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MAKE READY FOR COMMENCEMENT

University Authorities and Alumni Secretary Busy With Preparations

LIPPMANN IS THE SPEAKER

The University's commencement will begin next Friday, one week from today, with the senior class day exercises in Gerard Hall, and will continue through Saturday, Sunday, and Monday.

Daniel L. Grant has made arrangements for the accommodation, in the buildings on the campus, of hundreds of returning alumni. Many of these will bring their families, and one building will be assigned to the women and children. The classes holding reunions are: 1888, 1889, 1890, 1897, 1907, 1908, 1909, 1910, 1917, and 1926. Saturday is alumni day. There will be a general luncheon at midday, a baseball game with the State College in the afternoon, and at nightfall the various class dinners. The President's reception to the alumni in the evening will be followed by a ball. Rev. William A. Jenkins, president of Davenport College, delivers the baccalaureate sermon Sunday morning, and that afternoon there will be vesper services under the Davie Poplar. The Glee Club will give a concert either in the afternoon or the evening.

The graduating exercises will take place in Memorial Hall Monday morning, with Walter Lippman, celebrated writer and one of the editors of the New York World, making the commencement address. After the ceremonies President Chase will be the host at a luncheon to the University's distinguished guests at the Carolina Inn.

The visiting committee of the trustees will hold a meeting at four o'clock Friday afternoon, and the full board meets Saturday.

O. C. T. S. Finals

Negro Institution Has Commencement; Orations and Singing

Chapel Hill's negro institution, the Orange County Training School, held its commencement exercises last Friday evening. The white people who attended were impressed by the simplicity and dignity of the ceremony and the appreciative attention of the large crowd.

After the congregation had sung a hymn, Rev. John H. Caldwell pronounced the invocation. There were orations by three members of the graduating class, Elma Edwards, Joseph Riggsbee, and John A. Snipes. The Glee Club sang several songs. James Snipes' solo and the male quartet's spirituals were particularly appealing.

Rev. Eugene Olive delivered the commencement address, and M. C. S. Noble of the University faculty presented the diplomas. Several other members of the faculty were present.

Twelve boys and girls graduated. At the close of the exercises they received a great many gifts.

Chaperone's Closing Dance

The Chaperones will give their last dance of the season at the Country Club tomorrow (Saturday) evening. Mr. McCorkle will lead the German.

Chapel Hill Chaff

As we strolled along the street, after attending the school circus last Saturday evening, George Coffin Taylor seemed composed enough. But at the corner by the Baptist church a

look of consternation spread over his face. With faltering voice he said: "I don't remember where I parked my car." As far as the eye could reach, in all four directions, cars lined the curbs, their black shapes melting away in the distance. Mr. Taylor wrinkled his brow and thought, thought, thought. But it was no use. His car might be back in the school yard. It might be anywhere on any one of half a dozen streets. Or it might have been left at home. Mrs. Taylor had gone to the school ahead of him and so could give no help. The expression on her face, as her husband pondered, was one of mingled pity and resignation. When last I saw them they were walking slowly homeward.

It is strange how, as the years glide past, a man remains so unconscious of his alterations in contour. When the silhouettist who recently visited Chapel Hill completed my likeness, pasted the black outline on a piece of white board, and held it out for my inspection, I was astonished to find that he had given me a double chin. Not only astonished, but indignant. At the first opportunity I studied a mirror carefully and learned with sorrow that the silhouettist was right. I resolved at once to quit eating so many starchy foods—and kept on eating them. A few days later a haberdasher, when I asked for a belt, brought out a thing that seemed to me, when he stretched it out, to be about long enough to go around the center of a coca cola barrel. I told him he was insulting me, but the belt fitted exactly. Last Sunday morning, when I dropped in at Sutton & Alderman's drugstore, Mr. Sutton eyed me thoughtfully and said: "We're going to have a beauty specialist here tomorrow—you'd better come and get a treatment." This inspired another resolution on diet; but that very night I was consuming large slices of white bread plentifully adorned with butter, and potato salad with mayonnaise dressing. I don't see any satisfactory way out of the difficulty.

One of the agreeable features of life in Chapel Hill is the position.

Mrs. Roberson 81

Her Friends Spring a Surprise Party on Her; Numerous Gifts

The three women's circles of the Baptist church gave Mrs. A. B. Roberson a party Wednesday in celebration of her 81 years. Her birthday is June 4.

They sprang the party on her as a surprise after she had been summoned to the church to attend what she thought was a routine meeting of her circle. Scores of her friends were there, and they heaped gifts upon her. Somebody made a count of these and found they numbered more than 50. The principal decoration at the affair was a great cake with lighted candles on it.

While Mrs. Roberson gazed at the gifts in wonder the women sang songs in her honor. After an hour of jollity her two daughters, Mrs. Charles T. Woolen and Miss Nellie Roberson, took her home.

