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New Residents Are Invited to Meeting Today

Community Club's Year Will
Open with Gathering at 3:30
at Episcopal Parish House

This is the day when women who have just come to live in Chapel Hill have the opportunity to meet, under agreeable circumstances, women who have been living here, and to learn about the various activities of the community.

In a college town the word year does not mean, usually, the calendar year. It means the college year, beginning in September. So, the meeting of the Community Club at 3:30 this (Friday) afternoon in the Episcopal parish house is the first meeting of the year, and special emphasis is placed on the welcome to newcomers.

All persons who attend are asked to enter through the court between the old and the new church (or through the side entrance if the weather is bad).

Inside, the past presidents will give all comers a welcome. Everybody will register, and members, old and new, will pay their dues for the year. (Comfort for the newcomers: the dues are very small.)

Arts and crafts made by women in the village will be exhibited. Games of a sort to help people get acquainted will be conducted by Mrs. J. M. Guthrie. After a little talk about club business, tea will be served by Mrs. G. W. Smith, Mrs. A. M. Jordan, Mrs. S. A. Nathan, and Mrs. Richard Jente.

The club has eight meetings a year, and there is a monthly meeting of each of these departments: arts and crafts, American home, international relations, health and welfare, and literature. A member may select her department; or, she can join them all if she wants to.

The Community Club is Chapel Hill's constituent member of the General Federation of Women's Clubs.

Big Oak Tree Falls And Cuts Power Line

A big oak tree fell diagonally across the highway at the top of the hill in front of the John W. Umstead home about 7:30 Tuesday morning. The tree struck a power line in its fall, and electricity in that part of town was off for about three hours. Mr. Umstead, one of the first persons on the scene after the accident, said he thought the weight of a rain-soaked limb, aided by a sudden gust of wind, caused it to topple.

Faced with an early morning drive to Raleigh and without having had breakfast, Mr. and Mrs. Umstead quickly built a fire in the living-room fireplace and made coffee on the coals. That night when they returned from Raleigh they found themselves building another fire, but this time with wood from the fallen tree. Their son Frank had rushed in from his home in the country with woodchopping aides and in a little while had made firewood of the once stately oak.

"There's another consolation," says Mrs. Umstead. "Now, with that big tree out of the way, we can see our front door from the street."

Athletic Equipment Stolen

Leonard Powell, Jr., 16-year-old Negro, will go on trial here Tuesday for the theft of athletic equipment, books, and various personal articles which were found in his home by Officers Bill Blake and R. L. Blackwood after his arrest at the field house in Kenan Stadium this week. The officers said the boy probably stole many of the non-athletic items from dormitories and stores during the past few months.

Good Progress Being Made on Laying Of Sewer Lines in the Negro Section

The laying of sewer lines out in the Negro quarter, in the northwest corner of town, is going ahead at a good pace.

The provision of sanitary facilities there has been for some time one of the town's greatest needs. The need has become more and more serious as the building-up of the section has proceeded. In no part of Chapel Hill has there been greater war-time and post-war home-building development. Dozens of houses have sprung up in an area which was open fields only a little while ago.

With the town engineer, Thomas D. Rose, as my guide I went out there day before yesterday and saw the improvement in progress. The ditching machine had already gone most of the length of Sunset drive, the main thoroughfare of the section, and the pipe had been laid there and covered up. The machine is now in operation on Craig street, a tributary to Sunset drive.

Under six streets—these two and Nunn, Roberson, Graham, and Whitaker—8,000 feet of 8-inch pipe will be laid. Most of the pipe is terra cotta; cast iron is used where there has to be a crossing of low ground.

The town's whole sewage improvement embracing the disposal plant at the Mason Farm and all the pipe lines, is scheduled for completion next September, but it may be that the Sunset drive part of the layout in the Negro quarter will be put into operation before that time. With a good break in weather this line may be connected up with the town system by spring or early summer. The contractors, Boyd and Goforth of Charlotte, have been successful beyond their expectations, thus far, in getting the required materials. A great deal of brick is needed for manhole construction.

