

CHAPEL - January 14, 1931

-- President Wright

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Scripture lesson: Ninety-seventh Psalm

I want to ask you to read the newspapers every day and see what is going on in our State Legislature. The Governor has made the budget report to the General Assembly and what they have done in the way of recommendations is very interesting. It is certainly interesting reading to every college in North Carolina that is supported in part by the State. Not only that, but it is interesting to every college in the State whether supported by tax money or not. But I am not going to talk to you about that this morning. I will talk to you about the Governor's recommendations, probably some time during the Legislative session, but not at this time for I haven't studied the budget report sufficiently to make an intelligent talk about it. The Governor has recommended to the General Assembly that every person in North Carolina who is being paid by money received from taxes and who is getting over fifty dollars a month in the way of compensation have that compensation cut for the next two years by at least ten per cent, and then he makes an estimate of how much that will save for the taxpayers of North Carolina. This not only applies to colleges and to the state-supported units of the Government, but, as recommended is to apply to each person in any county who is paid by tax money. Every person. It includes the sheriff, if he is paid assalary, the registrar^{of} of deeds, clerk^{of} the courts, judges and solicitors--everybody. We do not know what the legislature is going to do about it, but it will be interesting to see. The governor said he was recommending it because something must be done

to reduce the tax burden. There isn't any question about it, everybody in North Carolina admits that the tax on real property is too high. But it was interesting to me to see this morning that a certain manufacturing concern in North Carolina has made more money this year than has ever before been made in the history of that concern.

Hid away in North Carolina ^{are} millions and millions of dollars of property not taxed at all. And it does look to one who is a student of public affairs that that property ought to pay its part of the expense of government in the state which protects it. So far, we have seen very little evidence in any of the reports that have come to us of any device by which that property should be made to pay its part of the state government. I believe that it is going to be done, but it isn't showing in big headlines in the newspapers at present.

Read the papers. They are full of interesting data and will be during the rest of this General Assembly.

A committee will be

Chapel, January 14, continued

TO THE SENIORS:

Girls, how many members in your class? (The girls said there were about seventy-five).

Are all the absentees doing practice teaching in some form or other? (There are only about

You have put yourselves in a bad light, and I hate for the Senior class to do that. I like to feel that of all the groups in the college the ones that I can depend on most are those coming up for their diplomas, especially four-year girls. You have made a pretty serious mistake. You have jumped to a conclusion. Last night I heard something that sounded like a pistol--three shots, one right after the other. Suppose I went out and said that someone got shot last night--- when it may have been an automobile back firing, or any one of a number of things.

Last fall I said just as distinctly as English language can that because of the lack of seats in this auditorium we would have to excuse some of the folks from chapel, and we excused the practice teachers, and that would of course include the girls doing apprentice work, because we didn't have seats for everybody, and now the Seniors say that it is an unwritten law that seniors don't have to go to chapel. Girls, isn't that an absurd conclusion? If we should send to a superintendent a statement that Miss ----- was a good student but always cut chapel he would never employ that person. People in North Carolina want for teachers those who try to develop the spiritual life. That is characteristic of our people. I don't want you to leave here and make the same kind of mistake that you have made here. This is putting the seniors at a dis-

credit with the other girls in school. Some one has said that Seniros didn't have to go to chapel, and were not ~~even~~ reported, that they had privileges that the other girls did not have.

Young friends, you can't do a thing wrong without people finding it out and saying unkind things about you and suspecting you of others ~~wrong~~ *wrong*. You simply can't do it.

It is a spirit of friendship and love that is making me talk to you this morning. You know that story of the man who had seen fifty squirrels, he said, and was told that there could't possible be fifty squirrels in that wood. He said, ~~them~~, that it must have been twenty-five. Finally, when questiond, and doubted, he said he ~~saw that~~ he saw a limb shake-----

If you are going ~~out~~ to teach children ~~and~~ and if you are going to make a reputation for yourselves, and you will, you ~~have~~ *must* ~~got to~~ ring true every time. A man may live a perfectly straight life until he is sixty-five or seventy-five years of age, and be perfectly honorable until that time, and then make a mistake that will ruin it all, and a woman may do the same thing.

I try to give you something that is worthwhile in chapel, but it isn't a question of whether it is worth anything. It is one of the college regulations that you ~~come~~ *attend chapel*. If you go out to teach and just hear that you are not supposed to do so and so your Superintendent may call you in and tell you he doesn't need you any longer.

Let this be a lesson to you. Don't think I'm angry with you because I am not; I was hurt, because I thought every member of the senior class would want to do the right thing. Let's do it, girls.