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SKIPPER
He and Chapel Hill were one.
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WEATHER

Rain and cool today, with expected high of 68.

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GOP Candidate Hayes: 'N.C. Must Become Bipartisan'

By PRINGLE PIPKIN

The Republican candidate for Governor of North Carolina, Kyle Hayes, spoke before about 60 people last night in the Main Lounge of Graham Memorial on his program for the coming gubernatorial election, Nov. 6.

The speaker said, "we (the Republicans) have got to educate people and let them know we have a candidate. I believe if the message is put across to them (the people), we can win."

About the forth-coming election he said, "I am not conceding that we are not going to win. If we do not, I want it to be so close that they (the Democrats) will give consideration to state issues rather than national issues."

Directories Here

The 1956-57 student directory will go on sale today at the YMCA and Lenoir Hall. The directory will be a two-tone green this year and will include the names, addresses and telephone numbers of all university affiliated personnel, along with an alphabetical listing of all students with their home-towns and Chapel Hill addresses. Copies will be available for 35 cents.

UNC Quarterly Will Come Out November 9

The Carolina Quarterly, continuing the tradition of literary magazines begun in 1844 at UNC, will publish its first 1956 issue on November 9.

The magazine will contain the first publication of the NBC hour-length radio broadcast, "Biography In Sound," on Thomas Wolfe. The broadcast, produced last fall, presents a series of monologues by those who knew Wolfe best: his sister, Mabel Wolfe Wheaton of Asheville; his editors, John Hall Wheelock and Edward C. Aswell; a friend, Mrs. Clayton Hoagland; and a former student of his, now Professor Theodore Ehrsam of New York.

The cover will feature a drawing of Wolfe by Chapel Hill artist William Mangum.

Also appearing in the Quarterly will be part of a Pati Hill novel soon to be published by Houghton-Mifflin; a section of young North Carolina poets; a Chekhov monologue revised in English by Eric Bentley; two lithographs by prize-winning Philadelphia Benton Spruance; a story by last year's fiction contest winner, and other features.

The Quarterly published three times a year may be obtained from Graham Memorial Information Desk, the Carolina Inn, local bookstores and the Quarterly Office. There is a charge of 50 cents per issue. Yearly subscriptions are available at \$1.25 from Box 1117, Chapel Hill.

IN THE INFIRMARY

Students in the infirmary yesterday included: Misses Barbara Smith, Carolyn Roberts, Ruth Woodruff, George Stavnitski, John Hunt, Richard Gustafson, Robert Southernland, Joseph Friedberg, Ernest Briggs, Isaac Merrill, Elbert Jones, Robert Britt, Donald Bulard, Charles Harrington, Bruce Caldwell, Herman Weaver, William Kendall, Otis Drake, Henry Green, Charles Flack, James Woodard, David Peckard.

"North Carolina will not reach its right place in the 48 states until we have a two party system," claimed the speaker, and he went on to say that he had been trying to overcome the defeatist attitude of the Republicans in the state.

The program which he presented included three years of educational expansion in North Carolina. If elected, he plans to ask for a 100 million dollar bond issue to expand and improve the school facilities. The candidate hopes to be able to change the state income tax laws to give full deductible credit for some medical expenses. He desires a minimum wage law of \$1.00 in the state. "To re-align congressional and state senatorial districts" is part of his plan.

The speaker felt that the state per capita income, 44 in the nation, could and would be raised if the Republican Party was in power.

Kyle Hayes is a native of Wilkesboro and graduated from Wake Forest Law School in 1931. He is the first Republican candidate for governor to conduct a campaign from Manteo to Murphy.

Hayes' talk tonight was sponsored by the Young Republicans Club.

Robeson On Committee

Professor Charles B. Robson, chairman of the Dept. of Political Science, has been appointed to the executive committee of the American Political Science Assn.

A second member of the staff of the Dept. of Political Science, Prof. Alexander Heard, is also a member of the council. Prof. Heard is also a member of the editorial board of the American Political Science Review, which is the official journal of the association.

