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## PRESIDENT CHASE REVIEWS DECADE

In His Annual Report He Surveys University's Development since 1918

### STATES IMPORTANT NEEDS

In his annual report submitted to the trustees this week President Chase reviews the course of University affairs in the ten years since the World War.

This decade, he says, has seen the University's greatest expansion. From 1916-1917 to 1927-1928 the enrollment of students mounted from 1,028 to 2,825. The Summer School's enrollment of 1917 was 275, in a single term; in 1928 there were two terms, with 1,752 enrolled for the first and 604 for the second. Ten years ago there were 66 faculty members above the grade of instructor; now there are 158.

Since 1920 there have been added to the physical plant 8 dormitories for men and 1 for women, 2 classroom buildings, a law building, a chemistry building, a power house, a laundry, and a stadium. A library and another classroom building are under construction. Some of the old buildings have been extended, and others almost completely made over. The University put up, within the period, 20 residences for its faculty and administrative officers.

Three new schools have been added: commerce, public welfare, and engineering. The law school, the education school, and

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## Cabaret February 9

Country Club Is Preparing to Put on a Gay Party

The Country Club's cabaret party, which was about to take place in December and had to be called off because of the influenza epidemic, will be held at 7 o'clock Saturday evening, February 9.

No changes of importance have been made in the plans. There will be a supper, served by the women of the Methodist church, and a program of burlesques, songs, dances, imitations, tricks, and magic. Members of the Red-Headed Club will be the waiters. Mendenhall's orchestra will play from 7 to 11 o'clock; after the vaudeville the tables will be removed and there will be general dancing.

Mrs. S. H. Hobbs and Mrs. H. D. Meyer are arranging the decorations. Mr. Meyer is the general chairman for the whole affair.

The old reservations are canceled, and new reservations must be made with Mrs. J. C. Lyons by Wednesday the 6th. The tickets cost \$1 each. The number is limited, and they are issued in order of application.

This cabaret party is an event which other than club members may attend. In the issuance of tickets it is first come, first served.

### Bishop Darst Coming

The Rt. Rev. Thomas C. Darst, Bishop of East Carolina, will be in Chapel Hill from Thursday, January 31, to Saturday, February 2. Friday evening there will be a service at the Episcopal church, at which the Bishop will preach. The Rev. C. Leslie Glenn, student secretary, and the Rev. A. C. Zabriske of the Virginia Seminary will also be here.

## Chapel Hill Chaff

I have commented before on striking likenesses. A. H. Koonce looks like Calvin Coolidge. G. Y. C. Buice looks like Al Smith. Two or three times a week the photograph of Mr. Gillette on a packet of safety razor blades reminds me of Edwin A. Alderman. A year or so ago, when R. R. Clark of Statesville and the Greensboro News, visited my office I led him to a picture of Rudyard Kipling which I had clipped from a magazine and tacked on the wall, and bade him behold himself. It happens that I have just come across another Kipling picture, a drawing in the New York Times, and this one is more like Mr. Clark than the first. If I had the cut I would publish the drawing in the paper this week, when the newspaper men are gathered here, with the caption, "Veteran Editor Attending Press Institute."

Absolutely the last bit of news before rushing uptown to get the paper on the press. As I sit at my typewriter by the window of an upstairs bedroom I look down and see Archibald Henderson passing along the lane. He has on a dark overcoat, and he has books under his arm, and his face is deeply solemn. The day is cloudy, and Mr. Henderson's appearance would be sombre indeed—but for one circumstance. He holds in his left hand a tiny cream-colored bloom. He seems to study it thoughtfully as he walks along. I am about to shove up the sash and shout a greeting to him, but there is something so fixed, so concentrated, in his contemplation of the bloom that it makes me say to myself: "I won't call him—God knows what thought I would be interrupting." So I let him go his way ungreeted.

Many specimens of fine stationery have to me come from one place or another, but I have

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## Major Cain's Portrait

Will Be Presented to Engineering School Monday Evening

Major William Cain will present his portrait to the University's school of engineering at 8 o'clock Monday evening in the auditorium of Phillips hall. It was recently painted by William Steen.

When they heard a few weeks ago that the Major was sitting for his portrait, members of the faculty expressed the desire that it become a permanent possession of the University; and his consent led to the plan for Monday evening's gathering. Friends of the Major are cordially invited.

G. M. Braune, dean of the school of engineering, will open the meeting with a few words and will draw the veil from the portrait. Some one of Major Cain's old pupils who is on the engineering faculty will accept it on behalf of the University.

