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Aldermen Asked To Put Ban on Short Garments

Mrs. Lawson Thinks Prohibition Should Apply to All Persons of School Age

BOARD DEFERS DECISION

Mrs. Robert B. Lawson appealed to the aldermen Wednesday evening, at the first meeting since the election of the new members (Paul Robertson, George Hellen, and F. O. Bowman), to enact an ordinance outlawing the wearing of "shorts" on the streets of the village. "Shorts" is a garment that leaves the legs, upper as well as lower, bare, and, as to males, leaves the body above the waist uncovered.

Mrs. Lawson said that not even at Coney Island and other beach resorts where liberality prevailed, were people allowed to go about in the streets as lightly clad as they often are here in Chapel Hill; for the good name of the community, the authorities should prohibit a practice that was an offense against decency.

Mrs. Lawson was asked whether she would make a distinction, as to the sort of clothing to be allowed, between children and grown-up young men.

"I think the ordinance against 'shorts' should apply to everybody of school age," she replied. (School age begins at 6). "If children have to have sun baths, there is plenty of space in the backyards for that. There is no reason why they should take their sun baths on the street. People who come here from other places are surprised at the way students and children go" (Continued on last page)

French Play Twice

Will Be Given at 8:30 This Evening and at 8 Tomorrow Evening

The farce comedy, "Monsieur de Pourceaugnac," in which all the actors will speak Moliere's lines in the original French, will be presented twice—at 8:30 this (Friday) evening and at 8 tomorrow (Saturday) evening in the Playmakers theatre.

Tickets may be ordered from the French department by telephone (3891) and will be delivered by messenger: The price of admission is 50 cents (for students, 25 cents).

The farce will be followed by a horror play in the manner of the Grand Guignol, "Fin d'Après-midi d'Automne," by Walter Creech.

In the cast of the Moliere play will be Mrs. H. R. Huse, Mrs. Leroy Smith, Mrs. Charles Looney, U. T. Holmes, J. C. Lyons, Leon Wiley, F. C. Hayes, L. L. Barrett, George Adams, Lawrence Cheek, Fred Allred, and Bob Coker. The musical accompaniments will be by Mrs. Athol Burnham and Peter Hansen.

Mavericks Guests of Moores

Mr. and Mrs. Maury Maverick were guests of the Harry Moores at Mrs. Abernethy's this week. The Moores gave a party for them after the debate Tuesday evening. They returned to Washington Wednesday.

Battle Park Ass'n Meeting

There will be a meeting of the Battle Park Association at 5 o'clock Tuesday afternoon at the picnic grounds in the park. All members and friends are urged to attend.

Church Janitor Smears Oil on Wall; Suspected of Move Against Sitters; Says He "Did It to Keep Bugs Down"

People going along the south sidewalk of Franklin street Tuesday morning observed that oil, black and oozy and messy, had been spread upon the stone wall in front of the Methodist churchyard for its entire length of about 100 yards.

Negro nurse girls, out for the fresh air with the babies of their employers, had made it their custom to sit on the wall, and gossip and watch the world go by, while the babies toddled on the sidewalk or the church lawn. It looked very much as if the oil had been put there to keep the nurses off.

Murmurings among the citizenry were heard. What sort of Christianity was this? The Savior's words—"suffer the little children to come unto Me"—were cited.

News of the anointing of the wall was brought to Clyde Eubanks, a steward of the Methodist church. He walked across the street to inspect and returned to the drugstore shaking his head in sorrow.

"I don't know anything about it," he told an inquirer.

Jim Fowler, another steward, was asked by H. A. Whitfield in reproachful tones:

"What do you folks mean by putting all the dirty oil on the wall? Why not let the Negro nurses and the children sit there all they please?"

This was the first Jim had heard of the oil. He disclaimed any responsibility, but Mr. Whitfield's derisive smile said: "Oh, yeah?"

The editor of the village paper went to the church office and asked the pastor, Rev. A. P. Brantley, about it. Mr. Brantley was aghast. He had not seen the oil or been told about it. With his caller he went out and looked at it.