Waitman Named Head Of Hillel Foundation

Albert Waitman of Fayetteville has been named president of the Hillel Foundation.

Miss Sue Gischner, Washington, D. C., was named vice president.

Other officers are Gary Ball Kind of Charlotte, secretary, and Bob Weinstein of Greensboro, treasurer.

Committee chairmen were appointed by the president at the meeting this week.

A GRAD STUDENT WITH BLUE EYES:

We've Got Maid Of Cotton Hopeful

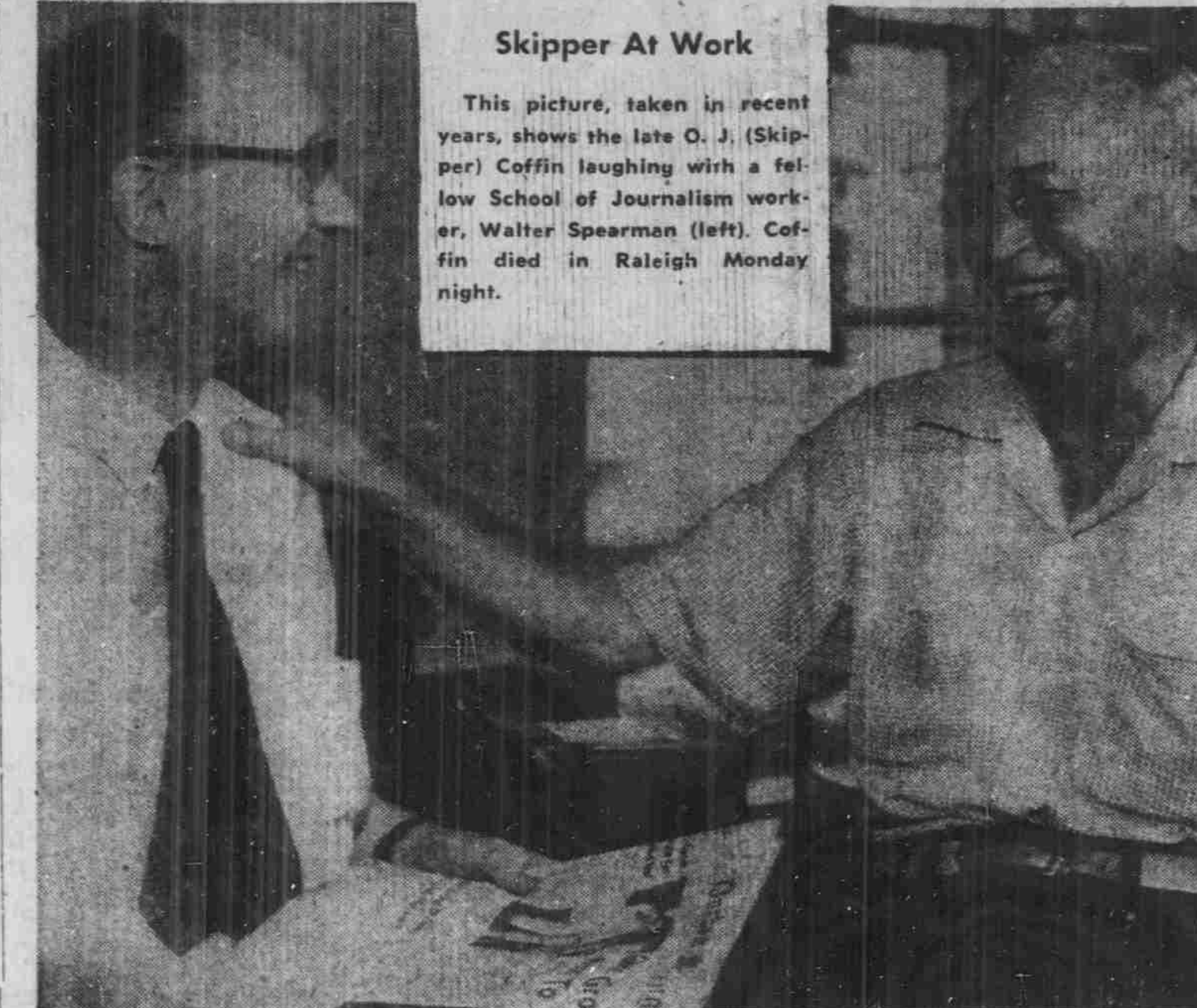
By BOB MYERS

Pretty Jo Anne Deason, UNC graduate student, isn't trying to rush the season, but she's anticipating Christmas with so much enthusiasm that Santa may be getting a letter any day.

And the letter might begin like this: "I am a 22-year-old, blue-eyed blonde from Enoree, S. C., and recently I was judged 'South Carolina Maid of Cotton' for 1957. On Dec. 27 and 28, three days after your globe-circling trek, I will represent South Carolina in the national 'Maid of Cotton' finals at Memphis, Tenn. And what a Christmas present winning that title would be. I wonder if you're making the crown?"

And when Santa is informed that cotton maids representing 18 cotton-producing states from around the nation will gather at Memphis for the post-Christmas affair, he may not return to the Arctic Circle.

Meanwhile, the latest in the



Skipper At Work

This picture, taken in recent years, shows the late O. J. (Skipper) Coffin laughing with a fellow School of Journalism worker, Walter Spearman (left). Coffin died in Raleigh Monday night.

WHERE THEY USED TO GATHER:

His Friends At The Shack Say Skipper 'Loved By All'

By WALLY KURALT

"Yessir, that Skipper was quite a man," said T. B. (Brack) Creel, speaking of Oscar Jackson (Skipper) Coffin, who died Monday.

"I've known the Skipper since 1905, when we played on rival high school baseball teams," Creel said. "He was always one for a joke and was loved by all, especially me."

Creel, speaking admirably with not completely dry eyes, related tales of the late journalism professor in "the Skipper's second alma mater."

