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## Henderson Loses Priceless Books and Manuscripts

Blaze December 20 Destroyed His Third-Floor Library and Living-Quarters

### REST OF HOUSE IS SAVED

Archibald Henderson dashed home from an examination Friday morning, December 20, to find his third-floor library and living quarters ablaze with a fire that resulted in the destruction of his scientific, historical, and literary collections, the manuscript for a 100,000-word volume, several family portraits, and all his clothing.

Although a high wind was blowing, firemen worked efficiently and confined the blaze to the third floor. Except for damage caused by water, the first and second stories were not harmed.

Mr. Henderson thinks the conflagration may have been started by the ignition of papers or boards close to the hot chimney from the furnace. He believes that three of four other fires in the same house were caused by defective wiring; but he doubts that this was the origin of the last one.

When inmates of the house first smelled smoke, they thought that the chicken for Archibald, Jr.'s birthday dinner was being scorched. The chicken was all right, though; and after the departure of the firemen and excited neighbors, the family went on with the interrupted dinner party.

Mr. Henderson made this statement to the *Weekly* as his New Year Card of Thanks:

May I not take this opportunity, seasonally belated though it be, to express on behalf of our family most cordial thanks to the Chapel Hill Fire Company for their brave and effective labors in extinguishing the fire at our home on December 20. They could not have done better. Had they arrived ten minutes later I daresay it would have been impossible to save the house. The subjects of fire and water naturally suggested their hyphenated combination; and I only regret that most of the members of the fire company had drifted away before this happy thought on a cold day occurred to me. At a suitable time and occasion, we hope to express our gratitude in a more substantial way. (Continued on last page)

## Bill for Frozen Foot

Town Must Pay Hospital Expenses of Alleged Car Thief

After the snow came M. J. Dawson's car disappeared from its parking place in front of his house. Coming uptown, he saw his car going by eastward bound, with a Negro at the wheel.

With a friend in another car he gave chase. The Negro stepped on the gas and on East Franklin street ran over a boy on a bicycle, who proved to be Paul Sparrow. His leg was hurt in the fall.

At Dr. Lawson's corner the fugitive tried to go too fast and wrecked the car. He jumped out, losing his cap and one shoe. With one foot bare he ran a mile and half through the snow and outdistanced his pursuers.

Chief Sloan and Officer Wright took up the trail and arrested Simmy Nick, Negro, whom they charged with the theft. Nick was sitting near a stove, nursing a swollen foot. As it showed signs of being frozen, the officers sent him to a hospital, where he remained several days. The town will have to foot the bill.

## Chapel Hill Chaff

Archibald Henderson can take it on the chin. An hour or so after the recent fire at his house I found him in the midst of as desolate a scene as I have laid eyes on in many a day; standing in the attic room where nearly all his valuable books and papers had been destroyed. There were yawning holes in the roof, and all around lay ashes soaked in the water with which the firemen had put out the blaze. Of course I did not expect to find Mr. Henderson beating his breast and wailing; but I must say I was astonished at his cheerfulness. Most people need a little time to decide that there's no use crying over spilt milk. Evidently he had made the decision right off the bat. Bare-headed and without an overcoat in the frigid attic open-to-the-sky, he roared with laughter as he told me:

"Here was the final touch of irony. Just after the fire was put out, with the ruins still smoking, a boy came up to me with a pad and pencil and asked me to sign a receipt for twelve tons of coal."—L. G.

In the middle of the afternoon on the day before Christmas I turned away from the home of M. C. S. Noble, having found nobody in, and met Mr. Noble coming up the steps from the sidewalk. He had on a bright red tie and was smiling.

"You look mighty happy today, Uncle Bill," I said.

"I am happy," he replied, "and you know why? It's because Alice lost the key to my car instead of my losing the key to hers. I wouldn't take a pretty for that." I can understand how he felt. That same satisfaction, of not being the one who has lost something, comes to me once in a while—say, about once in ten years.—L. G.

For several years Editor Graves has been using this column to chaff his fellow townsmen. Well then:

Just before Christmas he threw off the harness and with Mrs. Graves in the car, drove (Continued on last page)

## Graham on Honor Roll

University President Named on The Nation's List of Twenty-Three

The Nation of New York, according to its custom for eight years, printed in its January 1 issue an "honor roll" in which appeared the names of 23 persons who, in that weekly's view, "deserve the applause of their countrymen." The eighth item in the list was as follows:

"Frank Porter Graham, president of the University of North Carolina, for years of brave, outspoken leadership in that state in education and social service, and especially for his brilliant address last August at the Williamstown Institute of Human Relations in behalf of social control in the United States and the modernization of the Constitution."

