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## A. W. Honeycutt Elected School Superintendent

Was in Hendersonville 13, in Lexington 5, Years; Chief of State Text-Book Commission

### A WAKE FOREST GRADUATE

Allison W. Honeycutt has been elected superintendent of schools in Chapel Hill to succeed J. Minor Gwynn. From 1932 until he resigned last week to come here, he was superintendent in Lexington, and for 13 years before that he held the same post in Hendersonville.

A native of Yancey county, he was 55 years old this month. Despite his gray hair, he looks younger. He was graduated from Wake Forest in 1902. He has done graduate work in the University here, in the University of Chicago, and in Columbia University. He was an instructor in the first term of the Summer School here this year.

Since 1933 Mr. Honeycutt has been chairman of the State High School Text-Book Committee, and among his advisers have been members of the Chapel Hill high school faculty. Thus he comes here already well acquainted with some of the men who are to be his associates.

His wife is to join him here next week, and they will take the apartment to be left by Dr. and Mrs. G. L. Donnelly, in the former Hendon house at the corner of Franklin and Boundary streets. They have two sons. One, a Duke graduate, is junior editor of the Associated Press in Raleigh; the other, a graduate of the engineering school here, is with the General Electric Company in Pittsfield, Mass.

## Dr. Spurgeon's Pin

Made of Gold with Which He Crowned Friend's Teeth Many Years Ago

When I met Dr. Spurgeon on the street in Hillsboro the other day, I admired the stick-pin in his tie. It was a piece of plain beaten gold, gracefully shaped and of modest size. He told me that it was made from the crowns that he had put on two teeth of his friend Thomas H. Webb about fifty years ago and that his friend had now sent it to him as a gift.

In the accompanying letter Mr. Webb, a native of Hillsboro, now a cotton manufacturer in Concord, wrote:

"Forty-five or fifty years ago you treated and crowned two teeth for me, and so far as I know they have never given me any trouble. I have had a severe attack of inflammatory rheumatism. This younger generation of doctors and dentists condemned about four of my teeth. They may be right, so I have allowed them to take out my faithful old friends. I asked my dentist to give me the gold from the crowns and have had a stick-pin made from it. Thought you might like to have a souvenir from an old and appreciative friend, and I hope that you will be able to wear it for at least forty-five or fifty years and give an occasional thought to our very pleasant past associations."

### Crowds Watch Steam Shovel

Crowds of people stand around all day long and watch dirt and stones being put in trucks and hauled away from the site of the new post office. Like the flames of a fire on an open hearth, the flight of a gull, or the breaking of surf on rocks, the steam shovel at work is a sight of which spectators never seem to tire.

## Knoll in Woods Opposite High School Chosen as Site for Medical Building

If the United States Government fulfills the hopes of the University and chips in, through the P. W. A., \$163,000 to supplement the \$200,000 voted by the legislature, the new medical building will go up on the knoll near the junction of the Pittsboro and Raleigh roads. This knoll is across from the high school—not directly across, but a little to the north—and between the school and the Kenan stadium. It is now concealed from view by thick woods.

The site was selected by the faculty committee on buildings and grounds after a study of all suggested sites, and the selection has been approved by a special committee of the board of trustees.

If Government aid is not ob-

tained, the money voted by the legislature will probably be used to extend and improve the present medical building.

What is sought from the Government is a grant of 45 per cent of the total estimated cost, according to the established 45-55 per cent basis of division for P. W. A. projects.

It is understood that the medical building here is on the approved list at P. W. A. headquarters in Washington. The question is: will there be money available for this particular project?

Besides the \$200,000 for a new medical building (or an addition to the present one), the last legislature appropriated \$26,000 for an annex to the Infirmary.

## Bob Perkins, Young and Slender and Modish, Well Kissed by Opera Star and Her Entourage

When Elda Vettori, Metropolitan Opera soprano, had finished her concert in the Hill Music hall Tuesday evening, she had a date with Bob Perkins, young, slender, and modish newspaper man who works for R. W. Madry in the University News Bureau. They strolled down to the Carolina Coffee shop for a schooner or so of beer, and with them went Mrs. Spencer, the accompanist, and her husband; Miss Loftin, the singer's manager; and an 18-year-old girl who studies voice and travels with the Vettori entourage.

An hour later the party went to the Carolina Inn where the five visitors were staying. As Bob said them farewell and was about to turn away, he said in that engaging way of his:

"You know, I've never been kissed by a Metropolitan Opera soprano."

