

STUDENTS FREED FROM BLAME FOR CHRISTMAS FIRE

Dr. R. E. Coker Says Insinuating Statements Unfair to Chi Psi Fraternity.

Student members of the University chapter of the Chi Psi fraternity, whose house was destroyed Christmas night by fire of unknown origin, have been done an injustice by the recent report of the State Insurance Commission, Dr. Robert E. Coker, a faculty member of the chapter, said today.

Dr. Coker takes issue with the statement of Dan C. Boney, insurance commissioner, that the house, which was insured for \$9,000 had a value estimated at from \$4,500 to \$5,000. Dr. Coker says the estimated value of the house was around \$12,000. Commissioner Boney's conclusions were based on a report made by W. A. Scott, who made the investigation for the department.

Dr. Coker further stated that the report that a number of the students rooming in the house had removed their trunks before the holidays was without foundation.

"Twelve students were rooming in the house before Christmas, but so far as I can learn only two of them removed their trunks before the holidays," Dr. Coker said. "These two said they did so because the house was robbed during the holidays a year ago and they preferred not to take chances. On the other hand, two other students who were planning to live in the house after Christmas, moved their things there before the holidays and lost them in the fire."

Dr. Coker said that all of the private records pictures, and emblems of the fraternity, as well as the furnishings, were lost in the fire.

"I was glad to see the statement of Commissioner Boney in which he said that 'we are not insinuating that the members of the fraternity or any particular

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Inter Racial Group Offers Two Prizes For Student Essays

The Commission on Interracial Cooperation, a southern organization with headquarters in Atlanta, is offering two awards of \$100 each for the best papers on "Justice in Race Relations" submitted by students in Southern colleges during the present school year according to an announcement recently received by University authorities.

The papers submitted should be between 1,500 and 2,500 words in length and must be delivered or mailed to the commission not later than May 1.

According to the announcement the subject has been chosen "because it furnishes a common ground on which all may stand." The purpose of the study is to lead college men and women to inquire into conditions existing between the white and colored people of America.

A list of subjects for study are given and sources of information on the subjects are included in the announcement of the contest.

Inquiries concerning the contest should be directed to R. B. Eleazer, 409 Palmer Building, Atlanta, Ga.

Magazine Notice

The next issue of the Carolina Magazine will be published Sunday, January 19. Deadline for copy for this issue will be Saturday, January 11. All book reviews are expected to be in by this date. Any student at this University is eligible to contribute material. No contributions will be returned unless accompanied by a stamped self-addressed envelope.

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Y CABINETS MEET FOR FIRST TIME SINCE HOLIDAYS

The freshman, sophomore, and junior-senior cabinets of the Y met last Monday night for the first time this quarter. The meetings were held in the respective rooms of the cabinets in the Y at 7:15.

Aubrey Perkins, presiding in the absence of the president, opened the freshman program. After Mr. Perkins had told of the unfortunate mishap of Alex Webb, the cabinet voted to send him some sort of gift which was to be bought by a free will offering of each member. Since Webb will be unable to attend school this quarter, the cabinet elected Jimmie Kurfrees as temporary president. After announcing about the Human Relations Institute that will be held here next year, and after making an announcement concerning the Blue Ridge conference next summer, Mr. Perkins outlined a few plans for the coming quarter. The meeting then closed with sentence prayers.

The program for the sophomore cabinet consisted mainly of business. All the plans for the coming quarter were thoroughly discussed. The meeting was closed with a word of prayer by Grady Leonard.

The junior-senior cabinet also had a very important business meeting, discussing some of the features on the Y program for the winter and spring quarters. A word of prayer closed the meeting.

An American Folk Drama Being Developed Here At University

(By Frederick H. Koch)

I have been asked to write something about my adventures in playmaking and about the Carolina folk-plays written by our young playwrights at the University of North Carolina. From the first, our particular interest has been in discovering native materials and fresh dramatic forms in play writing and in acting. We have cherished the locality, believing that if the locality were interpreted faithfully, it might show us the way to the universal. For, if we can see the lives of those about us with understanding—with imagination—why may we not interpret that life in significant images for all? It was so with the Greeks before us, and with our own English forbears. It has been so in all lasting art. It should be so for us here in America.

It is a fallacy of the young writer, I have found, to think of the dramatic as something unusual and remote from his own experience and observation. Long ago now, and far away, at the frontier state university of the prairies of Dakota, where I began my adventures in play

NOTED ALUMNUS TO SPEAK HERE

Judge J. Crawford Biggs To Address Law School Students Thursday.

