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## "Mild Epidemic" Causes Meetings To Be Deferred

Many Cases of Illness Prompt University to Take Precautionary Measure

### INFIRMARY IS ADEQUATE

Because of the many cases of illness among the students, the University authorities and representatives of the student body decided Tuesday afternoon to postpone the Parents' Day celebration scheduled for Wednesday the 12th, the Student-Faculty Day scheduled for yesterday, the mid-winter dances scheduled for today and tomorrow, and the athletic events scheduled for the week-end in the Tin Can.

The condition that prevails here now is by no means a serious epidemic and does not justify alarm. The purpose of the postponements is to reduce the exposure of students to colds and other infections which are apt to be spread by congregations.

The exceptionally bad weather over a period of several weeks—cold, snow, slush—has caused an abnormal volume of illness, but there have been very few cases of a serious nature.

Sixty-four patients were in the infirmary night before last. During most of the last two or three weeks the number has ranged from 45 to 60. Some extra beds were put in last month, and at no time have the accommodations been insufficient to meet the demands upon them.

Dr. W. Reece Berryhill, University physician, said yesterday that the departure of students

### The Birthday Fund

The net proceeds from the celebration of the President's Birthday in Chapel Hill, on the evening of January 30, amounted to \$112.45. Mayor John M. Foushee, chairman of the committee in charge, announced yesterday.

Thirty per cent goes to the national committee, and 70 per cent, or \$78.73, is retained here for the prevention of infantile paralysis. There is a balance of \$69.02 left from last year, so that the Chapel Hill fund now on hand comes to \$147.75.

"A letter from Dr. O. L. Miller, chairman of North Carolina Commission for Crippled Children," says Mr. Foushee, "encourages us to hope that our fund will be swelled by an allotment from the Government under the Security Act."

Mr. Foushee expressed his gratitude to the Coca Cola, the Pepsi Cola, and the Nehi companies for their donation of refreshments at the birthday party.

### Weather Gossip

Clyde Eubanks, Chapel Hill's champion weather observer, peered upward through the glass front of his drugstore. "Going to get warmer," he said. Curious as to the source of his information, I came close to him and tilted my head alongside his. Through the narrow opening between the wall and the awning I saw the weather vane on the Methodist church steeple. "You see," he explained, "the wind is from the south."

That was in the forenoon Tuesday, and the weather did become warmer in the next few hours, adding to the slush on

## Koch Has Begun His Boondoggling

Frederick H. Koch has begun his boondoggling. That is to say, he has launched the Federal Theatre Projects in North Carolina, South Carolina, and Virginia.

Perhaps you don't know what boondoggling means. It is the word for federal relief enterprises that, on the face, seem to involve the expenditure of money on non-essentials. The word first came to the public attention when it was used by a witness, at an investigation into relief projects in New York City, to describe such activities as the drawing of pictures, the performance of plays, the playing of tunes on musical instruments, singing, lecturing, elocution, and the telling of bed-time stories.

The foes of the New Deal seized upon the word boondoggling as an opportunity for denunciation and derision. The champions of the New Deal, far from offering apologies or excuses, came back with a spirited defense of boondoggling. "Yes," they said, "we engage in boondoggling, and we intend to keep it up. Mechanics and laborers

and farmers are not the only people who are suffering from the depression. Unemployed actors and musicians get just as hungry as anybody else. A singer, no less than a steam-fitter or a carpenter, needs bread and clothes for his children. Wandering about in a vain search for a job, thinly clad and without a penny in his pocket, an illustrator of stories or a decorator of Christmas cards feels the cruel blasts of winter as keenly as a brickmason or a plumber."

Harry Hopkins, the Government's chief administrator of relief, was one who defied in language of this sort the critics of boondoggling.

When the editor of an anti-New Deal newspaper ridiculed the Government for providing shaves for laboring men on relief, Charles Michaelson, the Democrats' boss press agent, replied: "Does it occur to this comfortable gentleman that barbers need employment as urgently as any other class of workers?"

This defense of boondoggling was difficult to answer. In fact, (Continued on last page)

### The Orgatron

New Instrument to Be Played at the Baptist Church Sunday

Chapel Hill people will have on Sunday their first opportunity to hear the new electrophonic musical instrument known commercially as the Orgatron. It will be played at the morning and evening services in the Baptist church.

This is a reed instrument that provides music of pipe-organ quality and quantity by means of electric amplification which takes the place of pipes and other elaborate mechanisms of the ordinary pipe-organ. It is for use in homes, churches, and auditoriums where the use of a pipe-organ is not practical.

The Jesse Bowen Piano Company of Winston-Salem are distributors throughout this section for the Orgatron, and it is through them that the demonstration has been arranged. Mr. Bowen will be at the console both morning and evening and will be glad to answer any questions and give information about the instrument.