The church's Negro janitor is Walter Edwards, and the editor suggested that maybe Walter, on his own hook, had put the oil on the wall. This recalled a sign that the janitor had put up beside the wall last year and that had promptly been taken down at the pastor's command. Mr. Brantley kept the sign in a filing case. It is reproduced here: (Continued on last page)

Rift in Town's Oldest Negro Church; Seceders Are to Put up New Building

As a result of a rift in Chapel Hill's oldest Negro church, the Rock Hill Baptist, a seceding group are preparing to build a new church on Graham avenue near Franklin street.

The division is deplored by many of the leading Negro citizens here not only because of the bad feeling it has aroused but because of the serious financial difficulties involved in the maintenance of the two churches.

"At the Mother's Day services last Sunday, which drew a larger attendance than usual," the editor was told by a Negro not a member of either faction, "both congregations together

were not more than large enough for one church. Before this split there were already five Negro churches in Chapel Hill and Carrboro, and the total Negro population is not really large enough to support more than two churches."

The differences of opinion in the church began several months ago, after Rev. John Jones had come here from Durham to be the assistant pastor upon the recommendation of the venerable Rev. L. H. Hackney, who had been pastor of the church for more than half a century. Some members of the congregation attached themselves to Mr. (Continued on last page)

Chapel Hill Chaff

John Johnson, the Negro janitor, came into my office and said:

"The truck I was tellin' you about is out in the yard, Mr. Graves; the one that's had twenty-two sets of license tags."

I went out, and there under the willow tree in front of the printshop was a dusty, weather-beaten Ford truck that had been in steady operation since 1915. Alongside, smiling proudly, was W. M. Perkins, who lives on a farm out at White Cross, about eight miles west of Chapel Hill. His is the oldest vehicle, still running, in this part of the country.

"I haven't bought but twenty sets of tags for it," he said, "because my brother had it two years before I got it. He bought it new from Bruce Strowd in 1915, and I bought it from him in 1917."

"I make all the repairs myself, but there haven't been many to make. I haven't had to get any new parts except brake bands and every now and then a timer."

"Ever since I got it I've been hauling an average of five cords of wood a week into Chapel Hill. And I make the Ford do my sawing, too; just jack up a back wheel, put around it a belt that's connected up with the saw, and start the engine going."

"I'd have a self-starter, but there's no place to put one; so I just crank her up the way I did fifteen years ago."

Mr. Perkins has a bitter antipathy to the hand-operated gear-shift. Once he bought a passenger car with the modern gear-shift. He threw the clutch in wrong (reverse instead of forward) and narrowly escaped a collision. Then he put his car into the barn and never used it again.

Clyde Eubanks attended the convention of the North Carolina Pharmaceutical Association this week in Raleigh.

Govt. Selects 20 Square Miles Near University Lake as Place To Make Aerial Maps of Farms

Mr. Chang Likes Us

Y. Z. Chang, the Chinese scholar who was visiting professor here last year, writes for the *South Atlantic Bulletin* an article on "Chapel Hill as I Knew It." Here are extracts from it: "It happens that the number of faculty members is large enough, though not too large for them to form one academic family, sufficiently diversified but quite homogeneous and congenial. The faculty offices of the various departments are so arranged that members of related departments are thrown naturally together and easily accessible. People interested in one branch of the humanities frequently meet people interested in some other branches. When a problem of interest arises, it is very easy to find a colleague in a different department to talk" (Continued on last page)

Hamilton, Golf Captain

Chapel Hill Youth Has Been Beaten in Only Two Matches This Year

Horace Hamilton of Chapel Hill has been elected captain of the University golf team. The duties and obligations of the post are what might be called *ex post facto*—or is it retroactive?—since the golf season is about over.

Here is not an assignment to duty but a recognition of excellent performance. Playing No. 2 on the University team, Hamilton has come out victor in all his matches this year except two. Among the meets in which he won were those with Tennessee, Wake Forest, and Boston College.

The University team has been defeated only once in its 11 dual meets this year.

The Carolina-Duke meet will take place next Wednesday on the Hope Valley course. Hamilton is booked to play Dupree.

Purpose is to Make Check on Compliance with Program of Soil Conservation

PHOTOGRAPHING IS BEGUN

The United States Department of Agriculture has chosen a 20-square-mile area just west of Chapel Hill, around the University Lake, as the ground for an experiment with aerial map-making. The map will be used to determine whether or not farmers have complied with all the requirements of the Federal Soil Conservation program.

