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Rain, Thunder, And Lightning Join to Make A Big Storm

A cloudburst descended on Chapel Hill at about 1 o'clock Tuesday afternoon. Not in years had the village seen so much rain come down in such a short time.

The rainfall meter of the U. S. Soil Conservation service, out on the Mason Farm, showed a fall of one and a quarter inches in about half an hour. Max D. Saunders, custodian of the U. S. Weather Bureau station at Carrboro, reports that the meter there showed a fall of 1.52 inches.

The cloudburst's most spectacular demonstration was in the dip of Franklin street at the foot of Mallett street. Water piled up more than a foot deep there. It passed through the doors of Fowler's Food Store, and did a damage, on the bottom row of shelves, amounting to several hundred dollars. The store had to close for about three hours.

Among home-owners the person who took the worst beating from the storm was Mrs. Eugene Andrews, who lives on the corner of Franklin and Mallett streets. The monster drain that brings water from the campus and a large area along South Columbia street and Cameron avenue opens on her lot. The volume of water coming through it could not be taken care of by the town's storm drains under Franklin street, so the flood overflowed Mrs. Andrews' garden and destroyed her beets, cabbage, and other vegetables.

The rainstorm was accompanied by thunder and lightning. A bolt of lightning struck the giant oak beside the L. J. Phipps home on Pittsboro street and ripped off a strip of bark from the top of the tree to within a few feet of the ground. Miss Snooky Phipps, coming in from the street, was within a few feet of the tree when it was struck. Fragments of bark were strewn around her but she was not hurt.

McClamrochs Have Gone to Convention

Mr. and Mrs. Roland McClamroch set out yesterday by automobile for the Democratic Convention. They will stay at the Conrad Hilton hotel. Mr. McClamroch is a member of the North Carolina delegation as an alternate.

They were to stop-over at Boone last night to see Kermit Hunter's play, "Horn in the West." They will be in Cincinnati, Ohio, tonight with Mr. and Mrs. Robert H. Wetach, jr., and their new baby. They will arrive in Chicago tomorrow night. They don't know how long they will be there because they don't know how long the convention will take to select a candidate.

From Chicago they will go first to Denver and then to Seattle, Washington, to visit the Irving Clarks. They will be at the Valley Ranch, Valley, Wyoming, in late August and early September. That is where Mr. McClamroch is to attend the meeting of the directors of the National Wildlife Federation.

Annual Fishing Rodeo

The Orange County Wildlife Club's annual fishing rodeo for boys and girls will be held from 2:30 to 6:30 p.m. Saturday, August 23, at Brodie Clark's lake. Ted Hazelwood and Kenneth Putnam are co-chairmen of the event.

When a Five-Star General Came to the Village



This is one of the photographs taken on General Eisenhower's latest (but, it is hoped, not last) visit here. From left to right: Captain Hazlett, Mrs. Eisenhower, Mrs. Hazlett, the General.

When General Dwight D. Eisenhower was Chief of Staff of the Army, an inspection trip that he made to Fort Bragg gave him the opportunity for a long-hoped-for meeting with his friend, Captain E. E. Hazlett. They had not seen each other for several

Tuesday, August 5, Is Day Set for Opening Of 16 of the 34 Rooms in University Lodge

W. D. Carmichael, sr., and I went out, Tuesday afternoon, to University Lodge, the new living quarters two miles from town on the Raleigh road, to see how near the building was to completion. The sun was shining bright but the midday cloudburst had left pools of water all around. A raised level had been thoughtfully provided as a passage for cars and so, by winding adroitly among the pools, we could drive up close to the edge of the porch.

Charles Nottingham, the manager, when he showed us around, told us that the 16 rooms in the half of the building nearest Chapel Hill (at the right as you come from the highway) would be ready for guests Tuesday, August 5. The other 18 will be ready before the University opens in September. Of course the grounds will be cleared of debris and will be suitably dolled up before August 5.

The building is in the shape of a sort of U. Since the inner side of the U is toward the highway, the impression you get as you approach is that two arms are spread out to give you a loving embrace. From what Mr. Nottingham

years, not since before General momentous mission beyond the Atlantic.

It was on the first day of April 1947 that General and Mrs. Eisenhower came to Chapel Hill. The idea was that they would slip off from Fort

Bragg, without any announcement about where they were going, and would have a few quiet hours with the Hazletts. The projected incognito visit wound up as many another incognito visit has—in a flood of limelight.

