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Does Refund Go To Earlier or Later Owner?

Question Still a Tangle, and There May Have to Be an Appeal to the Courts

BUT SEVERAL CASES ARE APT TO BE COMPROMISED

The question of who gets the refund on the Franklin street assessment—the man who owned property when the assessment was made or the man who acquired it between then and the passage of the refund ordinance in January of 1939—is still a tangle.

According to the ordinance, the later owner gets the refund. The earlier owner is putting in a protest against this. The matter may have to be settled by the courts, but some of the owners, past and present, may compromise in order to avoid the delay and expense of lawsuits.

The three lawyers principally concerned are C. P. Hinshaw, representing the town of Chapel Hill; John Manning, whose efforts over a period of years had much to do with bringing about the refund legislation; and L. J. Phipps. Mr. Manning supports the view that the refund should go to the owner of record when the ordinance was adopted. Mr. Phipps is attorney for some former owners who sold their properties before the adoption of the ordinance.

No two cases in which property changed hands are exactly alike. In one case a small part of the total assessment would be paid by an owner before he sold; in another case, a large part. Hence claims vary widely.

The Orange County Building and Loan Association acquired by foreclosure property on the south side of the street near the Andrews Funeral Home. It paid the part of the assessment that had been left unpaid by the failing mortgagee, and later part of
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The Girl Campers

Several Scout Troops Have Week-End Holiday at Crabtree

The Girl Scouts of Chapel Hill and Carrboro, four troops of 'em, had a holiday at Camp Crabtree at the last week-end. There were 45 campers altogether—38 Scouts and 7 leaders.

Miss Elsie Lawrence was the leader-in-chief. Her associates were Mrs. F. S. Perkerson and Mrs. Carl Anderson, and these University students: Miss Eleanor Brown, Miss Muriel Mallison, Miss Helen Sears, and Miss Eva Mae Nee.

The girls cooked, ate, and slept out of doors in the usual scout fashion. They played soft ball and went swimming, and after nightfall they gathered around campfires.

Parents took them to and from Camp Crabtree in automobiles. Dr. W. P. Richardson, the health officer, made the medical examinations required by the Scout camping code.

E. C. Smith, manager of the Carolina theatre, is directing a canvass among parents to raise a fund for the Girl Scouts' activities for another year. Later on it will be extended to people other than parents. Mr. Smith will be glad to receive any contribution sent to him.

Miss Adams Will Make a Talk

Miss Harriet Adams will make a gallery talk at 5 o'clock Sunday afternoon at the exhibition of French paintings in Person hall.

Sinking of Bismarck Described as Fine Example of Warship-Plane Cooperation

Percy W. Foote, retired rear admiral of the United States Navy, was asked yesterday to comment on the sinking by the British of the German battleship Bismarck.

"It seems to me this is an encouraging indication of the future course of the war," he said. "From the facts that we have now, the sinking of the Bismarck confirms the opinion of all the leading naval strategists, and of all the other competent students of modern warfare, that it is not warships alone, and not airplanes alone, that will win a war on the seas, but a combination of both.

"When people discuss the question which is the best, the battleship or the airplane, they are wasting their time. The supposed competition between these two is fictitious. The battleship and the airplane are not competitive—they supplement one another. They are both needed for effective operations in sea warfare. The airplane is needed not only for scouting and patrolling; under some circumstances it may make a very destructive attack. But the ship with heavy armor and powerful guns is still the backbone of a fleet. This is true despite the fact that deadly

torpedoes may be launched from smaller vessels as well as from airplanes.

"The operation against the Bismarck is typical of the cooperation between air and surface craft that has been emphasized in our own Navy. The United States Navy has probably developed its air arm more thoroughly than any other navy in the world.

"The pursuit and the sinking of the Bismarck present an excellent example, from the information now at hand, of the manner in which sea power and air power should function together.

"The pursuing British ships lost the German ship in the bad weather, but they hung on with their scouting planes. Then one of the planes found the Bismarck and directed the warships to it. We are told that it was hit and partially disabled by torpedoes fired from airplanes, and then the British ships came up and finished the job with their heavy gunfire.

"The combination of both arms, sea power and air power—that is what is going to bring victory in this war. It is by this combination that the British, with America's help, are going to win."

The New Presbyterian Minister

People acquainted with Rev. Charles M. Jones, who will preach day after tomorrow for the first time as Presbyterian minister in Chapel Hill, have said that his most commanding characteristic is a broad human sympathy. This is no doubt due in large part to his association with all manner of human beings in the course of a varied career.

