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Contractor Will Begin Monday to Build New P. O.

Contract Has Been Awarded to L. B. Gallimore of Greensboro on Bid of \$94,500

THE FORCE IS JUBILANT

The contract for Chapel Hill's new post office has been let to L. B. Gallimore of Greensboro on his bid of \$94,500.

Work will begin Monday with digging for the foundations.

The United States Treasury, the department of the government that has jurisdiction over the construction of post offices and court houses, will station an engineer here to supervise the job. W. L. Gordon is the contractor's superintendent.

"It will take at least ten months to complete the post office in Chapel Hill," said Mr. Gallimore yesterday, "because it must be built in two operations; that is, one section must be put up complete so that the post office business may be carried on in it while the other half is under construction. The new building will be set on the same site as that of the present building, and the present building will be removed before we can proceed with the last half."

The new entrance is to be on Franklin street about where the present entrance is. Besides the main approach to it there will be a walkway leading up from Henderson street.

Postmaster Robert A. Eubanks, Assistant Postmaster W. S. Hegar, and the rest of the force are jubilant over the preparations for the new structure. "We've been needing more space for a long time, because of the large increase in the volume of business," says Mr. Eubanks. "That we are to have the new building is due largely to the interest and persistent effort of our congressman, Mr. Umstead."

Mildred Seydell Here

Atlanta Columnist Is Writing Series of Articles about This State

Mildred Seydell, who has traveled all over the world as a newspaper and magazine writer, has written a novel, and conducts a regular column in the Atlanta Georgian, was in Chapel Hill Monday.

By arrangement with the committee which is directing the advertising program for North Carolina, under an act of the last legislature, Mrs. Seydell is doing a series of articles about the state. Now being published in her column in the Georgian, they will appear later in a book. Mr. MacArthur, of the advertising agency which has been retained by the state, is accompanying Mrs. Seydell on her tour through the state.

Here she interviewed Maryon Saunders, Phillips Russell, and other citizens in her quest for information about the history and the present state of the University and about the village. She lunched with Mrs. J. P. Waters at the Inn.

A. A. F. Seawell a Grandfather

With the birth of Malcolm B. Seawell, Jr., last week Attorney General A. A. F. Seawell became a grandfather for the first time. Upon arrival Malcolm weighed more than ten pounds. His father, supervisor for the North Carolina Parole Board, was graduated from the University in 1931.

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

Judge Reproves "Idle Curiosity Seekers" For Derogatory Statements about Court Says There May Be Citations for Contempt

The talk with which the town has been buzzing for the last month, about the McIntosh-Fowler case, culminated Tuesday in a reproof by Judge Phipps of persons who, he said, had made false and malicious statements about his conduct of the case and whom he described as "persons who had no business in the court except as idle curiosity seekers."

Judge Phipps read his reproof from the bench and directed the clerk to "file it with the proceedings of the court for this day."

The statements in criticism of him, he said, "bordered on, if they were not, direct contempt of court," and he gave notice that "if I hear of any other similar statements about the court or any of its officials, someone will have to answer a citation for contempt."

James S. Fowler was arrested June 18 on the charge of assaulting C. E. McIntosh, Jr., McIntosh having emerged from the Model Market, after a meeting with Fowler, with a battered face and a badly blacked eye. Fowler brought a counter charge of assault against McIntosh. At the conclusion of the trials, at last week's session of the court, Judge Phipps imposed a fine of \$10, plus costs, upon each defendant.

After talking with many citizens about the case, the editor is convinced that a heavy majority opinion in the community is that the charge against McIntosh should have been dismissed and that Fowler should have been punished. The people who hold this opinion say that the evidence showed that Fowler was the aggressor and

Vettori Coming Tuesday

Metropolitan Opera Soprano to Sing in Hill Music Hall

Elda Vettori, Metropolitan Opera soprano, will sing at 8:30 Tuesday evening in the Hill Music hall. She is "in the Summer School Budget"—which, being interpreted means that there is no charge for admission.

This will be the first entertainment of the second term.

Born in Venice, Vettori was brought to America as an infant and regards herself as an American. She was trimming hats in a St. Louis millinery store when she was "discovered." In the eight years she has been with the Metropolitan she has sung roles in "Aida," "Tosca," "Forza del Destino," "Turandot," "Gloconda," "La Boheme," and other operas.

that McIntosh struck Fowler only in self-defense.

McIntosh has filed an appeal to the superior court.

One citizen who did not give voice to her disapproval of Judge Phipps' decision in any furtive or circuitous fashion was Mrs. R. B. Lawson. She accosted him on the street at the conclusion of last week's session and, in the presence of several listeners, censured him severely.

