another, Mrs. Mary Lily Kenan Flagler Bingham, gave the Kenan Endowment Fund of a million and a half dollars—an award for the excellence of the teaching faculty and the largest factor in holding together the abler faculty members during the recent years of readjustments; and now, his great-grandson, William Rand Kenan, Jr., is the donor of Kenan Memorial Stadium.

His mother was a native of Chapel Hill. Her family homestead formerly occupied a large tract on the northeast corner of East Franklin and Columbia streets.

Kenan's College Career

The donor of the stadium is a native

of Wilmington, N. C. Before entering the University of North Carolina he attended the Tileston High school there and Horner's Military school in Oxford. During his university days he was prominent in campus activities, and an outstanding athlete. He played varsity baseball four years and varsity football two years. While a student here he spent his summers in chemical research work, being engaged with Dr. F. P. Venable, then professor of industrial chemistry, in important investigations that led to the determination of a formula for carbide, and the discovery that acetylene gas could be evolved from it.

Following graduation he taught a year in St. Albans school, Radford, Va., and then returned to Chapel Hill to become a member of the University faculty, with the rank of instructor in chemistry. He assisted in the installation and operation of the first electric power plant at the University and upon its completion, was made superintendent. Meanwhile he was taking post-graduate courses.

He resigned from the University faculty in 1896 to enter the active practice of his profession and since that time he has been the directing genius of a large number of important chemical and engineering construction projects for public and private enterprises in this country and

abroad. **Commercial Leader**
His present executive positions include the presidency of the Florida East Coast Railroad company, the West Palm Beach Water company, the Florida East Coast Hotel company, the Florida East Coast Car Ferry company, the Model Land Company of Florida, and the Carolina Apartment company of Wilmington. He is director of the Niagara County National bank of Lockport, N. Y., his country residence, and vice-pres-

ident of the Western Block company of that city. His scientific affiliations include membership in the American Electric Chemical society and the American Institute of Electrical Engineering. He is a member of the University Club and the Banker's Club of New York city, the Tuscarora Club and the Town and Country Club of Lockport, N. Y., the Niagara Falls Country club and the Sigma Alpha Epsilon fraternity. He was married to Miss Alice Pomroy of Lockport, N. Y., in April, 1904.

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