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BLISS CARMAN, EMINENT POET, IS COMING HERE

Man Who, With Hovey, Wrote
the "Songs from Vagabondia,"
To Give a Reading

NEXT THURSDAY AT 8:30

Bliss Carman, one of America's most celebrated poets, is coming to Chapel Hill next week. He will give a reading from his poems in Gerrard Hall Thursday evening at 8:30 and will accompany the reading by an informal talk about poets and poetry.

He is brought here by the University lecture committee, and there is no admission charge.

Mr. Carman was born in Canada in 1861 and was educated at the University of New Brunswick, at Edinburgh, and at Harvard. He came to live in the United States in his twenties, and his exceptional talent promptly won him not only high favor among the general reading public but also recognition from the country's most discerning critics.

His first book of lyrics, published in 1893, was *Low Tide on Grand Pre*. In the next few years came his co-authorship with Richard Hovey in *Songs from Vagabondia*, *More Songs from Vagabondia*, and *Last Songs from Vagabondia*. "A Bohemian open-road friendliness and daring" is the quality that, according to one commentator, distinguishes the style of Carman and Hovey in these vagabond songs. "Theirs is the poetry of college youth, off together on a vacation, roughing it some, seeking adventures in action or amours, enamoured of nature's mystery and beauty, holding conventions (except fraternity conventions) a good deal in abeyance if not in contempt, and united in friendship that is less amorous but more various and enduring than love. Gay, boisterous, youthful poetry, resounding with the shouts and derisive laughter of two revolvers from mid-Victorianism and the aluminous American imitations."

Rush Road from South

Contractors Striving to Get It Done
By Thanksgiving Day

The contractors on the road between here and Pittsboro are making vigorous efforts to get the paving laid and open for traffic in time for the Virginia-Carolina football game on Thanksgiving Day. Already the road is open ten miles this way from Pittsboro, and concrete is nearly to the county line, 2 1/2 miles from the Purefoy's creek bridge where it will meet the pavement out from Chapel Hill. If good weather continues the people coming from the south to the football game will probably be able to pass over the road without detouring.

Country Club Program

Coming events at the Country Club: Hallowe'en dance tomorrow (Saturday) evening; bachelors' ball November 22; card party December 3; Christmas dance December 15; Christmas party December 28; cabaret supper January 18; business meeting and dance January 25.

Dr. Mangum in Canada

Dr. C. S. Mangum is in Montreal, Canada, to represent the University's medical school at the meeting of the Association of American Medical Colleges.

Lots of Self-Help Students

The self-help bureau of the Y. M. C. A. announces that there are more students seeking work than ever before. Two men are on duty at the Y. M. C. A. (telephone 86) to answer the calls of persons who desire help.

Chapel Hill Chaff

In his review of Gerald Johnson's book on Andrew Jackson, Mr. Adams of the *Literary Lantern* alludes, incidentally to the dispute as to whether Jackson was born in South or North Carolina, and says: "Andrew was not born at home in any event." In those days it was unusual not to be born at home; nowadays it is unusual to be born there. When one of the children of our village becomes illustrious — when Bobby Koch has the standing-room-only sign out on Broadway, when a Daggett builds the world's greatest bridge, or a Hogan directs the course of international finance—I wonder if *Who's Who* will contain the line, "born in Chapel Hill, N. C." If so, then the officers of the Durham Historical Society for the Preservation of Tradition will come forward with the Watts Hospital records and prove that the great man was born in Durham. There may be some of our citizens who take this future humiliation lightly. It is a serious matter. For the sake of Chapel Hill's place in history we ought to get into immediate communication with Dr. Rankin of the Duke Foundation, procure a generous allotment of the fund at his command, and erect here a first-class hospital.

