

Hash and Mothballs

By Joe Jones

Chapel Hill lives again! She has risen phoenix-like out of her ashes, as the romanticists are wont to say.

If the truth were told, however, Chapel Hill wasn't really dead at any time during the holidays, although there were days and nights when the spark of life burned low, and flickered, and almost went out, as Mr. Z. Grey or the late Mr. J. London would say of a hellbent cowboy or a poisoned dog, respectively.

School closed Thursday night. Some restless souls took immediate departure; by Friday afternoon the seething mass had cleared out and by Friday night Chapel Hill's collegiate swagger was like the wag of the proverbial dead sheep's tail. After Saturday the ranks of the stragglers thinned fast. The law students held on longest.

The butcher, the baker, and the candlestick-maker began to sigh, and weep, and make great moan, forsooth; as did also the clothier, and the druggist, and the landlady, and the dry-cleaner, and the grocer, and the bootlegger, and the—in fact, everybody in the county who had anything to sell. Business limped on both feet for the lack of a student to grace withal. Only the mailman dropped a gladsome sigh.

In the midst of weeping, and wailing, and gnashing of teeth Dean Paulsen was the first to see the joke. "Hear those freshmen yelling," he chucked upon his blackboard, "just wait till they get back after Christmas and find exams awaiting them."

Franklin Street wore her crepe with an air of unjust suffering. The heaped merchandise of Christmas lay on the shelves without a buyer. Boardinghouse apprentices grimly guillotined the Sunday chickens and took them to the cold storage plant. Artistic pyramids of Whitman's and Nunnally's bore placards telling of a tragic 33 1-3 per cent. discount. Men spoke to one another in low tones. Dismay! Everybody gone a week ahead of schedule time! Loss—stark loss to the town—twenty-five thousand dollars, forty thousand, fifty thousand, sixty—so ran the awesome estimates.

Then places began to close down. Miss Cates closed her Cafeteria. One Saturday evening the Welcome-In served its last holiday meal, and the next day Polly's Coffee Shop stopped percolating for a week. Meanwhile Swain's two tableful had increased to three, but when the Infirmary ceased to call for food Swain closed too. (Note: The Infirmary list shrank quickly when school closed. It is said that fever resulting from the drinking of ashes in coco-cola is of short duration. This fact was certainly fortunate for the martyrs.)

The campus proper began to cut out service. Doc Lawson ran the last lonely gymnast out from under a hot shower, turned off the lights, cut off the water supply, locked the gym back and front, looked square-jawed, put the keys in his pocket, got into his Ford, and left old Bynum Memorial to a fortnight's dust and darkness. Then the lights and water were cut off in our favorite dormitory, and there were only the showers of bleak Emerson Stadium left to gambol under. Cold down there too!

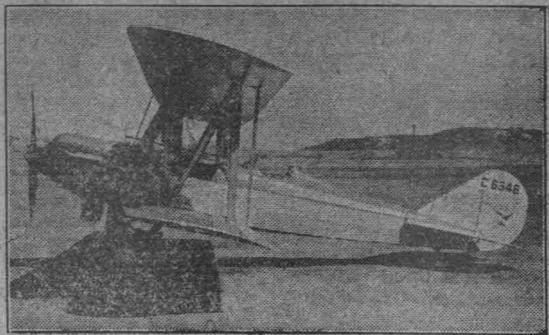
Long before Christmas it was sort of lonesome hereabouts. Dormitories all dark and quiet at night; nobody much down street. Just a few town boys and the high school gang sitting around the vics at Sutton's and the Stationery Store.

By Christmas Eve almost everybody was gone. About the only men left were Red Wood, Kickoff Rowe, and Puny Harper. These three were faithful unto the end; although Red did slip off home for New Year's Day.

The zero hour came the day after Christmas. That day saw several more places closed for the balance of the holidays; namely, the Owl, the Carolina Grill, and the University Book and Stationery Co. Foister's had been closed for some days. In the way of eating places there was only Gooch's, the Carolina Inn Cafeteria, and the Smoke Shop left. The drug, drygoods, hardware, and grocery stores didn't close. The Carolina Theatre kept open, but the crowds were meager. The Library was open daily from nine to five.

