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## THE NEW FORD IS YET A STRANGER TO CHAPEL HILL

But People Enjoy the Pretty Pictures at Strowd's, and Many Orders Are Booked

JOHN CREEL ELUCIDATES

The new Ford car hasn't reached Chapel Hill yet. This village may be in Class A in the matter of education, culture, and various other praiseworthy intangibles, but in the contest for priority as a Ford show-place it ranks along with other little hamlets almost concealed among the sticks.

This needn't worry Bruce Strowd, however. He has been booking orders just as rapidly as if he had a whole bevy of Lizzie's younger sisters on display. The words on the placard, "Orders will be filled strictly in the order received," have had their magic effect, and more than fifty citizens have stepped up and signed on the dotted line. A purchaser doesn't know when he is going to get his car. It may be two, three, four months, or more. With a like rush on all over the United States, the Ford factories will probably be a long time catching up with the demand.

Every hour of every day people have been asking Mr. Strowd when he would have a new model to show.

"I can't tell," he said yesterday. "It may be next week. It may not be till New Year's."

There is a rumor afloat that a big shipment is on its way from Detroit to the Ford sub-plant in Charlotte, which would probably bring Chapel Hill a quota of at least one specimen. But it's only a rumor.

Despite the steady rain last Friday, 2,400 persons crowded into the show-room of the Strowd Motor Co. They had hoped to see a car, but they seemed pretty well satisfied with the pretty pictures and the

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## Study Tours in Europe

University Is Despatching Groups to Both France and Germany

Two foreign study tours will be conducted next summer by the University's extension division. The schedules are announced by William M. Dey, chairman of the faculty committee on foreign study.

J. C. Lyons will be the director of the Paris residential tour. His group will sail from New York June 16 and will be in the French capital for about six weeks. The students will have the opportunity of attending lectures at the Sorbonne, and there will be trips to Versailles, Malmaison, Rheims, Rouen, and Touraine.

The German tour will be directed by E. C. Metzenthin. The date of sailing from New York is June 20, and the itinerary includes Berlin, Weimar, Munich, Heidelberg, Frankfurt, Bonn, Cologne, and Paris.

On both the tours regular university courses in language and literature will be given, and teachers completing them will receive certifications of credit from the state department of public instruction. Anybody who wants detailed information, as to cost and other matters, should apply to the extension division.

## Chapel Hill Chaff

Drew Patterson showed me the other day a sheet which he had found when looking through his mother's papers. It was a supplement to a weekly newspaper in Salem, dated May 4, 1865, and was entitled "People's Press—Extra." It was printed on one side only, and was two columns wide and about 15 inches deep. The paper is still firm, and the ink unblurred. The reading matter consists of the orders of the Union and Confederate generals declaring the Civil War at an end. There were the famous General Order No. 9 of Lee's—the Farewell Address of April 10; the order issued by J. E. Johnston from his headquarters near Greensboro April 27; Sherman's Special Field Order No. 65 issued "in the field, near Raleigh," April 27; and Grant's order of April 10 for passing the parole of Confederate soldiers to their homes. This little "extra" gave the Salem people their first official and authentic news of the two surrenders, Lee's and Johnston's.

Bishop Joseph B. Cheshire and Rev. Sidney Bost were walking along the street in Durham, and Mr. Bost remarked that he was getting too old to hunt and was going to sell his shotgun. "I'll buy if from you," said the Bishop, who is old enough to be Mr. Bost's father; "I'm not too old to hunt." And the transaction was put through. Recently the Bishop acquired his first real hunting coat, and within the last week or so he has been out with his gun and dogs around Scotland Neck.

Although he is around 75, the Bishop's vigor is impressive. Not long ago when he and his son, Joseph B., Jr., were going off on a hunting trip, the negro servant said to his son's wife: "Miss Ida, you better tell the Bishop to take good keer o' Mister Jo."

## To Tell of Excavations

Harland, Archaeologist, Will Give Illustrated Lecture Monday Night

J. Penrose Harland, professor in the University, will give a lecture at 8 o'clock Monday evening, at the Playmakers Theatre, on the unearthing of art treasures and buried cities. He will show, for the first time in America, a lantern slide picture of the bronze statue of the Youth from Marathon. This famous statue was found by some fishermen and has been the object of great interest among artists and archaeologists all over the world.

Mr. Harland recently returned from a stay of several months in Europe, where he carried on his excavations and studies under a fellowship of the Guggenheim Foundation. In his talk Monday evening he will tell how cities have come to be buried one on top of the other and how the art objects in them are brought to light. He will also tell of the discovery of temples and statues which were lost in the wilderness or perhaps buried under the sea. He has many lantern slides.

This lecture is given under the auspices of the art department of the Community Club. Students in the University and school children, as well as club members, are invited.

All kinds of printing done promptly at the Orange Printshop on Rosemary lane, Chapel Hill.

