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## SPECIAL SCHOOL ELECTION - MAY 22

### New Law Gives Country Folk Chance to Get Educational Advantages, Including 8 Months Term

### AN EQUALIZING PROPOSITION

The people of Orange county will vote Tuesday, May 22, upon the question whether or not the county shall take over all the schools and give the children in the country advantages equal to those now enjoyed by the children in the towns.

If the proposal carries, there will be a uniform tax rate for schools, not exceeding 50 cents on the hundred dollars, throughout Orange. This will wipe out the local school taxes, for the county will take over the indebtedness and the cost of operation of the schools. As far as Chapel Hill citizens are concerned, the total school tax will be cut down, since they are now paying heavier local rates than the highest possible county rate under the new law.

For some time, the lack of school facilities for the people who live out in the country has been holding the county back in education. The county board of education has issued a statement saying that the demand for better accommodations is being voiced on all sides. The law under which the special election will be held was passed by the last legislature for the purpose of equalizing school burdens and school advantages.

With the new scheme in effect, all communities, no matter how small or how large, will share alike in the revenue coming from corporate wealth such as cotton mills, power plants, power lines. Under the present system, it is only the children living in places where such wealth exists who get the benefit of this revenue.

The proposed county-wide rate would maintain all the schools in the county for a term of eight months. It would make possible the building of high schools in the various townships, and the larger children could be transported to these high schools. It is not planned to abolish the small schools for the lower grades.

Before the election comes off there are to be many meetings, all over the county, to discuss the whole question.

### PAY CUT AT POSTOFFICE

Notice came from Washington the other day that there would be no more overtime pay for post-office employees, for the reason that the appropriations were not adequate to provide it. This is a serious matter for Chapel Hill, because the heavy volume of mail here requires a great deal of overtime work. It is known among Postmaster Stroud's friends that he has been paying the men out of his own pocket recently, rather than let the service collapse. There is some wonder as to what the incoming postmaster, De Witt Herndon, will do to solve this difficulty, since, as far as people know, he is not a man of independent means and can hardly afford to pay the clerks himself.

### BISHOP CHESHIRE VISITED US

Bishop Cheshire was in town from Saturday to Wednesday. He administered the rite of confirmation in the Episcopal church Sunday, and delivered a series of three talks on "The Rule of Christian Faith." His many friends here were delighted to see him looking so well.

### CEDAR GROVE MANSE

The Methodist congregation of Cedar Grove are planning to build a manse on the north side of the village, near Stewart's Heights, the home of J. F. Stewart. This will give Cedar Grove two resident pastors, the Presbyterians having built a parsonage not long ago.

## FARMERS BUY BLOODED COWS

Harris, Agricultural Exprt, Went to Hickory for Registered Jerseys

R. P. Harris, agriculture teacher in the Chapel Hill school, made a trip to Hickory a few days ago to buy blooded cattle for farmers in the country around Chapel Hill. He arranged for the purchase of 28 registered Jersey heifers between six months and a year old.

The men who are going to take the heifers are:

Blackwood section: M. C. Blackwood, Herbert Blackwood, Robert Blackwood, Will Nunn, L. C. Patterson, and Clyde Hogan.

Calavander section: Lewis Lloyd, Henry Hogan, Arthur Hogan, and Rod Cate.

Antioch section: Marvin Dawson, Melvin Lloyd, Ernest Whitfield, Jeter Lloyd, Aubrey McLennon, and Wade Atwater.

Damascus section: Robert Daniel, W. Womble, and S. C. Wilson.

White Cross section: Paul Cheek, Hoyt Smith, C. Stanford.

Elm Grove: Albert Dodson.

Merritt's section: B. Bennett and R. Fowler.

## "TRADE WEEK" NOW AT HAND

Chapel Hill Merchants Have Set Out to Attract Country Folk to Stores

The merchants of Chapel Hill are celebrating the next few days by putting on a "trade week" campaign.