He was born in Nashville, Tennessee, 35 years ago; attended the public schools there; worked in an insurance office and then with the Hudson Motor Company in Detroit; attended Maryville College; had a job with the DuPont Rayon Works; and operated a restaurant in San Antonio, Texas. He studied voice in San Antonio, and it was through his interest in church music that he was stimulated to study for the ministry. He com-

Today's Post Office Schedule

Holiday hours will be observed today (Friday) at the Chapel Hill post office in celebration of Memorial Day, a legal holiday. The schedule for the day will be as follows: Parcel post, general delivery, and stamp windows, open from 10 to 12 o'clock; money order and registry windows, closed all day. Mail will be distributed in the post office boxes as usual, and the doors will be open from 6 A.M. to 8 P.M., the regular hours. There will be a morning delivery in the village, but none in the afternoon, and no rural delivery whatsoever.

Stephenson Visits Here

Victor L. Stephenson, University alumnus of the class of 1906, editorial writer on the Syracuse, N. Y., *Herald-Journal*, was in the village for a few hours last Friday. Mr. Stephenson, a native of Statesville, was editor of the *Tar Heel* here. He joined the staff of the *Charlotte Observer* after his graduation and served there ten years; was with the *New York Evening Post* four years and the *Worcester, Mass., Telegram* three years; and went to Syracuse in 1923.

pleted courses of study at the Union Theological Seminary and Columbia University.

His first pastorate was with the Gordonsville and South Plains churches in Virginia. Since he left there he has been in Brevard, N. C.

His wife is the former Miss Dorcas McKinney of Richmond. They have two children of their
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Proclamation of National Emergency Was Proposed by Legion Post Here a Year Ago

The proclamation of a national emergency, issued by President Roosevelt this week, was proposed in resolutions formally adopted by the Chapel Hill post of the American Legion on June 4th of last year. The post gave, as the reasons for such a proclamation, substantially the same reasons as those now given by the President.

The first paragraph in the preamble to the resolutions was as follows: "Whereas, the situation

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"How did you get that gold we sent you?" I asked my mother one day this week. "I've forgotten about it."

"Why, President Roosevelt brought it to me," she said.

We were talking about how the World War had burst around her when she was in Europe in the summer of 1914. She and my sister and Miss Mary Roberson (now Mrs. Roy Mason) and Miss Nellie Roberson were in Switzerland when hell broke loose. All Europe was in a panic. Banks and tourist agencies closed. American travelers were in dire straits.

My brother and I began a furious despatching of cablegrams, just as thousands of other people with relatives in Europe were doing. The congestion and confusion were such that a lot of the messages never got off, and many that did get off were never delivered.

Our four women in Switzerland decided on a dash for England. They found Paris a dead city—the houses boarded up and the Government gone to Bordeaux. After a day there they went on to the Channel, on a train passing over a route just a little beyond the range of the German guns, and arrived safe in London.

Meanwhile, the United States Government had sent one of the Navy's warships to Europe with a cargo of gold for American travelers. When my mother said "President Roosevelt" she was using the present title of the man who was in command of the vessel, Assistant Secretary of the Navy Franklin D. Roosevelt.

Before he got to Europe the machinery of exchange had got into fairly regular operation again, and my mother had been
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in the world today is such as to constitute a definite threat to the safety of our country and to the lives and property of our people . . ."

The first paragraph after the preamble began: "Therefore, be it resolved by the Chapel Hill post of the American Legion, that the Congress of the United States should at once declare that a national emergency exists and should grant the President full power to prepare this nation for its adequate defense."

The Beginning of the Forest Theatre

The site of the Forest Theatre in Battle Park was selected in the academic year 1916-1917 by W. C. Coker, Edwin Greenlaw, Holly Hanford, and J. M. Booker. It opened in the spring of 1917, a few weeks after America entered the World War, with a program that included

Paul Green's first play. Adolphe Vermont directed a pageant in the Forest Theatre in the summer of 1917. Frederick H. Koch came to the University in 1918 and organized the Carolina Playmakers. The Playmakers took over the theatre, and their first production there was "The Taming of the Shrew" July 31, 1919.

Miss Nell Booker Wins Distinction at Art School

Miss Nell Booker, who has just completed her first year at the Art Students League, the famous school in New York, is distinguished by the publication of one of her drawings in the annual catalogue. When May

comes the teacher of every class selects for the catalogue the best one of the pictures done by his students in the course of the year, and George Grosz selected a black-and-white which Miss Booker had drawn in January.

Mrs. Fesler Heads League

Mrs. James W. Fesler was elected president of the Junior Service League this week. Other new officers are Mrs. W. D. McDermond, vice-president; Mrs. Bruce Whitmire, corresponding secretary; Mrs. Floyd Siewert, recording secretary; and Mrs. Russell Smith, treasurer.

The Symphony Dinner

The North Carolina Symphony Society had its annual dinner Tuesday evening at the Carolina Inn. Walter Cuffer was toastmaster. Short talks were made by Colonel Joseph Hyde Pratt, president of the Society, Benjamin Swalin, conductor, and Paul Green.