## Jones's Portrayal of Drunkard Is a Powerful Sermon on Evils of Drink

Howard Mumford Jones, member of the University faculty and creator and director of the Bull's Head Book Shop, will appear as Joe Morgan the Drunkard in the Carolina Playmakers' production of *Ten Nights in a Bar-Room* this (Friday) and tomorrow evenings. Mr. Jones's portrayal of the character, according to those who have seen rehearsals, constitutes a powerful sermon on the evils of drink.

In the course of the five acts the drunkard is redeemed, and after the fall of the final curtain Mr. Jones recites the epilogue:

"As some poor stranger wrecked upon the coast  
With fear and wonder views the dangers past,  
So I with dreadful apprehensions stand  
And thank the powers that brought me safe to land;  
A drunkard now no longer—that is o'er,  
Free, disenthralled, I stand a man once more."

Mrs. Emily Slade and Miss Tarasa Graham will play the roles of the drunkard's wife and daughter. Shepherd Strudwick will appear as Mr. Romaine the philanthropist, Moore Bryson as Simon Slade the innkeeper, R. L. Zealy as Willie Hammond the squire's son, H. K. Russell as Sample Switchel the tippler, T. P. Harrison as Harvey Green the gambler, A. T. Cutler as Frank Slade the innkeeper's son, Miss Mary Holland as the innkeeper's wife, and Miss Ruth Rogers as Mehitable Cartright, a sentimental girl.

*Ten Nights in a Bar-Room*, with George E. ("Yankee") Locke in the leading role, was presented at the Chatham Theatre in New York August 23, 1858; and the printed program for the Playmakers' performance is a reproduction, in shape, phraseology, and typography, of the sheets used in those days of the eighteen-fifties. At the top is the line "EXTRAORDINARY ATTRACTION!", and the rest

## Automatic Phones in Use Eight Days from Now

Midnight of Saturday, December 17—that is, one week from tomorrow night—has been set as the time when Chapel Hill's automatic telephone system will go into operation. The new mechanism was to be hooked up tomorrow night; the indoor installations are all completed, but the rain and snow storms interfered with the outdoor work and compelled the one-week postponement.

The dial instruments have been placed in homes, stores and offices throughout the village, and J. S. Bennett is distributing copies of a little pamphlet telling just how to call numbers by the dial method. The subscribers are informed not only about

## Labor Chief Speaks Here

T. A. Winston, head of the state federation of labor, was to speak last night in Saunders hall under the auspices of the school of commerce. The Weekly went to press before the meeting, so that no report is possible in this issue. Something about it will perhaps be printed next week.

## Halls on Flight South

Dr. and Mrs. James K. Hall

of the two-foot-long sheet abounds in superlatives, bold-face type, and exclamation points.

In the first act Little Mary (Miss Graham) will sing the famous song, "Father, Dear Father, Come Home with Me Now," and M. H. Fann will dance the popular "Turkey in the Straw." Between the second and third acts Morgan (Mr. Jones) will recite "The Face on the Bar-Room Floor."

Other specialties to be introduced during the evening are quartette numbers by J. P. Scurlock, W. L. Hunt, R. A. Hovis, and S. S. Schorr; songs, dances, and instrumental numbers by K. W. Sears and W. Kessler; banjo novelties by J. Wardlaw and his Carolina Banjo Boys; popular songs by E. S. Day; and saw and violin specialties by Misses Noel Walker and Isabel Wenhold.

The scenery, footlights and pictorial embellishments were executed under the superintendence of Samuel Selden by a corps of artists including Miss Mary Dirnberger, and Messrs. Adams, Johnson, Ashburn, Cox, and Constantine. Mr. Selden has appeared in the play with various stock companies.

Nelson O. Kennedy will be the pianist. James Turner, Jr., did the illustrations for the program.

In a brief comment accompanying the program, Director Frederick H. Koch says: "There seems to be a revival of interest in the Victorian era, and it has occurred to us that the present generation would be interested in a revival of this classic play of temperance propaganda, which we all know by name but which very few of us are old enough to remember in its heyday of success. Sam Selden says that it is a tradition among stock folks: 'If you are broke and want to eat a week longer, put on *Ten Nights in a Bar-Room*.' The Playmakers are not broke yet, but we think we have sufficient reason for offering the play seriously as typical of the popular drama of the Victorian era."

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ordinary calls but what to do when they want to call long distance, to give the fire alarm, or to summon the police. It is a rather simple procedure and can be caught on in a few minutes. Many citizens of Chapel Hill have already become familiar with automatic telephones through the use of those in Durham.

The directory is in process of being printed at the Orange Printshop and a copy of it will be given to each subscriber by Saturday of next week. There is a special University list in the book, separate from the general list, and this and other duplications bring the number of names to around 1,000.

of Richmond drove into Chapel Hill yesterday afternoon on their way to Southern Pines. They will move on thence to Charleston, and perhaps Dr. Hall—who has been ill and is taking a rest—will spend a while in Augusta.

## Reading of Carol Postponed

Frederick H. Koch's reading of Dickens' "A Christmas Carol" has been postponed from Sunday, December 11, to Friday, December 16. The hour is 8:30.

