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Islander Goes Traveling; She Tells of Storm

Mrs. Harris of Ocracoke Fares Forth to See the World; Now in Cleveland with Poseys

HAS OPTION TO RETURN

Mrs. Mamie Harris of Ocracoke Island, an intelligent and gay-spirited woman of 59 in a peach-colored dress with a blue silk neckerchief, came to Chapel Hill with Mr. and Mrs. Willis Posey this week and after a two days' visit to the J. O. Baileys went on with the Poseys to Cleveland, Ohio.

On her way to Chapel Hill she saw the Capitol in Raleigh and many other interesting sights. Before this trip she had never been further from Ocracoke than Nash county.

"We've told her that if she gets dissatisfied in Cleveland we'll bring her right back home," said Mr. Posey. He lived in Mrs. Harris's home for about a year, when he was on the island recovering his health, and they became devoted friends.

Although Mrs. Harris has not been out into the world, the world has come to her. Governors and other state officials, doctors, lawyers, bankers, going to Ocracoke on vacations, have departed with delightful memories of her friendship.

She said that the tales that came from Ocracoke about the recent storm were highly exaggerated.

"What they said about the gale was true enough," she said, "and the ocean waves did wash across the island. But the water on Ocracoke wasn't nine feet high and the population wasn't driven off by the storm to take refuge in the lighthouse. Only about 40 people of the 450 on the island went to the light house. The rest stayed in their houses, and most of the wetting they got was from rain coming through leaks in the roofs. The wind blew at 90 or 100 miles an hour."

Lewis Utley's Visit

Lewis Utley was in the village from Saturday to Tuesday. Born and brought up in Chapel Hill, he is now a municipal employee in Minneapolis. He is in the department which installs and maintains the city's signs.

One evening in the course of his visit he went out to see his sister, Mrs. Sallie McCauley. He left Tuesday for Fayetteville to see his daughter. Thence he is going to Macon to visit his son Leroy, and from Macon he will return to Minneapolis. He is 68 years old.

"I hope to come back to Chapel Hill in a year or so to settle down for the rest of my life," he said.

Mr. Utley swapped recollections with some of the old-timers. One thing he recalled was that he turned on the first electric current used in Chapel Hill. That was on the 2nd of October, 1895. He was in command of the University power house which stood about where Phillips hall is now.

Women to Meet Next Friday

There will be a mass meeting of the women of the village at 3:30 next Friday afternoon (one week from today) in the auditorium of the school building on West Franklin street. Matters of interest and importance to all women residents of Chapel Hill will be discussed.

Inadequate Protection for Trees

The destruction of the trees by an oil company, on the sidewalk in front of the lot the company bought from the Methodist church, raises this question:

How are the people of Chapel Hill going to have the trees on the streets protected?

Several years ago the board of aldermen adopted a resolution that, when it was proposed to cut down any tree, the proposal should be submitted to a committee headed by W. C. Coker, professor of botany. But this rule was completely disregarded in the recent case.

The aldermen did not even meet to discuss the matter. A representative of the Pure Oil Company made an enticing offer to the Methodist church for the parsonage lot; he dangled a check in front of the church stewards and said that the company would not buy unless it had a permit to cut down the trees on the sidewalk; Clyde Eubanks consulted three members of the board of aldermen

—P. L. Burch, R. J. M. Hobbs, and J. T. Dobbins, who, with himself, made a majority; heavy emphasis was laid upon the importance to the Methodist church of the sale of the property, and they agreed to Mr. Eubanks' request; he instructed Town Manager Caldwell to issue the permit; and Mr. Caldwell did so.

And so Chapel Hill, which already has more filling stations than it needs, is to have another one; and it has lost a pair of beautiful shade trees.

One member of the board, R. H. Wettach, did not return from his vacation until the trees were down. Matt Thompson was not elected to the board, to succeed the late M. E. Hogan, until two days later, after the permit was issued.

When W. C. Coker came home, it was too late for him to do anything about it, for then the work of destruction had been completed.

"It has long been the practice

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Town Returns to Old Garbage Collection Plan

As a result of protests made by citizens at a meeting of the board of aldermen a few weeks ago, the town has returned to its former method of collecting garbage. That is, it does not require containers to be placed in sight of the street; they must be "reasonably accessible from the street," which means that either the truck will come to the back yard or the truckmen will walk to the back yard and tote the containers to the truck.

But the town holds to the change in financing the collection of garbage. The cost of the service is now included in the town budget and is equal to 10 cents in the tax rate. The de-

crease in the rest of the budget, from last year, is equal to 5 cents in the rate, so that the net increase in the rate is 5 cents. The rate was \$1.60 in 1935 and is \$1.65 in 1936.