Williamson Takes Third Place

Running in the first Sugar Bowl invitation track and field meet in New Orleans Monday, Harry Williamson, Carolina middle distance star, finished the 880-yard race in third position, behind Charlie Hornbostel of Harvard and Ross Bush of Southern California. It was a fast run, Hornbostel clipping a second off the old southern record of 1:55.6.

## 15 New Homes Go Up During Year As Village Has Building Boom; Forecast for 1936 Optimistic

By H. D. Carter

A village building boom during the past year has resulted in the appearance of 15 dwellings and four business buildings, extensive repairs and alterations on 12 business and residential buildings and on University dormitories, and commencement of construction on one new home and a combination cafeteria and rooming house.

Here is a list of the new homes in Chapel Hill: rental cottage, North St., Paul Robinson; West House, student dwelling and erstwhile "mystery house" on Fraternity Row; two dwellings on West University Drive, for Grady Pritchard and J. Maryon Saunders; rental dwelling, Davie Woods, Dr. J. P. Jones; dwelling, Carr St., Walter Crawford; rental cottage, Davie Woods, I. B. Rush; cottage, Davie Woods, Moody Lloyd; rental cottage, Short St., W. T. McGalliard; cottage, Rosemary lane, Miss S. R. McGalliard; cottage, corner Church and Carr Sts., O. B. Gooch; cottage, Patterson St., Mrs. O. M. Craig; cottage for

O. T. Binkley, Wilson St., built by J. T. Dobbins; combination cottage and garage, Pittsboro road, Kennan Strowd; dwelling, Hooper Lane, Mrs. Roy Mason.

New business constructions are T. R. Harwood's dairy building on the Durham road, the field house adjacent to the new intramural field, Moody Durham's store building on Franklin St., and John Booker's garage on Senlac road.

Alterations and repairs transformed the Archer House on Columbia street into the Co-ed Graduate Club. Other work of this type includes: extensive alteration of J. F. Dashiell's newly-bought home in Westwood; installation of screens, overhauling, etc., in dormitories; alteration by J. B. Ross of the Strowd Place into apartments; repairs by J. B. Ross to a dwelling for the K. E. Malcombres; repairing of fire damages to Miss Alice Jones' North St. apartments; J. P. Harland's home on Briarbridge Lane, replacement of stucco on walls by

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## Post Office's Big Year

Record Receipts entitle it to First Class Rank

The Chapel Hill post office has just completed the biggest year in its history. The receipts were well over \$50,000, which will establish it as a first-class post office effective July 1. Even the banner year of 1928 was surpassed.

The holiday business was exceptionally large, but Postmaster Eubanks dispensed with extra help as far as possible, relying on overtime work by the regular staff. They handled it on time.

The official figures, prepared by Willie Hogan, for the last ten years follow:

1925	\$40,904.80
1926	45,673.01
1927	48,545.36
1928	49,993.20
1929	47,461.27
1930	46,144.71
1931	44,378.58
1932	42,644.55
1933	40,237.32
1934	43,484.04
1935	50,589.37

## Miss Johnston's Honors

Miss Peggy Johnston has been chosen to play the leading part in "Tweedles," the senior play at Peace College this year. She was graduated, with salutatory honors, from the high school here two years ago. At Peace, she holds the offices of president of the senior class, member of the student council, editor of the senior section of the school annual, the *Lotus*, and vice-president of the Sigma Phi Kappa literary society. She was recently elected "Miss Personality." She is the daughter of Mrs. George Johnston and grand-daughter of Mrs. Charles H. Johnston.

## Winter Term Opens

Winter quarter classes in the University begin this morning (Friday) at 8:30. Allowing for the usual winter quarter decrease of about a hundred students, Ben Husbands, associate registrar, estimates that the enrollment will be around 2675. 2788 students were enrolled for the fall term.

## Notes on Snow

All the week, and since three days before Christmas, the village has been struggling through snow, ice, and sleet.

A second snowfall, piled on the first and then frozen over, came as a climax to nine days of below-freezing temperatures.

Not in many years has Chapel Hill been through such a siege. Even today Franklin street is so piled up with snow that parking cars cannot get up to the curbs.

The fall of last Saturday night and Sunday made a mantle seven or eight inches deep, and up to yesterday, when rain softened it, showed little sign of retreating.

