

## Mrs. Brittain Has Come Back Here From Flood Area

By J. A. C. Dunn  
"When I left they were preparing for the second flood," said Mrs. Mabel R. Brittain, executive secretary of the local Red Cross Chapter, who has been working in the Connecticut flood disaster area around Ansonia and Seymour on the Nagatuck River since August 25. Mrs. Brittain returned to Chapel Hill Sunday.

"The many manufacturing plants were all on the river and they were hit very hard by the first flood. We had rehabilitated about 601 families when I left. A good thing about the second flood was that they were alerted and they could move out in time to avoid being hit too hard. The last I heard there were 100 families in Red Cross shelters in Ansonia.

"Seymour and Ansonia are pretty good sized towns," Mrs. Brittain went on. "Seymour is about 10,000 and Ansonia is about 35,000. In Seymour one whole block washed away. I went in there and I couldn't even visualize how there had been a street there before. Houses, stores, garages, church, public library—all washed away. The Nagatuck River splits all those little towns in there in half, and there were many homes and businesses on both banks. There were bridges across the river, but they were washed away in the first flood. The Army Engineers set up emergency bridges, and they were washed away in the second flood."

Mrs. Brittain explained that there are two phases of Red Cross disaster work. The first phase is the emergency phase—coffee and doughnuts and shelter, emergency aid of all kinds. The second phase is the rehabilitation phase, in which the Red Cross helps re-establish families in homes with furniture, where they can continue to live on a fairly comfortable basis.

"I worked with the people directly," said Mrs. Brittain. "It was just impossible to describe. When I got there the streets had been bulldozed through and the mud was piled as high as a car door. The first Red Cross workers were flown in by helicopters because the roads were closed. We didn't have water for some time. They brought drinking water in by trucks, and water was boiled. It was amazing how fast they got the water mains working, but of course you couldn't drink it or wash in it for some time.

"There were cemeteries on both sides of the river, and these got flooded too. There were caskets washed out of the ground and into the main streets of the towns.

"We were hoping to close the operation at the end of this month."

Before the second flood, 3 1/2 million dollars had been spent for flood repairs and rehabilitation in Connecticut, which was the hardest hit state.

"The wonderful thing about the whole operation," concluded Mrs. Brittain, "was the way people came from all over the United States to help. Nobody questioned anybody else; everybody just worked together to get things straightened out. They came from everywhere—the West, the South, the North."

## 2 Chapel Hillians Struck by Auto

Mrs. Sarah L. Hughes, 62, and her grandson, Patrick S. Hughes, both of Chapel Hill, were severely injured when struck by an automobile in Durham Thursday night.

The condition of Mrs. Hughes was described as "fair" Monday morning. She is in Watts Hospital. The child was released from the hospital Sunday.

Mrs. Hughes and the boy, who reside at 168 Daniels Road, were preparing to visit McPherson Hospital when they were struck by a car being operated west on Main Street by Sterling M. Brockwell Jr., of Durham. Police quoted him as saying he did not see the pedestrians in time to avoid an accident. No charges have been preferred.

## The Final Estimates of School Building Needs to Be Decided

Final estimates of capital outlay needs for Chapel Hill district schools were expected to be made by the School Board last night. However, the previously announced figure of a one million dollar bond issue to finance construction of the school additions was expected to stand.

All members of the board were expected to be present at a dinner at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Grey Culbreth. Carl Smith, chairman of the board, said the one million dollar figure probably would be agreed upon unless some member of the board strongly recommended a change.

The board is expected to carry its figure before the Board of County Commissioners and the County School Board on November 7 when Chapel Hill's recommendation will be studied in connection with a bond issue for county schools.

No recommendations have been announced for the size of the county's bond issue. Chapel Hill officials, however, feel that the size of the county's bond issue may have direct bearing on the size of the district's.

Also, it has not been decided whether there will be two distinct bond issues, or only one to cover both the county and Chapel Hill school district needs.

The County Commissioners are to decide whether Chapel Hill's request will be excessive, and if so, probably cut it before the total bond issue is announced and an election date set for approval or disapproval by the voters.

The proposed bond issue for Chapel Hill would cover needs of local schools for the next five years. Officials feel that a one million dollar bond issue should be readily approved by the people because of a pressing need for new classrooms for the present school population.

## Miss Katherine Jones, Author, To Speak At Bull's Head Tea Thursday Afternoon

Miss Katherine Jones of Greenville, S. C., who is the author of "Heroines of Dixie," will be guest speaker at the first Bull's Head Bookshop tea for the 1955-56 school year Thursday, Oct. 20 at 4 p.m.

Aside from her latest book, Miss Jones also is co-editor of "South Carolina in the Short Story," and editor of "New Confederate Short Stories." At the present time she is writing another book which is scheduled to be published early next year.

