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Sherrill Held Up by 5 Thugs; Knocked 1 Cold

Police Came Just in Time to Nab Men Who Tried to Rob University Professor

ALL OF THEM CONVICTED

Robbers are cheap at six cents apiece, thinks R. H. Sherrill, member of the faculty in the University school of commerce. Just back from New York City, where he was teaching at New York University during the summer session, Mr. Sherrill relates how he was held-up, robbed of thirty cents, and figured in the capture of his five assailants.

The professor had to pass through a rather tough district on his way home from work, and one afternoon as he was walking along five men stopped him and asked him for a match. As he obligingly reached in his pocket to comply, one of the five men thrust his hand in another pocket and took out thirty cents. Of course Mr. Sherrill had more than thirty cents on his person, but he had thoughtfully put his bills in the watch pocket of his trousers.

"Before I thought I took a crack at one of the men and caught him in the mouth," he says. "He was a little off balance and the blow knocked him to the sidewalk and his head struck the pavement, knocking him out. I turned to look for help and spied a taxi driver whom I asked to call a policeman. Before the taxi driver had time to make a move three radio patrol cars rolled up with six policemen. Those blue uniforms were the best looking things I have ever seen! It was only a few seconds until the cops had all five of the men. They were all convicted and sentenced to prison.

"Of course they weren't real gangsters, but they were pretty tough customers. There is an epidemic of such hold-ups in New York City at present and the cops just happened to be on the look-out."—Jimmy Rogers.

McCorkle Goes to Texas

Resigns Here to Take Position in Southern Methodist University

Thomas Smith McCorkle, a member of the music faculty in the University for the last ten years, has resigned to go to Southern Methodist University in Texas at a substantial increase in salary. He will be professor of musical literature.

A native of Texas, Mr. McCorkle came to Chapel Hill in 1925 from Kansas City University. Besides teaching violin and music appreciation, he served as director of the University band for eight years and director of the University Symphony Orchestra for seven years. Recently he has completed the manuscript for a college textbook on music appreciation which is to be published soon.

With Mrs. McCorkle, who is an accomplished pianist, he has given frequent recitals in cities of the East and South. At the invitation of the Dallas Symphony Orchestra they gave a series of seven recitals in Texas last winter.

Here in Chapel Hill Mr. and Mrs. McCorkle have made many warm friends who regret to see them go.

Town Tax Rate is \$1.60

At a special meeting of the board of aldermen Tuesday afternoon the town tax rate for 1935—including the school rate—was fixed at \$1.60. The rate for the town government goes down 7 cents while the rate for the school goes up 1 cent, making the net decline 6 cents.

A comparison of the 1934 and 1935 rates is shown as follows:

	1934	1935
Town Govt.	.84	.80
Town Debt Service	.48	.45
School Operation	.205	.205
School Debt Service	.135	.145
	1.66	1.60

The Orange county rate is 80 cents this year against 78 cents last year. Thus the total rate for the county and the town combined is \$2.40 this year against \$2.44 last year, a decline of 4 cents.

The action of the aldermen in fixing the rate was based upon the town budget prepared by Matt L. Thompson, auditor, and the board's budget committee, and upon a formal request trans-

mitted from the school board for the levy of a 35-cent school tax. The town government has nothing to do with deciding on the school rate; it merely serves as the collecting agency for the school.

The town budget is divided into two sections: operating expenses and debt service. The total requirements for operating expenses are \$32,310. When revenue other than ad valorem taxes is deducted, \$23,400 is left to be raised by the ad valorem levy. The total debt service requirements are \$34,913; the amount to be raised after the deduction of revenue other than the ad valorem levy, is \$13,162. Add \$23,400 and \$13,162 and you have \$36,562, which is equivalent to \$1.25 on the \$100 of assessed valuation.

Employees of the town, like those of the University, are getting a raise in salary this year, this being a restoration, or partial restoration, of what they lost by reductions. On the average the raise is about 10 per cent.

Cornwell Is Coming

Man from Ohio to Head University's Dept. of Physical Education

Oliver Kelly Cornwell, director of athletics in Wittenberg College, Ohio, for the last eight years, will come to the University next month to be professor of physical education.

He is to train students who wish to prepare to teach and to administer physical education programs. The work will include formal courses and practical instruction in coaching various sports and in directing general athletics.

Under this program, students in the junior year will take courses in anatomy, physiology, and hygiene. In the senior year they will take courses in the principles of physical education, in the teaching of health, and in the physiology and psychology of adolescence.

Mr. Cornwell was graduated at Wittenberg in 1921 and took his master's degree at Ohio State in 1929. At Columbia, where he has taught and done graduate work for the last four summers, he has nearly completed his work for the doctorate.

