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## STATE'S PYTHIANS WILL BE INVITED TO GATHER HERE

Grand Lodge Will Be Asked to Hold Next Convention in Chapel Hill

TO GIVE ANSWER JUNE 14

Chapel Hill Lodge No. 97 of the Knights of Pythias, at its meeting last night, voted to invite the Grand Lodge of North Carolina to hold the state convention here in the summer of 1928, one year hence. The invitation will be laid before the Grand Lodge at its meeting in Charlotte a week from next Tuesday.

Members of this lodge think that there is a good chance of acceptance. In past years many Pythians, in various parts of North Carolina, have expressed a desire to have a gathering in Chapel Hill; but it is only recently, since the erection of the Carolina Inn, that there have been adequate accommodations for visitors.

The date of the annual Grand Lodge meeting is fixed at the second Tuesday in June. So, if Chapel Hill's invitation is accepted, from two to three thousand people will flood into the village just after the 1928 commencement. Memorial Hall, or perhaps the stadium, will be the scene of a great convocation; the Pythians will have parades through the streets and campus; and there will be band-playing and feasting and dancing.

The Chapel Hill lodge is known as one of the most active and faithful branches of the Pythian order. It was founded in September, 1897, with E. S. Merritt (held in affectionate memory by thousands of University men as Sappy Merritt) the first charter member. Since then Mr. Merritt has served several terms as chancellor commander. Lewis Hutchins was the first chancellor commander, and early successors of his were S. L. Herndon, W. L. Pickard, A. A. Klutz, and Banks Teague. Other occupants of the office have been W. E. Lindsay, Fred Pritchard, T. H. Raney, Charles Gooch, C. L. Wills, Zeb Council, and Albert McCauley. The present chancellor commander is Moody Durham. The lodge has 75 members.

It may be that the two North Carolina temples of the Shriners—the Oasis temple with headquarters at Charlotte and the Sudan temple with headquarters at New Bern, will hold a joint meeting here toward the end of next summer. Chapel Hill is on the border line between the two territorial divisions and would be an ideal place for such a gathering.

Poppy Sale Brought in \$80.19

The poppy sale conducted under the auspices of the Auxiliary of the American Legion's Chapel Hill post, for the benefit of disabled World War veterans, brought in \$80.19. The women who had charge of the sale were Mrs. Dora Elliott, Miss Ferrell, Miss Lucille Elliott, Miss Koonce, Miss Pearson, Mrs. A. C. Pickard, Miss Mabel Mallett, Miss Rebecca Jordan, Miss Mittie Pickard, and Miss Marianna Taylor. They had the aid of the following business concerns in the village: Pickard's store, Eubanks' drugstore, Sutton & Alderman, Paterson Bros., Gooch's Cafe, the University Cafeteria, and Swain Hall.

Maddrys Visit Brockwell

Rev. Charles E. Maddry and his daughter Miss Katherine are visiting the S. J. Brockwells during Commencement.

## Chapel Hill Chaff

Robert B. House lives in Park Place, which is a University residential quarter traversed by a University road. As executive secretary of the University, he passes his days in the Presidential suite in the South Building—the very center of power. Yet observe how little notion he has of the uses to which to put an influential position. The stretch of road in front of his home is the roughest I have found anywhere in the village—a succession of ridges and ruts in fair weather, a bog in time of rain. It has been in this state for months. I have told him more than once that the executive secretary of the University ought to do better by himself than that, but I haven't been able to persuade him to say the word that brings the road gang to the job. I hereby make this appeal to whoever the University's road chief is: Please fix up the road in front of Mr. House's yard.

My nephew, Pemmy Rees, has a six-weeks old puppy that he has named Taps. The morning after her arrival Taps started crying at 4 o'clock and kept the family awake. This moved somebody to suggest that the name Taps had better be changed to Reveille.

On the street in Windsor the other day Francis D. Winston met an old negro who, when asked his age, said he was 16 when John Watts "came around binding out folks." This youth was bound out to a kinsman of Judge Winston's in 1864 and was sent to Chapel Hill where

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## The Savilles Come Home

Back in Chapel Hill after Their Year in Venezuela

Thorndike Saville, Mrs. Saville, and their son, who went to Venezuela last year, have come back home. They arrived in Chapel Hill last Saturday and are the guests of Mrs. Saville's father, H. V. Wilson.

Mr. Saville was called to Venezuela as a sanitary engineering expert to lay out water supply and sewer systems for the principal cities of the country. These last weeks, since his return to America, he has been engaged in writing reports of his work. He has found time also to write a series of articles on Southern power resources for the *Manufacturers' Record*.

The Saville baby, Thorndike, Jr., was subjected to many different languages in Venezuela. He heard his parents talk English, the chauffeur talk Spanish, and the nurse talk French. The consequence is that often, not being able to decide what language to use, he decides to use none at all. But now he will be isolated from foreigners for some time to come; so he will have a less difficult choice to make—the choice between his father's Massachusetts English, his mother's Maryland-Carolina English, and his neighbors' Chapel Hill English.

Travelers to Europe

Among the Chapel Hill citizens who will sail for Europe this month are H. H. Williams, the Chases, the Foersters, the A. W. Hobbs, and the Potters.