The cost of the new lines in this part of town will be about \$25,000. Connections are planned for 65 existing homes and for many future homes.

The present disposal plant will continue to take most of the sewage from the town proper. About 95 per cent of that from the University will go to the new plant.

The new plant will provide for a population of 15,000. It is designed that its capacity can be doubled.

Community Chest Goal, \$12,000; Overseas Relief, \$8,000; Campaign Week after Next

The goals of Chapel Hill's double campaign which will be conducted in the eight days October 17-24 are: for the Community Chest, \$12,000; for overseas relief, \$8,000.

Roy Armstrong, chairman for the campaign, is being assisted by Collier Cobb, special gifts; Bernard W. Munger, overseas relief; H. C. McAllister, treasurer; Tom Rosemond, business section; Paul W. Wager, evaluation committee; Mrs. George Shepard, chairman of captains; Mrs. W. W. Pierson, Jr., liaison officer for the executive committee; Mrs. J. B. Linker, collector; and Orville Campbell, publicity.

Last year \$7500 was raised for the Community Fund, as the Community Chest was then known; for overseas relief \$13,000 was pledged and \$10,000 was collected.

The eight organizations that will participate in the Community Chest fund, and the allocation to them, are: Boy Scouts, \$960; Girl Scouts, \$750; Recreation Center, \$3,000; Negro Recreation Center, \$3,000; Negro Day Nursery, \$2,490; League for Crippled Children, \$800; Children's Library, \$800; Humane Society, \$200.

Any of the contributions may be earmarked.

Editors of Next Week's Issue

The editors of next week's issue (that of Friday, October 15) will be Miss Betsy Brunk and Stuart Sechrist. Whoever has any news for the paper is asked to telephone either of them or Sam Summerlin, who is a member of the staff this fall. If they all happen to be out when you call (as they may be, since their duties require them to scout around), please talk to Mrs. Lanier. Her office hours are 9 to 12 and 1 to 5.—Louis Graves.

N. C. Symphony Society Drive

The annual Orange county drive for memberships in the North Carolina Symphony society began yesterday (Thursday) and will continue for a week. Co-chairmen for the drive are Mrs. A. C. Burnham (for Chapel Hill) and Miss Emily Pollard (for the rest of the county).

Sylvester Green to Preach

Sylvester Green, editor of the Durham Herald-Sun and a former president at Coker college, will conduct the 11 o'clock morning services at the Baptist church this Sunday. The subject of his sermon will be "We Lay Waste Our Powers."

Library Joins Chest Fund

The Mary Bayley Pratt Children's Library Association will join the Community Chest Fund this year. "It is hoped," says an officer of the association, "that Chapel Hill people will give as generously to the library as they have given in the past."

Chapel Hill Chaff

In the early years of football in the University there was such a scarcity of players as the young people of today can hardly imagine.

The University's total enrollment was only about 500 in the middle 1890's. There was no high school football, and there would not be more than maybe half a dozen players a year coming from preparatory school teams. Often the first string would contain boys who had never played before.

The situation was worse in 1896 than it had ever been because President Winston ("Wince," as the students called him) had expelled, for drinking and gambling, five or six of the best players on the great 1895 team. The late Robert H. Wright, the 1896 captain, and W. D. Carmichael, the manager, held gloomy conferences about the problem of finding recruits. Mr. Carmichael was telling me last Sunday evening about how he persuaded Ernest Neville, who lived on a farm near Chapel Hill, to come out for the team. (This is the same Ernest Neville whose achievements as an educator in Louisiana were the subject of an article in this paper a few weeks ago.)

He was big and strong, and he was an apt football pupil. But after a week he quit reporting for practice. When he was asked why, he said his father had forbidden him to play. Football was more dangerous then than it is now. News of fatal football injuries had appeared in the papers. There was talk of prohibiting the game by law, and this had actually been done in one state.

