

Intimate Glimpses of Fork Union Military Academy





Top, Campus of Fork Union Military Academy; left, New Alumni Gymnasium partly erected; center, Hatcher Hall, Administrative and School Building; right, New Snead Dormitory, just completed; center, New Alumni Gymnasium; bottom, Col. N. J. Perkins, President of the school.



DRIVE STARTS TO OBTAIN GYM FUND

**Baptist Academy Officials Will
Use Money to Recondition
Athletic Field**

WAS FOUNDED IN 1898

**Controlled By a Board of Pub-
lic Spirited Men—Grounds
Include 130 Acres**

(Special to The Times.)

Fork Union, Sept. 15.—As the final part of its rebuilding program, made necessary by two bad fires in January, Fork Union Military Academy, a Baptist school located at Fork Union, Fluvanna County, Virginia, begins a statewide campaign tomorrow among alumni and friends of the institution for \$50,000 to complete the gymnasium building and to recondition the athletic field.

Two Disastrous Fires.

Two disastrous fires in January completely destroyed the Armory and Gymnasium building, and Shead Hall, the dormitory, leaving but one building to take care of over 160 students. At the time it seemed that the life of the school was threatened, but the misfortune only gave outlet for a display of the indomitable spirit that has characterized the founders of the school, and with the loss of but one day from classes, the work of the school went forward.

Nearly \$150,000 was given to Fork Union by the Baptist of the State, which has been spent for a \$90,000 dormitory building of modern fire-proof construction, the refitting of Hatcher Hall into class-rooms, and assembly hall; a complete kitchen; and a power plant. Ground was broken for the gymnasium building, and the work was carried on until the walls are now standing, but at this point the fund was exhausted. It is to complete this work that the campaign is being made.

A campaign committee

A campaign committee composed of alumni now scattered throughout Virginia and in nearby states, was announced last night by Joseph P. Snead, Superintendent of Education in Fluvanna County, and President of the Alumni Association, who is heading the drive.

The committee follows: James R. Sheppard, Jr., Richmond; James O. Kirk, Richmond; A. J. Chewning, Richmond; Harry L. Snead, Petersburg; J. E. Wilkins, Newport News; Dr. Thomas King, Lynchburg; Dr. H. L. Morrisette, Norfolk; Dr. Geo. S. Hurt, Roanoke; George Stephens, Charlottesville; I. O. Perkins, Cedar Bluff; Rufus C. Harrison, Pocahontas; W. C. Petty, Huntington, W. Va.; Cleveland Skinner, Washington, D. C.; Earl C. Gregory, Chase City; Rev. E. C. Primm, Washington, D. C.; A. B. Bloxom, Mappsville; Dr. W. F. Lewis, Parksley; C. H. Snead, Moscow, Pa.; Wyatt B. Carneal, Richmond; Harry E. Griffin, Allens Level; Braxton L. Perkins, Sanford, Fla.; John Clark, Milford, S. P. Harland, of Palmyra, Va., has been selected as treasurer.

Founded In 1898.

Fork Union Academy was founded by Dr. William E. Hatcher, Capt. Charles G. Snead, and a group of citizens of Fork Union, in 1898. A tract of land was donated, buildings were erected, and a corps of instructor secured. Founded on a peculiar plan, the Academy "is not an enterprise conducted in the interest of any individual, or of any company, being controlled by a board of public spirited men as an educational institution for the sake of the good which it may do. It does not pay dividends, nor is it handicapped by having to pay rents." The school, with the entire property is now owned and controlled by the Baptists of Virginia. The land, the buildings and all equipment have been donated for school purposes.

Academy Buildings.

It is a preparatory, or secondary school, offering a standard-high school curriculum, and has a Senior R. O. T. C. unit in charge of a United States officer.

The Academy buildings are of brick and cement fireproof construction. The architecture is English battlement style gothic, modified to suit the present day collegiate requirements. The entire plant is heated with steam from a central power house from which also comes the electric current lighting the school buildings and the entire village of Fork Union.

Hatcher Hall, the administrative and school building is the central structure on the campus, and was erected at a cost of \$20,000. The Charles G. Snead dormitory which replaces the dormitory burned in January, is of brick and cement, fireproof structure. It is built in three units, and has just been completed.

New Gym Planned.

The gymnasium, which is to be finished with funds secured in the coming campaign, will also be of brick and cement construction, containing floor space for drills, basketball, indoor track, lockers, athletic equipment, etc.

The campus, together with the academy farm which joins it, consists of 130 acres.