Complying with New Law, County Will Issue Financial Statement

This year for the first time the people of Orange county will have presented to them an official statement, in understandable form, showing the financial condition of their county government.

The new county government law, enacted by the recent legislature, requires all of the departments to present to the county accountant not later than June 1 their budget estimates for the ensuing year. The accountant, combining these departmental estimates, must submit to the commissioners not later than the first Monday in July a budget estimate for the entire county. The amount to be expended must be based on the county's income.

After the budget estimate is prepared it must be filed in the office of the clerk of the board of commissioners for public inspection. The law further requires that a copy be given to every newspaper published in the county.

It has long been known to all students of government that the affairs of counties have been grievously mismanaged. And Orange has been no exception to the rule.

No man who attends the meetings of the county commissioners can fail to realize what a farce the present system is. With around a quarter of a million dollars of revenue to be handled every year, the methods employed are so imperfect that waste is inevitable.

Three commissioners get together once a month. Bills that have been piling up since the last meeting are shoved at them, and they have to pass upon these bills with the most meagre knowledge—sometimes with no knowledge at all—of the services and materials for which they expend the taxpayer's money.

It is obvious that any concern with so much money to adminis-

Riding to New York

Hall to Make the Trip on Horseback; Passes through Here

J. B. Hall, who used to conduct a newspaper in Sanford, came into Chapel Hill on horseback Wednesday morning. Having been in North Carolina recently to clear up his affairs, he is now riding to his home in New York state.

Many years ago Mr. Hall was an active horseman, but of late he has not ridden much. So he is taking it easy at first with the hope of making longer stages later.

"I have got a good little bay mare," he said when he dropped in at the *Weekly* office, "and I expect to get through with the trip all right. I figure I will spend about five weeks on the way."

When he went out of the office he was bound for Mr. Fisher's riding club, where he hoped to get food and shelter for his steed. But he came in two or three hours later and said the storm had overtaken him, and he had turned in under a shed near fire headquarters and found there somebody who offered to supply him with horse feed.

Poppy Sale Begins Today

The annual Poppy Sale of the American Legion will be held Friday and Saturday of this week before the post-office.

ter ought to have some man steadily on the job. Such a safeguard is omitted on the ground of "economy," but the probability is that the commissioners, meeting once a month, and the rest of the time occupied about their own affairs, waste more of the public money through unbusinesslike procedure than they would have to pay to a competent man to look after the routine county affairs.

Here is one recent example:

A young man was arrested for stealing a few months ago. While he was under bond, awaiting trial, he was injured in an automobile accident. An examination at the hospital disclosed that he had an active case of syphilis. After he had come out of the hospital he was sentenced to the roads and joined the band of convicts.

Here he was in such close contact with other men that there was danger of his communicating to them the disease. There is now a recognized cure for syphilis known to all physicians. It consists of injections of a serum commonly known as "606". Any competent physician is capable of administering the treatment.

The Orange county road superintendent came before the county commissioners and said that the county physician would not give the convict the treatment. Upon this representation the convict was taken to a physician outside the county, and a charge of \$150 for the series of injections was presented to the county. The commissioners approved the bill, and the item appears in the latest published list of expenditures.

This amount of \$150 is what a physician asks from a well-to-do patient for such treatment. Such a charge is probably justified in view of the prevalent practice of physicians in adjusting their charges to the financial

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Warren to Box

Will Meet "Charlotte Strongboy" in Durham Next Monday Evening

Ad Warren, the leading athlete in the University and the national junior heavyweight champion of the United States, will meet Len Hoffman in a boxing bout in the city auditorium, Durham, next Monday evening. This will be the last of five bouts held under the auspices of the Durham post of the American Legion.

Hoffman is described on the program as "the Charlotte strong boy, a fast rugged heavyweight, who can stand with the best of them." His weight is given as 185 pounds, while Warren's is given as 175. The program says that Warren is "the pugilistic pride of North Carolina. . . has defeated men who are high in professional circles. . . is a tiger in the ring."

The evening's entertainment begins with a four-round match between Irish Tom Gallagher of Durham and Tommy Fagan of Raleigh, both lightweights. They are followed by two negroes, Kid Kemp Horton and Thomas Hayes. Eddie Collins of Fort Bragg meets Johnny Dixon of Raleigh. And the semi-final bout is between Treco Johnson and Mike Devero.

Tickets may be purchased from E. K. Powe, Jr., in Durham.

Hints for Trustees

No citizen is so lowly in this land of the free that he doesn't feel qualified to tell the notables how to do their work.

Here are the University trustees about to meet in Chapel

Hill, and I am moved to make certain suggestions to them.

First, let them give a name to the woman's building. Everybody in the village has been wondering why they haven't done this long ago. And it seems to be generally argued that no other name than Spencer deserves serious consideration.