A property owner with an assessment of \$9,000, who paid \$9 a year for garbage removal under the old fee system, comes out just even in the change, since 10 cents on the tax rate is, for him, equal to \$9. If his assessment is less than \$9,000 he gains by the change; if it is more than \$9,000 he loses.

The ordinance adopted by the aldermen, about the method of collecting garbage, is as follows:

Section 1: All garbage, other than liquids, from residences which is to be collected by the town of Chapel Hill shall be placed or caused to be placed by the occupant of the house in a metal container, with close fitting top, of not more than 25 gallon capacity.

Section 2: Said containers shall be placed in such a position that they will be reasonably accessible from the street to the garbage collector, but in no case shall they be placed on the street or sidewalk.

Section 3: Any individual engaged in the hauling of garbage shall first obtain from the city manager a permit without cost.

Section 4: Any person, firm, or corporation violating the terms of this ordinance shall be punished as provided by the state law for violation of municipal ordinances.

Choral Club Rehearsal

To Be Held at 7:30 Monday Evening in the Hill Music Hall

The Chapel Hill Choral Club will have the first rehearsal, in preparation for its Christmas program, at 7:30 Monday evening in the Hill Music hall. Composed of members of the faculty, other citizens, and students, the club has no dues and is organized entirely on a voluntary basis. Whoever likes to sing is invited to come to the rehearsal.

This year the club will be under the direction of John E. Toms, who has succeeded H. Grady Miller as head of voice teaching and director of glee clubs in the University. For three years he was a member of the Oberlin A. Capella Choir; later he was with the University of Michigan chorus, and he has directed choirs and choruses in Ohio, Iowa, and Texas.

The executive committee—Glen Haydon, Mrs. H. R. Huse, Mrs. E. L. Mackie, Mrs. A. S. Wheeler (accompanist), Mrs. O. F. Jensen, and A. C. Howell (chairman)—is making up a year's program which will include both modern and classical choral works. Mr. Toms is anxious to have a large group of singers at the first meeting; a special welcome is extended to newcomers in the village and in the student body.

Miss Jordan Engaged

Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Melville Jordan announce the engagement of their daughter, Margaret Nicholson, to Harry C. McBair of Essex Falls, N. J. Mr. McBair is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Horace Lindon McBair.

Chapel Hill Chaff

"I don't see why I shouldn't live to be a hundred. I feel as strong as I did forty years ago."

This is what Lewis Utley, now 68 years old, said to me when he dropped in at the printshop Monday, and I could well believe that his hopes would come true. I was amazed at his look of strength and the springiness of his movements. Why is it that some men, as they grow old, seem to take on new vigor, while others, apparently just as sound at forty and far more careful about taking care of themselves, offer no defiance to the years? Often I marvel at this.

Forty years ago we used to have ice-skating every winter, three or four weeks of it in some years. Lewis Utley was the best skater in Chapel Hill, and I remember how, as a small boy, I used to admire him as he did fancy figures on the pond at King's Mill (on Morgan's creek, two miles south of the village). I recalled this to him Monday, and he said:

"Well, I do a lot more skating now than I did then, and am much better at it. I live in Minneapolis. There is a lake a little way from my home, and during the winter I'm on it pretty nearly every day. And when the weather is warm I play baseball. There are some boys who have laid out a diamond up the street not far from me, and I seem to hold my own pretty well with them; anyhow, they show they don't mind my joining in with 'em."

In "The Mikado" there is a song on the theme of "make the punishment fit the crime." Which suggests to me that I would like to see, on the hottest

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Koch Lecture Tonight

Playmakers' Chieftain Will Tell of Development of Folk Plays

The Carolina Playmakers' season will open at 7:30 this (Friday) evening in the Playmakers Theatre with an illustrated lecture by Frederick H. Koch. He will tell of the beginning of folk plays in North Dakota and of their development here.

Slides of Paul Green's and Tom Wolfe's early plays, and of Sheppard Strudwick and Eugenia Rawls when they first began acting, will be shown. Mr. Strudwick and Miss Rawls are now successful actors in New York.

Everybody who is interested in taking an active part with the Playmakers this year is invited to stay for an informal gathering after the lecture.

Mr. Burch Prefers a Circuitous Route

P. L. Burch, alderman, thinks that when he and Mrs. Burch go to the movies hereafter they will go by a circuitous route, if he can manage it—either along Cameron avenue and through the campus or along Rosemary street and around by the post office. It means a much longer journey but will be more comfortable for Mr. Burch.

As alderman Mr. Burch was consulted by Clyde Eubanks about the town's giving a permit for the removal of the trees on the sidewalk in front of the Methodist parsonage, where the new filling station was to go up. He acceded to the request for the permit so that the Methodist church could sell the property.