Judge J. Crawford Biggs of Raleigh will deliver an address on "Practice in the Federal Courts" Thursday at 11 o'clock in the first year room in Manning hall. Judge Biggs is one of the leading members of the bar at Raleigh and he has been identified with a great deal of the important litigation of the Federal courts of this state.

He graduated at this University *summa cum laude* in 1893. He was editor of the Tar Heel and a member of the varsity football team during his student career. After his graduation he was for a time a member of the law faculty of this University and later of the law faculty at Trinity. Subsequently he was a judge of the superior court for four years and during the Wilson administration he was special assistant to the attorney general of the United States.

Ever since he won the Mangum medal while a student here, he has been noted as an interesting and attractive speaker. All students in the University are invited to hear his address.

Saville Photographs Wilmington Section

Thorndike Saville, professor of sanitary and hydraulic engineering, made what is believed to be the first series of air maps for any branch of the state government when he took pictures from an airplane Saturday of the section of beach from Wilmington south to the Cape Fear river.

These air pictures were made for the water resources division of the department of conservation and development in connection with its beach studies.

Professor Saville flew to Wilmington from Raleigh with an aerial photographer from the Curtiss Flying service at Raleigh, and made the pictures during the afternoon. He returned to Raleigh the following day.

writing, a young freshman wrote for me a theme about "A Storm in New York City." I couldn't understand how the boy happened to write on such a subject. I called him into my office. "Have you ever been in New York?" I asked him.

"No..." he admitted frankly. "Where do you come from?"

"I live in the country, near Langdon," he explained.

"Oh, yes.—That's where they had a cyclone last week, wasn't it?"

"Yes. You know up there in Langdon I saw where the cyclone had driven a hitching-post right through a telegraph pole!"—And, with assurance in his voice, "That's where I got my idea!"

"You went through that cyclone yourself and then wrote about a storm at the Flatiron Building in New York City, which you have never seen. Why did you do that?"

"Oh, I thought it would be more interesting."

This attitude seems to be characteristic of many of our youthful writers—and of some who are not so youthful. It

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Carolina Playmakers To Have Annual Twelfth Night Revels At Theatre Saturday Evening

Two Plays To Be Presented At Entertainment; Cakes And Cider To Be Served; All Playmakers Invited To Attend.

The Carolina Playmakers will hold their annual Twelfth Night Revels Saturday evening at 7:30 at the Playmaker theatre. Following the tradition, the kitchen scene from Shakespeare's *Twelfth Night* will be enacted by a cast made up of members of the faculty and students.

The old English Christmas play, *Saint George and the Dragon*, will be played by an all-faculty cast. The second part of the program will consist of improvised comedy, music and dances, under the supervision of the Twelfth Night committee, of which Robert Dawes is chairman.

Those taking part in the scene from *Twelfth Night* are Professors Urban Holmes, Hubert Heffner, W. E. Caldwell, Holmes Bryson and Louise Thacker.

The cast for *Saint George and the Dragon*: Captain Slasher, J.

O. Bailey; the King, P. C. Farrar; the Turkish Champion, Russell Potter; the Noble Doctor, M. T. Van Hecke; the Clown, A. S. Wheeler; Beelzebub, G. F. Horner; the Dragon, English Bagby. The play is directed by Professor P. C. Farrar.

After the program cakes and cider will be served in the Green Room, and there will be dancing on the stage. Willie Strowd's negro orchestra will furnish the music.

All students, members of the faculty, and other members of the community who have participated in any way in the Playmakers' productions, or who have served on any committee are cordially invited to come, according to an announcement by the directors of the Playmakers. No written invitations will be issued.

Local Engineering Society To Receive National Charter

Announcement was made yesterday that the petition of the local mechanical engineering society for a student branch of the American Society of Mechanical Engineers had been approved by the council of the national organization which means that the University now has an official student branch of this national engineering society.

Notice of the approval of the council was received by Professor H. G. Hoefler from the secretary of the national society, stating that such approval had been given by the council at the last national convention of the society which was held in New York during the first week of December.

The establishment of the student branch of the American Society of Mechanical Engineers followed the petitioning of the national body for a student chapter by the local mechanical engineering society which was organized last quarter.