The idea is not only to draw the citizens of the town to the home stores, but also to bring in a flood of country people. To that end, announcement sheets have been printed and are being circulated among the farmers throughout the southern end of Orange county and in part of Chatham.

Considerable reductions in prices are being made at many of the stores. The Chapel Hill merchants say they are going to show the population that there is an abundance of superior goods at reasonable prices here in the shops on Franklin street.

"If people will just compare prices, through the whole list of articles needed for the household," said one merchant yesterday, "we believe they will find that there is no reason to go away from home for purchases. Of course, we have the expense of delivery and charge accounts, which the cash-and-carry stores do not have. If this difference in the kind of service be allowed for, Chapel Hill prices will be found to be reasonable. During this special 'trade week,' of course, they are lower than usual."

## POSTMASTER IS BRIDEGROOM

DeWitt Herndon Was Married Friday to Miss Blanche Estelle Welch

The new postmaster, De Witt Herndon, was married to Miss Blanche Estelle Welch by Rev. E. L. Baskin in the Baptist parsonage last Friday. They had been engaged some time, but the decision to have the ceremony last week was a sudden one. M. E. Hogan, the cashier of the Bank of Chapel Hill, under whom Mr. Herndon has been working, and Mrs. Baskin were the only witnesses.

The bride is the daughter of O. H. Welch, who lives in Chatham county near Pittsboro. For a while before the marriage she had been living in Winston-Salem.

Mr. Herndon will take possession of the post-office on the first day of April, it is expected. He signed his bond several days ago.

## SPARROW'S NEW HOME

Carl Sparrow has built a new home four miles southeast of Chapel Hill. He expects to move in soon.

T. A. Whitener, one of the agriculture teachers in the Chapel Hill school, has been suffering from a light attack of influenza.

## METHODISTS SOON TO BEGIN CAMPAIGN

### Hope to Raise \$100,000 for New Church from Methodists in North Carolina

### BUILDING IN COLONIAL STYLE

The campaign to raise \$100,000 among the alumni and Methodist people generally throughout the State, as the final amount necessary before beginning work on the new Methodist Church, will start in the late spring, it is announced by L. R. Wilson, a member of the Joint Commission on the Chapel Hill Church. The total cost of the new structure will be approximately \$200,000.

The two Methodist conferences of the State, the North Carolina Conference and the Western North Carolina Conference, have each pledged \$30,000 toward the cost, and the Chapel Hill church \$20,000. The general boards of the Methodist Episcopal Church, South, with headquarters at Nashville, Tenn., have been asked for \$50,000 of the one million which that body was authorized to use for churches in educational centers. This contribution is regarded as reasonably certain. The excess over the cost of the church itself has been used for building a parsonage.

James Gamble Rogers of New York is the architect for the church, and on his last visit to Chapel Hill

he expressed himself as particularly interested in the undertaking. He said that he had given more personal attention to the designing of the Chapel Hill church than to any other building he had ever planned. Mr. Rogers is the consulting architect of Yale University, and it was he who planned the beautiful Harkness Memorial Quadrangle at that institution.

The church is to be built in three units: the main auditorium on the site of the old Seaton Barbee house where Robert A. Fetzer now lives; a connecting structure, with a corridor running parallel with the main street, toward the present building; and a Sunday school and reception hall on the site of the present church. The first two units are to be built immediately and the third later on. Between the auditorium and the Sunday school building, there is to be a court with a big elm tree in the center. The court will have walks, grass plots and flower beds.

The church auditorium will be of Colonial architecture, red brick with a tall spire rising 207 feet above the ground. In front will be white columns.

Including the balcony, the auditorium will seat about 1,000. To the rear of the auditorium will be the pastor's study. Probably, a paved walk will run through the connecting structure from the street to the University campus. The Sunday school building will contain class rooms, a small auditorium, rooms for reading and studying, a general reception hall, a dining room and a kitchen. The entire site has a frontage of 280 feet and a depth of 300 feet.

