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Town Rejoices At Passing of Odious Weather

Mercury at 68 as These Lines Are Written; People Hoping There'll Be a Mild Spell

DREARY COLD SPELL ENDS

It looks as if the spell of odious weather that cast a blight on Chapel Hill during the first half of December is at an end.

At least, it looks that way as these lines are written in the early afternoon of Thursday. The sun shines brightly; and the mercury in the thermometer on the west porch stands at 68 and seems to be still on the climb.

The village is accustomed to having a good deal of cold and sleet and snow in January and February, but it feels aggrieved at a long succession of chill and dreary days before Christmas. Old inhabitants are saying that they never knew before such an unbroken stretch of cold weather in Chapel Hill in December.

The records of the United States Weather Bureau station here show that on 10 of the first 15 days in the month the temperature went below the freezing point, and only on 5 days did it get as high as 50. And this is not all of the melancholy tale; through almost all this half-month the sun was hidden behind dull gray clouds. Rains fell intermittently, and sometimes they turned to sleet; and even when the temperature was not freezing there was a raw and hateful chill in the air.

What the weather will be like by the time this paper comes out, God knows. But it seems that by the law of compensation, if there is such a thing, Chapel Hill ought to have sunshine and warmth for a while now.

Speakers Coming

Notables Have Accepted Invitations from Carolina Political Union

Here is a tentative schedule of the Carolina Political Union for the winter quarter.

Jan. 12: Norman Thomas, chief of the Socialist party.

Jan. 24: William Hard, radio commentator and journalist, assistant to the chairman of the Republican party.

Jan. 31: Tom M. Girdler, chairman of the board of directors of the Republic Steel Corporation.

Feb. 8: Alexander A. Troyanovsky, Soviet ambassador to the United States.

Feb. 11: Frank R. McNinch, chairman of the Federal Communications Commission.

Feb. 16: Hans Dieckhoff, German ambassador to the United States.

March 3: Earl Browder, chief of the Communist party.

Alex Heard, president of the Union, says all of these men have agreed to speak here on the dates listed above but that circumstances may cause some changes in the dates.

Christmas Party for Children

The Rotary Club will give its annual Christmas party for the underprivileged children of Chapel Hill and Carrboro next Wednesday evening at the Carolina Inn. Gifts will be distributed among the children.

The Schools to Close Tuesday

The Chapel Hill schools will close at 12:50 P. M. next Tuesday and will reopen Monday, January 3.

Chapel Hill Chaff

When Rev. A. S. Lawrence, coming out of his illness, was well enough to take medical instruction and advice, he was told to go light on smoking. Having known him a long time as a devotee of the pipe, I have a notion that this was a more cruel edict than if he had been commanded to give up bread and meat. Convalescence soon reached the stage where he yearned for his pipe. The doctor said he might smoke a little, but he decided it would be easier to cut out smoking altogether than to have just a few puffs now and then. As he gained and gained in strength, the smoking privilege was extended by the doctor until six pipefuls a day were allowed. Still Mr. Lawrence remained a total abstainer. But now he has yielded slightly. When I met him the other day he told me he was smoking one pipeful after the evening meal. "Are you going to stick to that?" I asked him, and he replied: "Well, maybe; but I'd better not make any rash promises."

The foreign cane that Dr. MacNider sought to obtain for himself, by saying to Rev. Charles (Continued on last page).

Kiwanis Committees

Twelve Appointed by George Hellen, President-Elect of Club

The Kiwanis Club committees for 1938 were appointed by George Hellen, president-elect, after a meeting of the new board of directors last week.

It is announced by J. Maryon Saunders, president, that these committees together with the new directors will assume their duties upon the installation of the officers-elect January 4.

Besides George Hellen the new officers are P. A. Reavis, vice-president, and J. Temple Gobel, secretary-treasurer. New directors will be Roy Armstrong, A. H. Poe, A. R. Hollett, and Robert Crew.

The 1938 committees are as follows:

Club meetings, attendance, and reception: W. M. Pugh, T. A. Rosemond, and Ben R. Strowd.

Interclub relations: Dr. W. P. Richardson, W. M. Pugh, Pete Ivey, and Harvey Bennett.

Kiwanis education: Allison W. Honeycutt, W. O. Sparrow, and Obie Davis.

Program: Roy Armstrong, G. Maurice Hill, A. R. Hollett, Dr. W. G. Morgan, and R. L. Fowler.

Music: Pete Ivey and R. M. Grumman.

Public affairs: E. J. Woodhouse, Albert Tufts, and Herbert Pendergraft.

Publicity: J. M. Saunders and Frank Graham.

Underprivileged child and charity: Dr. J. P. Jones and Dr. W. G. Morgan.

