

Power Failure Plunges Chapel Hill Into Darkness

By Bill Sexton

A fast-developing series of equipment breakdowns threw Chapel Hill into a blackout during the supper hour yesterday evening, as the University Service plant system suffered its first complete power breakdown since shortly after the present plant's completion in 1940.

Some sections of the city, including Lenoir Dining hall and the Hillsboro st.-North st. residential area, were without electricity for more than 45 minutes. Other districts suffered only momentarily, though at least two separate complete breakdowns of several minutes' duration each occurred throughout Chapel Hill and Carrboro.

Service plant engineers reported last night that the University's 2500 kilowatt turbogenerator was out of service as a result of the breakdown and estimated that two to three weeks would be required for repairs.

Grey Culbreth, utilities supervisor, blamed the power failure on a breakdown in the 13-mile auxiliary supply line which links Chapel Hill with the Duke Power co. He said University engineers were using both local and outside power during the peak consumption period late yesterday afternoon, and the Duke line's breakdown threw a 100 per cent overload on the generator equipment here. The University generator burned out.

The Duke Power co. line returned to normal quickly, but terminal connections were not set to operate the See POWER, page four

Tinayre Guest Cards Are Still Available

Guest cards for the recital by Yves Tinayre in Hill hall this evening are still available free of charge in the Music department office, and will be honored until 8:20 tonight, concert-time being 8:30.

Mr. Tinayre, a French baritone, made his American debut at the Metropolitan Museum of Art in 1939. Abroad he has appeared before va-



YVES TINAYRE

Henderson Donates Library Display

Dr. Archibald Henderson, official biographer of George Bernard Shaw and head of the Mathematics department of the University, has donated material on European productions and on the American premiere of George Bernard Shaw's "Saint Joan" for a special library display.

Olan V. Cook, of the library staff, has arranged the exhibit, which includes posters, playbills, and programs from the London, Berlin, Madrid, and Paris productions, in addition to photographs and programs of the New York premiere. A first edition of the play, along with other material, is on display in the rotunda of the library.

Dr. Henderson, who is being honored by the Playmakers on Wednesday night, the opening of their production of "Saint Joan," will be guest of honor at a dinner in the Carolina Inn just before curtain time.

Chain Letter Racket Back with New Format; Latest Manna by Mail Purports to Be Legal

By Raney Stanford

The rush to see the results of a Chapel Hill mailman's visit, always a high spot of the day, is bringing new zest to the lives of many of the local citizenry, for the irrefragable chain letter is back again in new guise. Rumors are rife and reports are rampant; the "brother of a friend of a buddy" is getting hundreds of dollars daily.

The latest manna by mail game endeavors to evade the government postal ban by eliminating the mailed instructions; the participant sends money only, in an otherwise empty letter, to the top name on the chain. The letter itself is passed from hand to hand, upon the receipt of two dollars. The buyer then mails \$2 to the top name of the ten on the list, and makes two copies of the letter, leaving out the top name and inserting his own on the bottom. To re-

couple the \$4, the two copies must then be peddled to a pair of acquaintances. And then one leans back and waits for the wealth to roll in.

And waits. To get from the bottom of the letter to the money-making top position, 2048 letters must be sold in each of ten original chains. And while the letter says this is "fool-proof, cheat-proof" plan for getting \$2,048, there is nothing to prevent any number of impatient lads, hungering for a little ready cash, from making and selling many more than the requested two copies. Thus the number of letters that have to be sold to move a name through the ten places is increased manifold. The progression fans out towards the point where everyone has a letter and no one is left to buy one. This will never be reached, but a point where no one is left who cares to buy a letter probably will, and the

elaborate device falls of its own weight. The originators reap the harvest, while those on the outer edges just feed the kitty.

W. S. Hogan, local postmaster, could not comment on the legality of the letter huckstering, but said a ruling from the Post Office department should be soon forthcoming. But even if the federal postal regulations have been hurdled, the state legal definition of a lottery can include a lot of such get-rich-quick ideas. State statutes explain a lottery as any scheme for the distribution of prizes by which, on paying money, one obtains a token which entitles him to receive a value, either more or less, according to chance. And acting as an agent for a lottery can bring conviction for a misdemeanor. By selling the letters by hand, the share-the-wealth boys seem to be ducking valiantly, but they still look pretty vulnerable from here.

Search by Sea, Air Continues for Plane Missing over Alaska

By the United Press

Juneau, Alaska, Oct. 27—A huge search on sky and sea is underway tonight for the big Pan-American clipper which vanished over Alaska yesterday with 18 persons aboard. Army, Coast Guard and civilian rescue planes are flying low across the Alaskan and Canadian coasts in the hope of finding some trace of the four-engined Skymaster.

