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FRANK GRAHAM, GOING TO GAME, IN AUTO SMASH

Misses Terrell and Parker, in Car with Him, Have Bones Broken

CAR CRASHES INTO HOUSE

Frank Graham, approaching the Y. M. C. A. building late in the afternoon the day before Thanksgiving, came alongside Miss Margaret Terrell's car. In it, with Miss Terrell, was her friend, Miss Coralie Parker. He asked them if they were going to the game in Charlottesville, and they said no.

"Why not?" he asked. Unable to justify themselves with any good reason, they said very well, then, they would go. Mr. Graham had planned to make the trip on the train, but they satisfied him that there was plenty of room for three in the coupe.

So, after a few minutes' preparation, they struck out north, to catch the train at Lynchburg. About three miles this side of the Virginia line they came to a sharp bend in the road. But they didn't know it was there, for (as they afterward learned) the warning sign at this point had been torn down. They were rolling along at a good clip, and Miss Terrell, at the wheel, saw that if she tried to make the curve the car would turn over. She chose what seemed the better chance, and left the road.

A tree stood squarely in her path. A quick turn of the wheel carried her safely past it, and then—smash!—the car ran into a house, an abandoned country store.

Miss Terrell had a bone in her foot broken. Miss Parker got a cut about four inches long above her eyebrows, and bones in her hand were broken.

Frank Graham—for some reason which none of the travelers can explain—came out of it without a scratch. He helped the two young women as best he could, and presently a nearby farmer's family came to give aid. They said they had heard the crash and knew just what had happened, since five other cars had left the road here within the last month or so.

A school teacher took the three football fans in his car and brought them back to Durham to Watts Hospital. Miss Terrell and Miss Parker, after receiving surgical treatment, sent word out to their escort, waiting in the corridor, that they wanted him to catch a train and go on to Charlottesville. "Nothing you can do here," added Dr. Upchurch, "so you might as well go on." Mr. Graham found one berth left on the special car from Durham, and reached Charlottesville Thanksgiving morning.

Miss Terrell and Miss Parker are still in the hospital but are rapidly recovering.

Dr. Toy to Address P. T. A.

Dr. Calvert Toy will address the Parent Teachers Association at its meeting in the school auditorium Monday evening. His topic will be "The Preservation of the Health of the Children of School Age." The program, which begins at half past seven o'clock, will include also songs by the high school girls' glee club, and piano selections by three children under the direction of Miss Anne Wear Smith.

Chapel Hill Chaff

A few weeks back I was proud to publish to the world the high standing of my neighbor, Vernon Kyser, as an authority on soap. This was apropos of his being retained as an expert witness by American manufacturers who were defending their right to apply to their product the word *Castile*. The attackers are a group of importers who bring into America a European article which alone, they say, may properly be called by that name.

The suit before the Federal Trade Commission is still in progress, and Mr. Kyser continues his researches. From being a soap chemist he has perforce become a soap historian. In the University library, and in the private library of his uncle Vernon Howell, he pores over dusty tomes in search of evidence to fortify his conviction that *Castile* is a generic term which, for centuries, has pertained to soaps made in various countries. He tells me that he has found references to soap in ancient Hebrew scriptures. Some of the books which he consults are in Latin, and then he goes down to get Mr. Harrer, the Latin professor, to translate for him. The other day he found something of what he was looking for in a German pharmacopeia published half in Greek and half in Latin. This indicates that another language man, Mr. Bernard, will have to be called for help. I have suggested to Mr. Kyser that he ought to write a book called "The History of Soap." If cleanliness be next to godliness, this work might bring him a degree from some theology school.

One of our citizens who went to Charlottesville last week told me of an incident of the Carolina-Virginia football meeting (Continued on page three)

The Chapel Hill Alumni

Will Meet to Organize Themselves into an Association

A Chapel Hill association of University alumni is about to come into being.

An organization meeting will be held in the Episcopal parish house at half past seven o'clock next Wednesday evening, December 8. R. D. W. Connor is temporary chairman of the committee that has arranged the gathering, and J. B. Linker temporary secretary. Other members are W. S. Bernard, S. H. Hobbs, Jr., Frank P. Graham, H. G. Baity, E. L. Mackie, F. O. Bowman, Edward M. Knox, T. C. Taylor, and Daniel L. Grant.

Both alumni and alumnae are eligible for membership in the association. There are 340 former University students in Chapel Hill and Carrboro.

Murchisons Prepare to Build

Mr. and Mrs. C. T. Murchison are getting ready to build on their lot on Senlac road, opposite the Bookers' on a part of what used to be the Battle place. Part of the clearing—that part which consisted of eating the pecans off the trees—was done by the twins, Cameron and Nancy.

Henderson Children Have Fever

Barbara Henderson and Archibald Henderson, Jr., are both down with scarlet fever. Barbara was seized with the malady before her brother, and so is further on the road to recovery.