Late one afternoon recently Dr. MacNider noticed a cluster of pecans at the top of the tree by his gate. They were too high to shake down, and he went to bed that night with the resolution to have at them next day with an extra-long pole. Early in the morning he heard a furious jawing and, going to the front door, saw a group of jaybirds in the tree. A closer investigation, after the doctor had had time to fling on enough clothes for a decent journey to

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To Meet State College

Carolina Goes to Raleigh Tomorrow
for Annual Football Match

The University of North Carolina football team goes down to Raleigh tomorrow (Saturday) for its annual match with the State College of Agriculture and Engineering.

Despite the record of defeats this season, the University supporters are hopeful of a victory. The performance of the team in Atlanta last week, even though the game was lost to Georgia Tech by 13-0, seems to justify a considerable degree of optimism.

"The hardest won 13-0 football game ever played," is the way Morgan Blake, former Vanderbilt star and now sports writer for the *Atlanta Journal*, describes the Carolina-Tech encounter.

"The Yellow Jackets came out on top," says Mr. Blake, "but for every one of those 13 points Tech paid in agonized sweat of the brow. On two occasions on the one-yard line the Tech forwards pulled themselves together to take the ball away on downs from the Tar Heels when a touchdown would have meant a tied game. Early in the first quarter Tech hurled back another threat within her six-yard line. We do not care to ever live over again those painful moments.

"Eliminate those three minutes of the game when Tech was scoring the two touchdowns, and North Carolina completely outpointed the Jackets. In other words Tech won three minutes of the contest and North Carolina won fifty-seven.

"North Carolina brought a team to Atlanta this year that lived up to all the great traditions of that university. How those Tar Heels can fight! How they can tackle! And how those wonderful ends refused absolutely to be boxed out of plays. And how the whole doggone team did keep the thousands of Tech supporters in a constant perspiration of apprehension! Boys, you'll have to hand it to that courageous band of Carolinians. They went down with their boots on, if ever a team did."

Mosher Resigns from School in Interest of Community Harmony

E. R. Mosher has resigned from the superintendency of the Chapel Hill school in the interest of community harmony. This fact, which became generally known after the meeting of the school board last week, is stated in the following letter from N. W. Walker, secretary of the board and also acting dean of the University's school of education:

"Dear Mr. Graves: I have your gracious request for a short statement of the present school situation in the Chapel Hill community. In my humble judgment too much has been said already, and I am not so immodest as to believe that any word I might say through the columns of your paper would receive much attention now. The less that is said at this time concerning the recent unpleasantness and the actual causes thereof, the better it will be for all concerned. But I must, I suppose, comply with your request, however much I should prefer to be strolling through these lovely autumn woods letting a lot of old cobwebs blow out of my mind (or be brushed out). Really, Mr. Editor, the woods around Chapel Hill are getting so wonderfully glorious just now, and some of us would be greatly refreshed, I'm sure, if we could but let our spirits be touched by this passing beauty of our

October woods before it vanishes.

"When the present emotional excitement subsides sufficiently for the recent episode to be viewed calmly in retrospect, maybe the Chapel Hill community will begin to realize what has been done, and why, and who is responsible for it. Maybe, too, the community will be in a somewhat more charitable mood than it seems to be at present. When we as a community are in a better frame of mind, and can consider our school situation and the educational welfare of our children calmly, then it will be early enough for a full statement of the whole affair and its bearing upon our future school development to be made. I'm not dodging your request. The time simply is not opportune for the community to consider the whole affair in all its relationships.

"As to the recent action with regard to the personnel of the school administration, the fact is simply this: At last week's meeting of the school board Mr. Mosher, in the interest of community harmony, presented his resignation, and it was accepted. Mr. Munch is in charge of the high school department, and Miss Marks is in charge of the elementary department, pending the election of the superintendent."

Red Cross Asks Clothing for Flood Sufferers

With the coming of cold weather more than half a million Mississippi River flood sufferers, according to a bulletin from the national headquarters of the Red Cross, are in urgent need of clothing.

Citizens of Chapel Hill are asked to bring to the Peoples Bank building, from 10 to 3 o'clock tomorrow (Saturday) and from 10 to 3 Monday, whatever garments they can spare, in the following classes:

For women: coats, dresses, underwear, stockings.

