

University Is Hard Pressed For Quarters For Students

The University's biggest housing problem right now is the need for quarters for married students, according to Housing Officer James E. Wadsworth, who says that many such couples will have to be satisfied with rooms, apartments, or small houses as far as ten miles from Chapel Hill. The University is expecting about 6,500 students this fall, and the campus and town don't have room for all of them, to say nothing of room for the wives and children of married students.

Anybody in or near Chapel Hill and Carrboro who has rooms, apartments, or small houses for rent is asked to call Mr. Wadsworth at the University's housing office (9-2566) for the benefit of students who are coming by there daily looking for places in which to live. It is also requested that the housing office be notified when quarters on its list have been rented, so that students won't be sent on so many wild goose chases.

Mr. Wadsworth said that 25 married couples came into the housing office one morning last week looking for living quarters. Many of these couples, he said, will either have to find quarters as far away as Durham or change their plans about attending the University.

The major demand is for houses and apartments with middle to low rent rates. Most of the applicants are returning veterans, with a wife, and many have a small child or two. Most of them have only a limited income.

Mr. Wadsworth said that the 352 housing units in Victory Village have long been filled. The housing office now has a waiting list of almost 500 applications for housing in Victory Village. For single students the housing situation is almost as bad. Already 13 of the 19 men's dormitories have been set aside to house three students to a room, and all of these are practically filled now. The women's dormitories are also filled.

Already many married students are living in houses off the University campus in Chapel Hill and Carrboro. Mr. Wadsworth says that the residents of the two towns have been good about calling the housing office when they have apartments, small houses and rooms to rent, but that many more such units are needed by September 15, when the fall session will begin.

Woman Needs Help To Rebuild House

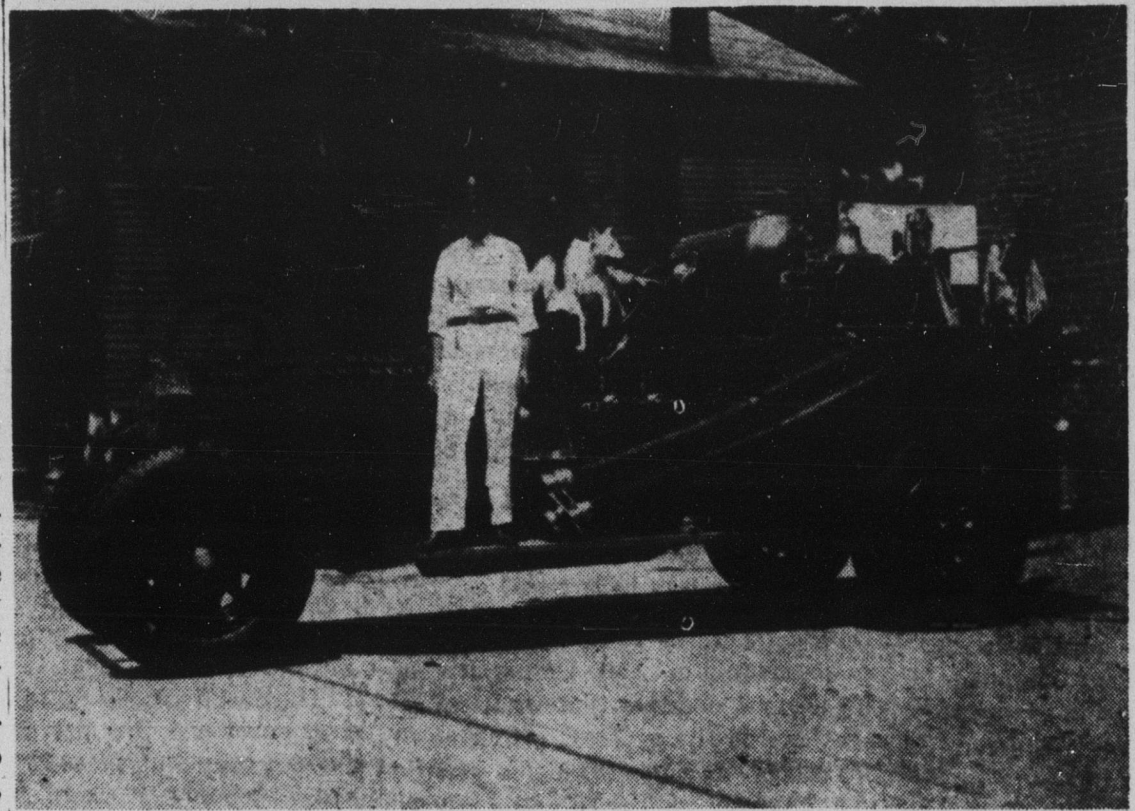
Help is needed by Mrs. Ada Edwards, a Negro woman whose house near Bethel church recently burned down. She needs any assistance she can get, including cinder blocks, flooring, covering, other building materials, or money.

