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Durham Firm Is Planning A Store Here

In Reconstructed Pick Theatre Building; Western Union Will Have to Find Other Quarters

Robbins, the Durham department store, is going to open a store in Chapel Hill. It has bought the Pick theatre building for the purpose.

The building will be reconstructed on the inside, and it is expected that the work will be done in time for the store to open around the first of the year. The property has a frontage of 50 feet on Franklin street and a depth of 130 feet. It is next to the burned-out University Service Plants building which is to be reconstructed soon.

There are three street-front tenants of the Pick theatre building: The University Florist, the Western Union Telegraph Company, and the Sandwich Shop. The flower shop and the sandwich shop are to stay where they are—for a while, anyway. They have the flanking positions. But the Western Union occupies the lobby of the theatre, in the middle, and this is where Robbins plans to have its entrance.

"Are they going to throw you out on the street?" the editor of this newspaper asked a member of the Western Union staff yesterday.

"It looks that way," she said. "I don't know where we will go." Maybe the W.U. will have to return to a mobile unit. That's how it housed itself after the fire drove it from the Service Plants building.

The Pick, which used to be named the Pickwick, was owned for many years by S. J. Brockwell. After his death Mrs. Brockwell sold it to the movie theatre concern which owns the Carolina and has a lease on the Village, and it was that concern that sold it to Robbins. The sale was made through John M. Foushee.

Chapel Hill May Be Conference Champion

The Chapel Hill high school football team, having won seven consecutive games, has only to defeat Oxford Orphanage tonight (Friday) in Oxford to capture the north central conference championship. That would qualify it to play the winner of today's Laurinburg-Whiteville game for the eastern championship of the Class "A" league. The east and west champions will play for the State title on the Friday after Thanksgiving.

Chapel Hill is favored over Oxford in tonight's game. Coach Bill Grice had expected the Roxboro game last Friday to be tough, but Chapel Hill encountered little difficulty in rolling up a 42-6 score.

Collier Hill, the sensational tailback, scored the first touchdown on a 30-yard run in the first quarter. Roxboro fumbled in its own end zone for a two-point safety, but retaliated soon after on a 25-yard pass play in the second quarter for its only touchdown. Ivaloe Hill scored two touchdowns in the second half on runs of 20 and 35 yards, while Joe Hoening, Russell Perry and Fenno McGinty accounted for one apiece.

Talk on Antique Silver

The Davie Poplar chapter of the Daughters of the American Revolution will meet at 3:30 Wednesday afternoon with Miss Estelle Rankin, 307 E. Rosemary street. Mrs. C. E. Teague will be co-hostess. George E. Cutten will talk on antique silver.

Snow in Colorado, Summer Heat Here

Mrs. Dagobert Pfeiffer, formerly Miss Nancy Smith of Chapel Hill, writes from her home in Denver, Colorado: "Six inches of snow fell here today." On that same day the temperature in Chapel Hill was over 80.

Roof Gets a Greenhouse

Lloyd R. Roof, nursery manager of the Soil Conservation Office at the Mason Farm, has bought a greenhouse and set it up in the yard of his home on West Rosemary lane, the former S. W. Andrews place.

It is already stocked with plants. Many people in Chapel Hill are visiting and admiring it.

Mr. Roof will operate the greenhouse after 5 o'clock, in the evenings, and on Saturdays when he is not engaged in his regular duties.

"Where did you get it?" I asked him as I stood in the glass-walled and glass-roofed structure last Sunday.

"I saw it advertised in a newspaper by a Mr. Taylor who lives near Nelson, and I just went out there and bought it," he said.

"I have long been interested in greenhouse gardening. One is able to operate the year round and grow many species of plants that can't be grown in the open.

"My greenhouse is of the English portable type. It is 13 by 36 feet. In addition, there is a combination work shop and sales-room of 16x20 feet, and above this is a one-room apartment and bath. For a grower someday, but at present I have the apartment rented to a G. I. student and his wife.

"The greenhouse is heated with a Duo-Therm oil circulating

heater which is thermostatically controlled.