Subscribers going out of town may have the Weekly follow them if they will write or phone in their summer addresses. Please attend to this as promptly as possible.

## Stadium Will Be a Big Part of The Show This Commencement

This commencement will have something to offer, in the way of a show, that no previous commencement has ever had. That is, a stadium under construction.

For months now alumni of the University have been hearing about the progress of the Kenan stadium, but relatively few of them have had a look at it. The visitors will begin to pour in today, and from now on through the week-end they will be trooping down to see the place where around 20,000 or more people are expected to gather next Thanksgiving Day. And they will find it easy to believe that the job is to be completed in good time.

The last fortnight has brought a remarkable transformation in the aspect of the stadium. On the east side the wooden forms have been put in place over a great part of the length of the stand, and already the pouring of concrete has begun. Before this week is out a start will probably have been made on the forms on the opposite (west) stand.

The construction operations are so scheduled that the shaping of the concrete seats goes on at one place even before the excavation is finished at another. So, while the steam shovel and the trucks toil away on the west side, the front and end walls and some of the seats will be completed on the east. And all the while, there proceeds the grading and surfacing of paths and roads.

Turf for the playing field presents just now one of the principal problems of the builders. Originally it was thought that grass might have been planted by this time, but the discovery of vast quantities of rock prolonged the excavating phase of the project. Now, therefore, Charles T. Woolen, graduate manager of athletics, is talking of bringing in by train or truck turf from some old pasture; preferably by truck, of course.

## Cobb Judges Babies

Has to Pick Winning Boy and Girl among Progeny of Alumni

Collier Cobb has been appointed chairman of a committee to pick the most beautiful boy and girl among the progeny of University of North Carolina Alumni.

He was announced as the chief judge in the *Alumni Review* without having been informed of his appointment. When photographs began to pour in through the mail he thought that somebody had put up a joke on him, and accused the editor of this paper with instigating it. But he soon found out that it was an officially authorized test.

Any alumnus in the classes that are holding reunions at this commencement may send in a picture of either a child or a grandchild. One prize will be given for the winning boy and one for the winning girl. The result of the judging will be announced at the alumni reception tomorrow (Saturday) night. And the two victorious alumni—fathers or grandfathers, as the case may be—will be crowned with wreaths.

Delegates to the Conference

Among those who went to the district Methodist conference at Bahama (near Durham) this week were H. M. Wagstaff, S. J. Brockwell, and J. E. Lear.

if the proper kind of pasture can be found near at hand. The field will be thoroughly piped, and, if not enough water comes down from the skies, men with hose will be on hand to give the grass frequent wettings.

People who have visited the stadium in recent weeks have been greatly pleased by the arrangement of the broad and well-surfaced walkways through the woods. These wind in and out among the trees from both the South road and the Pittsboro-Pinehurst highway. They are designed for foot travel, not for vehicles, and at many places a tree is left in the very middle of the walk. Cars are to be parked at some distance from the gates. They will be left along the roads and streets, and two or three athletic fields will be available for them. The idea of the builders is to distribute the crowd allowing it to come and go along many arteries at the same time.

The schedule of work allows ample time for sprucing up the areas around the stadium. Building materials, left-over earth and stone, and accumulations of rubbish will be cleared away; the walks and roads will be neatly bordered; possibly there will have been time to do some planting. Already arrangements have been made to plant honeysuckle on the slope of the hill that rises above the west stand. All in all, the University is determined that nothing be left undone to make the setting of the stadium beautiful.

At the Carolina-Virginia game in Chapel Hill year before last there were 16,000 spectators. The new stadium is designed to seat 24,000. As to how long a time will pass before all the seats are filled, one man's guess is as good as another's. A good many people, having observed the mounting interest in football, would not be surprised if, even at this year's Carolina-Virginia game, all the seats were taken.

## The Brooks Lilies

Dazzling Floral Exhibit in the Southwestern Part of the Village

One of the most beautiful bits of Chapel Hill scenery these days is the garden of lilies beside the home of Mr. and Mrs. F. P. Brooks on West University Drive. These are the breed of flowers sometimes called Easter, sometimes Madonna, lilies. The great white blooms on long slender stems are dazzling in the sunlight. Not only do they charm the eyes of all the passersby, but their fragrance is wafted over the whole neighborhood.

Mr. Brooks began the lily garden with a few bulbs, and these multiplied with astonishing rapidity.

A gift of a few of the bulbs was made to Mrs. Logan, who lives next door. She put them on the back porch, expecting to plant them in her yard. But the cook thought they were superannuated onions and threw them away. This was not such a great calamity after all, because the Brooks garden is so close to the Logan house that a stranger cannot tell which family the lilies belong to.

Subscriptions to the Chapel Hill Weekly will be taken at Eubanks' drugstore; \$1.50 a year.

## Seniors' Play Tonight

Boys and Girls Will Appear in "The Old Oaken Bucket"

The seniors of the Chapel Hill high school will present their annual play this (Friday) evening at 8 o'clock in the school auditorium. It is a rollicking four-act comedy entitled "The Old Oaken Bucket."