Committee Postpones Decision On Stadium Site; Will Meet Monday to Say the Final Word

The committee on buildings of the University's board of trustees adjourned its meeting here last Monday without deciding upon the site for the new Kenan stadium. It will convene again this coming Monday and will then make the final decision.

When Mr. Kenan announced the gift three weeks ago it was taken for granted that the stadium would be placed in the ravine near the Tin Can. But then the objection was raised that this site was too close in—that, when the University expanded toward the south, the noisy athletic celebrations would be too near the precincts devoted to scholarly pursuits.

The members of the committee spent several hours discussing the matter and listening to arguments pro and con. At the afternoon session they concluded that they wanted a week longer to think it over.

"It's too important a question to be settled hastily," one of them said when the meeting broke up. "The University is growing, and we've got to look a long way ahead. When the stadium is built it will be built to stay. We can't afford not to be dead sure it's in the right place."

Another reason for postponing the decision was that President Chase was absent. He had had to go to an important educational meeting of the faculty's campus committee several days in advance of last Monday's meeting, and the faculty committee approved it by a majority vote. But both W. C. Coker and Dr. William de B. MacNider, members of this group, have expressed doubts as to the advisability of having an athletic center so near to where new buildings are to go up. Because of Dr. Coker's long record of activity in the care and development of the campus, and the careful study he has given to this phase of University life, the trustees' committee are giving much consideration to his views.

The discussion of the problem within the last two or three weeks has brought forth other suggestions for a site. One is that the stadium be built about 400 feet down the ravine from the place first proposed. Another is that it be built to the southeast of the cemetery over in the direction of the Country Club.

And still another suggestion (Continued on page four)

Christmas Seals to be Put on Sale Wednesday

The annual Christmas Seal Sale, in aid of the fight against tuberculosis, will be held in Chapel Hill next Wednesday, December 8, from ten to half past two o'clock. Mrs. Robert H. Wettach, chairman, will be assisted by Mrs. H. D. Carter (who will select the district chairmen); Mrs. W. D. Toy, treasurer; Mrs. S. H. Hobbs, secretary; Mrs. S. E. Leavitt, advertising; Mrs. Otto Stuhlman, canvassing of students; Mrs. A. W. Hobbs, canvassing of campus buildings; Mrs. J. M. Lear, decoration of automobiles; Mrs. W. F. Prouty, window decoration; and Mrs. J. C. Bynum.

Ten district chairmen, selected from the health department of the community club, will conduct a house-to-house canvass. The first drive will be followed by a sale in the school.

Receipts from the sale in Chapel Hill and Carrboro, last year, were \$582. One fourth of this went to the state tuberculosis association; three fourths was spent in and around Chapel Hill. During 1926 \$367 has been appropriated for the main-

tenance of a public health nurse among the negroes, \$320 for the expenses of patients sent to sanatoria for treatment, and \$25 for the relief work of the King's Daughters. The board which administers the fund is made up of Mrs. Moody Durham, Mrs. S. E. Leavitt, Mrs. S. J. Brockwell, Mrs. J. E. Lear, Mrs. W. D. Toy, Mrs. H. D. Carter, Mrs. Clyde Eubanks, and Mrs. J. H. Pratt.

The urgency of the need for money is emphasized by the fact that approximately 30 per cent. of the children in North Carolina—or around 300,000—have been found by the state's investigators to be undernourished. What vigorous effort can accomplish is illustrated by the reduction of the undernourished children in one school, in the last year, from 27 per cent. to 4 per cent. In another school every child in one grade was brought up to normal weight.

Mrs. Wettach and her fellow workers have set \$800 as the minimum amount to be raised this year in Chapel Hill and Carrboro. Everybody is asked to help.

Get Quail in Georgia

M. E. Hogan, cashier of the Bank of Chapel Hill, and Dr. R. R. Clark, the dentist, brought 50 quail with them when they came in from Georgia last Sunday night. They got the birds in two hunts in the southern part of the state.

Mr. Hogan visited his brother, a cotton broker, in Macon, and took Dr. Clark along in the Franklin car to keep him company. On the way back they stopped at Atlanta. From there the banker made a side trip to call on Frank Strowd in Birmingham.

The two travelers started out from Atlanta at half past six o'clock Sunday morning. They drove 472 miles to Chapel Hill in less than 18 hours, reaching here about midnight.

Send the Weekly as a Christmas gift; \$1.50 a year.

Sanford vs. Charlotte

The Sanford high school football team, eastern champions, and the Charlotte high school football team, western champions, will play for the State high school football championship on Emerson Field at half past two o'clock tomorrow (Saturday) afternoon.

Thirty-eight high school teams entered the championship series this year. The final eastern game, which was played at Fayetteville on Thanksgiving Day between the Sanford and Wilmington teams, resulted in a victory for Sanford by the score of 7 to 0. The final western game, played at Salisbury last Saturday by the Charlotte and Greensboro teams, resulted in a 10-to-0 victory for Charlotte.