They are opening up a new jail in Asheville, and we wonder what percentage of the population remember the grand headline Will Aiken wrote over an episode of a former one: "Buncombe's Boasted Bastile Badly Busted by Burly Black Burglars."—Greensboro News.

A Prize for Some Student



The Alexander Eaglerock plane which will be given to some college student in the United States during 1929. Students, male and female, in practically all of the colleges in the country are competing for the collegiate plane in essay contest.

Playmakers to Usher in New Year With Varied Program

By J. E. DUNGAN

The Carolina Playmakers will usher in the new year with a genuine and faithful reproduction of an old English custom, the Twelfth Night revel, as their first official act of 1929. The night selected for the intellectual celebrating is January 12. In Elizabethan times the twelfth day following Christmas was observed by feasting and drink. In the mountain districts of the state the Anglo-Saxon descendants still keep Twelfth Night in the robust style of medieval days. In Russia the peasants observe Little Christmas in addition to Christmas day.

Professor Koch, amiable mentor of the dramatic group, has been the chief personage behind the local observing of Twelfth Night. The interpretation the Playmakers place on the event is a general convivial recognition of the holiday season, in addition to an effort at maintaining the contacts the Playmakers have fostered.

Admission to the revelry is by invitation only. All the authors, the actors, the stage workers, and all those who have given time or properties for the use of the Playmakers are very heartily urged to attend. There will be no formal invitations. All

who expect to attend are requested to appear in costume of the Elizabethan period preferred. Miss Elizabeth Farrer, in charge of the program, will give advice on costumes to those interested. The addition of ruffs to collar and cuffs of practically any ordinary costume, however, produces the desired effect.

Middle Temple Hall, London, England, the scene of the first Twelfth Night Revel at which the barristers and law students of London made merry in the good old lusty manner that English gentlemen were so famous for, will be reproduced on the stage of the Theatre. A Lord of Misrule, and a king and queen of Twelfth Night are among the functionaries that will gladden the occasion with their wit and jollity.

Already scheduled on the extensive program is the kitchen scene from Shakespeare's Twelfth Night, in which Howard Bailey, Hubert Heffner, Urban Holmes and Samuel Seldon will besport themselves.

The healthy play "St. George," a pavan, which is a court dance of the days of "Good Queen Bess," carol singing, and numerous skits written especially for the night are also included in the program.

Spearman Returns From Meeting Of National Student Association

Walter Spearman, editor of *The Tar Heel*, who served as the official delegate of the University of North Carolina to the fourth annual congress of the National Student Association of the America, meeting at the University of Missouri, Columbia, Missouri, returned to his home in Charlotte December 17.

Spearman was one of one hundred and seventy-five official college and university representatives. The purpose of the organization is to foster friendlier relations among college students, in addition to a program aimed at world peace.

December 12, the first day of the convention, was occupied with registration in the morning, the evening of the first day the congress officially convened to hear addresses by Governor Baker of the state of Missouri, and the president of the University.

Thursday and Friday were devoted to general business. A president to serve the term of 1929 was elected, the position falling to Ursel Narver, of the Oregon State College. Ed Miller of Harvard University, the retiring president, addressed the body indicating his faith in the ability of students the world over to wrestle with the problems of world peace, and more specifically, individual problems

of student honor, and governmental control upon every campus.

Of greatest importance and worth to the delegates were the seminar discussions conducted on topics of vital interest to students, such as fraternity rushing problems, honor systems, editorial responsibility for campus editors.

Spearman attended discussions of college honor systems, and student government. A majority of the delegates registered their opinions that their honor systems were failures. In most cases student government has no disciplinary powers. Carolina's government and honor system were the subject of interest, the delegates expressing surprise at its complete success.

Editor Spearman also participated in a discussion on journalism conducted by A. C. Field, an ex-editor of *The Harvard Crimson*. The matter of editorial responsibility showed the congress equally divided into three classes representatives of schools where the editors were entirely responsible to the faculties, those where the responsibility went back to the student council and the student body, and those that had no responsibility whatsoever.

University Well Represented at Sociological Meet

The University of North Carolina was well represented at the recent meeting of the "American Sociological Society" at the Hotel Congress of Chicago. Quite a number of men from the University department of Sociology attended the meetings which lasted from December 26 to 29.