## Russell's Visit

Lindsay Russell, of Wilmington and New York, hit upon a day of terrible weather for his return to Chapel Hill after an absence of about 35 years. It was last Saturday, when the air was chill and the rain was falling slantwise before a strong wind. He saw Chapel Hill at its worst.

We went out to the stadium where the high school boys of Wilmington and Greensboro were sloshing around in the mud in a so-called football game; and drove in Mr. Russell's luxurious sedan through the campus; and stopped to inspect the South building and the Playmaker Theatre. His cheerfulness was proof against the mean weather, and he seemed to enjoy renewing acquaintance with the University and the village.

He recalled a rather amusing bit of history. "My uncle was dismissed from the University," he said, "I think for general incorrigibility. Some thirty or forty years later he came back here as governor of the state to install a president of the institution." The president to whom the visitor alluded was Edwin A. Alderman, and I remember well the occasion. Governor Russell and the members of the legislature came up to Chapel Hill from Raleigh for the inauguration ceremonies. The trip was an arduous one in those days, and it happened that the day was stormy and bitterly cold—an even worse day than the governor's nephew struck last week.

People who lament the lack of a leisure class in America would have nothing to complain of if

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## Training for His Fight

Ad Warren Gets Ready to Meet Lou Carpenter in Durham Tuesday

Ad Warren, the University's champion boxer, is training vigorously for his debut in the professional ring: a ten-round bout with Lou Carpenter in the Durham City Auditorium next Tuesday night. A tackle on the Carolina football team, he kept himself in excellent physical condition during the fall; but football left him little opportunity for boxing practice, and so now he has to make up for lost time.

Incidentally, the candidates for the University boxing team, under the direction of Crayton Rowe, are getting some valuable experience from their sparring with the big fellow.

It is said that Warren is the first University graduate, of unquestioned potential ability as a pugilist, to enter the professional ring.

He won the amateur heavyweight title in Philadelphia in 1926. In the tournament last March in Cincinnati, after having knocked out Joe Hoffman, he was declared out of the contest under a rule that nobody who had once won a title was eligible to compete in another amateur tournament.

He has been in more than 40 fights, having appeared in Philadelphia, Boston, Baltimore, Cincinnati and several Southern cities. He has been outpointed three times but has never been knocked off his feet.

A few days ago Warren signed up with Jimmy Bronson of New York. Bronson is an old-timer with a reputation as an astute and successful manager.

## SHORT-CUT ROAD CONTRACT TO BE LET ON TUESDAY

State Has Already Taken over the Stretch from Nelson on to Chapel Hill

GRADING TO BEGIN SOON

The contract for the new state highway from Chapel Hill across the end of Durham county to Nelson—the short cut to Raleigh—is to be let next Tuesday, December 13. This is according to the official schedule of the highway commission.

Grading work will begin soon after the contract is signed and will proceed through the winter. It is to be expected, of course, that bad weather will cause interruptions within the next two or three months, but advantage will be taken of all the fair spells that permit of digging and filling and hauling. If this winter turns out to be like that of a year ago, the contractors ought to get the job well on toward completion by spring.

As the road now lies, it is 13 miles from here to Nelson. But the commission's survey provides for new alignments near Chapel Hill and also in Durham county, so that several hundred yards will be saved. If as much as half a mile is gained, then the distance from Chapel Hill to Raleigh will be 29 1-2 miles—or 8 1-2 miles less than the route by way of Durham.

There is uncertainty about a paved surface for the short cut.

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## "Les Miserables"

Elaborate French-Made Film to Be Shown Here Next Week

A French motion picture play—made in France and with a cast of French actors—will be at the Carolina Theatre on Thursday and Friday of next week. It is *Les Miserables*, the screen version of Victor Hugo's famous novel.

Gabriel Gabrio, for years a prominent figure on the Parisian stage, plays the part of Jean Valjean; and Jean Toulet portrays Javert, the tireless and terrible pursuer of Valjean. Mademoiselle Andree Rolane appears as Cosette the child, Paul Jorge as Bishop Myriel, and Madame Sandra Milowanoff as Fantine and the grown-up Cosette.

*Les Miserables* is probably the most ambitious motion picture enterprise ever undertaken by the French. It is said to have cost more than 6,000,000 francs. Three Paris streets—the rue St. Denis, the rue des Chanvriers, and the rue Montedour—were reconstructed as they appeared in 1830. In the rue des Chanvriers are paving-stone, barrels, ladders, and furniture, heaped up to form a barricade. Soldiers pass through the barricade, while red flags flap in the wind against placards on which the insurgents have written: "Death to the Tyrant!"

The film was originally produced in such great length that it was exhibited throughout France in a series of six separate showings. The American producer has reduced it to a length suitable for one evening's entertainment.

## Thorpe Milks 2 Goats Now

One of the bits of news brought by visitors from eastern North Carolina is that Dr. Adam Thorpe of Rocky Mount is now milking two goats instead of one as heretofore.