It is necessary to have a map of each individual farm, showing the size of fields and the kinds of crops planted. Last year local supervisors, who had been instructed in simplified methods of surveying, made a trip to every farm and estimated or measured every field. It is because of the expense of such a procedure that the Government is experimenting in a few areas with aerial photography.

This University Lake area has already been photographed at an approximate altitude of 20,000 feet. As each photograph is taken, the exact altitude is recorded; thus, when the composite picture of the area is made, there will be some variation because of variations in altitude. To insure accuracy it was necessary to measure the distance between two points on the ground which were recognizable in each photograph.

Then it was possible to determine a uniform scale for all the photographs by making adjustments in the enlargement of each. When the enlarged (Continued on last page)

Skinner Succeeds Duke

Carolina Inn's New Acting-Manager Has Been on Staff Five Years

Leigh Skinner is acting manager of the Carolina Inn. He succeeds Haywood Duke, who has gone to Greensboro to manage the King Cotton Hotel.

Mr. Skinner has been on the staff of the Inn for the last five years. He is a native of Raleigh and an alumnus of Emory and Columbia universities. His wife, formerly Miss Sally Milton Carter, took her master's degree at the University in 1935.

Kirby Smith has been promoted to assistant acting manager. He was graduated from the University last spring.

Mr. Duke assumed his duties in Greensboro Monday. Mrs. Duke and the children, Marietta and Betsy, will stay here until June, and he will come to visit them at the week-ends.

Miss Frances Wagstaff Engaged

Mr. and Mrs. Henry McGilbert Wagstaff announce the engagement of their daughter, Mary Francea, to Alexander Bacon Cox, Jr., lieutenant in the United States Navy, son of Colonel and Mrs. Alexander Bacon Cox, of El Paso, Texas. The wedding will take place here in June.

Tennis Victories in the North

The University tennis players have had another triumphant tour in the North. Among the teams which they vanquished were Navy, Army, Lehigh, New York University, Yale, and Princeton. The team is playing in the Southern Conference tournament in Richmond, Va., at this week-end.

Preparing for the Big Celebration on Roanoke Island. The President is Coming!



This photograph shows a committee selecting the site for the presentation of the pageant-drama, "The Lost Colony," on Roanoke Island. From left to right: Paul Green, Melvin R. Daniels, W. O. Saunders, F. H. Koch, Chauncey S. Meekins, Martin Kellogg, Jr., D. B. Fearing, and I. P. Davis. The picture is reproduced from "The State" by permission of Carl Goerch.

Now that President Roosevelt has made known his purpose to come to the Roanoke Island celebration this summer, thus augmenting the *kudos* already accumulated for the affair by the association with it of Frederick H. Koch, W. O. Saunders, and Paul Green, the people of Dare county are jubilantly preparing for the liveliest summer in the long history of that remote region where the first Anglo-Saxon colony was planted in the New World.

Jubilantly, and yet somewhat

uneasily. For how are they going to take care of the throng of many thousand visitors who are expected to be there when the President comes on the 18th of August, the 350th anniversary of the birthday of Virginia Dare? Manteo, the island capital, is a village with a small hotel and a few homes where rooms may be rented. Over at Nag's Head, on the ocean, there are accommodations for only a few dozen transients. Of course a great many of the visitors will arrive and depart on the same

day, and so will not require sleeping quarters; but even to provide them a meal or two and parking space will be a gigantic undertaking for the islanders.

Paul Green is writing the pageant-drama, "The Lost Colony," which is to have its first presentation July 4. He has been working on it for weeks, and it will soon be ready for the rehearsals.

D. B. Fearing, secretary of the Roanoke Colony Memorial Association, has been preparing for the celebration for years, and

when President Roosevelt definitely promised to make the Virginia Dare Day address, Mr. Fearing's organization began to redouble its efforts to make ready for the crowd.

Norfolk, Va., and Elizabeth City are cooperating with Dare county in the undertaking.

The first English settlers in America landed on Roanoke Island, and here three English colonizing attempts were made 21 years before Capt. John Smith came to Jamestown and 33 years before the landing of the Pilgrims at Plymouth Rock.