Dr. H. G. Duncan read a paper entitled "The process of Assimilation." Professor Lee M. Jones read a paper regarding study of isolated families in certain regions of Kentucky. Dr. L. L. Bernard was in charge of the section on Human Ecology. Rupert P. Vance gave a contribution on "Cotton culture and social life in the South." Dr. Howard W. Odum, head of the department of Sociology at the University, was elected first vice-president of the "American Sociological Society." Dr. E. R. Groves was to be in charge of the section on the family, but was prevented from going by an attack of the flu.

Di Senate to Hold Meeting January 15

The Dialectic Senate will not hold its regular meeting on the night of Tuesday, January 8 due to the fact that examinations will then be in progress. The first meeting of the winter quarter, therefore, will occur in New West building on the night of January 15.

This will be one of the most important meetings of the entire quarter not only because it will be the first gathering of the Senate since the holidays but because the new officers which were elected at the last meeting of the Senate will take charge then. These officers are: president, H. N. Brown, III; president pro-tem, J. C. Williams; clerk, H. P. Caton, sergeant-at-arms, G. A. Kincaid; assistant treasurer, R. A. Parsley; critic, H. J. Fox. Due to the fact that the treasurer serves for three quarters Garland McPherson will continue to serve in that capacity.

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Henderson Names Great Dramatists

Lists Shaw, O'Neill and Pirandello In Address Before New Drama League.

The three greatest dramatists of today are Shaw, O'Neill, and Pirandello, according to Dr. Archibald Henderson, head of the Mathematics Department of the University and biographer of Bernard Shaw, who is quoted in the New York Times from an address he made in the metropolis at the annual dinner of the New York Centre of the Drama League.

Two of the three, Dr. Henderson pointed out, came out of the Little Theatre, whose development he hailed as the "means of a renaissance for the theatre in a machine age."

Dr. Henderson ranked O'Neill as the most original technician in the theatre in the world, and pointed out that he received his early training under Prof. George Pierce Baker, creator of the famous "47 Workshop" at Harvard and now professor of dramatic literature at Yale, and later at the Provincetown Theatre.

Shaw's career had a similar beginning, he showed, with the Independent Theatre and the London Stage Society.

Discussing the theory of relativity, Dr. Henderson delivered one of three principal addresses at the meeting of the American Mathematical Society in Cincinnati, O., last week, after which he went to New York to address the Drama League.

Us Democrats have got to raise \$1,600,000. Couldn't we trade Massachusetts and Rhode Island back in and get a discount?—Dallas News.

Personally we are tired of elections held merely for the purpose of vindicating *The Literary Digest*.—Dallas News.

Three Former Carolina Playmakers Now Making Good on New York Stage

(Continued from first page) played the role of Baptista Minola. Fine Character Actor Director Frederick H. Koch characterized him as "one of our outstanding character actors" while a Playmaker. He practically created roles, Director Koch said, in his perform-

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ances in Prof. W. D. McMillan's "Off Nag's Head," Prof. Paul Green's "Quare Medicine," and Frances Gray's "The Beaded Buckle," all folk-plays, and also played leading parts in several of the Playmaker Forest Theatre productions. He seems to have at last gained his ambition in acting Shakespeare.

Hodgin received his Master's degree in English here in '27, and tried teaching for a while, but inevitably came back to the theatre. He was also a leading Playmaker, and was the author of one of the Playmakers' folk-plays, "Clay" in which he played the leading part.

Director Koch had a letter from Hodgin just the other day in which he exchanged reminiscences and told all the news. The Leiber Repertory Company is playing "Hamlet," "Macbeth," "Taming of the Shrew," "Merchant of Venice" and "Julius Caesar" on tour, and after winding up at New Orleans will go on to Texas. There is a chance, Mr. Hodgin said, that they will play through the Carolinas on their way back, and he expressed the hope that they would make Chapel Hill.

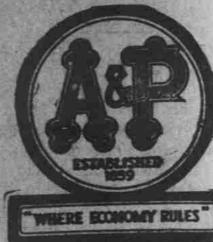
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