"Oh, you dear boy!" Vettori exclaimed, and, rushing to Bob with open arms, she clasped him to her breast and kissed him long and passionately, to the fascinated horror of the night clerk

## Davises on Nantucket

They Have Their Own Company of Actors with Them This Summer

Mr. and Mrs. Harry Davis have gone to Nantucket, Mass., where Mr. Davis will direct a series of plays for the Island Theatre during August. The Davises were with the same group last year as technical directors; they will take their own company of actors this year.

The company, to be known as the Summer Repertory Company of the Carolina Playmakers, will present several of the Carolina Folk-Plays, a modern comedy, and Lulu Vollmer's "Sun-Up." Most of the members of the group were prominent as Playmaker actors during their student days at Carolina, with one addition from the Players of Duke University. Marion Tatum of Raleigh will be the leading lady opposite Joseph Mackie of the Duke Players; Mr. and Mrs. Davis will play character roles; Mary Haynsworth of Greenville, S. C., and James Decker of Frederick, Maryland, will play the juvenile roles; Richard Walser, of Lexington, N. C., and Sanford Reece of Lenoir, N. C., will play character parts, and Sue Woodal, of Roanoke Rapids will play comedy parts. Miss Tatum, Mrs. Woodal, and Mr. Decker were seen recently in the summer performance of "Personal Appearance" at Memorial hall.

(who said afterward that it reminded him of a moving picture fadeout kiss).

No sooner had Bob been released than the young girl of the party seized him and eclipsed the soprano's performance.

When he was free once more the accompanist said: "Well, I can't be left out of this," and took her turn at the now tiring young man.

Next in line was Miss Loftin, and, as soon as she had finished kissing Bob, Vettori started the performance all over again, and again she was followed by the other three women. When Bob reached the end of the line this time he had had enough. Weak and wilted, he cannily guided them to the elevator, with gestures of farewell to indicate that the evening was over.

## Liquor Car, Pursued by Durham Policemen, Roars through Campus at 80 Miles an Hour

As Officer John Blake sat on a bench near Old West about 9:15 last Friday night he heard a car coming from the direction of the Carolina Inn at terrific speed. He hurried toward the street to wave it down, but before he had taken seven steps the car had roared past at what seemed to Mr. Blake about a hundred miles an hour. Right behind it another car flashed by at equal speed, and in it Mr. Blake glimpsed two policemen.

As the cars neared east campus gate at the southeast corner of the Arboretum Mr. Blake heard the screeching of brakes and the scraping of tires, and the next instant he could hear the two machines roaring up the hill past the Forest Theatre.

The fugitive, a Durham bootlegger, evidently wasn't acquainted with the roads about Chapel Hill, for when he reached the Raleigh highway he sped straight across it toward the Country Club and took the tortuous road around the golf course, on past the Rosenau home, still furiously pursued, and down into the woods where C. B. Robson's new house is going up. Here is a tight little circle, a perfect cul de sac for a speeder.

Trying to swing the circle, he wrecked his carload of liquor against a tree, leaped out, and ran away through the woods. He has not yet been caught.

The pursuing Durham policemen said later that the bootlegger had led them from Durham to Chapel Hill at an average speed of more than 80 miles an hour and that the two machines were making 80 when they went past Mr. Blake in the center of

## Chapel Hill Chaff

The R. J. Mebanes' granddaughter has been here with them this summer. For hours every week I sit at my study window, where I can hear any fairly loud sound that comes from the Mebane estate, and I am able to report that the baby causes me very little trouble. When she does cry I do not blame her, for I think I know the reason: her grandfather has come home from his travels and frightened her by appearing before her in that suit with the large checks. When he makes a change, or keeps out of sight, she quits crying.

A despatch from Glasgow points the way to improving the acoustics of Memorial hall.

"Rows of jam jars on the walls of All Saints Episcopal Church, Inverary, have made the sermons audible. The jars ended the church's acoustic troubles, which long had made the preacher's address almost impossible to hear.

"The Duke of Argyll, a worshiper at Inverary, remembered that an old Roman architect had ended similar troubles by placing the hollow horns of animals around the walls of a building. So he rounded up scores of jam jars, and placed them in rows around the church. The confusing echoes have disappeared."

Here is an excellent use for empty fruit jars, of which there are untold thousands in North Carolina. Not only citizens of Chapel Hill, but University alumni all over the state, would be glad to contribute. Maryon Saunders might well broadcast an appeal in his *Alumni Review*, like this: "We know, Mr. Alumnus, that you would like to help

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## Streets to Be Hard-Surfaced; Contractor Hopes to Complete Work by Oct. 1; Cost, \$9,348

### Louise and Betty Win First Prize of \$5

With bangs, smiles, and red-ribboned pigtails, two little Chapel Hill girls, Louise Jones and Betty Vashaw, performed a faultless tap dance at the amateur show in the Graham Memorial Wednesday evening to win the hearts and applause of the audience as well as the first prize of \$5.