Agriculture and 4-H Club: J. C. Lane, Eugene Andrews, and Robert Crew.

Boy Scouts: Eugene Strowd, A. H. Poe, and Albert Tufts.

Support of churches and public schools: W. O. Sparrow and E. J. Woodhouse.

Finance: W. E. Thompson and A. H. Shepard.

Saturday Service at P. O.

The post office will operate tomorrow (Saturday) on the regular weekday schedule; there will be two deliveries of mail, and the windows will be open till 6 P. M. Christmas Day there will be no service except on special delivery letters; no deliveries, no window service, and no mail put in lock boxes.

Carter Finds Building Construction Reached \$1,072,000 Here This Year

As he has done for 14 years, H. D. Carter has again complied with the editor's request for a review of building operations in Chapel Hill. Here Chapel Hill means not only the area within the corporate limits but also the adjoining residential districts such as Westwood, Forest Hills, Dogwood Drive, Davie Woods, Tenney Circle, Laurel Hill, and Button's.

In volume of construction 1937 is thought to be the greatest year in the history of the village. Mr. Carter's figures for the last nine years are:

1929	\$ 750,000
1930	484,000
1931	297,000
1932	205,000
1933	104,000
1934	50,000
1935	264,500

1936	443,000
1937	1,072,000

"Sixty-one per cent of the value of new construction in the village," is accounted for by the erection of the new gymnasium, \$650,000, included in this year's list since it is so nearly finished," says Mr. Carter. "The new dormitory for women is second with a value of \$109,000, or rather more than 10 per cent. Next in order is the north half of the new post office, about \$70,000. The gay but not gaudy shelter's for Strowd's used car garden are about the only notable additions to the business district."

Here are the dwellings listed by Mr. Carter:
J. C. Lyons, Gimghoul road.
H. D. Strowd, Ransom street.
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Group of Serious Thinkers from Chapel Hill Have Thrilling Adventure with Skidding Cars

Five Chapel Hillians who go to work in Raleigh every morning—Dillard Gardner, Harry McMullan, Buck Grice, Henry Brandis and C. E. McIntosh—were coming back Monday night, and on this trip Mrs. Brandis was with them. Mr. Gardner was driving. This was the night of the big sleet, when automobiles went through weird movements on roads all over the state.

The men, all of whom are of the class given to Large Thoughts, were discussing the gold standard or some other weighty subject when they topped the hill just this side of the railroad crossing at Lowe's Grove. So far they had encountered no ice, but now they saw that about two hundred yards ahead a car had gone down the bank into the swamp.

The next instant the car just ahead of them cut a double S, turned its lights back toward Raleigh, and stood on its head in a ditch. While the screaming from the nine passengers in this car was splitting the night air, their own car turned tail and started back toward Raleigh also. Fortunately it came to a pause in a shallow side ditch without doing any harm.

Two of our fellow-townsmen, Messrs. McIntosh and Grice, rushed to the aid of the newly-wrecked car, Henry Brandis went back to flag on-coming cars, Dillard Gardner sought to get his car out of the ditch, and Harry McMullan lifted up his voice in prayer. Mrs. Brandis found shelter in a nearby house while the work of rescue went forward. In a short time the nine people, including a grandfather and grandmother and a wee baby, had been cared for. No one had been seriously hurt.

Just at this moment two cars sped over the hill, refusing to pause at Brandis's command. They swooped by and immediately went into gyrations of a horrible character. One, in which were a man and wife from High Point, managed to stop without turning over, while the other, said to belong to a Chapel Hill resident, turned over once or twice, cut a somersault, and finally landed in the swamp in an upright position. No one was hurt in either of these last two wrecks, though how anybody could come out whole is miraculous.

The Group of Serious Thinkers from Chapel Hill crept into town two hours late, very slowly and cautiously, every one of them resolved to think more carefully on his sins and to drive accordingly henceforth.

The Community Tree

Celebration Next Thursday Evening in Front of Methodist Church

The Community Christmas Tree celebration will take place next Thursday afternoon, December 22. The tree, illuminated with electric bulbs of many colors, will stand before the Methodist church.

The children who are to march in the procession along the street will assemble at 5 o'clock at the Graham Memorial. As they march westward to the church, carrying tapers, they will sing carols.

Santa Claus will preside on the church lawn and will accept the gifts brought by the children to be distributed among families in need by the King's Daughters. The children are asked to bring non-perishable food, preferably canned goods.

There will be community singing around the tree.

P. S. to Review of Building

H. D. Carter adds this postscript to his review of building construction in Chapel Hill: the Spruills have a 2-family dog house.

Christmas Eve

Miss Isabel Winslette called me on the telephone and said: "Some of us are arguing about what Christmas Eve means. Does it mean the whole day before Christmas, or just the evening before?"