Somehow the word got out, maybe by a grapevine telephone message from Fort Bragg. The State Highway Patrol had insisted on having an escort for the General all the time he was in North Carolina, and of course the attention of passersby was attracted when the State troopers and the automobile bearing the visitors stopped in front of the Hazlett home. To let the cat completely out of the bag, young Merwyn Van Hecke came along and saw the Five Stars on the license plate; and so did another boy;

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Second Term Enrollment

Just before the paper went to press yesterday—the enrollment for the second term of the University Summer Session stood at 1,909. Director Phillips said that he thought it might go, before the end of the registration period this afternoon, to 2,000. This is as large an enrollment as was expected in the light of the drop of more than 1,000, from last year, in the first term enrollment. The second term enrollment last year was about 2,800.

Smith Says Movie Business Is Improving

E. C. Smith, manager of the Carolina theatre, reports that business has been better than usual at his theatre this year, despite the hue and cry raised about television's keeping people at home and away from the movies. He said the same thing is true in many parts of the South and that he attributes it to the fact that Hollywood is making better shows than formerly.

"I know the ones we are getting here have been an improvement," he said, "and the public has responded to this change for the better. The industry went through a period of soul-searching, and now it is making fewer and better movies."

As examples of some of these better shows, Mr. Smith named the following movies that are coming here soon: "Encore," the new Somerset

Maugham movie; "Jumping Jacks," with Dean Martin and Jerry Lewis; "High Noon," starring Gary Cooper and Grace Kelly; "Islands of Desire," with Linda Darnell; "We're Not Married," Ginger Rogers; "Where's Charlie," a remake of "Charlie's Aunt;" "The Washington Story," Van Johnson, and "The Story of Will Rogers," in which Will Rogers, jr., plays the part of his father.

Mr. Smith said that in New York the Macy Department Store has been running full-page ads of specially good movies in the big newspapers. "They're doing it to encourage people to desert their televisions and go to the show," he said. "They figure they'll have more shoppers in their store if more people come downtown to the show."

Chapel Hill Chaff

"It certainly did play the devil with Mrs. Eugene Andrews' garden!" one of my treasured volunteer reporters told me over the telephone just after Tuesday's cloudburst. I rang up Mrs. Andrews and got more information, and later I went to call on her. Mud and debris covered, and had ruined, all the garden except some tomatoes that were on a slight rise of ground. It was a sad sight indeed, but there was nothing sad in the appearance of Mrs. Andrews. From the bench where she sat with her foster-child and a neighbor, Mrs. Lloyd, she greeted me with a wave of a hand and a smile. Then she got up and we strolled around. The mud from that stroll is still clinging to my shoes.

I can remember from my boyhood in the 1890's the big open ditch that started on the Gore place (where the Communication Center is), passed under Columbia street, with wooden bridges at the sidewalks, and then ran through backyards and pastures and on under Franklin and Rosemary streets. A town changes but there is one thing about it that never changes: the rain continues to fall on it and there have to be drains to carry the rainwater off. That old drain has been covered over along its upper stretches, where it passes near fraternity houses and under the school grounds, but it becomes an open ditch (a neat stone-walled one) at the upper edge of Mrs. Andrews' place at the corner of Franklin and Mallett streets. There is about 80 feet of this ditch crossing the garden and then, just before it gets to Mallett street, the drain goes underground again.

The cloudburst produced such a vast volume of water

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Workers Needed by Hospital Auxiliary

Several items of interest to members of the Women's Hospital Auxiliary are announced by Mrs. W. W. Pierson, president of the auxiliary.

The sewing and linen-marking room, formerly at the Chapel Hill Country Club, is now in room 405 on the fourth floor of the hospital and will be open from 9 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. daily from Monday through Friday of every week. Mrs. Pierson says that help is urgently needed for this project and that she urges the women of Chapel Hill and Carrboro to offer their services, if only for an hour or two at a time.

Material for the cherry-red smocks the auxiliary members will wear when on duty in the hospital is now available at the Carolina Drapery Shop. Members may buy it and make their own smocks or have them made at the shop for a reasonable charge.

Training for hospital guide

Mr. Birdseye Asked to Be Temporary Pastor Here

The Presbyterian congregation has asked the Rev. Irving E. Birdseye, pastor of the Hillsboro Presbyterian church, to be pastor here during the next year when the Rev. Charles M. Jones will be away on leave. Mr. Birdseye has not yet decided whether or not he will accept the offer.

Kellogg Buys Childers Home

G. H. Kellogg, who was living until recently in the former Harold D. Meyer home on the Pittsboro highway, has bought and moved into the former James S. Childers home on the Pittsboro highway 11 miles from Chapel Hill.