The DC-4, carrying 13 passengers, has been missing since yesterday afternoon, when Pilot A. N. Monson gave up an attempt for a landing at Annette Island because of rough weather. Monson asked for permission to continue his flight to Juneau, Alaska, 230 miles North, which was granted. But he failed to acknowledge the request.

Military and airline authorities are making every effort to find the plane, in what Pan American officials call the biggest search in Alaskan history. Coast Guard cutters and a fleet of fishing boats are scouring the rugged coastline on the chance the plane might have been forced down at sea, but hopes are slim that the plane could have ridden out the storm.

On the other side of the world, another storm caused the crash and explosion of a Swedish airliner in the mountains near Athens, Greece. When rescuers reached the scene this morning, they found that all of the 45 persons of the four-engined DC-4 were killed. The crash and explosion were so violent that wreckage was scattered over the mountainside for a distance of more than a thousand feet.

In Utah, investigators still are looking into what may have caused the United airliner fire that led to its crash Friday with the loss of 52 lives. Their attention is directed toward the possibility of a defective fire warning system in the DC-6. And they want to know how the fire, which is believed to have started in a baggage compartment, gained such headway that it could not be put out.

Yackety Yack Board Announces Close Out

Organizational space for this year's Yackety Yack has been closed out as of last night. This fact was made known yesterday by Yackety Yack board of editors Gene Johnstone, Ruth Evans, and Harold Bursley as they mailed the dummy for this year's book to the engravers in Charlotte.

In Charlotte, the Charlotte engraving company's artist will draw it to specifications and return it here. In accordance with their policy of advanced deadlines, the editors have asked that this be done by Friday of this week.

They pointed out that although a few organizations will not appear, it was absolutely necessary to get the work on the dummy done this week. Although some groups were left out in this move," Johnstone declared, "we have been able to include more groups than last year's book had."

According to the editors, one pressing reason for having the dummy returned early was the November 1 deadline on the so-called "color"

INFLATED

St. Paul, Minn., Oct. 27—(UP)—Mrs. Clara Sandquist looked long and gravely at the used 1938 car she bought during the weekend for \$130. Her new purchase had cost \$700 when it was new, Mrs. Sandquist told her friends. Seven years ago, she said, it was sold for \$35—some \$95 less than what she spent on it Saturday. Mrs. Sandquist knew very well what she was talking about—she was the one who bought it in 1938 and sold it in 1940!



At a press conference in Columbus, Ohio, Senator Robert A. Taft (left) was snapped by photographers after tossing his hat into the ring for the Republican presidential nomination in 1948. In a letter to Fred H. Johnson (right), chairman of the Republican State Committee, he said that the race for the nomination was "wide open."

Four-Week Basic Police Procedure Course To Be Begun by Institute of Government

A four-weeks course in basic police procedure will begin here Sunday under the sponsorship of Chapel Hill's Institute of Government, Terry Sanford, assistant director of the school, announced today.

Opening of the new police school closely follows completion of a six-weeks course in traffic law enforcement which ended here with graduation of 120 highway patrolmen Saturday.

Fifty applicants chosen from city, county and state law enforcement agencies will be eligible for entrance on a first-come, first-served basis, Sanford said. Other applicants will be accepted for subsequent schools, the next being held in May of 1948 unless the demand is so great as to justify an earlier course. Officers from South Carolina and other states may enroll by paying a tuition fee of \$25.

Operating with the cooperation of the Federal Bureau of Investigation, the state highway patrol, and the State Bureau of Investigation, the school will offer a variety of courses in basic

police science:

Subjects to be covered during the first two and last weeks include: firearms, patrol techniques, photography, scientific aids to crime detection, first aid, public relations, courtroom demeanor, criminal law and procedure, evidence, traffic direction and control, police courtesy, fingerprinting, arrest, search and seizure. The third week will feature a special course designed to familiarize the officers with the examination and inspection of motor vehicles.

Operating expenses of the school, said Sanford, including the costs of firearms and ammunition, are covered by the Institute of Government as a part of services rendered cities and counties which are members of the Institute. The officers will be housed in highway patrol barracks on Raleigh road.

Phi Assembly to Discuss U. S. Socialized Medicine

A bill favoring socialized medicine in the United States will be discussed tonight by the Philanthropic assembly at 9 o'clock in the Phi hall.

