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Drama Festival Set for First Week in April

Program Includes Productions
of Plays, Exhibits, and
Speeches by Notables

PRIZES WILL BE AWARDED

The thirteenth annual dramatic Tournament and Festival will be held April 1, 2, 3, and 4, in Chapel Hill. The program is announced by Mrs. Irene Fussler, secretary of the Carolina Dramatic Association.

It will begin at 8:30 Wednesday evening, April 1, with a performance of "Swastika" by the Charlotte Little Theatre Work Shop. The author of the play is Joe Adams of Charlotte.

A guest performance of the winning play in the Negro High School Dramatic Tournament will be given Thursday afternoon, followed by a final contest in the production of original plays by several high schools and a Federal Theatre Group production.

Speakers at the afternoon session will include Charles Winter Wood, successor to Richard B. Harrison, who played the part of De Lawd in "The Green Pastures"; Mrs. J. M. Crawford, director of the Dumas Plays of Akron, Ohio; and Loreto Carroll Bailey, director of the Negro State High School and College Drama Tournaments.

Thursday night's session will include a presentation of an original play by a community club, the final contest in play production among Little Theatres.

The Equinox

When the gale blew and the rain poured Tuesday, and the snow fell Wednesday, no doubt many of the citizens of Chapel Hill said to themselves: "Equinoctial storm."

The 21st of March is the day of the equinox, so called because then the day and the night are of equal length. There is a common belief that around that time violent gales may be expected. The Encyclopedia Britannica says that "this popular idea has no foundation in fact," that observations for 50 years have shown that there are no more violent winds at the equinox than at other seasons.

Stringfield on the Air

Lamar Stringfield was guest conductor of the United States Navy Band Symphony Orchestra in radio broadcasts, Tuesday and Wednesday, of three of his compositions: "The Legend of John Henry," "Cripple Creek," and "A Negro Parade."

Rambling around in Charleston

Ambling along the street in Charleston, Mr. and Mrs. Albert Coates became aware that they were hungry.

"Where shall we eat this evening?" one of them asked the other. A gentle-spoken lady happened to overhear the question and thought it was "What shall we see this evening?" and said: "There's a very interesting exhibit at the Gibbs Memorial Library."

So they went to the exhibit—not, however, until they had dined—and found that it fulfilled the promise.

The next morning, while Mr. Coates was attending to some business affair, Mrs. Coates cruised about the old part of

Chapel Hill Chaff

Methodology, frequently seen in the writings and heard from the lips of teachers, has always struck me as a fearsome word. It is used in connection with any kind of subject—history, economics, mathematics, languages. In a University Summer Session bulletin about a "conference on the teaching of marriage and the family," I find this phrase: "the methodology of the instruction in the preparation for marriage."

On many a summer's evening, when the moon shines bright, I meet a couple strolling through the campus. I see hands linked and faces turned toward one another. I hear soft murmurs of talk—or, perhaps I should say, murmurs of soft talk. Here, often, is preparation for marriage. An extra-curricular activity, but seemingly carried on just as expertly as though instruction were being imparted by a professor. Henceforth, now that I have read the Summer Session bulletin, when I come upon one of these couples I will say to myself: "Their methodology seems very good."

Once a friend of mine in the faculty, I forget who it was, asked me some question about my methodology in getting out this newspaper. A little while later I sat down at my typewriter to beat out a piece on this or that. What the professor had said being fresh in my memory, when I had typed a few words I would wonder: "Is my methodology correct?" The suggestion that I practiced methodology made me so self-conscious and upset me so that it took me half an hour to complete my first sentence.

Mrs. George B. Logan is a Scotchwoman by birth and a North Carolinian by adoption. Her four daughters are native, dyed-in-the-wool, enthusiastic North Carolinians. Their hearts

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U. D. C.'s Benefit Bridge Party

The U. D. C. will give a benefit bridge party at the home of Mrs. G. K. G. Henry at 3 o'clock Tuesday afternoon and again at 8 o'clock in the evening. Price, 50 cents. At 5 o'clock there will be a tea at the home of Mrs. H. M. Wagstaff. Price, 25 cents. Telephone Mrs. M. E. Hogan for reservations.

Three Taylors in Charleston

Miss Marianna Taylor came in from Smith College yesterday for her vacation. She and her sister, Miss Eliza, and her brother, Edmund, are on their way to Charleston today to attend a dance at the Citadel this evening.

the city in the car. She saw a lady pottering around in a garden. "I'd like to speak to her," thought Mrs. Coates, "but maybe I'd better not." She walked around the block, accumulated courage, and made an appreciative remark about the joys of gardening.

"Won't you come in?" asked the lady, who was Mrs. Beverly Mikell, and presently she was telling Mrs. Coates that within a few days she was going to Chapel Hill to see Billy Hunt's iris garden.