"He used to walk into his class at the first of the year and he'd say, 'My name is Oscar Jackson Coffin, and so there will be no trouble about our social standing, my uncle—that I was named after—was hung. A terrible fine fellow, but the jury didn't see it that way.'"

"That's how he was," said Creel. "Nothing at all fake about him."

"IRON LUNG" One of the favorite stories concerning Coffin was the "iron lung." A former student came to visit Coffin, and was told by "Gertrude" (Mrs. Coffin) that the Skipper was in the "iron lung."

"Oh, I'm sorry," said the former student, "I didn't even know he was sick."

"Don't be sorry," said Mrs. Coffin. "The iron lung is only a

place called The Shack. I call it the iron lung because he can't breathe for 30 minutes away from there."

The Shack, a small, frame building which exemplifies its name, has long been a favorite gathering place for bull session fans. Just below the City Hall, it was patronized by Coffin and his friends.

Brack Creel, one of Coffin's closest friends, formerly owned the establishment before his health failed and he had to sell.

Creel told of another of Coffin's classroom speeches. "Ladies and gentlemen," Coffin would say, "I don't mind your

smoking in my class, but I would like for you to use ashtrays after you finish your cigaret. Don't let me catch you throwing your finished cigaret on the floor and grinding it under your heel. The people that clean up this classroom are perhaps a lot smarter than you are, but haven't had the chance to get an education."

Some 30 of Coffin's closest friends attended a valedictory party given by The Shack at a Pittsboro Rd. diner May 19. At this party Coffin read his valedictory, in which was included a short sketch of some of his friends and some of the scenes at The Shack.

Dr. Carmichael Talks To Meeting Of Deans

WINSTON-SALEM — George Colgin, administrative dean of women is still an important college official despite the fact that her office has changed considerably since 1940, a University of North Carolina official declared here Tuesday.

Dr. Katherine Carmichael, UNC dean of women in Chapel Hill, made her remarks in an address before the fall meeting of the North Carolina Assn. of Deans of Women at Wake Forest College.