Members of the congregation who have heard it are very enthusiastic and its purchase by the church is contemplated. The public, and especially the students and members of the faculty of the University department of music, are invited.

### Bridge Benefit Called Off

The U. D. C. bridge-and-tea benefit, scheduled for today, has been indefinitely postponed.

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

### Carroll Breaks Wrist

French Instructor Slides Once Too Often on Country Club Fairway

A gay company of young people went sledding out on the golf links of the Country Club Tuesday night. The moon shone down on the snow, and the No. 1 fairway made an excellent slide. It was great sport.

Around midnight, when the merry-makers were about to start home, they found that one sled was missing. They knew it must be somewhere down the slope.

"I'll go get it," said John Carroll, instructor in French. He stretched himself on a Flexible Flyer, gave a shove, and was off. He was going at high speed when his right arm struck the standard that marks the 250-yard distance from the tee.

They took him to the infirmary, and his arm was bound up in splints. Next morning an x-ray photograph showed that two bones in the wrist were broken.

### The Alumni Gathering

Dinner Given in Honor of Mr. and Mrs. John Sprunt Hill

Mr. and Mrs. John Sprunt Hill, who gave the Carolina Inn to the University, were guests of honor at a dinner given there last evening. This was the main feature of the program of the annual assembly of the Alumni Association.

The occasion marked the inauguration of the Inn as official alumni headquarters.

Rev. Howard E. Rondthaler, president of the association, delivered an address in which he spoke of Mr. and Mrs. Hill's great services to the University.

After the dinner a business session was held. Candidates for the presidency and other offices were named by nominating committees; the balloting will be conducted by mail. Two members of the association's board of directors were elected.

There was an open forum discussion of various matters of interest to the alumni.

### P. T. A. Meeting Tuesday

The Parent-Teacher Association will celebrate Founders' Day with a meeting at 4 o'clock Tuesday afternoon. M. R. Traub will speak on "The Child, A Prospective Citizen."

## Chapel Hill Chaff

Always I am complaining about the dullness of most of the stuff that comes over the radio. Well, it gave me plenty of excitement last Sunday evening.

Our two Scotties, Angus and Wully, who had been ranging in the snow for hours, lay on a rag rug, exhausted and fast asleep. Major Bowes' Amateur Night program was coming in. There was piano-playing and singing and dancing—and then an imitator said:

"You will now hear a friendly dog."

Came a gentle questing sound, a sort of pleased whine, as of an affectionate dog being petted.

Wully (the younger of our Scotties, just past puppyhood) pricked up his ears, arose, and walked over to the radio. He cocked his head this way and that, and, as he listened intently, stared at the radio box. He was deeply puzzled at hearing a dog so close and not seeing one. We looked on, fascinated.

The imitator's natural human voice broken in:

"Here comes a strange dog."

A growl, faint but menacing—then more audible—and then all at once a furious snapping and snarling. All from the radio, for Wully didn't make a sound.

Angus had hardly stirred during the mild part of the imitation, and we had forgotten he was present. Now, suddenly, without any warning, he came hurtling through the air, a black catapult snarling with rage. He lit upon the unoffending Wully and began to bite and claw at him. For a moment or two we were too flabbergasted to move, and then we pulled them apart.

### Swarthout's Triumph

Opera Star's Singing and Charming Manners Captivate Students

Never has a singer, musician, play-actor, or any other entertainer had a greater triumph in Chapel Hill than Gladys Swarthout had Wednesday evening in Memorial hall.

This star of the opera, the screen, and the radio, can sing divinely, but that is only part of her appeal. She is young and beautiful and has the most engaging manners.

She charmed all her audience, but particularly the students. They clamored for encores, and smilingly she consented. At the end of the performance the students, eager to have a closer acquaintance, made a rush forward, clambered to the stage, and surrounded her. In great good humor, she exchanged banter with them.

When she managed to make her way through the crush and get out of the building, they crowded around her car and escorted her to the Inn.

### Etchings in the Library

Etchings by John Taylor Arms were put on exhibit Wednesday in the main lobby of the University library and will remain there about ten days longer. Mostly architectural, the collection embraces pictures of European cathedrals and villages.

### Farrar to Read His Own Play

For the Playmaker reading at 8:30 Sunday evening Preston C. Farrar will read his own play, "The Romantics." It is a satire upon some fantastic notions about the past once held by certain romantic people.

## Snow Again, and Biting Cold; Population of Chapel Hill Is Fed Up with Rotten Weather

### School Closed

The Chapel Hill school was closed yesterday and will be closed today.

The decision to suspend work for the two days was reached at a conference of J. Minor Gwynn, principal, with members of the board of trustees.