Chapel Hill May Have Eisenhower as Visitor In Course of Campaign

Carl Durham Urges Continuation Of Tobacco Quotas

Tobacco farmers will vote tomorrow (Saturday) on the question of continuing the present program, the allotment of quotas of acres that can be planted in tobacco. The purpose of the quota system is to prevent over-production and a consequent collapse of prices.

The Weekly has received the following telegram from Congressman Carl Durham:

"I urge all tobacco farmers to go to the polls Saturday and vote for the continuation of the present tobacco program."

If the farmers support quotas by a two-thirds vote the Federal government will continue to support the price of the crop.

Everybody who owns all or part of a crop of tobacco in this year's growth is eligible to vote.

New Law Will Bring Rise in Enrollment

Summer Session Director Guy B. Phillips' voice contained an exceptionally cheerful note when he replied to this question of mine over the telephone yesterday morning:

"Did you read in the paper about President Truman's signing the bill for benefits for Korean veterans?"

"I certainly did," he replied, "and it's good news for us."

The new law, like the so-called G.I. Bill of Rights, enacted for the benefit of World War II veterans, will provide tuition fees and living expenses for Korean veterans at institutions all over the country.

"It may have some effect on enrollment in September," said Mr. Phillips. "but I don't expect it to have much effect till January. Then the Korean veterans will be entering the University in considerable numbers. And of course the law will cause a big increase in the enrollment next summer."

Because of the rotation system, under which soldiers in Korea are replaced by other soldiers and come home after relatively short periods of service, the number of veterans receiving benefits under the new law will run into many hundreds of thousands.

Pay Cut for Summer Faculty Members

A decline of 1,080 in University Summer Session enrollment, causing a proportionate decline in revenue from tuition fees, has compelled a cut of 25 per cent in the salaries of about 225 members of the faculty.

The first-term enrollment last year was 3,560. The drop to 2,480 this year is a decrease of about 30 per cent.

There is no State appropriation for the Summer Session, so that faculty salaries must be paid out of a self-sustaining budget. In case of a big drop in enrollment the revenue falls below the self-sustaining point.

Guy B. Phillips, director of the Summer Session, says that a large part of the drop in enrollment is in the categories of freshmen and war

There is a possibility that Dwight D. Eisenhower, the Republican candidate for President, will come to Chapel Hill in the course of his campaign this fall.

Some persons who have been speculating about this, or, you might say, gossiping about it, think his visit is more than possible; they call it probable.

General Eisenhower has said that he expects to come to the South in his campaign. If he comes to the South he will certainly come to North Carolina, since this is one of the Southern States that his adherents think he has a good chance of carrying if it is vigorously campaigned for. And if he comes to North Carolina he is likely to come to Chapel Hill, for two reasons: first, because his close friend, Captain E. E. ("Swede") Hazlett, U.S. Navy, retired, with whom he grew up in Abilene, lives here, and second, because the University's being here makes Hill a center for the State and an excellent training-off place for a campaign candidate.

Student organization interested in politics are expected to invite university representatives of all shades of political opinion, and there is little doubt that, after the University opens in September, invitations will be sent to both the Republican and the Democratic candidates for President.

The students in politics will be exceptionally keen in this election year.

If General Eisenhower comes here he will have, as a Presidential candidate always has, a considerable number of traveling companions, including newspaper correspondents and photographers.

Supper Forum Will Be Open to Public

The public is invited to a supper forum on "World Understanding" to be held from 5:30 to 7 p.m. Monday, July 21, in the second-floor dining room of Lenoir hall under the auspices of the University YMCA. It is one in a series of such forums on this general topic being sponsored by the "Y."

The specific topic of the evening will be "Recent Developments in Germany in Connection with Problems of Integration between East and West." The discussion leaders will be C. B. Robson of the University faculty, who recently returned from Germany, where he was cultural relations officer with the Army of Occupation in Berlin and Bonn, and Mrs. Marianne Hauser, who lived two years under the Russian occupation in East Germany and who now lives here and works at Danziger's Restaurant.

Persons wishing to attend the forum may get their supper on a tray in the Lenoir hall cafeteria on the first floor and proceed to the second floor to eat and take part in or listen to the discussions.

Makes Dean's List

Miss Janet Merritt, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Leroy Merritt, was one of the four students in the University's school of nursing who made the dean's list in the spring quarter. A student must make at least a B on every course to be on the dean's list.

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