My notion was that the term could properly be used to mean the whole day before, but, I told her; when I went home for dinner I would consult the dictionaries to make sure. And so I did.

For the word Eve the Century dictionary gives the definition: "The night or evening (often, and specifically in the Roman Catholic church, the day and night) before certain holy days." There is a citation from Bishop Duppa's book of church rules: "Let the immediate preceding day be kept as the eve to this great feast." And this citation from *Notes and Queries*: "I remember one Christmas Eve in the afternoon passing one of those places and seeing the porter put up the shutters."

The Standard dictionary's definition is: "The evening, and sometimes the day, before a church festival or saint's day; as, Christmas Eve."

Pete Ivey Inspects

He'd Rather See Unions than Hear Delegates Talk about 'Em

Pete Ivey, director of the Graham Memorial returned recently from a visit to the campuses of several Northern universities.

Last year Mr. Ivey was sent to Texas by the Graham Memorial's board of trustees to attend the national convention of the directors of student unions. He returned with the report that he had had a long, tiresome trip and that he didn't believe the good he got out of the convention was worth the time and money expended.

Several weeks ago the Memorial trustees met and asked Mr. Ivey if he would like to attend this year's convention, to be held in the Middle West. Mr. Ivey replied that he felt he could learn more about student unions and their management by visiting some of the unions themselves than by attending the convention. The trustees considered his suggestion and found it good.

Mr. Ivey's recent tour included visits to the student unions on the campuses of a number of universities in New York and New England. He was gone 8 days.

Stores Open till 9 P. M.

The stores in Chapel Hill will stay open till 9 P. M. from now until Christmas.

GIFT SUBSCRIPTIONS AT \$1 A YEAR

Christmas Gift Subscriptions to the *Weekly*, for persons not already on the list, are offered at \$1 for the year.

The \$1 offer does not apply to renewals. Christmas Gift Subscriptions taken out in a previous year will be renewed at the regular price, \$1.50.

A Christmas card, with the name of the giver, will be sent to every recipient of a Gift Subscription.

If you do not know whether a person is now on the subscription list, you can find out by mail or by telephoning 9271.

Cooking Classes Being Organized At High School

Electric Range and Frigidaire Lent by Consolidated; Chairs Are a Gift from University

GIRLS' 4-H CLUBS ACTIVE

The loan of an electric range and a frigidaire from the Consolidated Service plants has enabled the Chapel Hill high school to make a start on the organization of cooking classes. (It's a loan now, but who knows that J. S. Bennett won't give way to emotional fervor and make it a gift?)

The school hopes to come into possession of some kitchen utensils and crockery soon; and, if it does, it will begin to prepare meals for the 50-odd children who cannot go home to eat at the midday recess.

The school board and the superintendent, A. W. Honeycutt, have been looking forward to adding courses in home economics to the regular curriculum. There was no money for this branch of education in the present year's budget, but provision for it is expected to be made next year.

"We have three rooms for economics, not now in use," said Mr. Honeycutt yesterday. "It is in the largest of these that we have installed the range and the frigidaire, generously lent to us by the Consolidated. The University has given us some tables formerly in Swain hall, and we are going to get other needed equipment."

"We do not have any regular cooking classes yet—thus far the project is tentative and informal. The quarters and equipment are being used by the girls' 4-H clubs. We are laying the foundation for the home economics program which we hope to launch next fall."

Mr. Honeycutt said that the school authorities had not yet had definite word from Raleigh about the W.P.A.'s action on the recent application for a grant for the improvement of the school grounds.

Car Skids, Scott Hurt

Driver Is Tossed about Violently as His Automobile Goes Wild

W. deR. Scott, vice president and general manager of the Service Insurance and Realty Company, better known to his acquaintances as Bill Scott, had a collar bone broken and was severely cut and bruised in a car-skidding accident at about 6 o'clock Tuesday evening. He will be in Watts hospital several days longer.

Mr. Scott was driving from Chapel Hill to Durham. He had passed the Crotts house, about 4½ miles from here, and had set his automobile going at a good clip along the straightway leading to the midway bridge. Thus far the road surface had given him no trouble, but the temperature was dropping rapidly as the rain fell. He reached a sheet of ice on the pavement. The car went wild. It turned about, it slued this way and that, it leapt a ditch, it did a half somersault, hesitated, and then completed the somersault to get back on its wheels. All the while Mr. Scott was being tossed about violently.

The cuts and bruises were extremely painful, but when the examination was finished at the hospital he was pleased to find that he was not seriously injured.

Mr. McIntosh Ill

A. C. McIntosh has been ill in Watts hospital about a week.