Anybody willing to help is asked to get in touch with Mrs. Norma Chrisman of 307 North Columbia Street, whose telephone number is 9-2838. Four of Mrs. Edwards' grandchildren whose parents are dead are living with her, and she is having quite a struggle taking care of them and attempting to rebuild her home.

John Crittenden Leaving
Dr. and Mrs. Eugene Hargrove and their family will go to Crew, Va., tomorrow to take home John Crittenden, Mrs. Hargrove's nephew, who has been here visiting them.

Trip to California
Candy Carroll and John Carroll are with their grandmother, Mrs. Betty Smith, on an automobile trip to California and other Western states.

Chief J. S. Boone Says Fire Department Has Come Considerable Way Since This Picture Was Taken



J. S. Boone, now Chief of the Chapel Hill Fire Department, is shown at the wheel of the town's oldest fire truck in this picture taken in 1929 when the truck was comparatively new. It was bought in 1921 and is still in use as a reserve truck. Standing on the running board is the late Frank Partin, then a member of the department. Also shown is White Dog, the department's mascot, who lived at the fire house and went to all fires

riding on the truck. In the background is the old two-story wooden store building that housed the Town Hall and courtroom and that stood on the site of the present Town Hall. The brick wall at right is part of the old fire house, which stood in the middle of Columbia street, dividing it into two traffic lanes. More about Chief Boone and the Fire Department is told in the story below.

"I've never been anything but a fireman all my life," said Fire Chief J. S. Boone as an opener to our interview with him the other day.

Chief Boone, who has been fire chief since P. R. Perry's resignation last July, started as a fireman in High

Point in 1922 and came to Chapel Hill shortly thereafter when Chapel Hill began putting paid firemen on duty. He has been assistant chief since 1933.

The principal problem at the fire department right now is centered in the chief's

perplexing struggle to move Chapel Hill from fire insurance class seven to class six. For this improvement Chapel Hill needs, among other things, a 75-foot aerial truck and three men on duty at all times. Chapel Hill also needs to adopt a modern, up-to-date fire prevention code. At present, the town operates only under the state law, which gives the local fire chief power to "seek out and correct all fire hazards." However, the North Carolina building code, which is concerned chiefly with fire insurance in its connection with fire departments, outlines a much more detailed fire prevention code, and this code is, Chief Boone, said, what the town needs to adopt.

"It won't be much trouble to get into a better class if we can once get into class six," the Chief said. "It's harder to get from class seven to class six, than it is to get to class seven from class ten." Class ten is the fire insurance rating given to towns with no fire fighting equipment at all.

We asked the Chief if he wouldn't take us on a little tour of the fire trucks down in the garage. We never have succeeded in progressing far enough beyond adolescence to lose interest in fire engines.

The Chief took us down, and started on the oldest truck, shown in the picture above. "This is a 750-gallon per minute pumper," he said. "It's a triple combination (carries a pump, hose, and a booster pump) truck. We've had it since 1921. We just keep it in reserve now. It cost \$12,500." The truck has right-hand drive because the pump handle, which operates the pump, is on the right-hand side of the truck. We climbed up in the driver's seat. The accelerator was in the middle, between the clutch and the

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Murray Brothers Plan Building On Main Corner

A simple 12-word sign on the southwest corner of Chapel Hill's main intersection this week announced the forthcoming development of what is probably the most valuable undeveloped property in town.

The sign on the old Isaac Emerson property adjoining the Baptist church and facing West Franklin street at Columbia street said: "Chapel Hill's Newest Building . . . Space Still Available . . . I. E. and J. S. Murray, Durham."

Answering reporters' questions, the Murray brothers, who are Durham businessmen, said they had not decided what style building would go on the property, whether they would erect the building themselves and lease it, whether they would develop and sell the property, or what. "We've got an armful of propositions to consider," they were quoted as saying.

The property extends some 200 feet on West Franklin street from Columbia street and goes back on Columbia street to the Chapel Hill Baptist church, or approximately 75 feet. It now has on it a vacant lot and a rental residence. It used to belong to the late Isaac Emerson, Orange county native who made a great fortune through his invention of Bromo-Seltzer and who gave Emerson stadium to the University.

In recent years as property in the area has increased in value, there has been much speculation as to the eventual use or disposition of the old Emerson place. The Baptist church has considered purchasing it several times, and so have individuals. But the Murrays' sign this week was the first indication that it would be put to modern usage in the near future.