Edward Toon got both the gong and the second prize of \$3. He did a bovine ballet.

Miss Lily Yount sat on a bench and won third prize with her imitation of a Negro girl trying to induce her beau to pop the question.

The high spot of the evening was the performance of two guest artists, ineligible for the prizes, Gordon Anderson, baritone, and his accompanist, Miss Mary Frances Odum. Mr. Anderson's two numbers drew tremendous ovations. Miss Odum, former champion pianist among North Carolina high school girls, played excellently.

### Book Truck in County

Circulating Library on Tour, from which Anybody May Borrow

The State Library Commission has lent a book truck to the Orange County Library Association, of which James W. Cheshire is president, for the month of August, and it will begin making its rounds Monday with visits to Cedar Grove and Cheeks townships.

It will be in this end of the county Wednesday. This truck is a circulating library with a stock, at present, of 500 books. Whoever wants to may borrow a book, until the stock runs out.

Miss Lucy McDade, supervisor of W. P. A. library work in the county, has arranged stops at service stations, churches, and other places contiguous to the country people.

Each side of the exterior truck is like a bookcase, with books lined up on shelves behind glass doors.

### The Crape Myrtle

It Blooms for a Long Time; Spreads Clouds of Glory through Village

The crape myrtle, last to bloom of all our trees, spreads about the village its rosy clouds of glory. Its blossoms retain their freshness five or six weeks, which is even longer than the flowering period of the earlier-blooming magnolia and mimosa.

The huge waxen petals of the magnolia turn brown at the edges before the myrtle has well started, and before it has reached its peak the mimosas have lost their feathery mauve globes, and the trumpet vines have dropped their trumpets to the ground.

But out in the woods there is a wild and wayward little tree that blossoms much later than the myrtle. In fact, it waits until the myrtle and itself and other deciduous trees have shed their leaves. This is the witch hazel. It's not plentiful around here, and if you happen to run across it in the woods next November you may be startled by the sight of its pale, ghostly petals among the bare branches.

—J. J.

Mrs. Hugh Greenwood has bought a plot opposite the John Couch house in the Country Club neighborhood and will build there.

Mixture of Tar and Stone Will Be Laid on Thoroughfares in All Sections of the Town

### TO COVER 30,000 YARDS

Most of the remaining dirt streets in Chapel Hill are to be hard-surfaced within the next two months. They are to be of the same tar-and-crushed-stone type as Rosemary lane, Pittsboro street, Boundary street, and the other thoroughfares that were surfaced three years ago.

The contract for about 30,000 square yards of surfacing has been let to J. M. Gregory and Company of Raleigh for \$9,348. They expect to begin the work this next Monday, August 2, and, if the weather is normal, to finish it by October 1.

Here are the streets that are to be surfaced:

Church street, from Rosemary lane to the northern town limits. This is the street that runs through the Negro section. Valley gutters of concrete, about 300 lineal feet in all, will be built along the steeply sloping stretches, to take care of the drainage.

West Rosemary lane, from Church street to the western town limits at the edge of Carrboro. There will be 700 or more feet of valley gutters here.

Pritchard avenue, West North street, Carr street, and Short street. These are all in the north central part of town, near fire headquarters.

In the eastern part of town: East Rosemary lane from Boundary street to Glenburnie street; Glenburnie street from East Rosemary lane to North street; Hillsboro street, one block north

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### Golfer Now a Graduate

Hamilton Makes an A in Summer, and Also Captures a Job

Horace Hamilton played a lot of golf, and fine golf, in the spring, making 18 holes time and again in around 70; and one time, at Hope Valley, in 66. Naturally, a young man so importantly engaged couldn't permit his attention to be deflected by poring over thick dull books about economics and listening to the droning of professors.

Oscar Hamilton, the father, put on a sad look and professed to be much disturbed at not having the family represented in the diploma-snatching parade past Governor Hoey in the Kenan stadium. But smiles would break through. There are neighbors who suspect that the grief of paterfamilias, an ardent sports fan, was more than assuaged by the brilliant record on the links.

It was a matter of only one course. Horace buckled down to work under Mr. von Beckerath in the Summer School, made an A, and became a graduate of the University. The people over at Duke were laying for him even while he was still among his school books. They offered him a job in the managerial branch of the Duke hospital, and he went to work this week.

### A Tragedy in Durham

E. M. Preston, superintendent of the Christian Printing Company, injured his 2-year-old daughter fatally when he backed his automobile out of his garage yesterday morning. Mr. Preston comes to Chapel Hill frequently and has many friends here.