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A PICNIC GROUND HAS BEEN MADE NEAR THE LAKE

Undergrowth Is Cleared Away and Woods Near Stream Are Transformed into a Park

BOAT RIDES FOR VISITORS

A picnic ground, richly shaded by trees, with tables and benches scattered about, has been provided at the University Lake about two miles west of the village. It is there for the pleasure of anybody who wants to come.

Two or three acres of woods, a little while ago almost impenetrable because of the dense undergrowth, have been transformed into a park. The transformation came about so rapidly that few people in Chapel Hill know anything about it.

Men paid out of federal relief funds supplied the labor, and so the project cost very little. A few benches out of the old Memorial hall, and tables for which there is no further use on the campus, were given by the University.

A foot-bridge, made of planks resting on rails discarded from the railroad at Carrboro, has been thrown across the stream a few yards south of the dam and leads to the picnic park along the right bank. Downstream from the bridge is a shoal where children may go in wading, and upstream is a deep pool suitable for swimming.

One small section of the park is a playground, with swings and a slide.

There is abundant space, so that several parties may enjoy

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Degree for MacNider

The Medical College of Virginia awarded Dr. William deB. MacNider the degree of doctor of science Tuesday. Mrs. MacNider and Miss Sally Foard accompanied him to Richmond to witness the ceremony. While in the city they were the guests of Dr. and Mrs. James K. Hall.

Even if a Special Tax Is Levied, Citizens Will Have a Smaller Tax Burden than Now

Owners of property in Chapel Hill can pay a special school tax, to supplement the allowance from the state for the standard 8-months term, and still their tax burden will be considerably lighter than it was last year.

The reason for this lies in the tax-reduction measures enacted by the recent legislature.

The 15-cent ad valorem tax hitherto levied by the county has been abolished, and that part of the Chapel Hill school tax levied for current expenses has likewise been abolished.

The current expense rate in Chapel Hill was 39 cents last year, the debt service rate 15 cents, and the capital outlay rate 1 cent, making a total school rate of 55 cents. The rate that the voters will be asked to approve, for supplementing the state's allowance, will probably be somewhere between 18 and 25 cents. Suppose it should be 25 cents.

The debt service rate this year is expected to be 13 cents, and there will be no levy for capital outlay. If there were a special tax rate of 25 cents, then the total school rate would be 38 cents—17 cents less than the

Chapel Hill Chaff

Mrs. Lasley and Mrs. Dashiell met at their marketing one morning last week.

"I suppose you'll be there this afternoon," said Mrs. Dashiell.

"Oh, yes, I'm going," replied Mrs. Lasley. "Let's go together. I'll drive by and pick you up at half past three." And so it was agreed.

At the appointed hour Mrs. Lasley drew up in front of her friend's home on Park Place, and Mrs. Dashiell came down the walk and joined her. Presently they were rolling along the curving road back of the campus.

"Why are you going this way?" asked Mrs. Dashiell.

"Why not?" asked Mrs. Lasley. "This is the way to Mrs. Edmister's."

For a moment Mrs. Dashiell was speechless with amazement. Then she exclaimed:

"Mrs. Edmister's! But I thought we were going to the missionary society meeting in Durham!"

They stopped at the Proutys', and Mrs. Dashiell went in and telephoned to her husband to come and get her. When he arrived she had decided it was too late to go to the meeting in Durham.

James Peabody of New England, a biologist, was a guest of the Oscar Hamiltons Sunday. Dan Hamilton, 10 years old, an enthusiast on moths and butterflies, had been reading one of Mr. Peabody's text-books. At a lull in the conversation at the dinner table he said to the guest:

"You made a mistake in your book."

"What was it?" asked Mr. Peabody, a little startled.

"You labeled one of your moth pictures Polyphemus, and it ought to be Scelopora. I can tell from the marks on the wings."

"You're quite right," said Mr. Peabody. "Somebody else called my attention to that when the book came out, and I'm going to correct it in the next edition."

present rate. Add the 15 cents taken off the county rate, and the decrease would be 32 cents.

Take, for example, the case of a citizen whose property is assessed for \$5,000, and assume that the assessment remains the same as it was last year. The school rate last year, town and county, came to 70 cents, which meant \$35 in taxes on a \$5,000 assessment. This year, assuming a special local rate of 25 cents and a debt service rate of 13 cents, the total school rate will be 38 cents; that is, just a little more than half of last year's rate. Apply a rate of 38 cents to an assessment of \$5,000, and the school tax bill is \$19—less by \$16 than last year's bill.

Put in another way: a special tax of 25 cents makes a difference of \$12.50 in the tax bill of a citizen whose property is assessed at \$5,000. For the Chapel Hill community it means the difference between a poor school and a good school.

Here a special tax rate of 25 cents has been assumed for the purpose of illustration. It may be that the rate the voters will be asked to approve will be lower than that.

North Carolina Dentists to Hold Annual Convention Here Next Week

More than 400 dentists will come to Chapel Hill next week for the annual convention of the North Carolina Dental Society. The proceedings will begin Tuesday morning with registration in the Hill Music hall and will end Thursday afternoon.

The addresses, discussions, and clinics will be supplemented by entertainments—a banquet, a dance, teas, tours, and drama.

Russell M. Grumman, director of the University extension division, and Dr. J. P. Jones, chairman of the entertainment committee, have been co-operating with the officers of the society in arranging the program.

Eminent dental scientists from outside of the state will be here as guests of the society to read papers and to take part in the discussions.