Chapel Hill Chaff

J. J.

Ed Bilpuch, former University football star, came in the Weekly office a couple of weeks ago to see if we knew of a place in or near Chapel Hill where he could conduct experiments at least thirty feet underground. The experiments were in connection with work he is doing at the University toward a doctorate in nuclear physics.

"Right now I'm studying the effects of cosmic rays," he said. "The trouble is the rays are so powerful and numerous at ground level I can't tell much about them. But at thirty feet underground they will have been thinned out enough to be of some use to me."

I had to admit I didn't know of any thirty-foot shaft or tunnel in or near Chapel Hill. The old iron mine out near the airport, where ore was dug for the hard-pressed Confederacy during the Civil War, was deeper than that the last time I saw it, but I had heard the Umsteads had filled it with earth several years ago when they began opening that area for a residential development. (It was too dangerous to be left open. Anybody who fell down the shaft never would have got out unless there was somebody within calling distance.)

I telephoned Max Saunders, superintendent of the filter plant, thinking he might know of some deep hole or tunnel used in connection with the town's water system. He said he didn't.

Then I thought of the coal mine near Pittsboro and recalled it had been in operation as late as World War II. I phoned Moody Durham, a native of those parts, to ask if he knew whether or not it was still open. He told us to call the Chatham (Continued on page 5)

Board of Adjustment Decides On Watchful Waiting Policy In Regard to Advertising on Shelter for School Children

Paper Collection Is Set for Sunday

Everybody is asked to put out scrap paper this Sunday afternoon, August 28, for the Jaycee paper collection. Old newspapers, magazines, and other waste paper should be tied in bundles and placed on the curb or front porch by not later than 2 p.m.

In announcing the collection, Lindy Sparrow, the Jaycees' paper drive chairman, said, "People who have large quantities of paper they want us to move are asked to call Bill Fowler at 9437, and we'll be glad to get it out of the garage, basement, attic, or wherever it is."

Proceeds from the sale of the paper are used by the Jaycees to help finance their civic projects.

Thrift Shop Needs Children's Clothes

The Thrift Shop operated on West Franklin Street by the Chapel Hill P.T.A. organizations will be closed from Monday, August 29, through Monday, August 5. It will reopen Tuesday, August 6, and from then on will be open from 10 a.m. till 5 p.m. five days a week, Tuesday through Saturday. It will not close for lunch hour.

Mrs. Ray, who manages the shop, said it would be cleaned and reorganized during the week's closing and that she might possibly get a day off. A P.T.A. official said yesterday the shop was in need of children's school clothes. "Mothers who discover that their children have outgrown their wardrobes would be helping others greatly if they would give such articles to the Thrift Shop," the spokesman said. "Also they may find at the shop just what they need to replace what they have contributed. There are still many excellent bargains in summer clothing."

The Thrift Shop is next door to the Hospital Saving Association. Persons who have contributions but are unable to deliver them to the shop are asked to call 8-455 for pick-up service. The proceeds from the shop are used by the P.T.A. groups for their work in the Chapel Hill schools.

On Flood Assignment

Mrs. Mabel R. Brittain, field secretary of the Chapel Hill chapter of the American Red Cross, left Wednesday morning to work with the Red Cross in the flood areas of northeastern and New England states. Mrs. Brittain, who was called into emergency service by the national Red Cross, went from here to New York to get her assignment.

Exchange Club Members Are Continuing Work on Glenwood School Playground

The Chapel Hill Exchange Club will move into round two of "Project Dirt" Saturday afternoon, when its members will work in shifts in the hauling, dumping, and leveling of dirt on the playground back of the Glenwood school in Glen Lenox. Round one occurred about two weeks ago when the Exchange Club hauled about 150 cubic yards of dirt to the playground. Tomorrow the club is expecting to haul around 200 more yards of dirt.

The dirt is being given by Charlie Stancell who is building a house west of Chapel Hill, near Glen Lenox. Ben Bost, local grading contractor, is contributing his time and equipment to the project for just the cost. The trucks are being furnished by Doug Yates, and the tractor used for spreading the dirt was lent by Hugh Lloyd.

The dirt that the Exchange Club has spread and will spread Saturday is far from being enough to fix the playground as it should be. The Exchange Club has agreed to spread any dirt that is dumped on the playground, and any person who has dirt is asked to haul it out to the playground, which is directly back of the Glenwood school.

At the Exchange Club's weekly meeting at the Ranch House Tuesday night, final plans for the second round of "Project Dirt" were made and a report on the state convention at Charlotte last weekend was given by Herb Holland and W. N. Tyler. Club president Pat Pope also attended the convention.

