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## Political Union Will Celebrate Its Anniversary

Brewster-Maverick Debate in Memorial Hall Will Be Preceded by Banquet at Inn

THOMAS DIXON A SPEAKER

Thomas Dixon, famous orator and novelist; Robert W. Winston, jurist and author; Miss Beatrice Cobb, member of the Democratic national committee; Mrs. J. B. Spilman, former vice-chairman of the Democratic state committee; and D. L. Ward, secretary of the Democratic party in North Carolina and member of the legislature will be after-dinner speakers at the Carolina Political Union's banquet at the Carolina Inn Tuesday evening.

This banquet, which will precede the Brewster-Maverick debate in Memorial Hall, will be a part of the celebration of the Union's first anniversary.

In the debate ex-Governor Brewster of Maine, now congressman from that state, will oppose President Roosevelt's plan for the reorganization of the Supreme Court, and Maury Maverick, congressman from Texas, will uphold it.

Since its founding by Frank McGlenn last spring, the union has brought many prominent men to speak here. Among them were Frank Knox, Republican candidate for vice-president; Postmaster General Farley; ex-Governor Talmadge of Georgia; and Senator Rush Holt of West Virginia.

The Carolina Political Union won a cup offered to the student organization which had performed the greatest service in the University during the last year. Frank McGlenn, president of the Union, was named by the *Daily Tar Heel* as "man of the year" on the University campus. The paper said of him: "He developed the Carolina Political Union into the greatest service organization at Carolina. McGlenn has dramatized unexcelled student leadership on this campus."

## The Pre-School Clinic

Children Who Are to Enter in Fall Will Be Examined Next Week

Physical examination of the children who are to enter the Chapel Hill school next fall for the first time will be held Tuesday and Wednesday by Dr. W. P. Richardson, district health officer. He will be assisted by Miss Baity, supervising nurse, and by members of the Parent-Teacher Association who will serve as record-keepers.

The parents of children out in the country are asked to bring them to the elementary school between 9 and 12 o'clock Tuesday morning. Children in town should be there between 9 and 12 Wednesday morning.

## The Students' Art Exhibit

An exhibit of pictures made by University students—oils, water colors, charcoals, pencils, and photographs—will open at 2 o'clock day after tomorrow (Sunday) in the Person Hall Art Gallery and will remain there through Commencement.

About 35 students are represented by the 75 pictures. Entries have not been limited to members of the art classes in the University; all the material submitted has been judged, and the best work has been accepted for the exhibit.

In the smaller of the two display rooms in the building

## Carrying Pistol, Insane Man Visits Power Plant to Regain His Old Job

As Officers John Blake and Hubert Yeargan sat in a car parked before the Carolina theatre, at 2:15 Monday morning, they saw a shambling figure in overalls moving toward them along the street.

He was recognized by Blake as a man who lived about a mile beyond Carrboro and who had worked as an engineer in the University power plant 14 years ago. A pistol was holstered at his hip.

When Mr. Blake asked where he was going he replied that he was on his way to work at the plant. The officer expressed surprise at this.

"Yes," the man said, "I've got my old job back again."

"What are you carrying that pistol for?" asked Blake.

"A lot of people are jealous of me for working down at the plant, and I carry it to protect myself with. You see, I've got it in plain sight. I can't be arrested for that."

"No," said Blake, "there's no law against that."

The man walked away in the direction of the University campus. Officer Blake, suspicious, soon had Glen Snipes, night en-

gineer at the power plant, on the telephone. Snipes said the man had not been re-hired.

"Well, you'd better get ready," said Blake, "because he's on his way down there with a pistol. I'll be right down."

By the time Blake and Yeargan reached the plant, the man had tried the locked front door and was on his way around to the back. The officers overtook him just as he was about to enter the building.

When Blake asked him who had hired him, he went into a long story.

"God hired me," he said. "I taught these fellows down here all they know about these engines and dynamos and boilers, and now God has told me to come back and run this place just like I used to. I brought this pistol along to take care of anybody who tries to stop me. I'll handle those fellows in there if they get in my way."

Blake expressed an interest in the caliber and make of the pistol and asked if he could examine it. The man refused emphatically, but the policeman's remarks about the gun caused

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## University Trustee Muffs Ball

What are the obligations of a University trustee?

In general, they are well understood: to attend meetings, to hear reports from the President, to approve faculty appointments and honorary degrees, to fidget as the midday meal hour draws near, and occasionally to cast a vote in some world-rocking controversy such as one about football eligibility rules.

Hardly anybody would say that skill in handling a baseball should be required of a trustee, yet there comes a time . . .

Strangely (in view of the decline of college baseball in recent years) a big crowd was present at the Virginia-Carolina game on Emerson field last Saturday. As the seventh inning began the teams were locked in a tie. The spectators were tense.