Tuesday and Wednesday there had been a partial suspension, the pupils being dismissed at 1 o'clock. Since there was no improvement in the weather, many of the pupils had colds, and those living in the country found it difficult to attend (some found it impossible), the authorities decided that it would be better to have no classes at all Thursday and Friday. They expect that the school will reopen Monday.

Probably the lost time will be made up by extra days at the end of the spring term.

### Sandy's Son Wins Prize

Logans Delighted by News of Award at County Fair in Florida

In the records of the American Kennel Club Mrs. George B. Logan's high-bred Scotch terrier is registered under the name of Chapel Hill Pride. Here he is known as Sandy Logan.

Mrs. Logan and her four daughters were lifted to a high peak of excitement and delight this week by a letter from a friend in Tampa. It brought the news that Sandy's two-year-old son, a resident of that city, had won the first prize in the Scotch terrier class at the Pinellas County Fair.

Sandy has many distinguished sons and daughters scattered about the Southern states.

### Chapel Hill's Honor Students

Three University students from Chapel Hill made the grade A in all their courses in the winter quarter: Nell Booker, Julia Peebles, and Donald K. McKee. Other Chapel Hill students on the honor roll are C. W. Coker, R. E. Coker, Jr., Lydia Daniels, R. S. Dicks, Archibald Henderson, Jr., Catherine Hodges, June C. Hogan, Margaret L. Howard, W. P. Hudson, Margaret Jordan, Margaret McGirt, C. S. McIntosh, Rachael B. McLain, Gilmer Mebane, J. F. Munch, C. E. Prouty, Mary L. Scales, P. C. Schinhan, Eileen M. Smith, C. S. Snavelly, V. S. Sparrow, Verna L. Stover, Elizabeth Wright, and Erika Zimmermann.

### State Employees Ill

M. C. S. Noble, Jr., is one of the many officials and employees of the state government who have been put out of commission by colds and flu. The latest news is that he is recovering.

"Several hundred state employees are 'out with the flu,'" writes Robert M. Thompson in the "Under the Dome" column in the News and Observer. "The majority are members of the field and maintenance forces of the state highway and public works commission and of the staffs of various institutions, but close to 100 are out in Raleigh alone."

"Estimates showed that yesterday 30 were out in the revenue department, almost as

Severe Cold Continues after Village Is Covered with a Deep White Blanket

### TRAFFIC IS OBSTRUCTED

Reflecting upon the far more unfortunate situation of somebody else is a time-honored method of making your own burden of trouble seem lighter, but what Chapel Hill people read every day in the newspapers about the terrific cold in the Middle West—the waist-deep snow, the bitter gales, the sub-zero temperatures, railroad trains halted and motorists marooned—does not seem to make them any better satisfied with their own comparatively mild weather.

It may be mild compared with the weather of Minnesota and Wisconsin, but not with the sort of weather that Chapel Hill has been accustomed to, and that's the comparison that counts. Chapel Hill feels cruelly imposed upon; martyred, in fact. And it is highly articulate in its distress. The favorite words in the village vocabulary are fed-up, beastly, rotten, and bellyful.

The sixth snow of the winter, and the heaviest one thus far, began falling on Thursday afternoon of last week, and kept on falling through the night, to the accompaniment of a fierce wind, and Friday morning it was about a foot deep. Great drifts piled up against houses on the windward side, and in many places completely covered long stretches of rock walls.

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### The Eatons

Rev. and Mrs. Edward Dwight Eaton and their daughter, Mrs. Elizabeth Hincks of Bridgeport, Connecticut, are at Mrs. F. P. Venable's on Rosemary lane, for the winter quarter.

Mr. Eaton, who is 85 years old, is a distinguished Congregational clergyman. He was president of Beloit College, Beloit, Wisconsin, from 1886 to 1917. There are three Beloiters in the University faculty: Raymond Adams of the English department; M. T. Van Hecke, dean of the law school, and Alvin Wheeler, professor of chemistry.

The Eatons have displayed an eager interest in the life of the University community. They have attended many public occasions at Duke University and in Chapel Hill, and on one day recently they visited an 8:30 A. M. lecture on economics and an evening seminar in sociology.

many from the highway building and from one to half a dozen out in almost every other department. Among those ill were Secretary of State Stacey W. Wade, Commissioner of Agriculture W. A. Graham, Director of Conservation R. Bruce Etheridge, Industrial Commissioner T. A. Wilson, Assistant Revenue Commissioner M. C. S. Noble, Jr., and Charles Powell, secretary to the Governor. There were numerous other executives who said they were 'on the verge' of falling out themselves. Even the Governor was sniffing.

"Our maintenance staff, which right now has more work than it could handle at best, has been crippled by the stuff," said Chief Engineer W. Vance Baise.