She is a professional librarian, having been connected with libraries in Washington, D. C., Columbia, S. C., and is now reference librarian of the Greenville (S. C.) Public Library.

Her "Heroines of Dixie" is the current selection of the Civil War Book Club.

Ralph S. Henry, in writing

the introduction to "Heroines of Dixie," said Miss Jones, "Miss Jones has brought to her work the qualities requisite for producing what is, in effect, a composite autobiography of Confederate women. In doing so, she lets the actors tell the story in their own words, with a minimum of connective tissue to keep events in focus. There is no attempt to round up views from all sources on each phase of the story but the quotations given are each of sufficient length to preserve their flavor and effect."

## Author, Traveler to Speak on Thursday

H. Shepard Jones, author, diplomat and world traveler, will speak at the Thursday night meeting of Pi Sigma Alpha in the assembly room of the Library at 8:30. His topic will be "A Public Affairs Officer in the Middle East: Problems, Perspectives, Possibilities." The public is invited to attend.

Mr. Jones, who is Burton Craigie Visiting Professor in Jurisprudence at the University, is on leave from the State Department for the current academic year. A Rhodes scholar, he received his Ph.D. from Oxford University in 1936, and has been with the State Department for the past 13 years, spending part of that time in the Far and Middle East. He has traveled extensively, having lived or visited in 35 countries.

This will be the first public evening meeting of Pi Sigma Alpha, political science honorary fraternity. Refreshments will be served after the meeting.

The general public is cordially invited to attend this meeting and hear Mr. Jones.

Special Services Officer Maj. Archie Donald Cristopher of Carrboro, a senior cadet in the Air Force ROTC at the University, has been named wing special services officer for the fall semester.

## Appointed

William R. Cherry, assistant cashier of the Bank of Chapel Hill, will head the Chapel Hill Jaycee committee which has taken the responsibility for the Community Chest drive in the business district.

Mr. Cherry was appointed by Gran Childress, president of the Jaycees. Personnel of the committee which will conduct the solicitation will be announced later, Mr. Cherry said. The goal of the 1956 Fund drive to run November 1-9 is \$25,733. Nine Chapel Hill agencies will be beneficiaries of the Chest.

## Graham High Tops Chapel Hill 32-12 In Friday's Game

Chapel Hill High School lost its first Eastern Class AA District Three game to Graham Friday night there. The score was 32 to 12.

Larger and stronger Graham scored four times in the first half and once in the last quarter. The Wildcats could not get rolling until the third period.

And then it was Ruffin Harville's exciting 60-yard punt return that got the locals the first score. In the final period, Gene Smith got Chapel Hill's other touchdown on a seven-yard sneak.

The score had been set up by a 35-yard pass from Rudy Barker to Paul Cheek.

Richard Gunter and Tommy Hogan were impressive on defense for the Wildcats, who now have a 2-1-1 conference record.

## Y-Teens Will Hold Service Tomorrow

The Junior and Senior Y-Teens will hold a candlelight recognition service at 7:30 p.m. tomorrow (Wednesday) at the Chapel of the Cross. The public is invited.

Arrangements for the service are being made by the following girls: Pam Williams worship committee chairman of the Junior Y-Teens; Donna Ballenger, membership committee chairman of the Junior Y-Teens; Barbara Butler, worship committee chairman of the Senior Y-Teens, and Margaret Evans, membership committee chairman of the senior Y-Teens.

Student Awarded Scholarship Samuel E. Penegar, a University student from Monroe, has been awarded a \$500 scholarship by the Great Southern Trucking Co., of Jacksonville, Fla.

## A Chest Agency

## Humane Society Cares for Homeless And Restores Lost Animals to Owners

Animals as well as humans benefit from the Chapel Hill Community Chest, a fact of which animal lovers and others will approve.

The Chapel Hill Humane Society during the first nine months of this year took care of 650 animals as compared with 500 during all of 1954.

The Humane Society attempts to care for homeless animals reported to it as well as for lost pets. Funds granted to the society are spent entirely on medicine and food for the animals, both of which are furnished at cost, and on medical care, available at half the usual fee from Dr. L. L. Vine, cooperating veterinarian.

Sick or injured animals are treated or done away with in a humane manner. Pets which have strayed from home are restored to their owners if possible. Owners pay the entire costs for their pets so that funds granted by the Community Chest go entirely for starving, sick, and injured strays.

Mrs. A. M. Jordan, in reporting to the Chest evaluation committee for the Humane Society, pointed out that she and others bear much of the expense normally borne by a humane society.

The Humane Society will receive \$600 of the \$25,733 budget of the 1956 Community Chest, the drive for which will be conducted November 1-9.