School for Younger Children to Be Operated Here This Summer; Hours Will Be from 8 to Noon

Coker's Comment on Cutting Down Trees

Editor Graves has asked me for some comment on his recent piece about cutting down trees. It is sufficient to repeat what I have already said; that is, if I had known that it was contemplated cutting down the trees referred to, I would have made a vigorous protest; and so expressed myself on my return to Chapel Hill. I would like to say, however, that in my opinion no board of aldermen should have the right to cut down any good tree on the streets of Chapel Hill without full publicity ahead of time as to reasons, so as to allow the citizens to inform themselves on both sides of the question. Trees should not be cut down by a small body of men for what they consider good business reasons. It is very easy to make a mistake as to what is good business in a case like this. I know two towns in South Carolina that are terrible examples of this, whole blocks of fine trees having been cut, turning a cool, shady village into a torrid canyon of ugly buildings.

W. C. Coker

Blistering Heat

The village has been in the grip of blistering heat this week. Day after day the temperature has been up in the 90's.

On the editor's porch, in the shade, the mercury was at 94 at 1 o'clock yesterday.

A severe drought is burning the grass and shriveling the shrubs. It has been in progress for weeks. True, there has been a shower now and then. But the showers have not been of the steady, soaking kind extolled by gardeners. Rain, when it has come at all, has come down hard; has not kept falling long; and has run off fast. After a rain like that the gardeners utter their time-honored wail: "Stick your trowel in the ground, and an inch below the surface it's as dry as a bone."

"In the shade, our mercury here at the Texaco station has been in the 90's for several days," said Herbert Pendergraft yesterday. "That's in the morning. When the sun strikes the thermometer at about 1 o'clock the mercury goes up to 120."

Movies Here Today

"Blood and Sand," a movie made from Ibanez's famous novel of the same name, will complete a two-day run today (Friday) at the Carolina theatre. Tyrone Power plays the part of Juan, the tragic matador; the leading feminine stars are Linda Darnell and Rita Hayworth. "Sunny," starring Anna Neagle, will be at the Carolina as a late show tonight (at 11:15) and as the regular show tomorrow. "Lillian Russell," with Alice Faye, will be at the Pick today, and "Invisible Ghost," with Bela Lugosi and Clarence Muse, will be there tomorrow.

Seniors' Good Performance

The high school seniors gave a fine performance of the comedy, "June Mad," in the school auditorium Wednesday and Thursday evenings.

Groceries to Close Early

Beginning next Wednesday, June 4, the Chapel Hill grocery stores will close at 12:30 every Wednesday afternoon throughout the summer.

Fee of \$3 All-Inclusive; Children May Leave at 11:30 to Go to Pool in Gymnasium

PUPILS WILL BE WITHIN AGE PERIOD OF 5 TO 11

The University has organized a school for Chapel Hill, for the month from June 19 to July 19, for children from 5 to 11 years old. Possibly there will be some pupils slightly older than 11. The fee will be \$3 and will cover all the material and equipment needed.

The program (at the elementary school on West Franklin street) will include reading, games, arts, crafts, music, and general school activities. The hours will be from 8 to 12.

The faculty will be composed of three teachers of broad experience and high standing. The instruction will be observed by teachers attending the University summer school.

"It is not expected that all the children will report at 8 or that all will stay till 12," said Guy B. Phillips, head of the University summer school, yesterday. "Since many parents find it convenient to bring the children along when they come to the campus at 8, the teachers will be ready to receive the children then."

"The children who register for swimming and wish to go to the pool at 1:30 will be excused for that purpose. The swimming period for children at the gymnasium has been set at 11 to 1. The principal activity in the school will come between 8:30 and 11:30.

"Registration should be made immediately, since each class will be limited to 30 children. They will be enrolled in order of application. Parents who want to enter their children should communicate with Mr. Boger at
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Playmakers' Caper

There Will Be Singing and Dancing, Surprises, and Food and Drink

The Carolina Playmakers will hold their 17th annual caper at 8 o'clock tomorrow (Saturday) evening in the Playmakers theatre. There will be singing and dancing, skits, surprises, refreshments, and the giving of awards. Everybody who has ever helped with a Playmaker production in any way is invited.

Frederick H. Koch will present the awards, the most important of which will be the Roland Holt cup given for the year's most distinguished work in playwriting. The judges couldn't decide between the work of Merle McKay of Beverly, Mass., and Joseph D. Feldman of New York City, so the cup will be presented to both of them as a joint award.

War Relief Ball in Durham

The Thumbs-Up Ball, for the benefit of the British War Relief, is announced for next Friday night, June 6, from 9 to 1 o'clock, in the Washington Duke hotel in Durham. Music by Freddie Johnson and His U.N.C. Orchestra. Admission fees, \$1.50 for a couple and \$1 for a stag. The ball was arranged by the special events committee of the British War Relief Society in Durham. Mrs. Louis A. Carr is chairman of this committee, and the other members are Mrs. S. C. Chambers, Miss Janet Smith, and Miss Lottie Lewis.