Manager Carmichael hired a
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University Day Will Be Celebrated Tuesday

The University Day celebration will be held Tuesday morning. All 11 and 12 o'clock classes will be suspended, and the Book Exchange, YMCA, University offices, departmental offices, and the Library will be closed between 11 and 12. The Merchants Association asks that the merchants close their stores so that they and their employees can attend.

The ceremonies will be conducted on a platform extending from the steps of the south side of South building to the lower lawn. The columns of the building will serve as a backdrop.

Immediately after the 10:50 class bell, the University band, under Director Earl Slocum, will begin a short concert. At 11 a faculty member dressed as William R. Davie (founder of the University), Chancellor R. B. House, and faculty members will come out of the South building doors and descend to the platform. They will be flanked by the 300 members of the combined men's and women's Glee Clubs. After the national anthem and the invocation the choir, with Paul Young directing, will sing the "Credo" by Palestrina. The costumed "Davie" will then re-enact the laying of the Old East cornerstone on October 12, 1793. Then the audience will follow the choir and the band to the Davie Poplar, where the program will end with the singing of "Hark the Sound." J. Maryon Saunders, Alumni secretary says: "There will be no speeches. We just want a simple ceremony to commemorate the 155th anniversary of the University."

In case of rain the ceremonies will be held in Memorial Hall.

2 Phones Up, 1 Down

One Carrboro and one Chapel Hill business have now got telephones after being on the University Service Plants' waiting list a long time. They are the Riggsbee-Hinson Furniture Company (5821), and the Baby Shop (F-2826). The shock of adding the Baby Shop to the over-crowded circuits must have been too great for the system. That phone went out of commission the second day after installation.

Scout Court-of-Honor

Chapel Hill Boy Scouts will hold a court of honor at 8 o'clock Monday evening in the Methodist church recreation center. Awards will be made and color slides of Hawaii will be shown. Parents and friends, as well as all scouts, are invited to attend.

Baby Clinic Changes Schedule

The Chapel Hill Well-Baby clinic, sponsored by the Junior Service League in cooperation with the District Health Department, will meet two afternoons a month instead of one afternoon and one morning as in the past. The original afternoon clinic will still be held on the second Tuesday in every month (next one, October 12). The former morning clinic will be held the afternoon of the fourth Tuesday in every month (next one, October 26).

Babies scheduled for immunization shots next Tuesday morning should be taken to the District Health Department on Friday afternoon, October 15, or Saturday morning, October 16.

466th Meeting of Mitchell Society

The Elisha Mitchell scientific society will hold its 466th meeting at 7:30 Tuesday evening in room 206, Phillips hall. S. Y. Tyree of the chemistry department will discuss "Potassium Tetroxyselenate." W. A. White of the geology department, "Drainage Modifications in the Piedmont of North Carolina and Virginia."

Citizens' Committee, Named by Two Boards, Will Inquire into County's Need for Improvements

English-Made Fords For Chapel Hillians

English-made Ford automobiles have made their appearance in Chapel Hill. William Meade Prince has one; Lowell D. Ashby, a student out in Victory Village has one; and today four, brought up from Charleston by J. B. Johns, will be on display at the Strowd Motor Company.

How long they will be there is uncertain; there are several prospective purchasers.

The car is a little larger than an Austin. It weighs 1,850 pounds (against 3,100 for the American Ford), and goes about 38 miles on a gallon of gasoline.

The 4-door sedan, named the Prefect, sells for \$1,625 delivered here. The 2-door, the Anglia, sells for \$1,360.

Mr. Prince, observed by the editor standing by his Prefect in front of the post office day before yesterday, was asked how he liked it. "I like it fine," he said. "It rides as smooth as any car I've had. I have run this one of mine only a few miles, but Mr. Ashby made a 4,000-mile trip in his and he says it gave an excellent performance."

The car has a top speed of 62 miles an hour and a cruising speed of 35.

Night-Time Blossoms On View at Strowd's

In past years Mrs. Guy B. Phillips has found that a great many people have enjoyed seeing her night-blooming cereus.

Since she is leaving town and doesn't want the spectacle of the night-time blossoms to be wasted, she has put the plant in the window of the Strowd Motor Company where it can be seen by the whole population.