## Chapel Hill Chaff J. J.

Many Durham people break the tedium of city life by driving over here on Sunday to have lunch at the Carolina Inn cafeteria. For some reason or other, most of these short-term refugees are what might be called pioneer residents of our big neighbor to the east. Two in this category are Mrs. E. C. Murray and her foster daughter, Miss Clara Crawford, who are regular Sunday patrons of the Inn. Mrs. Murray, whose father helped found the Citizens National Bank (then the Morehead Bank) and whose husband was the trust officer of the Fidelity Bank, came to Durham about eighty years ago when it had a population of 2,500. Miss Crawford, who has been Librarian of the Durham Public Library almost forty years, was the first woman in Durham to drive her own automobile. Mrs. Murray is a charter member of the Durham public schools, having been in the first grade of the Durham elementary school the first year there was a Durham elementary school.

Both Mrs. Murray and Miss Crawford will remember the days when a trip from Durham to Chapel Hill and back was an all-day journey, and when many people wouldn't attempt it at all in the winter unless they had an unusually strong horse to pull their buggy. That's because the mud was regularly so deep on the highway at that time of year. A small horse couldn't make it without becoming exhausted.

Miss Crawford, who is Mr. Murray's cousin, came to Durham from the family plantation in Alamance County when she was five years old. "At that time," she says, "Durham's Main Street was often in such bad shape you couldn't cross it without getting your shoes covered with mud. At the corners were stepping stones for people to walk across"

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## Town Government Is Cooperating With County In Taking Recalcitrant Taxpayers Into Court; Eight Suits Are Already Filed in Tax Showdown

By Lyn Overman  
The Town of Chapel Hill is cooperating with Orange County in bringing tax suits against recalcitrant taxpayers, some of whom owe taxes for periods as far back as 1929.

The "showdown" began on October 6 when county attorney E. B. Denny filed the

first of eight tax suits now pending in Orange County Superior Court at Hillsboro.

Town Manager Thomas Rose announced last week that he and Town Attorney John Q. LeGrand were directed by the Board of County Commissioners to cooperate with Mr. Denny in bringing into court persons

who owe back county and town taxes on property in Chapel Hill.

Up until now the town and the county have been depending on the sale of property which requires owners to clear property of all back taxes before transfer of title. With the filing of tax suits, persons owing ad valorem taxes will be brought into court and forced to sell their property for payment of the delinquent taxes.

Mr. Rose said the suits are being brought against persons who owe county taxes for periods further back than 1950. Taxes owed the town up to 1949 totaled \$13,549 as of last July 1, he said.

Mr. Denny said he has not estimated the amount of delinquent county taxes on property in Chapel Hill. However, he added, that property in Chapel Hill will be involved in the tax suits although the delinquent taxpayer may not be resident of the town.

The town has been automatically buying tax liens on property, Mr. Rose said, "but that can go on forever, unless we want a showdown."

The town manager said as of July 1, 1955 a total of \$28,618 in town taxes payable into the General Fund had not been paid for the years 1950, 1951, 1952, 1953, and 1954. The total delinquent taxes for the general fund for 1954 alone totaled \$13,760 as of July 1, he said.

However, he added, the total figure for the five-year period has been "considerably reduced" since that date. In addition, to the general fund figure of delinquent taxes for the period, taxes owed debt service totaled \$7,599, making a total figure of \$36,217.

## Mrs. Coenen Says She Is Not Trying To Stand in the Way of Alley Widening

By Chuck Hauser

Mrs. Susan Coenen told the Weekly yesterday she was "certainly" not trying to stand in the way of the town's widening and paving the alley which runs behind the East Franklin Street business district.

Mrs. Coenen said she only quoted a price of \$900 for a four-foot strip of land at the rear of her Rosemary Street property after Town Manager Thomas Rose asked her to name a price.

At a meeting of the Board of Aldermen last week, Mr. Rose said the town was interested in paving the alley but that it should be widened to 20 feet for efficiency. He said Mrs. Coenen would agree to sell only four feet of her property—enough for a 16-foot alley.

Bob Cox, one of 17 merchants who petitioned the aldermen to pave the alley, told the board Walter Creech would also agree to sell only four feet of land.

and he was asking \$1,500.

The alley, widened and paved, would not only provide easy access for delivery trucks, but would keep commercial traffic out of congested East Franklin Street.

Mrs. Coenen brought a new factor into the alley controversy yesterday. She revealed that her deed to the property which runs alongside the present alley forces her to keep open another alley, 10 feet wide, which runs between the building on her property and the business alley. The 10-foot alley must be available for access to the adjoining property.