Chapel Hill has had occasional heavy snows, but none have been so persistent, and no one can recall when there was such severe weather before Christmas.

According to Clyde Eubanks, who keeps a record of such events, the last heavy snow was on January 13, 1933, when 9 inches fell. On January 17, 1930, 15 inches fell, crippling the town for a couple of days. But the heaviest of all was the spring-time snow of March 2, 1927, when 24 inches fell.

The present freeze has burst pipes, exhausted fuel supplies, and generally disrupted whole households, but until the snow of the 28th and 29th came the inhabitants remained cheerful.

For the first time in several years the village's inhabitants were moved to dig out their rusted skates. Skating was started on Hogan's pond, but was broken up by the second snow. The children have been having a fine time sledding on Windy Hill and other slopes. They always seem to be able to find sleds.

## Off to Europe

MacKinneys Will Leave New York Tomorrow for Cherbourg

L. C. MacKinney, Mrs. MacKinney, and Loren left Tuesday for New York and will sail on the "Bremen" tomorrow for Cherbourg, France. They expect the fast liner to make the ocean trip in about a week.

Mr. MacKinney's researches in medieval medicine will take him and his family to Germany, Italy, and England, in addition to France. The bulk of his work will be translating old treatises on medical subjects.

The MacKinneys will return to Chapel Hill sometime next September.

## Tire-Chain Stampede

The snow that came before Christmas started the villagers off on a rampage buying tire-chains. The second fall made it a stampede. Bruce Strowd had sold 141 pairs by Monday and was sending to Greensboro for more. Rubbers and galoshes also had a heavy run, and plumbers were run ragged repairing frozen pipes.

## Bus Station Robbed

During the holidays there were several minor robberies and store-breakings about town, but a robbery at the bus station was more serious. Nearly \$700 was taken from the cash till there. The filling station of Scales Robertson on West Franklin street was broken into. Frank Weaver, Negro, was arrested and charged with the offense. The police are working on clues in the bus station robbery.

## Work on School Building Awaits Melting of Snow

Teaching and Extra-Curricular Needs Will Be Well Provided for in Big Structure

BONDS HAVE BEEN SOLD

### \$190,000 BOND SALE

Orange county WPA school bonds totalling \$190,000 were sold at Raleigh on Tuesday at a premium of \$27 with the first \$142,000 maturities bearing interest at 3½ per cent and the remainder at 3¼ per cent. A syndicate bought them, the buyers being Lewis and Hall, of Greensboro, Branch Banking and Trust Company, of Wilson, and Oscar Burnett and Company, of Raleigh.

Chapel Hill high school students will start to school next fall in a big, luxuriously equipped new brick building, if present plans and calculations work out according to schedule.

The preparatory operations of clearing and grading the plot of ground along Pittsboro road which has been chosen as the site of the new W.P.A.-financed building will begin as soon as the snow is off the ground.

According to the architect's blue prints, the structure will face eastward toward the road; and there will be two sets of limestone steps leading to the main entrance, one into the first-floor lobby, the other into the auditorium which will compose the right wing of the building.

Teaching and administrative needs and the students' extra-curricular activities will all be abundantly provided for.

The first floor is composed of: seven classrooms, measuring 34 by 22 feet; two seminar rooms; teacher's rest rooms; a principal's office and anteroom; a file room; a book room; a supply (Continued on page three)

## Wild Turkeys Bagged

Local Hunters Get Birds in Alamance and Orange Counties

Chapel Hill hunters had unusual luck bagging wild turkeys during the holidays. Moody Durham and Brody Thompson went up to Haw River and returned with one each. Durham's was unusually large. Then Willie Hogan went up to the same place alone and got one. Aubry Wright got two in Chatham County.

C. E. Vashaw hunted all day in the northeast part of Orange County before he saw a turkey out in a field. He got the bird.

Wild turkeys occasionally come up to the outskirts of the village, especially in severe weather when food is scarce. They have been sighted along Morgan's Creek this season.

## Pastor's Parents Injured

The Rev. Donald H. Stewart, pastor of the Presbyterian church, was summoned to Spartanburg, S. C., yesterday where his father and mother, Mr. and Mrs. E. H. Stewart, had been injured in an automobile accident. Mrs. Stewart's arm was broken when their car skidded on the ice and turned over. She was taken to a Spartanburg hospital. They had been visiting their son here, and were returning to Alabama. Mr. Stewart will bring his mother to his home here as soon as she can be moved.