The Methodists are stronger in the University than any other denomination. The records in the registrar's office show 594 Methodists, while the Baptist come next with 468.

The Joint Commission on the Chapel Hill Church is made up of fifteen members, five from the North Carolina Conference, five from the Western North Carolina Conference, and five from the Chapel Hill congregation. The members are: From the North

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## LINKS UNDER WAY, GOLFERS GLEEFUL

### Ground Broken a Few Days Ago and Work Will Proceed. Enthusiasm Inures Success

### CLUBHOUSE ABOUT COMPLETED

Ground has been broken for the new golf course of the country club out on the Raleigh road.

This momentous event took place without any ceremonies. There was no solemn Masonic procession with abbreviated smocks flopping in the wind, no awesome incantation said over the turning of the first clod. W. C. George of the University medical school, acting on behalf of the club, simply hired a man with horse and plow and started them to work.

One of the hillsides has been plowed, and others will receive the same treatment. The sowing of grass seed is underway. An attack will be made in force before long, in all likelihood, upon the countless thousands of stones scattered over the club territory. A little while ago there was talk of a general mobilization of club members for the reaping of this harvest, but that is not settled yet. Maybe the professors who compose the male part of the organization will decide that it is more economical to engage in brain-work and employ others to pick up the stones. Some of them are already committed to this view, while others declare it folly to miss such a good chance for beneficial physical exercise.

Anyway, work upon the links is to proceed. It can't be done all at once, because funds are limited. But there is a vast enthusiasm among Chapel Hill golfers, and they are not going to let the job sleep. Various suggestions for hastening it have been made. One is that the golfing element raise a special fund, to be contributed both by themselves and by alumni who have been badly bitten by the golf bug and may want to come in as non-resident members.

Then, there is the prospect of a considerable student membership. It is already about decided to admit students to the golf privileges, at a certain fee to be fixed later. Since the building up of golf courses near the principal cities of the State, the number of University students interested in the game has grown steadily. Many of them have expressed their delight at the prospect of playing on the new course. Of course there will be more and more golfers in the student body every year.

The construction of the clubhouse is in its final stages. Probably the building will be finished in the next three or four days. The plasterers got to work with their tools last Thursday, and the floor-layers shortly afterward. In the next day or two, if the weather is good, there will no doubt be a trek

of members to look the place over. An agreeable feature of it is a broad veranda.

There is much concern about access to the club grounds. For two or three months the Raleigh road has been well nigh impassable, but the appearance of a scraper the other day cheered strollers. Eventually there is going to be an extension of Cameron avenue from the east gate of the campus, to pass through Battle's Park and connect with the turn-off from the Raleigh road to the clubhouse. Nobody knows yet when this extension will be put through. It is obliged to come some day, because of the approaching erection of dormitories on the west fringe of the park and the almost certain opening-up of nearby land for residence purposes.

## WILL IMPROVE SWIMMING POOL

Owner of Carrboro Resort is Preparing for the Summer Rush

Joseph Sparrow, owner of the Carrboro swimming pool that proved so popular last summer, is preparing to make it still more popular.

He is going to get water from the regular University-and-town supply, so that the pool may be drained out oftener. Of course this depends upon there being an adequate supply. The general understanding is that the University is going to expand its water system, in which case there will be no more shortages.

Mr. Sparrow is building a cement walk all the way around the pool. He is to engage a swimming teacher to give free lessons to all who want them. The establishment is already equipped with showers, and a rule is to be put into effect that everybody will be asked to go under the shower before entering the pool. This will insure the best possible sanitary conditions. A lot of new bathing suits will be available for those who want to rent them.

The opening of the pool will probably take place about the middle of May.

## FLOWERS ALL THE TALK NOW

Once More Spring Rolls Around, and Everybody is Busy Planting

The wood anemones are peeping forth in Battle's Park. Violets are blooming in the gardens. Hedges of spiraea along the stone walls are bursting into white. People have once more begun the annual March pastime of arguing whether the popular yellow flower is a jonquil or a daffodil.