### Thompson Buys A. T. O. House

The old A. T. O. house, which was partly burned and then moved to the back of the fraternity's lot at Franklin street and Pickard lane, has been bought, together with the land it stands on, by Brodie S. Thompson. His lot has a frontage of 70 feet on Pickard lane and a depth of 140 feet. He is reconstructing the house and it will probably be used either as a residence or a fraternity house.

## Books Conveyed by Machinery In University's New Library

The University has contracted for the installation, in its new library, of a mechanism—a series of metal baskets on an endless chain-conveyor—which will bring books from the stacks to the delivery desk. This will replace the present primitive run-and-get-it plan under which a self-help student assistant foots it from the desk back to the stack-room and fetches forth the desired volume.

Any one who has asked for a book in the New York Public Library or other great modern library will recall his admiration of the mechanical delivery system. You handed in a slip to the man at the desk; he placed it in a little box; and presently the little box was shooting through a tube to another floor—up or down, you didn't know which. And in a minute or so the desk man slid back a panel in the wall, took your book off a sort of dumb-waiter and handed it to you. The thing was done so smoothly, so silently, so rapidly, that it seemed like magic.

The same function will be performed by the machinery in University library, but the machinery itself will be different.

Imagine a chain like that of a bicycle, passing around two sprocket wheels. One sprocket wheel is in a pit below the basement level; the other is about

70 feet higher, above the top-most (ninth) floor of the stacks which form the rear section of the library building. At intervals of 8 feet along the chain are attached fixtures for which the best name seems to be baskets. Perhaps they might just as accurately be called boxes. But the name doesn't matter; anyway, they carry the books.

This chain conveyor is put to a more elegant use, but in substance—in the principle of its operation—it is the same as a chain conveyor in a rock-crusher or a concrete-mixer.

Now let us suppose that William Wordsworth Smith, a professor in the University, goes to the desk and hands in a slip on which he has written 476.1-T47. The desk man puts the slip into a cylindrical box something like a dice-box. This is stuck into a brass tube and falls of its own weight to, say, the second floor level of the stacks. The man stationed there is informed by the tinkling of a bell that his services are wanted; he extracts the slip from the box and goes back into the stacks and gets the book bearing the same symbols as those on the piece of paper: 476.1-T47.

A few moments later he returns with the book to the shaft through which runs the chain conveyor. He places the book

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## The Press Convention Is Now in Full Swing

Newspaper men—owners, editors, reporters, and advertising and circulation officials—are gathered here from all over the state for the fifth annual newspaper institute of the North Carolina Press Association. The early comers listened Wednesday evening to Congressman Albert Johnson, owner of a daily paper in Hoquiam, Washington. More came in Thursday morning in time for the first business session, and the peak of attendance was reached at the barbecue at the Country Club last night.

The final session comes this (Friday) morning. John B. Harris of the Albemarle Press will talk on "Cultivation of the Circulation Field;" H. G. Connor on "The North Carolina Press and Its Public Relationship;" and J. Roy Parker of the Hertford County Herald on "Special Editions and Tie-Ups."

The association officers and O. J. Coffin and Morgan F. Vining arranged a program, and a good one too, but, as at almost all conventions, the so-called program is only a pretext for

the really important purpose of the gathering—which is to give the newspaper men a chance to get away from the daily grind and have an agreeable time loafing about the hotel lobby and the campus and swapping aimless and pleasant conversation with one another.

Z. V. Boone of the Mergenthaler Linotype Company, and representatives of other equipment and supply companies to which nearly all newspaper owners owe money, are attending the convention. But they are behaving amiably and are not threatening to cloud the celebration by foreclosing on anybody.

## Appropriations for the University in 10 Years

In his annual report President Chase presents the following table showing the state's appropriations for the University in the last ten years.

Year	Maintenance	Improvement
1919-20	\$ 217,083.26	
1920-21	349,166.61	
1921-22	465,416.65	\$1,490,000.00
1922-23	480,000.00	
1923-24	650,000.00	1,650,000.00
1924-25	725,000.00	
1925-26	712,500.00	800,000.00
1926-27	800,000.00	
1927-28	850,000.00	1,220,000.00
1928-29	880,000.00	
Total	\$6,189,166.52	\$5,160,000.00

### Legion Supper Tonight

The American Legion and its Auxiliary will have a joint supper this (Friday) evening at the Episcopal parish house.

### Dinner Dance at Club

A dinner dance will be given at the Country Club tomorrow (Saturday) evening.

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## Takes Lloyd for Turkey

Oscar Craig Puts Some Birdshot into Former Sheriff

Oscar Craig, assistant postmaster here, took ex-Sheriff L. B. Lloyd for a wild turkey one day last week and put about two dozen No. 2 shot into him at a distance of 41 paces.