Since its organization in the fall quarter, the society has held several meetings and has started activities among the younger members of the group by the organization of model airplane club. It is planned to continue this activity under the new organization name.

The establishment of the student branch of the American Society of Mechanical Engineers makes a total of three student branches of national engineering societies which are now on the campus. Student branches which were already established are those of the American Society of Civil Engineers and the American Institute of Electrical Engineers.

Bull's Head Notice

A change has been made in the hours which the Bull's Head Book Shop will be open on Saturday. Instead of being open from 8:30 until 12, as it was last quarter, it will be open from 9:00 until 12:30.

A professor declares there are two hundred dialects in the United States. But the dollar speaks them all.—*Louisville Courier-Journal*.

DRAMA LEADERS TO MEET HERE THIS SATURDAY

Meeting Under Auspices Of The Extension Division And The Playmakers.

Dramatic directors from college, high school and community clubs of the state will gather here next Saturday, January 11, for their annual conference, to be held under the joint auspices of the Bureau of Community Drama of the University Extension Division and the Carolina Playmakers.

The program falls into three divisions—a round table discussion led by state directors for the morning session, the presentation of two plays at the afternoon meeting, and the annual Twelfth Night Revels of the Carolina Playmakers that evening. All meetings will be held in the Playmakers Theatre, where the conference will open at 10:30 o'clock Saturday morning.

The directors will be welcomed to the University by Professor Koch, who will make a short talk in opening the discussions.

The discussions are designed to give the director an opportunity to exchange ideas on methods of directing and producing plays. Directors who have already consented to lead discussions are Robert Wunsch, of Asheville Senior High, who will preside, Miss Grace Everest of Fayetteville High, Miss Ella Henninger of Greensboro College, Miss Vivian Burton of Smithfield High, Mrs. Oscar Randolph of Morganton High, Miss Sally Richardson of Winston-Salem High, and Miss Edith Russell and E. R. Harrington of the Theatre Workshop of Asheville.

The general topic of the morning session will be "Dramatics and the Educational Program," including such sub-topics as "Getting Dramatics in the Regular Curriculum," "Original

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1929 Building In Town Amounted To Well Over \$750,000

A backward glance at the building operations carried on in Chapel Hill, for the year now closing, shows the expenditure of rather more than three quarters of a million dollars for buildings and other improvements, according to a story by H. D. Carter in The Chapel Hill Weekly.

The University has completed and occupied the new library and also Bingham Hall, and has the old Library alterations, to equip the building for the uses of the music department, almost finished, although the new music auditorium has not been started. Rooms have been built on the top floor of Spencer hall. Extensive work has been done on the grading, walks, and gutters of the south campus. Parking space has been made in the south of the new library, and Route 54 provided with concrete paving from Pittsboro road to the Country Club road. This road now has sidewalks, and the adjacent land has been graded.

Fraternity house building has been unusually active, nine being either built or under construction with housing facilities for 280 students. These structures represent an aggregate outlay of about \$320,000 exclusive of the furnishing.

Representative Of Electric Company Talks To Engineers

Speaking before the students of the school of engineering Monday noon on the topic "Personality and Its Influence on a Business Career," Howell Van Blarcon, sales supervisor of the Westinghouse Electric Company outlined the factors that make up a personality and what can be done to cultivate a pleasing set of personal characteristics.

Beginning with a summary of the things which contribute to a successful career in which he included native intelligence, natural aptitude, education and a pleasing personality, Mr. Van Blarcon stated that of these four only the last can be changed to any great degree and that this one is extremely important in the present-day business world.

Continuing with an analysis of what makes up personality the speaker mentioned the four factors of appearance, manners, friendliness, and forcefulness. Each of these is important, he stated, and each is subject to change which can be brought about by the application of well known principles.

Mr. Van Blarcon was in Chapel Hill Monday interviewing seniors in electrical engineering who are contemplating entering the service of the Westinghouse company after graduation.

Meeting Community Club Is Postponed

The meeting of the Community Music Club scheduled for today will be postponed one week due to the unavoidable absence of the program chairman.

Firemen Answer Alarm

Chapel Hill firemen answered an alarm at one o'clock yesterday afternoon for a grass fire in the back yard of the home of John Creel, South West Lane. The blaze was quickly extinguished by beating the fire down with nearby brush. There was no damage.

Buccaneer Notice

There will be a meeting of the art staff of the Carolina Buccaneer at five o'clock this afternoon at the Buccaneer Office.