She said the terms of this deed force her to offer only four feet of land for sale, rather than the eight feet needed for a 20-foot business alley. She said selling eight feet of land would leave her with a piece of land too small to be developed, lying between the business alley and the 10-foot alley specified in her deed.

The Weekly received written statements from both Mrs. Coenen and Mr. Creech over the weekend. Mrs. Coenen's statement follows:

"The property on East Rosemary Street which I bought at public auction in 1948 was divided into three separate lots, one facing Rosemary and two facing the alley. The latter were subject to stipulated bidding and were finally bought at a price far in excess of what anyone would pay for 'the rear of a lot.' I bought these lots in order to provide parking space for the people who would occupy the dwelling there.

"My family has already given to the town of Chapel Hill a driveway 12 feet wide and 300 feet long from the west side of this lot—as well as the present alley 12 feet wide extending 100 feet between the Franklin Street stores and the Rosemary Street lots.

"The necessity for procuring land to widen the alley was brought about by the extension of Stevens-Shepherd's store to the limit of Jack Lipman's property on Franklin Street. The attention of the city authorities was called to the problem that this extension would create when the building was begun; but no action was taken to prevent it.

"It is quite clear that the widening of the alley is for business purposes of the merchants whose stores border it and is therefore not primarily for public purposes.

"The price which I set on the portion of my lot, 4800 square feet of which has already been given to the town, is quite reasonable."

Here are the facts in the alley situation, as reported by Mr. Creech in his statement to the Weekly:

"1. The present alley, 12 feet wide and 400 feet long, running from Rosemary Street south to the rear of the N. C. Cafeteria (Continued on page 8)

## Kovacs to Play Here on Oct. 25

Stephan Kovacs, concert pianist and former member of the American Piano Trio, will appear at the University Oct. 25, at the weekly Tuesday Evening Series concert.

His performance is set for 8 p.m. in Hill Hall.

Sponsored by the Graham Memorial Activities Board and by the Music Department, Kovacs will play a program including compositions by Hungarian Composers Liszt, Szelenyi, Dohanyi.

In addition to these piano works, Kovacs will play his own arrangement of Strauss' "Fledermaus Waltzes;" Liszt's arrangement of Wagner's "Tannhauser Overture." Other major works for piano will include Brahms' "Paganini Variations" and Liszt's "Dante Sonata."

Kovacs is a composer as well as an arranger and pianist. He not only arranged all of the piano numbers used on the American Piano Trio tours but he was engaged to arrange the concert and recording works played by such teams as Luboshutz and Nemenoff, Barlett and Robertson, and Appleton and Field.

He is a graduate of the Franz Liszt Academy of Music in Budapest and was a special student of Zoltan Kodaly. Kovacs also won, in Vienna, the international Franz Liszt piano competition.

## Pi Phi Alumnae Meeting

All Pi Phi alumnae are invited to meet the new province officer at 8 o'clock this (Tuesday) evening at the home of Mrs. Tom Bost Jr. at 719 Gimghoul Road.

## Named Rhodes Candidate

William Thomas Wolf, a Chapel Hill graduate student, is among the four University students selected as Rhodes Scholarship candidates this year.

## Pageantry and Music Contribute to University's Celebration of Its 162nd Birthday; Cornerstone Laying Re-Enacted



The University celebrated its 162nd birthday last Wednesday with pageantry, music, prayer and a re-enactment of the laying of the cornerstone of Old East, the oldest building on the campus of a state university in the United States. In the photograph at the far left, Carl Williams, Jim Potent, and Al Gordon (from left to right) are shown in the cornerstone-laying pantomime. In the

second picture, the same three are seen as they first appeared to the large crowd in front of South Building. They are walking down the south steps, flanked by a color guard and members of the University Chorus. In the third picture, Chancellor Robert B. House (left) and Acting University President J. Harris Parks descend the steps. Behind Mr. Parks is the Rev. Samuel T. Habel

of the Chapel Hill Baptist Church, who delivered the invocation, and at the left rear is an unidentified member of the chorus. At far right is the speakers' stand. On it, from left to right, are Mr. Habel, narrator Peter O'Sullivan (partly hidden behind Mr. Habel), Chancellor House, Alumni Association President John Harden, Student Body President Don Fowler and President Parks.

## Chapel Hillnotes

Boys being stopped from playing football in Glen Lenox shopping center by man who said, "You boys should know better than that." Whereupon, lad remarked, "I know who he is and where he lives, and I'm gonna put ten rotten eggs on his porch Hallowe'en night."

Sidewalk speculation running high on possibility of high-powered Jim Tatum coming to Carolina, 10-gallon Stetson and all.

Chilly air over the weekend heralding another winter of strange weather, and inspiring reminiscences about last year's heavy snow and last June's unreasonable cold snap.

—Photos by Chuck Hauser