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Alumni Coming Next Week for Annual Meeting

Program to Begin at 1 O'clock Thursday with Luncheon for Officers of Ten Classes

EHRINGHAUS TO PRESIDE

The annual General Assembly of the University Alumni Association will meet next Thursday, February 23, at the Carolina Inn, with J. C. B. Ehringhaus, president of the Association, presiding.

The program will begin at 1 o'clock with a luncheon for officers of classes scheduled to have reunions next Commencement. These classes are '89, '97, '98, '00, '14, '16, '17, 18, 19, and '38.

There will be a winter football scrimmage at 4 o'clock on Fetzer field, staged especially for the alumni by Coach Wolf.

The board of directors of the Association will meet at 5:30 at the Inn, and the General Assembly dinner and business meeting will be held at 7 o'clock.

John Sprunt Hill will speak on "Friends of the Library" and the Alumni Association," and President Graham will speak on "The University's Case Before the Legislature." Reports of the alumni officers and the nominating committee will be made.

While local alumni club officers and class officers are particularly invited to be present, any alumnus of the University is entitled to attend the meeting. The charge for the dinner will be \$1.

President Graham is expected to display the charts which he used in his appeal to the joint appropriations committee of the legislature. These show in simple and graphic fashion how the University's budget has gone down while the number of students has gone up and while services have been expanded and improved. They also show a comparison of faculty salaries and students' fees here and at other institutions.

Talk on Drug Addiction

Prominent Chemist to Speak Under Auspices of Research Society

L. F. Small of the U. S. Public Health Service, will lecture on "Some Aspects of the Narcotic Addiction Problem" at 8:15 Tuesday evening in Phillips hall, under the auspices of the Society of Sigma Xi. Everybody is invited.

Mr. Small was educated at Dartmouth and Harvard. For the last ten years he has been an associate professor at the University of Virginia and director of chemical research for the committee on drug addiction of the National Research Council.

At 6:30, before Mr. Small's lecture, Sigma Xi will have a dinner at the Carolina Inn. All members who wish to attend should notify English Bagby not later than tomorrow (Saturday). Fee, \$1 a plate.

Vernon Howell's Hyacinth

One sunny day a year or so before he died Vernon Howell came over the wall into my yard with a bulb in his hand. "Plant this," he said, "and you'll have something pretty." It was planted near the front door where, with a southern exposure, it would get the full heat of the sun. Every year since, a hyacinth has bloomed there. It came into bloom again yesterday.

Home-Owners of East End Don't Want New "Boulevard" by Their Homes with Noisy, Speeding, Dangerous Traffic

The people at the east end of the village have become alarmed, in the last few days, lest the State Highway Commission route the new Chapel Hill-to-Durham "boulevard" by their homes. (The "boulevard" is not a certainty yet, merely a proposal that has substantial support).

Their alarm grows out of visits from a man understood to be connected with the Commission, who has called upon several of them and proposed that they sign documents permitting their yards to be sliced off to provide a wider right of way.

Speeding, roaring, dangerous traffic, in much greater volume than now passes between here and Durham, will annoy, plague, harass, and stink up the eastern residential quarter if the new highway enters the village from that direction. Not only residents of the quarter but other people who do not want to see one of

the most beautiful sections of Chapel Hill marred, will vigorously oppose the plan.

It has been the hope of many citizens that the new broad highway will enter the village through North Columbia street by the new town hall. So placed, skirting an unsettled area north of the village, it would come by the bus station into the heart of the business district and would not interfere with quiet tree-shaded streets and yards.

Dr. William deB. MacNider, dean of the University medical school, and E. T. Browne, professor of mathematics, are among those who are protesting against a plan that will increase the volume and speed of traffic through the east end. The protesters had a meeting last night in Bingham hall, and they intend to take a petition to Raleigh and present it to the highway commission.

Keller, Who Fought in Spain, Says Republic Still Has Good Chance If Embargo Is Lifted

Fred Keller, a young American who came back from Spain recently after fighting a year and a half for the Republic against Franco, was in Chapel Hill as a guest of the Olsens' from last Friday till day before yesterday.

Simply, without any tricks of narrative to give dramatic effect, he told about his experience with the Loyalist forces. He said that the observers from foreign military staffs, including that of the United States, were amazed at what a splendid army the Republic had built up after almost the entire officer personnel joined the Insurgents.