Wyoming Man on Visit

T. A. Larson, chairman of the history department at the University of Wyoming, was here recently on a visit to Mr. and Mrs. C. O. Cathey of Country Club Road. He had been in Washington doing research work in the National Archives and has now returned to Wyoming.

Miss Pegg in Florida

Miss Betsy Pegg is visiting Dr. and Mrs. Younger Staton and Charles Staton at Palm Beach, Florida.

Mysterious Baby Is Left on Windy Hill

William Council, a Negro orderly at Memorial hospital, was driving home from work Thursday afternoon of last week when he saw a young Negro woman walking along the road carrying a Negro baby. He offered her a lift and she accepted.

The girl said she wanted to go to Sugar Hill. Mr. Council had never heard of a Sugar Hill around Chapel Hill and he suggested that maybe she meant Windy Hill. She said yes, that was right. They drove down to Windy Hill, the northern extension of Hillsboro Street, and the girl asked to be let out at number 424.

Number 424 is the residence of Mrs. Laura Baker, an elderly Negro woman. She was not at home but her son Roger was. Mr. Council drove off, and the girl asked Roger if she could leave the baby with him about an hour while she went up to see somebody at the hospital. He agreed and the girl departed, leaving him with one baby boy about three weeks old, a baby's bottle half full of milk, and no diapers. She did not return.

When Mrs. Baker came home to this situation later in the evening she called the police,

Whether or not an advertising-bearing shelter for school children erected just outside the town limits on the Durham road stays put depends in part on action of the Board of Aldermen.

If the town board adopts a proposed ordinance rezoning the area where the sign is located, the shelter will not be in violation of the law. That was the attitude and the decision taken by members of the Chapel Hill Board of Adjustment at a meeting Wednesday night.

The aldermen have before them a proposed ordinance which would make the area semi-commercial instead of residential. Blatant advertising is not permitted in residential areas but is permitted in semi-commercial areas. However, if the proposed ordinance fails to pass the Board of Aldermen, then the Board of Adjustment will go into the matter of the shelter again.

The controversy arose Tuesday when B. B. Sapp of the Sapp Welding Service of Raleigh applied for a permit to erect a prefabricated shelter for school children just outside the town limits. Building Inspector P. L. Burch ruled such a shelter with advertising on the sides was in violation of the present zoning law. But Sapp's crews erected the structure anyway, and the matter was laid before the Board of Adjustment. The board went into the matter Wednesday night, and the discussion brought out the fact that the proposed amendment to the zoning ordinance making the area semi-commercial, if passed, would make the shelter strictly within legal bounds. Had the Board of Adjustment ruled against it Wednesday and had the ordinance subsequently been adopted, the board would thereby be overruled. So it chose a waiting action.

Help Is Needed by Victims of Flood

The Red Cross is in urgent need of financial help for the relief of flood victims in the Northeastern states, according to Tony Gobel, president of the Chapel Hill chapter of the organization.

"The Red Cross has already allotted two million dollars for flood relief and may have to allot five million," Mr. Gobel said yesterday.

Contributions may be mailed to Chapel Hill Red Cross Chapter, 138 1/2 East Franklin Street, or may be left at the Bank of Chapel Hill or its Carrboro branch. Mr. Gobel has appointed William Cherry of the Bank of Chapel Hill as treasurer of flood contributions. Checks should be made out to the American Red Cross.

Fines Say Stories Incorrect
Mr. and Mrs. Bob Fine have asked the Weekly to state that the high water resulting from Hurricane Diane's rains did not drive them from their home on the Bypass. News stories saying the water entered their house were erroneous, Mrs. Fine said yesterday.

Dining Room to Reopen

The Monogram Club Dining Room, which is open to the public, will reopen for the fall quarter at noon Wednesday, August 31. The dining room serves two meals a day: lunch from noon to 2 o'clock and dinner from 5:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. It has been closed for the last few weeks.

Baptist Kindergarten
The Baptist Nursery and Kindergarten closed August 19 and will reopen September 19. It has 50 pupils registered for the coming year. Thirty-one of them were pupils there either this summer or during the last school year.

Station WCHL Does Great Job Raising Money for Red Cross Flood Relief Fund

From sunrise to sunset yesterday Chapel Hill's radio station WCHL was on the air voicing an appeal for contributions for the American Red Cross flood relief, and at noon yesterday had raised around \$600 and was trying to reach a goal of \$1,000. Contributions were being pledged through calls to the radio station on the Durham road, or were given directly to a booth, complete with microphone and records, on Franklin street in front of the J. B. Robbins store.