About 70 persons attended the all-day session, which included a morning address by Chaplain

That Stuff Falling From Sky Will Fall A Couple More Days

Rainy weather will be with us another day or so, according to Raleigh-Durham weather observers. The bureau said Tuesday that showers will probably continue

BELOVED JOURNALIST:

Services For Coffin Set For 3 P.M. Today

Funeral services will be held at 3 p.m. today for O. J. (Skipper) Coffin in the University Methodist Church.

Rev. Charles S. Hubbard will officiate. Burial will be in the Chapel Hill Cemetery.

Coffin, one of the most colorful and beloved leaders of southern journalism, died in Raleigh Monday night. His death was due to pneumonia and was the end result of a long-time asthmatic condition.

Active pallbearers will be J. B. Linker, Duncan Neville, Frank Umstead, Joe Page, Norman Gordon and Hugh Wilson.

Honorary pallbearers will be faculty members of the School of Journalism and former members.

Roy Parker of Ahoskie, Weimar Jones of Franklin, Phillips Russell of Chapel Hill, Jack Riley of Raleigh and Thomas J. Lassiter of Smithfield.

Others included are UNC Chancellor Robert B. House, WC Acting Chancellor W. W. Pierson, F. O. Bowman, Carl P. Durham, John W. Umstead, Roland W. McClamroch, E. B. Jeffress, Louis Graves, Paul Eubanks, Brack Creel and Collier Cobb Jr.

Coffin retired last summer from the UNC School of Journalism where he had been teaching for the past 30 years.

Upon his retirement he was honored by a party given by former students. Several hundred of

Tribute Set

The University will stop its classes for two minutes Thursday in tribute to Hungarian students who died "as a result of Soviet tyranny."

Chancellor Robert House announced the University is joining 14 other universities in the tribute from 11:30 a.m. to 11:32 a.m.

The action was initiated, the chancellor said, by the American Committee for Cultural Freedom.

The silence will be observed, he said, "in commemoration of the role played by students of Hungary in their struggle for freedom."

Banks Roads Still Flooded

RALEIGH — Water continued to cover long stretches of highway along the Outer Banks Tuesday as the result of a storm that has raged the past three days.

This was reported by Chief Highway Engineer W. H. Rogers Jr., who said that stretches of U. S. 158 totaling about five miles were covered with water up to 14 inches deep.

He said traffic was moving over the highway slowly.

Rogers said most of the water covering the road was rain water and not from the ocean, since it has been raining in the area since Monday.

South of Oregon on Hatteras Island, Rogers said a long stretch of road also was under water up to six inches deep. He said there had been some damage to the road but this has been repaired.

the students from all parts of the state attended the party at the home here of journalism Professor Walter Spearman.

He also received numerous good will messages from former students throughout the United States and in Europe.

Members Of Community Express Their Sadness

Members of the University community have expressed their sadness at the passing of O. J. (Skipper) Coffin, formerly dean of the School of Journalism here.

President William Friday of the Consolidated University said: "Oscar Coffin, one of the most beloved men in Chapel Hill, was a great inspiration to his students. He built the School of Journalism and his contribution as teacher and dean was significant and far-reaching."

"DEBT" Dean Norval Neil Luxon of the school said:

"Hundreds of alumni of the School of Journalism mourn the passing of O. J. Coffin, who in his 30 years of teaching impressed upon generation after generation of students the need for good craftsmanship in writing. North Carolina journalism and journalism in general owe him a debt, long to be remembered and discussed wherever alumni meet."

"Our sympathy goes out to Miss Gertrude. We shall long remember the homey friendliness of the Skipper and her to students and staff alike."

Phillips Russell, editor of the Chapel Hill News Leader and long coworker and friend of Coffin, said: "It was a great shock to me to learn about the death of an old partner. We were together in journalism at Chapel Hill nearly 25 years."