"I plan to grow a variety of annual and perennial plants for spring sales. During the winter I will grow a variety of pot plants and cut flowers. In my salesroom I plan to handle a line of spray materials and insecticides and materials for gardeners. I also expect to handle fruit trees, roses, azaleas, shrubs and trees as representative of a North Carolina nursery. Since I have my M.S. degree in horticulture from Ohio State University, this part-time venture will offer me an interesting hobby along the line of my college training."

Paper Drive on Sunday

A waste-paper drive will be conducted Sunday afternoon, beginning at 1:30. Everyone is requested to place discarded papers, magazines, and boxes in bundles near the street. The merchants will supply the trucks for the collection and high school boys and girls will do the work.

Newcomers Club Tea

The faculty Newcomers club will meet for a tea at 4 o'clock Tuesday afternoon at the Institute of Government. Mrs. Albert Coates will be the hostess.

The Eubanks' Golden Wedding

Mr. and Mrs. Clyde Eubanks celebrated the 50th anniversary of their marriage on Tuesday of last week, November 2.

Mather of Harvard to Deliver McNair Lectures

Kirtley Fletcher Mather, professor of geology at Harvard, will give the McNair Lectures here Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday, November 30 and December 1 and 2. Mr. Mather is well known for his contributions to science and religion.

The general topic of his lectures here will be "Religion in This Time of Crisis." The topic of the first lecture will be "The Challenge of Science;" of the second, "The Challenge of Marxism;" and of the third, "Perspective for the Future."

The McNair Lectures, which are now being renewed after a suspension of five years, were founded through a fund bequeathed to the University by Rev. John Calvin McNair of the class of 1849 in the University. It was stipulated in his will that the income from the fund be used to employ some eminent scientist or other scholar to deliver here a course of lectures whose purpose should be to show "the mutual bearing of science and theology upon each other, and to prove the existence and attributes, as far as may be, of God from Nature."

Among the past McNair lecturers were Arthur H. Compton, R. A. Millikan, Francis H. Smith, Edwin G. Conklin, Henry Van Dyke, Roscoe Pound, and John Dewey.

Hazard's Turkey Dinner

A turkey dinner with all the trimmings (dressing, gravy, cranberry sauce, potatoes, salad, slaw, pickles, hot rolls, green peas, rice, cake and ice cream, and coffee) was given Wednesday night by the Hazard Motor company for their employees, their families, and friends. The food was prepared and served by the ladies of the New Hope Presbyterian church in the church hall to about 125 guests. Bones were even provided for those guests who wanted to take them home to their dogs.

Bill Hammett, of the government's Wild Life Resources department, showed movies on surf fishing and North Carolina animal life.

Jack Hazard, president of the company, reviewed the eight years since he has been in business here, during which time the number of his employees has increased from 7 to 36.

Roberson Visits Rotarians Here

Sherwood Roberson of Robersonville, governor of this district of Rotary International, paid an official visit to the Rotary Club here this week. Before the regular meeting Wednesday evening he conducted a club assembly at the home of Mr. and Mrs. J. B. Johns. The topic of his talk at the meeting at the Inn was "Vocational Service."

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Holder of the Ph.D. degree from the University of Chicago and honorary degrees from several universities, Mr. Mather was with the U. S. Geology Survey for many years and has conducted explorations in Bolivia and other countries. He is a member of the Geological Society of America, the Association for the Advancement of Science, the American Academy of Arts and Sciences, and other learned societies.

His scientific works include "Sons of the Earth," "Old Mother Earth," "Science in Search of God," "A Dynamic for Democracy," and "Enough and to Spare."

\$18,418,000 Is Asked for Improvements and \$7,746,000 for Operation, in Next Biennium

President Graham of the University presented to the Advisory Budget Commission last week a request for \$18,418,000 for public improvements and \$7,746,000 for operation in the next biennium (July 1, 1949, to June 30, 1951).

(All the figures here are for the University here in Chapel Hill, not for the Consolidated University.)

For the first year in the biennium (1949-50) the request for operation is \$3,767,000 and for the second year \$3,979,000. The difference (\$212,000) is due to the fact that revenue will fall off with the decline in the number of G.I. students whose tuition is paid by the Government. The appropriation for operation this year (1948-49) was \$1,203,911.