"This is the first time since

Revision and Publication of Town Ordinances Declared by Aldermen to Be Urgent Need

Mrs. Green Milks Cow

One reason Paul Green, the dramatist, decided to give up his home in the village and build one out in the country was that he wanted to keep a cow. "I don't want my boy to grow up without knowing anything about cows," he said.

"And you'll be milking it if you don't look out," Mrs. Green's friends said to her. For Mr. Green, who, having been reared on a farm, is an expert milker, is away for days, sometimes weeks, writing and directing plays.

The prophecy came true one day last week. The man who had been employed to take care of the cow failed to turn up for the afternoon milking. As the cow became more and more impatient, it made doleful noises.

So Mrs. Green seized a pail, and with young Paul as assistant went out to see what she could do. Never having done milking, she tackled the job with misgivings. But with determination—and where there's a will there's a way. She succeeded in extracting enough milk to comfort the cow and nourish the children.

Bank to Close at 2

Trial of 9-to-1 Schedule Has Shown It to Be Unsatisfactory

Beginning Monday, the Bank of Chapel Hill will re-establish 2 o'clock as its closing hour. That is, for five days of the week; on Saturdays it will continue to close at 1. The opening hour will remain unchanged—9 o'clock every day.

The bank changed from 2 o'clock to 1 o'clock closing a year or so ago. The idea was that this would cause the public little if any inconvenience and that it would be better for the bank's employees to take their midday meal after the doors closed instead of going out to eat during banking hours; thus, the whole force would be on duty while the public was being served.

"We have given the plan a trial and have decided it doesn't work well," said Cashier W. E. Thompson yesterday. "The employees have had to stay on for some time after 1 o'clock, to clean up immediate tasks, and so their midday meal has been thrown too late. And members of the faculty and other persons connected with the University, who have business to transact at the bank, have often been kept at their work on the campus until after the bank closed."

Wright Apt to Succeed Baity

It appears likely that Stanley H. Wright, who has been first assistant to Herman G. Baity in the state P.W.A. office here, will succeed Mr. Baity, who resigned recently as state director. United States Senator J. W. Bailey said this week that he had recommended Mr. Wright for the post. "It's a technical job and ought to be filled by a man who is technically trained and familiar with the work," said Mr. Bailey. Meaning that the appointment should not be determined by political considerations.

Enrollment Reaches Peak

The number of students registered in the University is now 2,948. Never before in its history has the institution begun the year with an enrollment this high.

Enactments through Many Years So Confused that Often They Can't Be Found When Wanted

BURIED IN MINUTE BOOKS

The issuing by the town government early this month of a permit for the cutting down of trees on Franklin street has drawn attention to the confusion that prevails as to the ordinances of the municipality.

The plain truth is that nobody knows what is and what is not the law in Chapel Hill. The ordinances are scattered through minute books running back fifty years or more. A search for one may require several days; and when it has been found the searcher doesn't know whether or not it has been changed or repealed by some later ordinance.

Members of the board of aldermen have frequently complained of not being able to learn what the law is, with respect to this or that matter.

For example, there is the question of trees. It is remembered by many citizens that the aldermen adopted a resolution that any proposal to cut down a tree on the street must be submitted to a committee headed by W. C. Coker, but the editor was unable to find a record of the resolution at the town office this week. It is tucked away somewhere in the minutes, but where? The present town manager has been keeping an index, but it covers only those ordinances.

The Duke-Colgate Game

The Duke University and the Colgate University football teams will meet at 2:30 tomorrow (Saturday) afternoon in the Duke stadium. Since the University of North Carolina team will be away from home, many Chapel Hill people are going to the match in Durham. Reserved seats and general admission tickets are on sale at the Student Co-Op on Franklin street.

For several years Colgate has had one of the most formidable football teams in the country, but, since only three or four of the first-string men of 1935 are in the line-up, the general opinion is that Duke will win. Among Duke's lettermen of 1935 who are again in action this year are Ace Parker, Hackney, Harwood Smith, and Johnny Johnston.

Whit Jaeger is Colgate's great star. "All sorts of adjectives have been used to describe him," writes Fred Haney in the Durham Herald. "They've called him a human kangaroo, a human windmill, a whirling dervish. Actually, he's just a natural football player who flings his arms and legs when he runs, pivots and uses a stiff arm, and gets in the open if he has a chance."

"The Drunkard"

P. T. Barnum's morality play, "The Drunkard," will be the Carolina Playmakers' first production this fall, with Harry Davis as director. Three performances will be given, October 22, 23, and 24. There will be special features between the acts. Try-outs will begin this next Monday.

Graduate Students in Drama

Fifteen graduate students are registered in the University's new department of the drama.