"The Spanish Republican's infantry is as good as any infantry in the world," he said. "All they need is material. If we had had anything like an even break in material we would have put down the insurrection long ago. Airplanes, tanks, artillery, machine guns—the Insurgents had them all in great quantities. For long periods all the war material we had was what we were able to capture, and sometimes we fitted ourselves out well in that way. But occasional captures could not equal a steady supply such as the Insurgents had from

Methodist Parsonage Sold

The Methodist parsonage has been sold to Mrs. Marguerite M. Judson, mother of a student in the University. She will come here in August. The Methodists have bought the Frink house on Pittsboro street for their new parsonage.

Germany and Italy."

Mr. Keller's joining a band of volunteers and going to the war in Spain might suggest that he is a soldier of fortune, primarily interested in adventure and excitement. But a few minutes' talk with him dispels such a notion. He is a passionate devotee of a cause, and now he is going about the country, with barely enough money to pay his expenses, to try to arouse American public sentiment for lifting the embargo against Republican Spain.

"Nominally the embargo is (Continued on last page)

Diners Cheer as Sawyer Razzes Leading Cits; Three Clubs Have Gay Party at Carolina Inn

Bonner Sawyer, former citizen of Chapel Hill now practicing law in Hillsboro, was a star performer in the amusement program at the annual banquet-dance of the Kiwanis and Rotary clubs of Chapel Hill and the Lions of Hillsboro Tuesday evening at the Carolina Inn. With John Crews of Hillsboro (in blackface) as a partner in a dialogue, Mr. Sawyer razzed some of the leading club members to a fare-ye-well, while the diners laughed and applauded.

It was one of the gayest and most spirited parties the village has seen in a long time.

Mutt Richardson, who used to live here, came from Lexington as a guest and led the choral singing. There was a singing contest between two quartets: House, Fambrough, Earl Peacock and Sawyer against Moore, Haydon, Madry, and Armstrong.

Chapel Hill Chaff

The snowball fight of 45 years ago, of which H. E. C. Bryant writes, brings back to my memory some of the cold winters of the 1890's. Of course the greater protection nowadays — having furnace-heated houses and going about in closed automobiles — makes us suffer much less from the cold than we used to, and, even if there had been no change in temperature, we would be likely to declare that winters were not so severe now as they used to be. But, though I do not have the record at hand, I feel sure it must be a fact that our winters have become milder. Meteorologists say that there are cycles in weather, and Chapel Hill has had evidence of it.

We always had unseasonably warm spells, and I can remember the daffodils' blooming in February in the yard of my home (where the Inn now stands). But I can also remember winters when there was ice-skating for several days in succession. Faculty members who had come here from the North, like Karl P. Harrington, and who often yearned for the frozen ponds and streams of their native country, enjoyed the sport immensely, but it was not they alone who performed well on ice. Some of our own natives learned, right here at home, to be skilful skaters. One of these whom I remember seeing often in action was Lewis Utley. He could cut figure 8's, whirl around on one foot, and do other impressive tricks.

The pond out at King's mill, at the foot of Laurel Hill, was a favorite skating place. And skaters went to Morgan's creek near Purefoy's mill and to Bolin's creek (which we used to (Continued on last page)

Teachers Get Small Pay Raise; Plea for Larger Grant May Be Taken to Floor of Legislature

Auto Tag Deadline

About 200 Chapel Hillians who own automobiles have failed to get their 1939 town licenses.

Any citizen who does not have a tag is violating the law and is subject to a fine. The price of tags is \$1, and they can be obtained at the town hall.

By authority of the board of aldermen, the town manager has fixed Wednesday, March 1, as the deadline. Automobile owners who have not got their town tags by then will be cited to court.

Trash and Garbage Ordinance

The aldermen have enacted an ordinance requiring that the immediate surroundings of every store, factory, and other commercial establishment must be kept clear of trash and rubbish. Every merchant and householder must provide suitable receptacles for garbage; these receptacles must be water-tight and fly-proof and shall be of 30 gallons' capacity or less.

Mrs. Fuller on Screen

Film at Carolina Tuesday Will Show Her in Archery Performance

Mrs. Williamson W. Fuller, who has lived in Chapel Hill since her husband came here to study law, will appear in the Sportoscope film, "Bowstrings," next Tuesday at the Carolina theatre.

She will be seen in an archery performance. Her father, an expert with the bow and arrow, taught her his art when she was a little girl, and in time she herself became an expert. In Pinehurst where she grew up and where this film was made, she used to give instruction in archery.

Mrs. Fuller does not carry her bow and arrow along the street here, but sometimes she has with her something even more ornamental—a pretty daughter now about nineteen months old.