Controller Carmichael, in his statement to the Commission, spoke of the considerable amount of money required to complete structures authorized by the 1947 legislature. The skyrocketing of building costs left the appropriations far below what was needed for the authorized construction.

Major items in the request for improvements here are buildings for law, commerce, chemistry, public health, and pharmacy; three dormitories; an Institute of Government building; and utility expansion. The amount asked for a teaching hospital, to supplement a previous appropriation, is \$3,262,000.

More money is needed for the Library addition for which an appropriation was made in 1947.

In The Village 25 Years Ago . . . Here is the First Column of Chapel Hill Chaff; It Appeared in the Weekly April 26, 1923

Mrs. Stacy went about with a particularly happy smile all the next day after the trustees' executive committee met and voted \$100,000 for a women's building. By analogy Collier Cobb ought to have looked down-hearted, but he had the same beaming countenance as ever. The geology building proposal got stepped on this time, but it will triumph some day—so why despair? Mr. Cobb says that when he came here thirty years ago President Winston told him a geology building was scheduled, and the department is still waiting.

One of the most considerate acts I have ever known is that of Sturgis E. Leavitt in providing a home for the birds before he finishes his own home. The front entrance of his house has been erected, and in the angle of the cornice some English sparrows

Chapel Hill Chaff

Judge Hinshaw and I have been engaging in a discussion about which of us ought to be elected president of the Chapel Hill Crow-Eaters' Club. On the basis of the popular vote he would have to yield to me the precedence, but on the basis of the number of states carried by each candidate he deserves the top place in the club, since his allotment to Truman was only 3 states while mine was 5.

Misery loves company, and one thing that consoles every crow-eater is that his neighbors are having to partake of the same odious dish. The "experts," as you have learned from the newspapers and the radio, are in the same boat with everybody else. F. O. Bowman, one of the wisest guys in the village in the political field—indeed one of the wisest in the State—said, in substance, when I met him in the post office lobby, the same thing that was said by Elmer Roper, the eminent pollster, on the day after the election: "I couldn't have been more wrong."

The arrival of cold weather makes suitable now the kind of clothes that the male population wore during the last month when the weather was like summertime.

After winter has really begun it can hardly be expected that men will want to change to thin suits for an occasional mild day; but in this latitude we always have warm weather in October and November, and it is certainly foolish for men here to be going around in clothes as heavy as are being worn by men in New England.

Acquaintances all around me at the L.S.U. football game October 23, and again at the William and Mary game November 6, said they wished they had on seersuckers such as I was wearing. Well, why not? Nobody was forcing them to wear heavy clothes on a hot day.

Corn-Growing Contest Winners Will Receive Their Prizes at Barbecue at New Hope Tonight

Queer Thunderstorm

A queer aspect of the thunderstorm that struck Chapel Hill on Wednesday night of last week was the way it shook houses. Walls quivered and windows rattled. Many people were frightened.

Karl H. Fussler, the University's astronomer, said that a thunderstorm so severe at this time of the year was a rarity. He attributed the violence of it to "heavy thunderclaps, near and severe" . . . "And, because Chapel Hill is built upon a rock, a hill of granite," he said, "it has the capacity to be shaken."

The storm, which raged off and on from 11 P.M. to 4 A.M. "seemed to come back and back and back," said Mr. Fussler. "This was peculiar, but appears to be typical of Chapel Hill storms."

Chief of Police Sloan called the storm "the worst I have ever known in any season."

Mike Bean, who lives with three other University students in the H. G. Baity cottage, has a collection of guns which he keeps in the corners and on the walls of the living room. "During the storm," he said, "sparks were jumping off those guns."

About 200 telephones were put out of commission by the storm. "This," said Grey Culbreth, the University Service Plants superintendent, "means about 100 lines, or 5 per cent of our stations, were damaged."

Cold Weather

After a long succession of warm days, cold weather struck the village night before last. It hung on yesterday, and the Government forecast is that it will be here again today.

Just before dawn early yesterday morning the thermometer in the U. S. Weather Bureau station on the University campus showed a temperature of 37, which is 5 degrees above freezing. At 11:10 the temperature had gone up to 53.