These are snatches from Mrs. Coates' report of her visit. She says Charleston is entrancing and she wants to go back there as soon as possible.

The Crisis in Europe as Seen by Rue

The presence in the village of Larry Rue, who has been going about Europe, Asia, and Africa as a newspaper correspondent since the World War, was chronicled in our issue of last week. The editor went up to the Carolina Inn Sunday and said to Mr. Rue: "You've been in the midst of all the uproar over there—revolts, wars, putsches, disarmament conferences; you've been 'behind the scenes' and have talked to a lot of the men who now bear the responsibility of keeping the peace in Europe. What's your slant on the present crisis?" And this was Mr. Rue's reply:

"Barring unpredictable incidents, I see no reason for any loss of sleep over the present European developments as a result of the recent reoccupation of the Rhineland by German troops. Instead of creating a war, this last step of a regenerated Germany to regain the proper rights of a free nation may clear the international atmosphere for a more lasting peace in Europe.

"Hitler took advantage of the differences among her former enemies over the Ethiopian war

to do something which most observers knew eventually would be done by Germany—Hitler or no Hitler—that is, assumed the right to provide for the defense of undisputed German territory containing nearly one-fourth the population of the entire country.

"It is probably just as well that this were done now. The danger of an outbreak of war lies in the extremes to which nations will resort to prevent a prospective enemy from getting a military or strategic advantage. The extreme to which France would like to go will be tempered greatly by the League's preoccupation with the war in Italy. It must be remembered that the League declared Italy the aggressor in this war against a member nation—the most serious crime which it is in the power of the League to charge against any country. Certainly Germany cannot be regarded as an aggressor for remilitarizing the Rhineland. Undoubtedly she did violate the treaty of Locarno, but France herself on two occasions at least—her sponsoring of the separatist movement in the Rhine-

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Farrar Hurt in Crash

His Car Runs into Tree across the Road from the Arboretum

P. C. Farrar of the University faculty had his jaw and his nose fractured and some of his teeth knocked out at 11:30 yesterday morning when the car he was driving ran into a tree beside the Raleigh road opposite the Arboretum.

A few moments before, he had turned east from Franklin street. G. J. Brooks of Siler City was driving behind him. As they came near the Arboretum gate, behind Spencer hall, Mr. Brooks saw the car ahead bearing to the left. It kept on to the left, jumped the curb and collided with a tree about 50 yards from the east campus gate.

It is thought that Mr. Farrar's loss of control of the car must have been due to a heart attack. But he was not unconscious, and when he was taken to the Infirmary by Mr. Brooks and Herman Schnell (who came from Grimes dormitory in response to a call for help) he walked from the street to the door.

Later he was taken to Watts hospital. He was resting comfortably when this paper went to press.

Snavelly to Cornell

Carl G. Snavelly, the University's head football coach for the last two years, has resigned to become coach at Cornell. His salary is reported to be \$8,500, which is considerably more than he has been receiving here.

His contract here had one more year to run, but, according to the custom that prevails when a coach has the offer of a better position, his request for a release was granted.

Snavelly's departure is deeply regretted here, not only because of his high competence but also because of his gentlemanly qualities.

The first year he was here (1934) the University team won seven games, tied the one with State College, and lost only to Tennessee. Last year it won all its games but the one with Duke, which it lost by 25 to 0.

There are rumors that his first assistant, Max Reed, will be chosen as his successor.

Baby in Runaway Car

Taken into Woods Near Baity Home. It Is Not Seriously Injured

Mrs. Manson Valentine went to the H. G. Baity home Wednesday afternoon. She stopped the car in the road; left the baby inside; put the brake on; and entered the house. She had come on a hurried errand and was to stay only a minute or so.

Mrs. Foushee, coming out, saw the car rolling down the slope. At first she thought somebody was in it, but it kept on into the woods. She ran to it and tried to open the door but couldn't. Then she saw the baby and made another fruitless effort to get inside. The car had gained too much momentum for her to stop it. It ran down into the woods, perhaps a hundred yards, before it was halted by a tree.

The baby, thrown forward, had a tooth broken and a lip cut but did not suffer serious injury. A wrecking crew had to work until 11 o'clock at night to get the car back out of the woods.

Health Law Held Valid

In the superior court in Hillsboro this week Judge Marshall Spears, reversing the decision of Judge Phipps of the recorder's court here, upheld the constitutionality of the state law authorizing the State Board of Health to make certain ratings in respect to conditions in restaurants.

In the case of the State vs. Sutton, Judge Phipps held the defendant guilty, under sections 17 and 20, of operating a restaurant with a rating by the Board of Health of less than 70, and the defendant's motion in arrest of judgment was allowed on the ground that there was an unconstitutional delegation of authority by the legislature.

Judge Spears decides that there was no delegation of authority in the sense declared by the lower court. The effect of the decision is to remand the defendant for sentence; but, since the requirements of the Board of Health have now been met, it is understood that the prosecution will pursue the case no further, and that it will end with a suspended sentence.

