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A Simple, Easy Way for People to Avoid Being Swindled by Strangers

The executive secretary of the Merchants Association was kept busy last week answering telephone calls from householders who complained about strangers who had come to their homes offering "bargains" of one kind or another.

Time and time again through the years there have been invasions of Chapel Hill by strangers seeking to separate residents from their money by smooth talk about the low prices and the great value of the wares they were offering.

One of the activities complained of last week was the selling of rugs by persons falsely representing themselves as suppliers for antique shops here.

Why will people who have been warned again and again continue to fall for the "line" of these strangers? One word is sufficient to save you your money and to put an end to annoyance.

With any magazine purchasable at one of our own stores or by mail subscription; with the studios of excellent photographers right here within five minutes' drive of any home in the town or its suburbs;

Here, then, is a problem for which everybody has a perfectly simple and easy solution: merely, refusal to buy. It is also a situation which recalls the famous saying by Phineas T. Barnum about the prevalence of a certain species of mankind.—L. G.

Rejuvenation at Chowan

After a period of financial distress, when it had to be suspended, Chowan College, in Murfreesboro down in eastern North Carolina, has been revived and rejuvenated.

The stately and dignified main building, "The Columns," which I remember seeing and admiring when I was on a trip down east several years ago, was built in 1851 and for a long time was the only building on the campus.

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mile from a navigable river, the Meherrin. Tall pines border the circular drive in front of "The Columns," and a beautiful cedar lane, bisecting the circle, leads to the central door of the building.

Hertford county, in which Murfreesboro is situated, being near the coast, was settled in the early Colonial era. It was flourishing plantation country in antebellum days and there are many homes a century or more old in the country around the college.

The Reverend Mr. Hooper surely had the ideas that prevailed in his day, about modesty's requiring complete coverage of the female body from neck to feet, but his writings reveal him as having a good share of humor and tolerance.

He died in 1876, so nobody can know what he's seeing now. But if he is up there in heaven with robed angels clustering and fluttering around, I can easily believe that he would enjoy diverting his gaze for a little while to the co-eds on the brink of the pool in Murfreesboro.

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Relative Safety in Ways of Travel In a statement published in this paper recently Mr. Goodwin of the Eastern Airlines said that in 1954 travel by air was 28 times as safe as travel by automobile.

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looked frightening to me, but I saw the operation so many times that it became commonplace, and before the cruise was over I made two of these high-line ship-to-ship trips without any quivers at all.

I didn't get a chance to go down in the submarine that was with the fleet. If I had been invited I would have been ashamed not to go, but I'm sure I would have been frightened.

The scariest means of travel within my experience is the little car that hangs from a wire rope and is pulled by a windlass across an abyss about 500 feet deep to the Sugar Loaf mountain at Rio de Janeiro.

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Chapel Hill Chaff

(Continued from page 1) change in what met the eye. But there has been a vast improvement. The three men who have come to live in sight of my home in the last few years are Joseph Warren, Kay Kyser, and Colonel Robert Carter Burns.

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Gullies and Brick Walks: A Contrast

Heavy rains in the last few weeks have had the same result that heavy rains in Chapel Hill have had for many years: they have made gullies in sidewalks all over town.

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Liquor Referendum

(Continued from page 1) or provisions of statutes, that affect a particular locality.

One local lawyer, who asked that his name not be used, said, "If Orange county voted wet, a lawyer could find grounds for arguing either side of the question of ABC stores in Chapel Hill."

The next meeting of the commissioners is scheduled for the first Monday in March. If the commissioners decided not to call for an ABC referendum, a petition of at least 15 per cent of the registered voters who cast ballots in the last election for Governor could obtain one.

It is the general understanding here that if the commissioners refuse to call for an ABC vote, a petition will be started. Presumably, the petitioners could get a referendum as soon as the County Board of Elections received their request.

Orange county held its last referendum on the ABC issue in August of 1937, and it voted dry. At that time, Durham county on the east was already dry and Alamance on the other side was also holding an ABC vote.

Mr. Godfrey estimated that ABC stores would provide the schools with a minimum of \$70,000 and a maximum of \$200,000 annually. When a county sets up ABC stores, most of the money goes to the county's general fund.

Why did the county commissioners cut the supplementary tax from 20 cents to 12 cents last summer?

E. O. Forrest, the then chairman of the board of commissioners, said the tax was cut because property revaluation would result in much larger tax revenues.

On the Town

I KNOW THIS SOUNDS like heresy, but I just can't go along with all the people (including the architectural "experts") who say that the state capitol in Raleigh is a beautiful building.

WHILE GORDON GRAY outlined the Consolidated University's budget requests before the Joint Appropriations Committee last week, he set a new time record for a single appearance before the body, according to veteran capital reporters.

THE ROAD TO RALEIGH takes the driver past a large billboard which proclaims for all the world to see: "Now! Less parking worries in Raleigh!"

EITHER PRESIDENT EISENHOWER is watching the world through the rosier pair of glasses around, or Drew Pearson has got Ike pegged all wrong.

That was Saturday's Pearson column. Drew is no doubt ruminating those words now. For Monday afternoon's papers indicated that either Drew or Ike missed the boat somewhere.

MISS JACKIE GOODMAN, a University coed from Norfolk, Virginia, was commenting on the recent column item about people saving the little red cellophane strips from cigarette packages in the mistaken belief that someone or some organization was offering a Seeing Eye dog to the proud collector of 35,000 strips.

Coeds at William and Mary, where she went to school prior to transferring to the University here, Miss Goodman reported, were saving the cellophane strips in the belief that a certain number of them would entitle the collector to a wheel chair.

Anyone try for an iron lung?

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