A Virginia batsman lifted a foul to short right field. The fielder and the first baseman saw it was surely out of reach and stopped running for it. The ball came down toward a tall thin man leaning on the fence alongside the playing field. It was Carl Durham, whom the legislature a few weeks ago appointed a trustee.

A moment before, supported by the fence, he had been utterly relaxed. Now he straightened up, looked eagerly at the approaching ball, and put his hands in a receptive position.

In the grandstand a few feet away from him sat a group of old-timers, among them Dr. Foy

Roberson, Dr. Robert B. Lawson, Mayor William F. Carr of Durham, and myself. We were all well acquainted with him. So were scores of the younger people in the crowd, but probably they were less concerned than we were about his performance in this crisis. Here was a member of the board of trustees about to be put to the test. He stood before the throng, with all eyes

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## Miss Booker Is Honored

Elected to Alpha Kappa Gamma, Women's Honorary Order

Miss Nell Booker of Chapel Hill was one of the seven co-eds recently elected to Alpha Kappa Gamma, women's honorary order in the University, which annually takes in women students who have been prominent in scholarship and campus activities.

Miss Booker has done art work for the *Daily Tar Heel*, the *Carolina Magazine*, and the *Buccaneer*. She is town representative on the Women's Council and has been an active worker in the Y. W. C. A. Her great grandfather was Kemp Plummer Battle, President of the University from 1876 to 1891, and her father is John M. Booker, professor of English literature in the University.

Other women students taken into the order this spring are Polly Pollock, Nancy Schallert, Evelyn Barker, Mary Kapp, Mamie Rose McGinnis, and Nancy Nesbit.

Alpha Kappa Gamma was organized here in 1935. Among its members are Misses Eliza Rose, Jane Ross, Anita DeMonseigle, Ellen Deppe, Gretchen Gores, Ida Winstead, Louise Davis, and Ruth Crowell.

## Swalins to Give Recital

Benjamin Swalin, violinist, and Maxine Swalin, pianist, will give a recital at 5 o'clock Sunday evening in the Graham Memorial. Everybody is invited. The program will consist of compositions from Bach, Debussy, Scriabine, Ravel, Szymanowski, and Wieniawski.

## Chapel Hill Chaff

I have a notion that when I get around to it I'll go interview Harold D. Meyer on the question of whether or not crawling up a storm sewer is a meritorious use of leisure time. This is suggested by a *News and Observer* editorial (which I take to have been written by Jonathan Daniels) saying that "something might be lost if the time off of the folks were made the material for the busy hands and minds of college professors and other experts."

Mr. Daniels doesn't want to be too hard on those who give advice on leisure-time activities. He concedes them something—but he has his doubts. "Leisure, of course, can degenerate into loafing and loafing into crime and other anti-social activities. . . . Certainly there is no doubt that these recreationalists can point to achievements. But a man remembering a boyhood which included crawling up storm sewers, lit only by light-wood torches of the crawlers, from about Shaw University to the present site of the Sir Walter hotel, doubts whether such an expedition would have been approved by a recreationalist or whether a recreationalist could have thought up anything that was quite as much fun to take its place."

The probability is that the play directors have a wider range of approved sports than the Raleigh editor supposes. I shouldn't be surprised to discover, when I question Mr. Meyer, that the Federal Recreation Administration, or whatever they call it, has a storm sewer department, or something cor-

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## Sportsmen to Assemble

Will Talk of Hunting and Fishing at Meeting at 8 P. M. Monday

Sportsmen—meaning not golf and tennis and handball players, but hunters and fishermen—will meet at 8 o'clock Monday evening in the Pickwick theatre to talk about the approaching fishing season at the University lake and to discuss plans for the protection of game.

This is to be a meeting not only of the Izaak Walton League of Chapel Hill; all persons interested in hunting and fishing are invited.

English Bagby is the president of the League, and the rules committee, which regulates fishing at the lake, is made up of Dr. Hedgpeh, Moody Durham, and C. P. Hinshaw.

"Thus far our organization has been concerned only with fishing," said Dr. Hedgpeh yesterday. "Now we plan to have one with a broader purpose. We may affiliate with some national body that is active in game protection."

## Actors Will Speak French

French-speaking actors will perform in Moliere's comedy, "Monsieur de Pourceaugnac," at 8:30 next Friday evening, May 14, in the Playmakers theatre. Urban T. Holmes will have the title role of the stupid country nobleman. Others in the cast will be Mrs. H. R. Huse, Mrs. Leroy Smith, Mrs. Charles Looney, J. C. Lyons, Leon Wiley, Bob Coker, L. L. Barrett, F. C. Hayes, George Adams, Laurence Cheek, and Fred Allred.

Mr. and Mrs. Hoops' Visit Johannes Hoops, the distinguished German scholar, and Mrs. Hoops were in the village this week. They were guests of Mr. and Mrs. John M. Booker.