A SURPLUS OF WATER

The rainfall in Chapel Hill Tuesday was 1.3 inches.

Water was pouring over the dam at the University lake, from end to end, and buried the footbridge in the ravine below the dam.

All over the village cellars have been flooded. "We have had many calls for pumping aid," said J. S. Bennett, superintendent of the Consolidated Service Plants, yesterday. "Owners of mechanical stokers have been specially anxious, because if the water gets high enough in a furnace room it will put the motor out of commission."

A Coin of 1813

Farmer Living near Chapel Hill Has Half-Stiver 123 Years Old

Graham Pendergraph, a farmer who lives west of Chapel Hill, has a coin of British Guiana bearing the date 1813. The other day he turned it over to Dr. Charles S. Mangum to be taken care of. Dr. Mangum has put it in his safe deposit box and is making inquiries of numismatic experts to find out if it is valuable.

It is of copper—or what appears to be copper.

On one face, around the edge, are the words, Georgius III D. G. Rex, which means George the Third, King by the Grace of God, with a head of George in the center. In the center of the other face are the words, Half Stiver, and around the edge the words, Colonies of Essequibo and Demarary, Token, 1813. Essequibo and Demarary are sections of British Guiana. A stiver is a coin, formerly current in Holland and the Dutch colonies, about equivalent in value to a British penny. British Guiana was acquired in 1803 after having been in Dutch possession for two centuries, and that explains why the coins of the country bore Dutch names.

Come and See the Daffodils!

Mrs. Edward Mack, who is living in the Howe house at Button's, out beyond the Country Club, invites the people of the village to come out and see the daffodils during next week.

Flowers on the Campus

Flowers in bloom on the campus: Japanese weeping cherries in the quadrangle; elsewhere, wild plums and Judas trees.

Legion Meeting This Evening

The Chapel Hill post of the American Legion will meet at 8 o'clock this (Friday) evening in the parish house.

A Visitor from Great Britain

Felix Greene, who is touring America as a representative of the British Broadcasting Corporation, drove into Chapel Hill last Friday evening, passed the night at the Carolina Inn, and left Saturday morning for Tennessee to look over the T.V.A. layout of reservoirs, dams, and power-houses. During the next few weeks he will be in the South and Mexico.

This handsome and alert Englishman is no stranger to the United States. After his graduation from Cambridge University seven years ago he traveled over the country in an automobile and visited all the states.

Mr. Greene's present mission is to see what can be done in

Winter Returns; Gives Village a Severe Lashing

Gale Blows Fiercely, Accompanied by Downpour; Later Comes a Snowstorm

MERCURY TAKES BIG DROP

Just as people in Chapel Hill were exulting over the arrival of spring, winter came back, lashing the village with wind and rain and snow.

A fierce gale blew all day Tuesday, and the rain poured for hours. The temperature dropped, and Wednesday morning there was a snowstorm. But the snow fell for only a little while, and the flakes melted when they touched the ground.

A strange and beautiful spectacle was presented by the snow against backgrounds of brilliant yellow forsythia and flowering fruit trees.

From a maximum of 76 Sunday the mercury went down to 43 Monday night and to 33 Tuesday night. This is the record of the United States Weather Bureau station at Phillips hall.

Herbert Pendergraft, proprietor of the University Service station, said yesterday: "The thermometer at my home showed 32 early yesterday morning and early this morning."

Chapel Hill was on the fringe of a storm which was far more severe to the west. Western North Carolina was buried under the heaviest snowfall in 30 years. The snow was from 12 to 20 inches deep, and in some places there were drifts of 20 feet. Highways were blocked and communications were crippled.

Junior Garden Club

The Junior Garden Club has finished planting on the plot back of the post office the 200 shrubs donated by W. C. Coker. Two peeks of bulbs have also been put into the ground.

Ralph Trimble drew plans for the plot in scale, and Collier Cobb is giving the crushed stone for the pathways in the little park.

Gifts of benches or chairs will be gratefully received by the club.

Saturday, March 28 (one week from tomorrow), is to be Planting Day. If any one in the village has plants or seeds to spare, please bring them to the plot any time on Saturday. Stay, if you like to lend a hand with the planting.

The Junior Garden Club is sponsored by the Chapel Hill Garden Club, assisted by the Parent-Teacher Association.

the way of radio tie-ups between the United States and Great Britain. Long-distance transmission of sound by air has now reached such a state of perfection that the transatlantic exchange of programs is destined to play an increasingly important part in broadcasting.

Broadcasting is a government activity in Britain, and there is no advertising connected with it.

"Of course we can't take commercial programs from America," said Mr. Greene, "but you have splendid programs which do not carry advertising—for example, speeches by leaders in politics and economics and education, athletic events, ceremonies

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