For children: coats, underwear, girls' dresses, boys' suits and shirts, socks and sweaters of all sizes, and layettes and baby clothes.

For men: coats, suits, shirts, underwear, and socks.

No hats, shoes, or furs are wanted.

A representative of the chapter will be on hand to receive contributions. Persons who are unable to bring clothing to the bank may have it called for at their homes by telephoning 249-blue.

The statement of the needs of the flood victims is based upon a personal survey of the situation by Herbert Hoover and Red Cross officials. "The suffering will be intense unless the needs for clothing are speedily met," said Mr. Hoover in Washington this week. "If there's a lack of warm garments the danger from diseases caused or augmented by exposure will be greatly increased. Many of the flood sufferers are still in quarters of a temporary nature, and will need a more abundant wardrobe than they would need under normal conditions."

Bernard's Lecture to Launch Art Study Course

W. S. Bernard will give a lecture on "The Greek Influence in Modern Art," illustrated by lantern slides, in the Episcopal parish house Monday evening at 8:30. All will be welcome.

This is to be the first of a series of meetings centering about the study of art appreciation and art history. Everybody interested in this subject is invited to join. The season's program includes talks by W. E. Caldwell, A. C. Nash, and J. Penrose Harland.

A Hallowe'en Party

There's going to be a Hallowe'en party at the Country Club tomorrow (Saturday) evening beginning at 8:28 o'clock. Everybody who comes is to wear a costume. Thousands of dollars have been spent upon the prizes, which are on the way here in a heavily armored car guarded by carefully selected gunmen. Sir Oliver Lodge and other well-known spirits are expected. The hosts are Mr. and Mrs. Leavitt.

Engineers Plan Joint Meeting

Thorndike Saville, secretary of the North Carolina Section of the American Society of Civil Engineers, received a visit Tuesday from W. Vance Baise, A. L. Hooper, and Harry Tucker of the North Carolina Society of Engineers. The purpose of the conference was to arrange for a joint meeting of the two organizations in January.

The number of women students in the University has reached 120.

The School Affair

Differences of opinion about the conduct of the Chapel Hill school arose soon after the fall term opened. After these had flared into a dispute they were quieted by a conference of a committee of citizens with the school board. Last week they flared up again because some of the second-grade children who were supposed to attend only in the morning came home and informed their parents they had been told to return to school in the afternoon. What had happened was that these children had somehow taken for themselves a remark the teacher, Miss Pleasants, had addressed to the regular afternoon attendants. Under the optional arrangement, agreed upon four or five weeks ago, the children attending in the afternoon went home, for the midday recess, 30- or 40 minutes earlier than the rest of the class and thereby missed certain required work in reading. Miss Pleasants told them she would give them this reading lesson in the afternoon so that they could keep up with the required program of instruction; and somehow the single-sessioners got it into their heads that they too were expected to return for reading drill in the afternoon. This caused a great stir in the homes of the group of parents unfriendly to the double session, and they thought that perhaps the school administration had reversed the compromise optional arrangement. Whereupon some of them began to protest vigorously. Superintendent Mosher hadn't given any order for a change of schedule; and nobody was more surprised than Miss Pleasants when she heard that her morning-only children had supposed they were expected to return after the midday meal. Such a misunderstanding by very young children is not particularly surprising, and nobody hearing the explanation blamed the teacher; but she was disturbed, naturally enough, at being put in the light of having given an order in defiance of the agreed-upon program.

Among the criticisms heard along the street, from some of the protesting parents, was one in which I could not see, and still fail to see, any good sense. This was to the effect that it was not proper policy for the school to have unsalaried teachers—that is, teachers receiving no compensation for their services to the children of the community. Why not? I see no more reason for not accepting the

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Tariff Study Balked

Costigan Tells How Scientific Treatment of Problem Was Thwarted

In his talk here Tuesday evening, at the Conference on Living Costs, Edward B. Costigan, member of the United States Tariff Commission, told how the purpose for which the body had been created—the expert and equitable treatment of the tariff problem—had been thwarted by the prostitution of the commission to private interests. After the enactment of the flexible tariff law by the Harding administration, he said, the character of the appointments to the commission had been such that it could not carry through such reductions in duties as were justified by the facts about the cost production here and abroad.