The appeal show started Wednesday morning at 10 o'clock and lasted all that day, and all day yesterday. After the Wednesday appeal the radio station turned in about \$250 dollars to the local chapter of the American Red Cross and had pledges of about another \$100 dollars.

The idea was thought of by Pokey Alexander of the staff of WCHL Wednesday morning and several hours later was put into effect, with all members of the station's staff helping out. At one time during the day, the station's salesmen were at the downtown booth taking contributions from passing cars, and one of the announcers, who was planning on leaving on vacation, stayed over to help out.

Most of the requests for songs over the radio station were accompanied by a dollar contribution, but several songs cost more. They were "Maybelle," which was \$3, and "The Yellow Rose of Texas," which started at \$1, and yesterday was up to \$2. However, many people were contributing much more to hear other songs. There was one contribution of \$50, which accompanied a request for the "Poet

and Peasant Overture" and two of Sousa's marches.

The radio station was also auctioning off merchandise donated by local merchants. The work of WCHL was highly praised by J. T. Gobel, chairman of the local chapter of the Red Cross. He said, "WCHL is doing a fine job. It is very generous and thoughtful of them." Mr. Gobel said that National Red Cross headquarters had asked Chapel Hill to raise at least \$400, and already it seemed the goal had been passed, in keeping with the tradition that "Chapel Hill always exceeds its quota."

Mr. Gobel said that anyone wishing to contribute now is asked to send donations to the Chapel Hill Red Cross, at 138 1/2 East Franklin street, or to W. R. Cherry, who is treasurer of the local chapter. All contributions must be in by August 31.

The money raised by the local chapter will be used by the Red Cross as direct relief to stricken families in the recent flooded areas. The families needing help number 10,000, and all of their care is being left to the Red Cross. The Red Cross has already allotted around two million dollars, but about six million more is needed.

Return from Northwest

Mrs. J. L. Sutton and Miss Sarah Sutton have returned from a western vacation trip that included visits to Yellowstone Park, several Northwestern states, and the Canadian Rockies. Miss Margaret Robinson of Vancouver, who worked here at the University's School of Dentistry till recently, met them in Victoria and spent an evening with them.

Woman's Body Found in Clearwater Lake

By J. A. C. Dunn
On Wednesday afternoon, after a mad, tearing drive out the Farrington road, we arrived at Clearwater Lake where the floating body of a woman had just been found. Official cars were parked near the water, and official men were gathered around a sheet-covered body lying on the shore of the lake. Sheriff Odell Clayton was there, and deputies W. E. Clark and Earl Bush, assistant coroner George Cannada, Captain Blake of the Chapel Hill Police force, and Billy Warren and Hillman Rice, both of Durham, the two young men who discovered the body.

We will not go into a description of Alva Matthews Tew of Durham, whose corpse was the center of attention. She may have been attractive in life (we never knew her); in death she was not. What we found most interesting was the behavior of the people involved in investigating Mrs. Tew's death. She had been found

at ten minutes to twelve by Messrs. Rice and Warren; it was a little after two when we arrived at the scene. In that time several people had appeared and gathered tensely on the dirt road above the bank where the body lay; the above mentioned officials had appeared and begun their operations. A hearse stood nearby, incongruously shiny in comparison with the rather drab surroundings and the outdated, dusty cars belonging to spectators. The officials standing near the body spoke in subdued voices, as if afraid of disturbing Mrs. Tew. People standing some distance away spoke in normal tones.

We approached the body, lowered our voice, and watched. Billy Warren told us how he and his friend had found the body; he seemed extraordinarily relaxed for a man who had just pulled a dead woman out of a lake, but after a minute or so of listening (Continued on page 12)

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Pokey Alexander shouting "Just a minute, just a minute, I'll be right there" at his radio machinery on Franklin Street last Wednesday as a faint voice inquiring petulantly as to his whereabouts came over the wires. Pokey was setting up the Red Cross booth outside Robbins from which he broadcast all day Wednesday asking people to come by the booth and contribute.

A camel being hauled down East Franklin Street Wednesday morning in a pick-up truck. A wooden miniature camel, it was

Miss Billie Hicklin a fetching figure in a new frock covered with designs of pears, pomegranates, cherries, figs, and purple plums—probably purchased on her recent vacation trip to Mexico.

Strong and sturdy little Michael Porter standing guard over his baby sister as she prattles in her play pen.

Everybody in the College Cafe charmed by Frances Johnson's smile, freckles, and dimples.

O. T. Watkins exhibiting the new ten-ounce bottled Coke around town yesterday.