He taught in the schools of Springfield, Ohio, for two years and was director of the Springfield recreation system for six years. He went to Wittenberg in 1927 as director of health and physical education.

He is 39 years old, is married, and has two children.

Courses in the Bible

To Be Taught by J. P. Harland, W. E. Caldwell, and A. C. Howell

Three new courses in the Bible will be introduced by the University this year as the first definite move toward carrying out the vote of the faculty and trustees a few years ago authorizing a department of the history and literature of religions. These courses will be electives, classes meeting three times a week, and will be open to juniors and seniors.

J. P. Harland will give "Archaeology and the Bible" in the fall quarter, W. E. Caldwell "The History of the Hebrews in the Old Testament Period" in the winter quarter, and A. C. Howell "The Bible as Literature" in the spring quarter.

Hitch in Bus Plan?

Raleigh Road Said to Be Not Strong Enough for Heavy Vehicles

Just as the state utilities commission is about to award the franchise for the operation of busses between Greensboro and Raleigh through Chapel Hill, Capus Waynick, chairman of the state highway commission, comes forward with the objection that the road along part of the route is not strong enough for heavy vehicles of the type used by the bus companies.

He said yesterday that the stretch between Chapel Hill and Nelson was of sub-normal construction and that the highway commission was likely to have to designate it as a light-traffic road.

The road limit for a light-traffic road, under the 1935 highway regulations, is 5,000 pounds. Busses now operated by both the Greyhound Lines and the Carolina Coach Company, the applicants for the franchise, have a weight above the limit, and Mr. Waynick expressed doubt that any bus of adequate size could, when loaded, be legally used on the road.

Madry Terrier Vanishes

Jimmy Left Home to Go to Baptist Church and Is Now Missing

The Madrys no longer have an addition to their family. About two weeks ago a state paper recorded that a pretty little fox terrier, black of head and white of body, had been adopted by Mr. and Mrs. Bob Madry and that they had become very fond of him. Last Sunday Jimmy was turned out to play in front of the Graham Court apartments, where his owners live, and about 11 o'clock he was missing. Evidently he followed some worshippers to the Baptist church, for he was seen to scamper down the aisles twice during the services. Later he was seen on Franklin street playing with some children. That's the last heard of Jimmy.

The Madrys are anxious to get Jimmy back home, and in the classified advertisements they have described him and offered a reward.

Notify the Weekly at once of any change in your address.

Chapel Hill Chaff

Last Friday came in cool, but by noon the sun was beating down fiercely on the village and everybody was deploring what seemed to be the beginning of another torrid spell. I met Grover Beard, dean of the University pharmacy school, in front of the drugstore. He wore a happy smile.

"I'm certainly glad to be back where it's warm," he said. "A week ago today I was in the middle of a blinding snowstorm at Banff in the Canadian Rockies. When we passed through Calgary the mercury was at 10 degrees below the freezing point."

Mr. Beard was on his way home from the pharmaceutical convention in Seattle, Washington. Before he crossed into Canada he drove up Mount Ranier as far as an automobile could carry him and then climbed up the mountainside along a foot-trail.

My piece in last week's issue, applauding the decision of the University not to force mathematics upon students who detest it, has brought a letter from Dr. Hubert A. Royster of Raleigh. "I am with you," he writes. "I have always hated mathematics in any form, even the multiplication table. But at college I took it all, because I had to—all through trigonometry and conic sections, no further—and I got through, as you did, by memorizing. All the problems in the books I mastered, but an original problem I always omitted from my examination papers, (Continued on last page)

Pre-Season Football

Forty-Seven Players Expected to Assemble Here Next Tuesday

First harbingers of fall and of the village's annual readjustment to autumn life, 47 husky football players will gather here next Tuesday to begin a two weeks' session of pre-season practice in preparation for a nine-game campaign starting here September 28 against Wake Forest.

Between breakfast at 7:30 and bedtime at 10 o'clock, the men will follow a rigorous program designed by Coach Carl Snively to put them in tip-top physical condition and get them accustomed once more to handling the ball and thinking in football terms. Practice sessions at 8:30 and 4 and lectures at 11 and 2:30 will be devoted to instruction; and setting-up exercises, a nap at noon, the early retiring hour, and wholesome food will keep the players in excellent shape.

Headquarters will be at the Kenan stadium, where the dressing rooms are, and the practice sessions will be alternated between Emerson field and the new practice field east of the Tin Can. The grass on the new gridiron is still tender, so it will be spared as much as possible at the beginning of the season.