The statement which Judge Phipps read from the bench was as follows:

"There were two cases tried in this court on Monday night of last week in which the defendants were charged with assault and battery, to wit: State v. Fowler and State v. McIntosh.

"The cases were hard fought and after hearing all of the evidence which the State and the defendants produced in court and not taking into consideration any street gossip, the court found both defendants guilty of simple assault and battery. It further appeared to the court that both defendants voluntarily

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The Firemen's Barbecue

A. Henderson and Fire Chief Bennett of Durham Are Honor Guests

The Chapel Hill firemen had their annual barbecue Wednesday evening. Because the heavy rainfall had made impassable the road to their cabin down in the Morgan creek valley, the feast was served in the American Legion Hut on Rosemary lane.

Archibald Henderson, who has enjoyed an exceptionally close acquaintance with the firemen because of the frequency with which they have been called to put out a fire in his home, was one of the guests of honor. Another was Fire Chief Bennett of Durham. Mayor Foushee was toastmaster.

Foy Baker delighted the company, about fifty citizens of the village, with his usual delicious barbecued pig. There was lively chatter, and laughter, and song. It was a jolly party.

Mr. Henderson's topic was the Volunteer Spirit. He spoke of the faithfulness and devotion of the firemen in serving Chapel Hill and said that in them the community beheld a perfect embodiment of the Volunteer Spirit.

Chief Bennett talked about the high regard that the firemen of Durham and the firemen of Chapel Hill had for one another. His whimsical stories and

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F. H. Edmister and Phillips Russell Write about Screech Owls

Chapel Hill, July 21

Dear Mr. Graves:

More about the Screech Owl.

Lest we become too enthusiastic in our efforts to right the great inequalities of Nature, it is well sometimes to stop and consider the two sides of the question. So in regard to the Owls I am sending you a quotation from G. Clyde Fisher of the Museum of Natural History. Mr. Fisher says:

"The little Screech Owl is well known throughout the United States. With the exception of the Burrowing Owl it feeds more extensively on insects than any other owl. It is a diligent mouser and feeds more or less on crawfish, frogs, toads, scorpions, lizards, and fish. Of 254 stomachs examined, birds

were found in 15 per cent. As many as 50 grasshoppers in one, 18 beetles in another, and in another 13 cut worms.

Most of the birds destroyed by this Owl are killed either in severe winter or during the breeding season when it may have hard work to feed its young. Since nearly three-fourths of the Owl's food consists of injurious insects, and only about one-seventh of birds, a large part of which are English Sparrows, there is no question but that this little Owl should be fully protected."

It might have been enlightening if Mr. Henninger had examined the stomach contents of the Owls he shot. Birds, like people, are prone to cry "Wolf!" often at imagined dangers, and in this way can con-

Chapel Hill Chaff

Walter Murphy of Salisbury, known far and wide as Pete Murphy, was seated near me at breakfast the other day in the Carolina Inn cafeteria. Our talk turned to the book, the history of football in the University, which Smith Barrier is getting ready for publication in the fall. Mr. Murphy is a member of the committee which has been asked to select for this volume an "all-time" University of North Carolina football team. He was on the celebrated 1892 eleven.

"It's a difficult—you might call it an impossible—thing to do," he said, "because of the changes that have come about in the game. When I was here and for many years afterward there were two halves of 45 minutes each. The field was 10 yards longer than it is now. A field goal counted more than a touchdown. Forward passes were unknown. You had to make five yards in three downs instead of, as now, ten yards in four downs. And there have been many other changes. The rules and the style of play are so different from what they used to be that it is hard to compare the players of one era with those of another."

Mr. Murphy and Dr. Mangum are the only two men on the committee who have been continuous observers of football here since the University's first team was organized in 1888.

In reminiscence, Mr. Murphy contrasted the one-game-a-week in these days with the severe schedules of the early nineties. I recall that in 1900, when I was a student, the team played Tennessee in Knoxville on Tuesday, Vanderbilt in Nashville Thursday, and Sewanee in Atlanta Saturday, but Mr. Murphy had a chronicle to beat that. The 1892 team played five games in a week, winning them all with

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Sunday Evening Music

Gershwin Compositions to Be Heard in the Kenan Stadium

In tribute to the late George Gershwin, "Rhapsody in Blue" and others of his compositions will be played at the concert at 8:30 Sunday evening in the Kenan stadium. The program also includes Johann Strauss's "Tales from the Vienna Woods," Schubert's "Ave Maria" (sung by Marian Anderson), Beethoven's "Choral Symphony," and "Meditations" from Massenet's "Thais." An accident to the amplifier caused a postponement of the concert last Sunday evening, but Hal Gordon says there will be no hitch this time. In case of rain the concert will be given in the Hill Music hall.