The parts in the play are taken by John Warren, Baxter Taylor, George Henry, Tom Raney, Isaac Manning, James Weaver, Wade Jackson, Jim Fowler, Mildred Fearrington, Minnie Sue Sides, Koeller Parker, Ruby Thompson, Lucille Hogan, and Mildred Parker.

Superintendent Sides and several of the teachers have joined in conducting rehearsals, with the result that the actors are prepared to give a finished performance.

Prices of admission are 25c and 35c.

## The Alumni Reunions

Many Classes Are Gathering Here at This Commencement

Ten University classes are holding reunions here this week. Tonight (Friday) they will be holding their dinners at the Inn, at the restaurants, and in the social rooms of the churches. Tomorrow, the official Alumni Day in the commencement program, there will be an alumni luncheon in Swain Hall at 1 o'clock, a baseball game (Carolina vs. the State College) on Emerson Field at 3:30, and the President's reception and alumni ball in the Gymnasium at 8:30.

The oldest of the reuniting classes is 1888, whose members come to celebrate the 39th anniversary of their graduating. Maxy L. John of Laurinburg has organized this gathering, and 17 of the '88 men have written him that they will be here. Among those expected are Rev. St. Clair Hester of Brooklyn, Hayne Davis of New York City, Rev. W. E. Edmondson of Los Angeles, Charles G. Foust of Dublin, Texas, Dr. B. D. Cox in Winterville, Dr. W. H. Atkinson of Washington, D. C., J. D. Larkin of Wilson, T. J. Eskridge of Big Stone Gap, Va., Rev. J. L. Foster of Elon College, F. M. Harper of Raleigh, Rev. I. W. Hughes of Henderson, W. H. Lewis of Atlantic City, J. H. Little of Charlotte, William M. Little of Atlanta, H. A. London of Charlotte, J. C. Martin of Washington, D. C., and R. L. Smith of Albermarle.

Francis P. Venable and Walter D. Toy, the only present members of the faculty who taught the class of '88, will be guests at the dinner this evening.

Other classes holding reunions are 1889, 1890, 1897, 1907, 1908, 1909, 1910, 1917, and 1926.

Alumni headquarters, with an information bureau, will be in the Gymnasium. Here alumni will be assigned to rooms in the dormitories. A room in some one of the University buildings will be given to each class as its special headquarters.

Assessors' Meeting Postponed

Because of the sickness of J. W. Bennett the meeting of the township tax assessors, scheduled for tomorrow, June 4, has been postponed to June 16. Anybody who wants to get or give information about tax assessments in the meantime should consult D. D. Carroll.

## HIBBARD TURNS THE "LANTERN" OVER TO ADAMS

Popular Column of Book News and Comment Will Still Be Conducted Here

HAS 455,000 CIRCULATION

Addison Hibbard has turned *The Literary Lantern* over to R. W. Adams, one of his colleagues in the University's department of English.

This weekly column of book news and opinion, with literature in and about the South as its special field, was established by Mr. Hibbard in September, 1923. Like most innovations it had to make its way gradually. Not many papers accepted the first offer of it, but it had not been going many weeks before its quality attracted the favorable attention of publishers all over the South. Today it appears in 15 newspapers with a total circulation of 455,000. In North Carolina it runs in the *Greensboro News*, the *Asheville Citizen*, the *Charlotte Observer*, and the *Durham Herald*. Among the out-of-state papers which carry it are the *Norfolk Virginian-Pilot* (which has the exclusive rights in Virginia), the *Columbus (Ga.) Enquirer-Sun*, and the *Louisville Courier-Journal*.

Much of the success of the *Lantern* has been due to its admirable balance. Its creator maintained a high tone without soaring above the head of the ordinary reader; he wrote in an easy and simple manner that appealed to people outside the circle of authors, poets, and critics.

The great book-publishing houses of the country promptly recognized the high merit of the *Lantern*, and so placed Mr. Hibbard on the list of persons to receive review copies. The mails brought him hundreds of books, and his chronicle and comment reflected a wide range of reading. Moreover, as time went on, the enterprise gave rise to a voluminous correspondence. Letters came in from great figures in the literary world as well as from the readers of the various newspapers in which the column appeared.

Mr. Hibbard relinquishes the task because of the pressure of other duties.

The signature of the *Lantern*, "Telfair, Jr.," if one knew how it originated, had a humorous flavor. It was suggested by the name of the leading character in O. Henry's story, *The Rose of Dixie*.

Mr. Adams intends to conduct the column on the same plan which was followed by Mr. Hibbard. He is keenly interested in Southern literature, and his point of view, his training, and his tastes are such that the *Lantern* may be expected to retain its agreeable character. He has not yet decided upon the new signature.

The School Finals

The Chapel Hill school commencement program is as follows: This (Friday) evening at 8, the seniors' play; tomorrow evening at 8, the class day exercises; Sunday afternoon at 3:30, a band concert on the school lawn; Sunday evening, the baccalaureate sermon by Rev. W. D. Moss in the Presbyterian church; Monday evening at 8, the graduating exercises, with Rev. W. A. Harper of Elon College delivering the address.