The November record read over the telephone to the editor by Max D. Saunders shows that on 8 of the first 10 days in November the mercury rose to 70 or higher. It was at 83 on the 5th and at 80 on the 4th, the 6th, and the 10th. Until yesterday the November minimum was 44.

The rainfall in November, to 3 P.M. yesterday, November 11, was 3.83 inches. Of this, the rain on the 4th accounted for 2.5 inches.

Commerce Fraternity Has Celebration

The University chapter of Delta Sigma Pi, international professional commerce fraternity, celebrated the founding of the fraternity at a banquet recently at the Carolina Inn. Among those present were D. D. Carroll, dean of the University commerce school, and H. D. Wolf, C. M. McGregor, M. S. Heath and G. A. Barrett, all of the commerce school here.

"What I Saw in France"

Jacques Hardré, of the University department of romance languages, will talk on "What I Saw in France" at the meeting of the Faculty Club at 1 o'clock Tuesday at the Carolina Inn. Mr. Hardré, a soldier in the French army in World War II, revisited France this last summer.

Swalin Returns from Mexico

Benjamin Swalin will return Sunday by plane from Guadalajara, Mexico, where he was guest conductor of the Guadalajara Symphony orchestra for two concerts. Among the celebrities Mr. Swalin met during his stay in Mexico was Diego Riviera, the artist.

Harry Stroud Killed

Harry Stroud, well-known Chapel Hill Negro, died Monday as the result of falling from a second-story porch after a railing on which he was seated broke. He was janitor at Ledbetter-Pickard's and was formerly janitor at the bank.

Prizes, Given by the Bank of Chapel Hill, Will Be Presented by F. H. Jeter

The prizes to winners in the 1948 Orange county corn-growing contest will be awarded at a barbecue at 7 o'clock this (Friday) evening at Camp New Hope. The camp is near the old New Hope Presbyterian church about 6 miles north of Chapel Hill.

The prizes, which are given every year by the Bank of Chapel Hill, will be presented by Frank H. Jeter, farming expert with the extension service at State College in Raleigh. The bank will be represented at the gathering by W. E. Thompson, executive vice-president.

Fifty farmers engaged in this year's contest. The first prize, a \$100 U. S. savings bond, will be awarded to the one who produced the most corn per acre in the county. The winner in every township gets \$5 in cash.

This corn-growing contest is one of the many projects, launched in the last few years, to improve agriculture in Orange. It is conducted under the direction of the county farm agent, Don Matheson.

A branch of farming in which Orange county has made a great advance is dairying. Testimony to this is contained in an article, in the Guernsey Breeders Journal, which tells that J. E. Latta's 4-year-old Guernsey cow, Ogedank's Dinah No. 740865, has been declared champion cow for North Carolina with a year's production of 10,774 lbs. of milk and 533 lbs. of butterfat. She was milked 730 times in the year. Since this record was made Mr. Latta has had one other cow, a 6-year-old, to produce more than 600 lbs. of butterfat in a year. His herd is composed entirely of registered Guernseys.

Community Chest Has Not Reached Its Goal

The goal set for the Community Chest—\$12,000 for eight organizations—has not been reached.

To yesterday, the contributions stood at \$9,688. This includes \$7,141 in cash and \$2,547 in pledges.

The campaign committee (headed by Roy Armstrong) makes an urgent appeal for (1) contributions from persons who have not yet made any, (2) additional contributions from persons who perhaps feel that they can give more, and (3) the payment of pledges.

Checks should be sent to H. C. McAllister, treasurer, Box 471, Chapel Hill.

The organizations among which the fund will be divided are the Boy Scouts, Girl Scouts, White and Colored Recreation Centers, Day Nursery, League for Crippled Children, Children's Library, and Humane Society.

Phi Mu Alpha Sinfonia Banquet

Glen Haydon, head of the University music department, was guest speaker at a banquet held this week by the Alpha Rho chapter of Phi Mu Alpha Sinfonia of America, honorary music fraternity. The banquet honored the eight new members of the organization, including Colbert Leonard of Chapel Hill, who were initiated this week. Before Mr. Haydon's address, Earl Slocum gave a brief history of the fraternity.

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