Mr. Costigan did not hesitate to place responsibility for the thwarting of scientific tariff regulation upon the present and preceding Republican administrations. He told, for example, how an appeal to President Coolidge had failed to prevent a commissioner financially interested in a sugar plantation from voting upon a question of a reduction in the sugar duty, and how an act of congress had been necessary to disqualify the man from voting upon this question.

Among the other speakers at the conference were Miss Gertrude Weil, E. J. Woodhouse, Mrs. Chase Going Woodhouse, Miss Ethel T. Parker, and B. F. Brown.

Labor Chief to Speak Here

T. A. Wilson of Winston-Salem, president of the State Federation of Labor, will deliver an address in room 112, Saunders Hall, at 7:30 next Thursday evening, November 3, under the auspices of the school of commerce. His topic is "Industrial North Carolina and the Wage Earner." The public is invited.

321 More Students

There are 321 more students in the University than at this time last year. The total is 2,682.

NEW TELEPHONE SYSTEM IS NOW BEING INSTALLED

It is Expected That Operation
On Dial Plan Will Begin
About December 3.

WIRES LAID UNDERGROUND

The automatic telephone system is now in process of installation. An expert with three assistants is busy putting the intricate mechanism in the new fireproof building on Rosemary lane near Henderson street; and Mr. Rush expects to have the dial telephones in operation by December 3.

The wires that traverse the university campus are being placed underground, and there will be no telephone wires on the main street between Boundary and Church streets.

The automatic dial system will obviate the necessity of a central, although long-distance and information operators will still be retained. A subscriber, by turning a dial on his instrument to four successive digits, will set into operation electromagnets which will automatically select and ring the number he desires; and he will have nobody to blame but himself if he gets the wrong number. With the increased facilities it will have in its new home, the telephone management will be prepared to discontinue party lines and to furnish direct telephone lines to all of its subscribers.

The Automatic Electric Company of Chicago is the manufacturer of the automatic equipment. Its representative here, S. S. McAndrew, and his three assistants are cosmopolites as well as telephone engineers. McAndrew and Portney have recently returned from London, where they helped install an automatic telephone system; King has been in Buenos Aires doing the same thing; and Intas served as a telephonic missionary to the poor benighted heathen in the Orient.—J. H. C.

New Insurance Agency

Messrs. Cobb and Scott Associated in
Concern to Open Nov. 1

The Service Insurance Agency, of which Collier Cobb, Jr., is president and W. deR. Scott is secretary and treasurer, will open an office next Tuesday, November 1, in the MacRae building, for the writing of fire and liability insurance. It will take part of the space, directly across from the post-office, recently occupied by the Oriental Tea Shop. Mr. Scott, an alumnus of the University, of the class of 1923, will be in active charge of the office. He is now a resident of Graham, where he has been in the insurance business several years.

Fisher Wins Cake Race

J. V. Fisher, the owner of the riding horses brought here from the mountains, won the University students' cross-country cake race Tuesday. Women of the village contributed 100 cakes as prizes for the first 100 runners coming to the finish.

A. B. Andrews Acting President

Not being in good health at present, Alfred M. Scales has asked A. B. Andrews, vice-president, to serve in his place as president of the Alumni Association.

Special Train to State Game

A special train, to take University students to the Carolina-State game tomorrow, will leave here at 8:30 A. M. and, returning, will leave Raleigh at 11:59 P. M.

Community Club Meets Today

The Community Club will meet this (Friday) afternoon at 3:30 in the Methodist church. Mrs. Clarence Chamblee will address the gathering.