At the opening session President Graham of the University will deliver an address of welcome, and Dr. O. L. Presnell of Asheboro will respond. A talk by Dr. Wilbert Jackson of Clinton, president of the society, the report of the necrology commit-

Termites Eat School

Negroes' Building So Badly Damaged That It Is Declared Unsafe

Termites, the white winged ants that feed on wood, have eaten away beams and sills in the building of the Orange County Training School, Chapel Hill's Negro institution, and have so damaged the structure that it has been declared unsafe.

As a result of the condition of the timbers, revealed by a careful examination, the school has been forbidden to hold its graduating exercises in its auditorium. They will be held this (Friday) evening in the Rock Hill Baptist church on West Franklin street. The smaller children had their ceremonies Wednesday and Thursday.

Once before, a few years ago, termites attacked the building. The recent attack was more destructive than the first. It is estimated that the necessary reconstruction will cost between \$1,500 and \$2,000.

Notice to Dentists

They Should Apply Promptly to Grumman for Room Reservations

Dentists who are to attend the convention here next week, and who want quarters in the dormitories, are asked to communicate with Russell M. Grumman of the University extension division. He will see that rooms are reserved for them.

While most of the rooms at the Carolina Inn have been reserved, four buildings on the campus are ready for the dentists. More than 200 rooms, each with two beds, will be available at the rate of one dollar per night per person. Advance requests for reservations will aid the committee on arrangements in making plans for the comfort of the visitors.

Hotels in Durham, less than a half hour's automobile ride from Chapel Hill, have rooms at reasonable prices for all who would like to be quartered in that city.

Cokers to Sail for Home

Mr. and Mrs. R. E. Coker will sail for America June 11 on the steamship City of Havre. They will be in Washington a while before coming to Chapel Hill.

GWYNN AND KING ARE ON LEAVE

J. Minor Gwynn, superintendent of the school here, will be on leave of absence when he is studying at Yale next year. He will return to his present post in September of 1934. Nobody knows yet who will be at the head of the school while he is away. If Chapel Hill becomes a "city administrative unit" under the new law, the local board will select the temporary superintendent.

A. K. King is also on leave and will return to the school next year.

Commencement

Sermon, Band Music, Singing, Alumni Reunions, Feasting, Speechmaking

The University's commencement program will begin with the baccalaureate sermon by Bishop Edwin A. Penick Sunday morning in Memorial hall. There will be a band concert under the Davie Poplar at 5 o'clock and chimes from the Morehead-Patterson Tower at 6. "The Elijah" will be sung by the Chapel Hill Oratorio Society at 8 o'clock in the Hill Music hall.

Monday will be alumni day. Judge Francis D. Winston will preside at the general assembly at 10:30 in Gerrard hall. The alumni luncheon will come at 1 o'clock; the Carolina Playmakers will perform at 3; President and Mrs. Graham will have a reception at their home at 5:30; the class reunion suppers will begin at 6:30.

Tuesday's program includes senior prayers at 10 o'clock in Gerrard hall, class day exercises under the Poplar at 10:30, the Mangum medal speeches at 11:30 in Gerrard hall, and the Di-Phi debate at 3:30.

The academic procession for the graduation exercises will form at 6:40. The exercises in the Kenan Stadium will begin at 7. Governor Ehringhaus and President Graham will speak.

Percy McKaye Is Here

Percy McKaye and his daughter are here at the Carolina Inn.

Tennis Team Gets Ample Attention from New York Times as Result of Henderson Letter

Archibald Henderson wrote to John Kieran, sports editor of the New York Times, to tell him that the paper neglected to give proper notice and credit to the University of North Carolina's remarkable tennis team.

The consequence was that Mr. Kieran put the headline, "Chapel Hill and Contents Noted," over his column of comment one day last week.

"It was a registered letter," he wrote, referring to Mr. Henderson's communication: 'Sir: So far I have missed your story—for I dare say you will get around to it—of the spectacular performance of our tennis team.' Zounds and gadzooks! What tennis team? Why, the tennis team of the University of North Carolina...

"The resident of Chapel Hill who took pen in hand to ask that justice be done to the great college tennis team was Mr. Archibald Henderson, a scholarly writer who, in his lighter hours, dashed off a biographical study entitled, 'Bernard Shaw, Playboy and Prophet.'

ASKS STATE TO KEEP THIS TOWN AS SPECIAL UNIT

School Board's Proposal Will Lead to Vote on Question of Supplementary Fund

BOUNDARIES UNCHANGED

The Chapel Hill school board, recently legislated out of existence but revived by the authority of the state school commission, has petitioned the commission for a special election to determine whether or not the fund allowed by the state for the 8-months term shall be supplemented by a fund raised by local taxation.

If the petition is granted, the Chapel Hill "city administrative unit"—this is the name to be used, according to the new law—will have exactly the same limits as the present Chapel Hill school district. The district takes in, besides the village itself, only a small outlying area which, though beyond the corporate limits, is really a part of the Chapel Hill community.

The local board held a long meeting Sunday and discussed the situation thoroughly. The members decided unanimously that it would be wiser to submit the question of a special tax to the people in the present district rather than to a larger electorate that would include people out in the country.

This is the resolution adopted by the board:

"That this former charter school board, acting by authorization from the state school com-

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Hearse Puzzles Neighborhood

Dwellers in Park Place saw a hearse parked by the edge of the woods at sunset Tuesday. Some of them thought a funeral must be in progress, and wondered whose it was. Others, knowing the hearse was sometimes used as an ambulance, thought there must have been an automobile accident nearby. Neither conjecture was correct. The Kiwanis Club was having a supper party in the park and Eugene Andrews, the undertaker, had ridden to it in his hearse.