Indicators of Good Weather

Mr. and Mrs. R. W. Tinker of Fryeburg, Maine, have come from St. Augustine, Florida, for a month's stay. This is their third annual visit to Chapel Hill, and their arrival has made happier their friends at the Inn, particularly the Muschamps, another Maine couple. The Muschamp-Tinker combination goes up and down the Atlantic seaboard, chasing the good weather as one season follows another. They are expert weather-pickers, so Chapel Hill must be in for a string of genial sunny days.

R. E. Coker Writes of Danger to the State if Teaching Is Not Fairly Rewarded

SCHOOLS BEAR BURDEN OF BUDGET-BALANCING

The public school teachers of North Carolina made a short step forward day before yesterday in their effort to obtain better pay. The joint appropriations committee of the legislature revised its former figure to the extent of recommending an average raise of about \$1 a month.

It is expected that the plea of the teachers for a larger appropriation will be taken to the floor of the legislature.

R. E. Coker, chairman of the Chapel Hill school board, has written to Chapel Hill's representatives in the senate and the house, John W. Umstead and Roland P. McClamroch, a letter in which he emphasizes the importance of fair pay for teachers from the point of view not only of the teachers themselves but of the whole state.

"I am instructed by the board of trustees of the Chapel Hill school district," he writes, "to inform you of our deep concern over the recent action of the Joint Appropriations Committee which, as we understand, promises failure both with respect to restoration of the basic salary scale for teachers and with respect to specific provision for the regularly due increments. No one, we are sure, can deny that the basic salary scale, even without the present reduction, is all too low.

"We recognize the difficulties which that committee and the (Continued on page two)

Band Concert Feb. 22

Student Musicians Are to Play Next Wednesday Evening in Hill Hall

The University Concert Band will give its annual winter concert in the Hill Music hall at 8:30 next Wednesday evening, February 22. This is the only concert the band will play in Chapel Hill until the outdoor lawn concerts in May. Plans are under way for the annual eastern and western tours early in the next quarter. Since the football season the eighty musicians have been rehearsing for the concert season.

They will begin their Wednesday evening program with a Mexican march. Next will come the short "Prelude and Fugue in D minor" by Bach, and that will be followed by the spirited overture to Mozart's "The Marriage of Figaro." The Grieg A Minor Piano Concerto will be played by Dale Sandifur as soloist, accompanied by the band. Tschalkowsky will be represented by the "Pathetique" Symphony.

Two recently published modern compositions—variations on the theme "Pop! Goes the Weasel" by Cailliet and "Rhapsody in Rhumba" by Bennett — together with Prokofiev's march from "Love of the Three Oranges," comprise the remainder of the program.

There will be no charge for admission.

A Talk on Neutrality

The international relations department of the Community Club will meet at 8:30 Tuesday afternoon in the parish house. W. L. Wilson of the Duke University political science department, an authority on political law, will talk about "American Neutrality and International Law."

Lent—How It Has Been Observed in Various Eras

Lent, the period of fasting which begins next Wednesday, is commonly spoken of as having a length of 40 days, but it really lasts 46 days. The Sundays are counted out, on the ground that Sunday is always a feast day, and this reduces the fasting period to 40 days. The season commemorates Christ's 40-day fast and is preparatory to Easter.

The observation of Lent has gone through many changes. In the early days of the Christian church the fasting was not so prolonged as it came to be later. In the time of Irenaeus (2nd century) the fast was short but

severe, devout Christians eating nothing for 40 hours between the afternoon of Good Friday and the morning of Easter. In Rome, in one era, the fasting period was three weeks. It was extended to 40 days in the 7th century.

In the Middle Ages meat, eggs, and milk were forbidden in Lent by statute law as well as by church law, and in the Anglican church this rule was enforced (says the Encyclopaedia Britannica) until the reign of William the Third at the end of the 17th century.

The confusion of the Reformation led to a relaxation of the

fast, and so the obligation to keep Lent was reasserted by a series of proclamations and statutes. There was relaxation again after the English Revolution of 1688, and Lenten laws fell obsolete. But the more earnest of the Anglican clergy encouraged strict observance, and the custom of women's wearing mourning in Lent, which had been practiced by Queen Elizabeth and her court, survived well into the 19th century.

In American communities the observation of Lent takes the form, mainly, of refraining from worldly pleasures such as dancing, card-playing, and theatre-

going. There is no uniform rule for such abstention. Church people are more or less self-denying according as they are more or less pious or more or less attached to old customs. Manager E. C. Smith of the Carolina theatre says that Lent seems to bring no change in attendance at the movies here in Chapel Hill, but that, from what theatre managers tell him, it does have its effect in other places. One woman who is active in social affairs in the village says that, as a bridge hostess, she will have one table of bridge in Lent, but not more than one.