In short, spring is here. W. C. Coker, the botanist, is at the height of demand. People stop him on the street, and call him on the telephone to question him anxiously as to what and where to plant. Garden lovers, busy with hoe and rake, work over old plots and enthusiastically plan new ones. At this season, when spring is yet a novelty, even the human clods known as men wax poetic over flowers.

Much planting is in progress on the campus. The University has its own nursery now, behind the Peabody building, so that the sums spent for shrubs and flowers are decreasing year by year.

Plans are on foot to improve Battle's Grove. It will be ploughed, so the report goes, and graded, and sodded, and the grass will be cut periodically like the grass on the rest of the campus.

The "suburban" developments projected around Chapel Hill are threatening to make busy Mr. Coker busier than ever. Up on the Pittsboro road, and on the Tenney tract to the north of town, new homes are going up, and the ground around every one of them calls for expert advice.

## MEYER ON VALUE OF PLAY

Harold D. Meyer addressed the Parent Teachers' Association of Carrboro Tuesday night on "The Value of Play."

## Gone Away From Chapel Hill

Have you a relative or friend who used to live here but has now gone away? What could be a better gift than a subscription to THE WEEKLY? Fill out, clip, and mail the coupon on another page of this issue. (Important postscript: Also, if you want to get this paper for yourself, but have not yet entered your subscription, please do it now.)

## PEAK LAND PRICE FOR CHAPEL HILL

### Tankersley Plot Near Cafeteria Sold to Realty Company for \$24,000 or \$333.33 a Front Foot

### STORE BUILDING IS PROBABLE

W. L. Tankersley has sold the remaining 72 feet of his frontage on Franklin Street for \$24,000. This rate of \$333.33 a front foot is the highest price ever paid for real estate in Chapel Hill.

The purchaser is the Chapel Hill Insurance and Realty Company. It has been known for some time that the company has had a yearning gaze fixed upon this plot, but the yearning did not reach the three-hundred-and-thirty-three-dollars-a-foot point until a few days ago. The genial octupi, Roberson and Whitfield, finally decided, however, that their list of assets would not be really satisfying unless they captured this stretch along the main street.

What they are going to do with it is not announced yet. But the obvious probability is the erection of another brick business building, with stores on the ground floor and either offices or students' living rooms above.

This sale emphasizes once again the caniness of people who hold and keep on holding land in a growing town. Thirty years ago three or four thousand dollars would have been considered a good price for the whole Tankersley property between the post-office and the cafeteria. Now, counting in the value of the plot where Mr. Tankersley himself is building stores, the property has brought about \$40,000.

"Sittin' tight is a great game, Bill," a friend of his, passing by, said to him the other day.

"Yes, and if I sat tight a little longer I'd get still more," he replied.

Which is no doubt true. But he went on to say that the noise and dust of traffic had made the place undesirable as a home, and that his mother had to leave it and live elsewhere.

As always, when a piece of land goes at a high price, condolences are extended to people who sold adjoining property a few years ago at a much lower figure. Old friends of William de B. MacNider, meeting him on the street, greet him with such cheering remarks as: "It's a shame, Bill, that you folks didn't hold on for a while longer to the land you sold to the government for a post-office. You'd get a whoppin' price for it now." And the doctor walks sadly off, reflecting upon the beautiful microscopes and tissue-carving weapons and other laboratory delights he might now be buying if he had held on.

The high price of real estate along this most crowded stretch of the main street leads one to wonder if builders will change from the two-story to the three-story plan for their business structures. As land increases in value it has to be used more and more intensively; that is, the owner has to get more revenue, out of a given ground space, in order to make the ownership of it profitable. Yet, in Chapel Hill, there is hesitation about putting on third stories, for the reason that the effort of walking up two flights of stairs from the street level frightens off tenants. There are some buildings which are only two stories high now but which have been made strong enough to support another floor if the demand for it is urgent enough.

Automobile radiators had to be drained Monday night when a sudden freeze struck the town.