Usually it has only eight or ten flowers in a year. This year it is going to have about fifty.

Some nights it blooms, some nights it doesn't. Mr. Holloman at Strowd's, having been instructed by Mrs. Phillips, can recognize the symptoms of imminent blooming, and if, at the approach of night, he sees the plant is going to bloom he will turn on the lights so that the passing public will get a good view.

Carolina Dames' Meeting

The Carolina Dames Club will meet at 8 o'clock next Wednesday evening in the main lounge of the Graham Memorial. All wives of students are invited.

Thurmond Speaks Here

J. Strom Thurmond, Governor of South Carolina and the States' Rights candidate for President, spoke here Tuesday evening. A crowd of 1,800 filled the seats, aisles and doorways of Hill hall to hear him attack the proposed Fair Employment Practice law, and reiterate his challenge to President Truman to debate the Civil Rights Program.

'Cellist to Give Recital Sunday

Efrim Fruchtman, new graduate assistant in cello in the University music department and graduate of the Juilliard school of music in New York, will give his first recital in the Hill Music hall at 4:30 Sunday afternoon. Miss Jeanne Porfno, Bloomfield, N. J., will accompany him at the piano.

Street Operations Draw Crowd

The gigantic ditch and road machinery which was recently used to complete work in the Sunset drive section in record time aroused keen interest among the Negro residents. Many of them moved comfortable chairs out on their front porches and watched the street operations from sunup to sundown, with time out for meals.

To Be Discussed: School Buildings, Office Building, Work on Interior of Court House

A committee of 15 citizens, representatives of the geographical sections and the various interests of Orange county, and of both political parties and both races, is to make a study of the county's needs in capital improvements.

The committee was appointed by the board of county commissioners and the county board of education, in joint meeting, on Monday of this week.

James Webb, of Hillsboro, manufacturer and member of the State senate, is chairman.

There are two Negro members, B. C. Corbett, prosperous tobacco farmer of Cedar Grove, and Hubert Robinson of Chapel Hill.

The other twelve members are Z. C. Burton of Cedar Grove; Mrs. C. D. Jones, H. G. Coleman, Jr., and J. Lucius Brown, Jr., of Hillsboro; Lemuel R. Cheek and C. E. Teer of route 1, Chapel Hill; Raymond Andrews of Carrboro; J. B. Johns, Gordon Blackwell, and Mrs. M. R. Evans of Chapel Hill; Mrs. Clyde Walker of route 2, Rougemont; and John L. Efland, Jr., of Efland.

The construction of school buildings will have a prominent place in the discussions of the committee. It is expected that the need for an office building and for the interior reconstruction of the court house will also be considered.

Mr. Webb will call the meeting of the committee soon and he hopes that it will have a report ready to submit to the board of commissioners and the board of education by the first of the year.

The county commissioners are Collier Cobb, Jr., Ben F. Wilson, and Hubert Laws. The members of the county board of education are J. S. Compton, Kemp Cate, and Charles Stanford.

Voters' Registration Will Begin Tomorrow

Registration for the election November 2 will begin tomorrow, Saturday, October 9, and the books will also be open October 16 and 23. Challenge Day will be October 30.

The firehouse will be the place of registration for the north precinct of Chapel Hill and the elementary school for the south precinct. Miss Betsy Brunk (north) and Rev. J. R. Green (south) will be the registrars.

Remus Smith, newly-elected chairman of the Orange county board of elections, says that University students who have registered elsewhere will be allowed to vote by absentee ballot. They should obtain an application from the registrar here in Chapel Hill tomorrow (Saturday). When the application has been filled out and sent to Mr. Smith, he will send a ballot to the student. The sealed ballot should be returned to him, and he will then deliver it to the precinct where the student lives. Students who have not previously registered will be required to register in the town where they live.

Mr. Smith succeeds R. O. Forrest, who resigned because he is a justice of the peace. J. B. Johns of Chapel Hill will continue as secretary of the board. Lucius Brown, Jr., is the Republican member of the election board.

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