The two men were engaged in hunting in the woods on Baldwin mountain between here and Hillsboro. Neither knew the other was anywhere around. For a while they both sat quiescent, waiting for turkeys to come. At last Mr. Lloyd, growing impatient, arose and started to walk across the mountain. He made a rustling in the undergrowth. Mr. Craig heard the rustling, saw the bushes move, and fired. A cry of anguish from Mr. Lloyd told him his victim was human.

Many a time, when he was sheriff, Mr. Lloyd went out into the woods, full-armed, in chase of moonshiners. Mr. Craig unwittingly served as the moonshiners' avenger.

## Puppeteers Tomorrow

Mr. Burnett Is Coming Here With His Marionettes

The Yale Puppeteers, graduates of the Yale theatre directed by George Pierce Baker, will give their marionette show in the Playmakers Theatre twice tomorrow (Saturday), at 3 in the afternoon and at 8:30 in the evening.

Harry Burnett, who began his work with puppets at the University of Michigan, is director of the troupe, and he is assisted by Forman Brown. The young men, with their puppets and their stage, go about the country in a Ford car. They have had remarkable success with their performances in New England the West; they are now in the South for the first time.

Part of the program is the "Puppet Revue," which permits the introduction of a great variety of figures with the interspersing of musical numbers. Ideas collected on a pilgrimage to study puppetry in Italy have contributed to the perfection of Mr. Burnett's show.

Tickets, priced at 50 and 75 cents, are on sale at Sutton's drugstore.

## Organ Recital Sunday

It Will Be Given in the Afternoon in the Episcopal Church

Nelson O. Kennedy will give an organ recital at 7 o'clock Sunday evening at the Episcopal church. The program is: Largo Cantilena, Handel; Sonata No. 5, McKinley; Allegro Appassionato, Adagio, Scherzo, Recitativo, Choral and Fugue, The Infant Jesus, Von Vorspiel to Lohengrin, Wagner; Fire Magic, Wagner.

### Two New Homes

Miss Cornelia Love is to build a home on a hill overlooking the Country Club golf links, and William Steen is to build a home on a lot at the bend of Glenburnie road just to the east of the W. C. Coker place. Mr. Barber of Goldston has the contract for both houses and they will be put under way next week.

### Wigwag and Masque in March

The Wigwag and Masque will present "Mum's the Word," by Al Kahn, Monday and Tuesday, March 4 and 5.

## RENUMBERING OF HOUSES IS BEGUN

Emissaries of Municipal Government Tacking New Numerals on Buildings

### JOB WILL BE DONE SOON

Two men equipped with hammers and tacks, a step-ladder, and a big box of metal numerals are now engaged in renumbering Chapel Hill's houses. They work under the direction of a part-time member of the municipal engineering staff, and now and then the town manager himself, John Foushee, goes on a tour of inspection to make sure that the job is being properly done.

The numbers are put on according to a map which was prepared by Mr. Foushee at the direction of the board of aldermen. It shows every block in the village divided into units, a number for each unit. There may be intervals between present houses—for example, one may be numbered 120 and the next 128—but that is to allow for possible new houses in between.

Numbers were placed on the houses of the village three or four years ago when the post-office began the carrier system of mail delivery. But provision was not made for new building, and confusion resulted from the appearance of duplicate numbers on the same street. This interfered seriously with the delivery of mail.

Franklin street is treated as one axis and Columbia as the other. On the first block from each of these two central thoroughfares the numbers run between 100 and 200, on the second from 200 to 300, and so on. For example, the stores on the main business block are numbered in the 100's East Franklin, those in the school block in the 100's West Franklin.

## Deceptive Statistics

Record of Births in Chapel Hill Is Egregiously Misleading

I have obtained from the health officer, Dr. S. A. Nathan, a document entitled "Vital Statistics Report for the Town of Chapel Hill," a record of births and deaths.

Hesitant as I am to repeat the moth-eaten old saying about lies, damned lies, and statistics, I must do it here, because there was never a case to which the saying applied so well. For all the babies who are born in Durham, of Chapel Hill parents, are omitted from the report. So large a proportion of Chapel Hill babies are born in Durham that the official record of births is meaningless. And as Chapel Hill's birth score is falsely reduced, so, I suppose, Durham's is falsely augmented by reason of the circumstance that hundreds of infants whose homes are outside of Durham first see the light in Watts Hospital.

The report says: white births, 27; colored births, 25; total births, 52; white deaths, 9; colored deaths, 14; total deaths, 23. Four deaths are recorded as having been caused by influenza, more than by any other one disease.

### Club's Annual Meeting

The Country Club will have its annual business meeting next Thursday evening, January 31. It will begin at 6:30 with a supper for the members. There is no fee for the supper.