The players will be housed in a dormitory opened specially for them and will probably take their meals in downtown cafes and restaurants.

Bank Money in Armored Car

As a result of the payroll hold-up two weeks ago, in which \$10,525 was stolen on the way to Chapel Hill, money from Durham is now brought to the Bank of Chapel Hill in an armored car, with guards.

U. S. Gov't. Establishes Soil Erosion Experiment Station at Chapel Hill

Actors May Come Here

Professionals May Join Koch Troupe in Repertory Program

A company of professional actors may come here to join the Carolina Playmakers in a repertory program.

This is one of the federal relief projects. The Government has made an allotment from relief funds for unemployed actors all over the country. For the expenditure of the money the country has been divided into regions, and it is proposed to make Chapel Hill the headquarters for the South Atlantic states.

Frederick H. Koch and Paul Green, when they were in New York recently, conferred with Government officials and with representatives of actors' organizations, with a view to "getting something started" in Chapel Hill. Thus far only tentative plans have been made. Definite information about the project is expected to be given out soon.

End of Summer Session

Now Many Members of Faculty Will Go Off on Vacations

With the end of the examination period tomorrow (Saturday), the second term of the University's summer session will come to a close. Many of the faculty members will go off on vacations.

The summer Session registration at all three branches of the University was 2,356. There was a second term at Chapel Hill only. The attendance, although slightly higher than last year, for all branches combined, did not measure up to expectations. Some lay the blame for the deficiency upon the latest consolidation rulings. Others say that Duke University attracted many prospective Carolina summer students. Possibly the infantile paralysis epidemic and false rumors about its extent and location frightened away a number of would-be students from out of the state.

The three weeks before the beginning of the regular session will be used by the buildings department to overhaul dormitories and office and class-room buildings.

Food Prices

Pork Products Still on the Rise; No Other Important Changes

In the three grocery stores whose prices on commodities were quoted in last Friday's issue of this paper, no change is reported in the prices of beef, potatoes, coffee, sugar, butter, and other staples except the pork products. One of the stores has boosted the cost of boneless sugar-cured ham from 40 to 45 cents a pound, and the cost of bacon from 38 to 40 cents. A second store had gone down two cents a pound on all pork meats, and the third announces no change in prices whatever.

One groceryman expressed confidence that pork, which, along with beef, has soared in price during the last year, would not go any higher for the time being, at least. Other retailers were uncertain how prices would fluctuate within the next few weeks.

It Will Be Headquarters for Collection of Plants from All Southeastern States

OPERATIONS BEGIN TODAY

The United States Government has decided to make Chapel Hill the headquarters for the Southeastern States in experimentation for the control of soil erosion. The University's 800-acre tract known as the Mason farm, two miles east of the village near the Raleigh road, has been turned over to the Department of Agriculture to be used as a Soil Erosion Experiment Station.

The experiments will consist chiefly of the growing of trees and shrubs for three purposes: highway bank protection, game conservation, and gully control.

A tractor-plow is already on the ground, and today a force of six men from the relief rolls, one of whom knows how to operate a tractor, will begin preparing a 50-acre plot for the setting out of plants to be brought from the Government's station at Statesville. The first consignment of the plants will be brought in by truck Tuesday, and within a few days thereafter 11,000 will have been transported here.

The tenant of the house on the Mason farm, who will remain there until his crop is harvested, is already using his teams and equipment for preliminary clearing, mostly the cutting of weeds.

E. L. Evinger, horticulturist, a graduate of Washington University in St. Louis, is in command of the station. He has been here several weeks, organizing the project. The plant propagator will be L. S. Houghton, former chief of the foreign plant introduction division of (Continued on last page)

The Carolina Handbook

Compendium of University Information Edited by Don McKee

Edited by a Chapel Hill boy, Don McKee, the Carolina Handbook, an illustrated volume for incoming freshmen, appeared this week.

This 80-page book of information about the University is published annually by the Y. M. C. A.; and copies of it are mailed shortly before the opening of the fall term to all accepted first-year applicants. The writing, editing, and business management of it is entirely in the hands of upperclassmen.

This year's volume of the Handbook, with a maroon and white cover design, contains, besides the printed matter dealing with all important phases of college life at Chapel Hill, numerous etchings, sketches, and photographs of the campus and of student leaders and faculty members. On the center pages is a recent airplane photograph of the campus and the town.

McKee will be a junior in the University this year. He is connected with the Daily Tar Heel, the Carolina Magazine, the University Club, and a number of other campus organizations.

The business managers of the Handbook, J. C. Evans and W. B. Wolfe, are University students employed at the Orange Printshop.