R. L. Doughton Writes Editor a Letter Indicating that He May Yet Decide to Run for Senate

Cumberland Is Wet

Cumberland county, which contains the city of Fayetteville, decided by a majority of 994, in an election Tuesday, to establish liquor stores under the county-option law enacted by this year's legislature. The vote was 3,208 for the stores to 2,214 against.

The county voted against the repeal of the 18th amendment in the 1933 referendum.

In the contest between the wets and the dries in North Carolina this year first one side wins and then the other. These counties have gone wet: Durham, Wake, Cumberland, Johnston, Dare, and Washington; and these have gone dry: Mecklenburg, Wayne, Alleghany, Columbus, Currituck, and Jones.

Besides the counties that have gone wet this year, 17 counties operate liquor stores as the result of elections in 1935. In certain townships in two other counties the sale of whiskey has been made legal by special acts of the legislature.

A 6-Weeks Art Course

It Is Being Conducted by Miss Nell Booker and Miss Irma McCurdy

Miss Irma McCurdy, assisted by Miss Nell Battle Booker, will offer a six-weeks course in art and crafts for grammar grade and high school pupils, from 9:30 to 12:30 every morning, beginning Monday, in the basement of the pharmacy building.

Miss McCurdy has studied at the Wesleyan School of Fine Arts in Macon, Georgia, and under Russell Smith of the department of fine arts here. Miss Booker has studied here under Francis Speight, Mary de B. Graves, August Cook, and Alice Tuttle of the Pennsylvania Academy.

Both Miss McCurdy and Miss Booker are earnestly intent upon interesting grammar grade and high school pupils in art and in the beginnings of creating it.

The Fullers Have a Daughter

A daughter was born Wednesday in Duke hospital to Mr. and Mrs. Williamson W. Fuller. Mr. Fuller, a graduate of the University of Virginia, is studying law here now and intends to remain in the law school for two or three more years.

Mr. Binkley Preaches at Duke

Rev. O. T. Binkley will preach in the cathedral-chapel of Duke University at 11 o'clock Sunday morning.

People in All Sections of the State, He Says, Are Urging Him to Become Candidate

HE IS DEFERRING ANSWER

A letter from Congressman Robert L. Doughton to the Weekly shows that he has not taken himself out of the picture as a candidate for the United States Senate against Senator Robert R. Reynolds in the Democratic primary next year.

Mr. Doughton does not say that he will run, but he makes it plain that he has not definitely given up the idea. The fact that he is undecided is important political news, because, from his latest previous word on the subject, most people in North Carolina had got the impression that he was out of the race.

In response to an inquiry from the editor as to whether or not he would be a candidate, Mr. Doughton writes:

"Washington, D. C.,
July 20, 1937

"Dear Mr. Graves:

"Your letter requesting information as to my purpose relative to entering the next Senatorial Campaign in our State has been received and given attention.

"Many similar letters from all sections of North Carolina have reached me, and continue to arrive daily, most of which urge me to become a candidate for nomination to the Senate and pledge support in case I should decide to run.

"Congress is in the midst of a very busy and important session and my heavy duties and responsibilities demand all of my time. Moreover, the primary is almost twelve months away and I do not feel that I would in any way be justified at this time in doing or saying anything that

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Riflemen Kill Rats

Pick 'Em Off as They Come to Get Food on Old Town Dump

When Rat Man George Lay has poisoned all the rats out at the old town dump near the Hillsboro road he will have spoiled the sport of several Chapel Hill riflemen who have been going out there late in the afternoon, when the rats are most in evidence, to practice their marksmanship.

E. A. Brown, Arline Carawan and Obie Davis are the champions among the rat killers. They have slain as many as 100 rats in a day, perhaps around 300 altogether. Using .22 caliber rifles they sit quietly near the dump and pick off the rats that come to look for something to eat.

Mr. Brown said yesterday that the rats were sort o' tame and didn't seem to learn anything by seeing their fellows shot. He thinks that they are probably descended from white pet rats and that this explains their tameness. About half of those killed have been either partially or wholly white.

"I hope that rat man cleans them out," Mr. Brown said. "Now that the incinerator is being used and no more garbage is being placed on the dump, the rats are beginning to be pinched for food, and when they get hungry enough they'll no doubt begin to spread to the village and the surrounding countryside. There must be thousands of them, and I believe they would make a serious invasion."

Another Piece about Owls

In "The Carolina Calendar," in the News and Observer, Phillips Russell writes this piece about screech owls:

"The whinny of the screech