To be introduced by Chester Zum Brunnen, the bill reads, "Resolved: that the Phi go on record as recommending that the United States government provide a system of complete medical care available to all citizens at public expense." The measure is expected to promote heated discussion with the opposing side being led by John Giles, See PHI, page four

Gracie Barrie, Who Made Singing Debut at Tender Age of 13, Is Featured on German Club Dance Program This Weekend

Brooklyn-born Gracie Barrie is a girl who's been kicking around in show business for a good many years now. Due to hit the Carolina campus this weekend with Randy Brooks, his Golden Trumpet, and his orchestra at the Fall Germans, Miss Barrie has a varied career behind her of vaudeville, radio, and top Broadway spots.

Advance literature on the songstress claims that she made her debut at the tender age of 13 on one of New York's local radio programs. By the time she reached 14, she was apparently well-established in her field, having breezed through a long and wide-famed run at the Beaux Arts in Atlantic City, New Jersey, the so-called "playground of America's millionaires." There poor little Gracie, as the story goes, hit the rough break which comes to everyone in her profession. She wasn't old enough. She was signed from the



GRACIE BARRIE

Beaux Arts into Broadway's Palace, when the Gerry society, whose exact authority hasn't been explained, said that 14 was just too young for a girl to be running around working in the big bad theatrical world of New

Cooley Talks Tonight On European Situation

With first-hand impressions of hungry Europe still fresh in his mind, Congressman Harold D. Cooley from the fourth North Carolina district will reveal some of his personal observations made on both sides of the iron curtain when he speaks tomorrow evening at 8 o'clock from the International Relations club platform in Gerrard hall.

"If our foreign policy is to stop Communism," Cooley stated on the floor of Congress last spring, "we had better stop it at some place far distant from our own shores." He said further that without our aid the people of Europe "would be easy prey to Communism."

Cooley's "Report from Europe" will be the first public statement from any member of the Herter Investigation committee. "Congressional statesmanship at its highest" was the way Time magazine described the committee last week when it returned from Europe.

Congressional investigations have twice taken Cooley to Europe and once to Asia in the past two years.

Traveling as a delegate to the Inter-Parliamentary Union conference in Cairo last April, the congressman visited the key centers of the near east.

"I left Athens convinced that King Paul and his government represent the people of Greece," he stated during congressional debate on the Truman doctrine of aid to Greece and Turkey.

Considered by many to be



REP. H. D. COOLEY

the top congressional authority on agricultural needs of war-torn countries, Cooley is expected to play a major role in debates on the Marshall plan for European aid when the special session of Congress convenes on November 17.

Representative Cooley made headlines throughout the state last week when he proposed that the government halt sinking tobacco prices by purchasing large amounts for use in Germany. The withdrawal of British buyers caused the critical slump in the tobacco markets normal selling about 30 per cent of the crop to England.

Paul Green to Write Drama For Washington Anniversary

Paul Green, prominent Chapel Hill author-resident, has been asked to write a historical pageant for the 150th anniversary of the nation's capital, according to an announcement made by Washington's Sesquicentennial committee.

The playwright is now widely known for his two similar works, "The Lost Colony" and "The Common Glory."

Mr. Green, who has just returned from a visit to Washington, told of the plans for the celebration in a talk at the university faculty club meeting last week. It is to be sponsored by a committee consisting of three senators, three representatives, and three citizens of the district. The proposed pageant is to illustrate the historical development of the city from a wide place in the Potomac to its present position as one of the leading cities of the world.

Green emphasized, however,

in an interview granted yesterday to the Daily Tar Heel, that the pageant will chiefly concern the development of the capital as a reflection of the spiritual development of a great people. According to the playwright, Washington is the capital of the world's foremost democracy and as such is representative of the dignity of the individual as opposed to the totalitarian idea that he exists for the good of the state.

Present plans for the pageant, as for the celebration as a whole, depend on the granting of an appropriation by Congress. It is expected that a sufficient amount to cover the cost of building a theatre and staging the pageant would be upwards of half a million dollars. The granting of an appropriation of suitable proportions is uncertain at present, but the authorities concerned with the plan feel that it will go through.

If the pageant is presented, it should, Green feels, be used during the celebration and then revived from year to year as "The Lost Colony" is at present. A search for a site is now in progress with Rock Creek Park and the Anacostia River under consideration.

Green believes that the site finally selected should be one of natural beauty augmented suitably by the theatre constructed there. In view of the fact that the pageant should be one approaching epic proportions, both the site and the theme should illustrate the grandeur of America and the city which is its capital.

The author has considered using the life of George Washington who was chiefly responsible for the city's founding, or of Lincoln who made possible its continued existence as the capital of a unified country extending across the American continent, as possible bases for the pageant. If this is done, it will continue the plan used at Williamsburg where the life of Thomas Jefferson was similarly used.

Green also discussed plans and projects for historical pageants now in process of formation at Charleston, S. C., and elsewhere.