## Robertson, Hellen, and Bowman Chosen as Three New Aldermen; L. J. Phipps Re-elected Judge

### Lightning Strikes

In the midst of a violent thunderstorm about two hours before dawn yesterday a bolt of lightning, struck the A. C. Howell home on Tenney Circle and narrowly missed Mrs. W. O. Holmes, Mrs. Howell's mother.

It smashed the plaster by the edge of a dormer window, tore loose several feet of the base-board, and made a scorched spot on the floor just under Mrs. Holmes's head.

Unhurt and in a cheerful mood when the editor called after breakfast, she said:

"The feeling I had was as if I had had a hard blow on the side of the head, and the sound was like a sledge-hammer striking against the head-board."

She reached up to turn on the reading-light above her head, but it had been put out of commission. She did not call anybody and in a little while went back to sleep.

Strangely, the stroke made no break in the roof or the outer wall of the house.

### To Review Valuations

Board of Assessors Will Hold Hearing in Pickwick Theatre Tomorrow

The Orange County Board of Assessors, composed of D. D. Carroll (chairman), E. L. Lockhart, and B. F. Wilson will be in the Pickwick theatre from 1:30 to 5 o'clock tomorrow (Saturday) to hear complaints on tax valuations of real estate in Chapel Hill.

A letter has been sent to every property owner in the township, giving notice of the hearing.

"It is the purpose of this board," says the letter, "to bring about a fair adjustment of real estate valuations as between different sections of the county and as between individual property owners. If you feel that the valuation of your property is out of line with that of other taxpayers, the board will be glad to hear your complaint. It reserves the right to lower or raise the valuation of any property, whether or not the owner raises a complaint, after considering all the facts available.

"The board will appreciate the cooperation of property owners to the end that all real estate may be assessed on a fair and equitable basis."

G. W. Ray, the county's tax supervisor, is acting as secretary of the board.

John W. Umstead, Jr., has been elected president of the University German Club for the coming year.

## Haywood Duke Is Leaving

Haywood Duke, who has been manager of the Carolina Inn since the fall of 1935, has resigned to become manager of the King Cotton hotel in Greensboro.

The University and the village don't like it. Neither does Mr. Duke, he says, but the offer from Greensboro was so attractive that he "just couldn't turn it down." He will enter upon his new duties Monday.

Discussing the departure in melancholy tones yesterday, a citizen of the village had a thought that cheered him. "Well, you remember Jim Fowler?" he said. "Jim went to Greensboro three or four years ago, also because he had a fine opportunity

Only 551 Voters, Which Shows People Are Not Much Interested in Town's Affairs

### Foushee Is Mayor Again

Paul Robertson, with 284 votes; George Hellen, with 281; and F. O. Bowman, with 264, were elected to the Chapel Hill board of aldermen in the municipal election Tuesday. Their four-year term of office begins June 1.

For judge of the recorder's court, L. J. Phipps, the present incumbent, defeated Roy McGinnis, 368 to 183.

Besides the three winners there were four other candidates for the board of aldermen. Clarence Pickard received 250 votes, J. T. Dobbins 205, Matt Thompson 192, and Raymond Adams 128.

John M. Foushee, unopposed, was re-elected mayor with 468 votes.

The mayor and the judge serve two years.

The terms of three aldermen, J. T. Dobbins, Matt Thompson, and Clyde Eubanks, expire this year. Mr. Eubanks did not run for re-election.

R. H. Wettach, P. L. Burch, and R. J. M. Hobbs are members of the board who have two more years to serve. The terms of the aldermen overlap, so that three are elected every two years.

The total number of voters Tuesday was 551. This reflects a lack of interest on the part of Chapel Hill people in their municipal affairs. There are somewhere between 1,200 and 1,500 persons in Chapel Hill who are qualified to vote.

### A Children's Concert

Will Be Given May 24 in Memorial Hall; Mrs. McCall in Command

The elementary school children of Orange county are to be guests at a children's concert Monday afternoon, May 24, in Memorial hall. The balcony will be reserved for the children of the Orange county training school. To help meet expenses, an admission fee of 25 cents will be charged for adults. Mrs. Fred B. McCall, as chairman of the junior music division of the Community Club, is directing the enterprise.

### Tea for the Dames

Mrs. W. P. Few will give a tea for the Duke Dames and the Carolina Dames at 4 o'clock Saturday afternoon, May 15, at her home on the west campus of Duke University. Anyone wishing to attend is asked to call Mrs. H. W. Straley at 6131.

### Sparrow's Pool Is Open

The Sparrow swimming pool, out beyond Carrboro about two miles from the middle of Chapel Hill, opened yesterday. It has been repaired and renovated, and a shelter with three tables is being built for picnickers. The pool will be open every day from now through the summer and into the fall. As in past years, Mrs. Jo Sparrow will be in command.