Why not put names on the University buildings? Many strangers going through the campus would like to be able to identify them. And it is not a mere matter of satisfying curiosity. Often a person in search of a professor or a student is directed to Phillips hall, or to South, or to Steele, or to some other, and they ought to be marked so he could find them easily.

Then, wouldn't it be a good idea to place the date, 1793, in iron or bronze on the Old East? And perhaps the dates of origin on other of the older structures?

I hope that, since it is out of the question to get rid of Memorial Hall, the trustees will give their sanction to the plan to improve the exterior of it by the elimination of the freakish little gables and the unsightly porch and shed in front. And it will be a good thing if the slope that used to be in the floor is restored, so that the audience may have a fair view of the platform.

Ice Cream al Fresco

Large Helpin's Will Be Served on the Church Lawn This Evening

There's going to be a big ice cream party on the lawn of the Methodist church this (Friday) evening from 6 to 9:30 o'clock. It is a benefit, the object of which is to raise a fund to send the president of the Chapel Hill branch to the Epworth League to the Blue Ridge conference this summer.

It promises to be a gay spectacle as well as satisfying to the appetite. Japanese lanterns will be strung about, an orchestra will play sprightly tunes, and the Y. M. C. A. quartet will sing.

The young man who told the editor about this entertainment said: "Let everybody know we're going to serve extra big helpin's." So this information is passed on to the inhabitants of Chapel Hill with the understanding that the Methodist community stands as guarantor to the young man's promises. The editor does not happen to know who are the officers of the Epworth League, but he suggests that anybody who does not get what he considers an ample portion of ice cream approach the head caterer and threaten to make a complaint to Clyde Eubanks, or H. M. Wagstaff, or L. R. Wilson, or H. W. Odum or some other person high in the church councils.

In addition to selling ice cream on the lawn the managers of the enterprise offer to supply it to boarding house keepers and other householders at a special price. They can send for it any time after 5 o'clock.

Community Club to Meet

The Community Club meets in the Parish house of the Episcopal church this (Friday) afternoon at 3:30. The delegates to the meeting of the State Federation will make their report.

COURT ASKED TO STOP TAX SALES

Judge Issues Temporary Order And will Hear Further Argument

THE SHERIFF DEFENDANT

Roberson, Whitfield and Phipps, as attorneys for the Chapel Hill Insurance & Realty Co., have started a proceeding to enjoin the sheriff of Orange county from advertising land for sale because of the non-payment of 1926 taxes.

Judge Midgette signed a temporary restraining order Tuesday. This prevented Sheriff Lloyd from carrying out his intention to publish the advertisements this week. The judge will hear arguments in Graham next Friday, June 3, to determine whether to issue a permanent injunction.

Although the nominal plaintiff in the case is the Chapel Hill Insurance & Realty Company, the decision to bring the suit came as the result of consultation with many taxpayers.

In Chapel Hill township alone there are 456 citizens whose property was about to be advertised when the restraining order was issued. How great the number is in the entire county is not known, but it is thought to be probably between 1500 and 2,000.

This suit of the Chapel Hill attorneys is similar to those which have been brought in other counties in North Carolina.

The new law to enforce the immediate payment of taxes has caused protests all over the state. A prevalent opinion seems to be that it was sprung upon the state too suddenly—that delinquent taxpayers should be given a little more time to obtain the necessary funds to square themselves with the sheriff.

In this, as in other counties, the law governing the settlement of taxes has not been strictly observed. It has been the custom to postpone tax sales for six months, a year, or often a still longer time, after the specified time. The measure put through the 1927 legislature bears hard on many persons who owe taxes for two or three years back. They are hoping the courts will come to their relief.

Playmakers' Caper

A Jolly Entertainment Will Take Place in Theatre Tomorrow Night

The Carolina Playmakers, reviving a custom of a few years ago, will give a Caper in their theatre tomorrow (Saturday) evening at 7:30.

This is a sort of family party, for the troupe itself, but everybody who has had anything to do with the organization,—as director, as scene-shifter, or what-not—is invited.

The show will be followed by the presentation of emblems (Playmaker masks) to the students who have earned this distinction. After this comes a dance; and refreshments will be served.

Among those who are making arrangements for the Caper are Archibald Henderson, Hubert Heffner, F. H. Koch, F. G. Haronian, U. T. Holmes, P. L. Elmore, Bill Atlee, Eral Thompson, Charles Norfleet, Bill Perry, J. Z. Hanner, Sheppard Strudwick, J. M. Booker, and Misses Josephine Sharkey, Anne Darling, and Marilee Shaw.

Coal Prices May Rise

J. S. Bennett said yesterday that a strike might send up the price of coal, and that it would be prudent for householders to lay in a supply.