Chancellor Robert House said: "He was one of the ablest and most loved teachers ever to be associated with the University. A life-long friend, he and I started to work together at Chapel Hill in the same year (1926). We were intimate friends in a professional and personal way."

Oscar Jackson Coffin was born Feb. 9, 1887, at Carter's Mill, now Robbins, and moved to Asheboro at an early age. After graduation from UNC in 1909, he taught school, and worked on the Asheboro Courier, for a salary of \$8 per week.

EVOLUTION In 1911 he became sports editor of the Winston-Salem Journal, but

WUNC-TV May Start Shows For Wide Use

A two-day conference is underway here which may result in the decision for WUNC-TV to produce an educational series of children's health and dramatic programs for national distribution to educational stations.

Participating in the conference are Kenneth Wright, director of radio and television services at the University of Tennessee; Ray Johnston and Emil Young, directors of WUNC-TV at N. C. State College and WCUNC, respectively; and Earl Wynn, director of the Communication Center here.

Wright is now on a year's leave of absence working at the Educational Radio and TV Center in Ann Arbor, Mich. He is program coordinator for the Southern Region of educational stations.

Farmer Sets Talk

Dr. Thomas W. Farmer, professor of neurological medicine at the School of Medicine, will be speaking before the Rowan-Davie County Medical Society meeting in Salisbury Thursday. His subject will be "Treatment of Cerebral Vascular Disease."

returned to the Asheboro paper in 1912, when he married Gertrude Wilson, of Haywood County. He later worked in Chapel Hill, then for The Charlotte Observer, and in 1918 became city editor and later editor of The Raleigh Times. He was known for his hard-hitting editorials, and especially for his support of education in North Carolina against the "Monkey Bill" to bar the teaching of evolution in the public schools.

In 1926 he succeeded Gerald Johnson as the only teacher of journalism at UNC, and from then until 1936 constituted a one-man school of journalism. He was dean of the journalism school until 1953, and following his retirement as dean, taught in the school until June 30, 1956.

Until his death he continued his column, "Shucks and Nubbins," and editorial writing in The Greensboro Daily News. During his last three years at the University he taught classes in editorial and feature writing.

Surviving in addition to his wife are one son, Wilson Coffin, of Durham, and three grandchildren.

Students Held After Beating Of Local Man

Three men, two of them UNC students, are out of jail on bond today following the serious beating of Wade Higgs, 33-year-old Chapel Hill resident.

Higgs was beaten early Sunday morning after the three men broke into his one-room apartment in the Sutton Building on Franklin St. and assaulted him, police said.

Bobby L. Moore of Carrboro, Harry Grasser, and Donald T. Cheatham were charged in the beating.

Grasser, freshman from Southern Pines, and Cheatham, sophomore from Durham, are both UNC students, according to Patrolman Amos Horne of the Police Dept.

Moore is charged with aiding and abetting breaking and entering, assault, and carrying a concealed weapon (a pistol). Grasser and Cheatham are charged with breaking and entering and assault.

All three men were freed from jail under \$500 bond. Patrolman Horne said Higgs had "nothing to do with the fight." He was in his room, he said, when the men kicked down part of the door, entered, and started beating him. Police believe the cause of the beating to be an argument which had arisen over liquor.

Higgs was taken to the emergency room of Memorial Hospital, according to Horne, where he was treated for a cut over his left eye and bruised ribs and arms. Three stitches were taken over Higgs' left eye.

The trial is scheduled for a future meeting of Chapel Hill Recorder's Court.

GM'S SLATE

The following activities are scheduled for Graham Memorial today:

Grail Room—5-6 p.m., Pan Hellenic Council; 9-11 p.m., State Student Legislature; Roland Parker 1-4.5 p.m., Debate; 8:30-9 p.m., IDC; Roland Parker 2-8:30 p.m., Jehova Jehovah's Witnesses; Roland Parker 3-7.9 p.m., Music Study Group; Woodhouse Conference Room, 4-5:30 p.m., Chancellor Committee; Rendezvous Room, 8-11 p.m., GMAF Party.