Many supporters of high school football from Charlotte and Sanford are expected to attend tomorrow's game.

A Clavilux Recital

Novel Form of Entertainment Will Be Given Monday Evening

A clavilux concert—a form of entertainment never before presented in Chapel Hill—will be given by Thomas Wilfred in Memorial Hall at half past eight o'clock Monday evening under the auspices of Phi Mu Alpha, the national honorary music fraternity.

The clavilux is an instrument upon which the artist plays not with sound but with light.

"A recital, an artist at a keyboard"—this is a passage from one review of Mr. Wilfred's performance—"yet not a sound is heard; but as he touches the keys on the strange instrument in the darkened hall the huge screen comes to life and opens up vistas of fantastic forms in such graceful movements and gorgeous colors as no pen can describe."

Thomas Wilfred began his research with the use of light as a fine art in 1905, but it was not until 1922 that he played his first public recital of silent visual compositions. His achievement has won for him a world-wide fame. The *Matin* of Paris has called the clavilux "the culminating point in esthetics," and a Brussels journal says: "We were transported into a gorgeous fairy world that continued to live before the inner eye long afterward." . . . "These colors, these forms," says Deems Taylor, the New York World's critic, "utterly unconnected with anything we have known before, have an emotional effect startlingly like that of music; they set the imagination free; they are by turn amusing, exciting, and menacing, with flashes of quite unearthly beauty."

The price of admission to Monday's concert is \$1, with a special rate of 75 cents for students. There are no reserved seats.

Comedy Tonight

Playmakers Will Present Goldsmith's "She Stoops to Conquer"

Oliver Goldsmith's comedy, "She Stoops to Conquer," will be presented by the Carolina Playmakers this (Friday) evening and again tomorrow evening. Manager Elmore says that the curtain will rise promptly at half past eight o'clock.

The Playmakers are just back from an unusually successful tour with the play in eastern North Carolina. They gave nine performances, almost every one to a packed house.

Shepherd Strudwick appears as Charles Marlow, Jimmie King as George Hastings, Charles Norfleet as Tony Lumpkin, and Miss Margaret Ellis as Kate Hardcastle. Other members of the cast are Miss Eral Thompson (Mrs. Hardcastle), John Harden (Mr. Hardcastle), Miss Lenore McFadden (Constance Neville), Miss Mary Margaret Wray (the barmaid), William Brandon (the landlord), and William Atlee (Sir Charles Marlow). Tony's tavern companions are portrayed by Shelton Day, Dwight Currie, A. DeVoe Austin, and Leonard Lewis; and Mr. Hardcastle's servants by the same four actors and Miss Mary Margaret Wray.

Mrs. Urban T. Holmes is ill with scarlet fever. Her mother, Mrs. Gemmel of London, Ontario, was expected to arrive in Chapel Hill last night.

VILLAGE MUST HAVE A BETTER PHONE SYSTEM

Present Plan about to Give Way under Steadily Increasing Pressure

COMMON BATTERY COMING

The time is near at hand when Chapel Hill's present telephone equipment can no longer stand the strain. It is now being worked to the limit of its capacity.

A year or so ago there arose a situation which practically compelled the University to take over the system; and today the University authorities find themselves faced by two alternatives: either to sell out to some individual or corporation, or to install a new plant.

The switchboard now in operation was designed for not more than 400 telephones. There are 422 subscribers on the list, and it has been possible to serve all of them only through the use of many duplex, or "party," lines. More applications for connections come in every month.

When the expansion of facilities can be postponed no longer, the common battery plan will be substituted for the existing antiquated magneto plan. Which means that the subscriber will simply lift the receiver off the hook, to call central, instead of having to turn a crank. The proposed new switchboard will have a total capacity of 1,200 connections and will be equipped, from the start, for 600. The cost of the improvement, including the central plant, the instruments, and the changes in wiring, is estimated at between \$25,000 and \$30,000.

As long as the present plant is kept in operation, the central office will remain in the little frame building—often called a shack—on Henderson street near the post-office. When the common battery system is installed, central will be moved to the Public Service building where the University Consolidated Service Plants has its headquarters. It is likely that along several blocks of Franklin street the cables will then be run in underground conduits instead of on poles.

Squirrels Travel by Wire

People passing along the street by the post-office recently have been entertained by the sight of the University squirrels running along the electric light and telephone wires. When the Playmakers string their banner across the street the squirrels, going over to Clarence Pickard's store to ask Mr. Cheek for refreshments, use the banner as a bridge and thus avoid the necessity of dodging automobiles.

Window Decoration Prizes

The Community Club's committee which carried on the clean-up campaign recently has awarded two prizes for artistic window decoration. The first prize goes to the Consolidated Service Plants, the second to the Carolina Confectionery.

Champion Didn't Come

Edouard Champion, the French publisher and bookseller who was to lecture here Monday evening, had an automobile accident and did not get any further south than Richmond. A telegram to William M. Dey, conveying M. Champion's regrets, said that he was not injured.