

1955's Empty Stocking Fund Almost Filled

There will be almost no empty stockings in Orange County this year thanks to the great generosity of hundreds of people who have contributed quantities of toys, food, clothing and more than \$825 in cash as well as those who had adopted 250 families by the end of last week.

Over the past weekend members of the Junior Service League have filled boxes for the 150 unadopted families, and they were able to give very amply due to the generous response throughout the county. Yesterday, families receiving boxes began picking them up in Chapel Hill at the Institute of Pharmacy and in Hillsboro at the New Courthouse storeroom.

Mrs. Fred Weaver, chairman of the campaign, has urged all persons who have failed to bring in their gift boxes to the Institute of Pharmacy to do so immediately lest a family come and find nothing for them.

Tomorrow Will Be The Shortest Day

Tomorrow, Wednesday, December 21, is the shortest day of the year. Sunrise will be at 7:31 a. m. and sunset at 4:57 p. m. The sunrise and sunset hours on Christmas Day will be 7:33 and 4:59 and on New Year's Day 7:35 and 5:04.

For about 1/4 of a month sunset comes later and sunrise comes earlier, so that one just about offsets the other and the lengthening of the day is small. It seems greater than it is, though, because people are up and about in the afternoon and give more attention to what's going on then. It is not till January 19 that sunrise begins to get earlier. On that day sunrise will be at 7:31 and sunset at 5:21.

Episcopal Church's Christmas Services

A number of special services and programs will be held during the Christmas season at the Chapel of the Cross.

A Christmas pageant and party for church school pupils and their parents will be held at 5 p. m. Saturday, Christmas Eve. The children will bring presents to be sent to needy children in a mission field.

Holy Communion was held yesterday (Monday) and will be held again at 10 o'clock this (Tuesday) morning and tomorrow morning.

On Christmas Day, Holy Communion will be held at 8 a. m. and at 10 a. m. At the 10 o'clock observation of Holy Communion, for all ages, a Christmas offering will be taken for the Presiding Bishop's Fund for World Relief.

United Church Party

Families of the United Congregational Christian Church will hold their Christmas party Thursday at 7 p. m. at the church. A program will be presented by the children, followed by a visit from Santa Claus.

Installing New Cushions

Installation of new foam rubber seat cushions in the Carolina Theatre was started last week. Manager E. Carrington Smith said the new cushions will add greatly to the comfort of the theatre.

Chapel Hillnotes

Miss Lena Ellington, in the spirit of Christmas, telling a waitress, "This coffee is so bad I don't believe even Santa Claus would drink it."

Miss Alice Jones, after reading list of proposed qualifications for new University president drawn up by local chapter of American Association of University Professors: "If they find a man that perfect they shouldn't make him President of the University. They should put him in a cage and charge admission for people to see him."

Schools Aided as Business Picks Up at Thrift Shop



Mrs. Oscar Ray, manager of the PTA Thrift Shop on West Franklin Street, is shown arranging a window display at the shop.

By Lyn Overman
Chapel Hill's community project, the PTA Thrift Shop, which is attempting to alleviate a shortage of materials and services not provided by the school system, is doing a thriving business.

However, as Mrs. Kerr White, chairman of the shop's control board, says, the business still is not large enough to bring in necessary funds to finance all the services the PTA would like to furnish school children.

The Thrift Shop, undoubtedly, is the only place in town where a person can "lay away" an article with a down payment as low as 10 cents. The clothes and articles given the shop by residents of the area bring prices from a dime up, and each article sold is a "bargain" for the buyer.

Mrs. White says the shop already has brought in enough money to meet the 1955-56 budgets which the Chapel Hill PTA and the Glenwood PTA have set up as means of providing the school children with needed services and materials. Funds for the budgets will be given to each PTA on December 31, she said.

Here is the Chapel Hill PTA budget which shows the purposes for which money received for the sale of goods given by Chapel Hill residents is used:

- Playground equipment, \$425; audio visual aid, \$300; music supplies, \$410; art supplies, \$250; science material, \$130; teacher's sick leave fund, \$250; safety patrol, \$50; professional improvement fund, \$200; lunches for indigents, \$50; miscellaneous, \$295.

Here is the Glenwood PTA budget, also financed from the shop's proceeds:
Classroom supplies, \$65; library books, \$300; supplementary books, \$75; music (Continued on Page 12)

\$10,000 Goal Set for March of Dimes

A \$10,000 goal has been set for the 1955 Orange County March of Dimes Drive, according to E. Carrington Smith, who will direct the local drive this January as he has done for the past several years.

Assisting Mr. Smith will be C. W. Gardner, treasurer; Mrs. Orville Campbell, director of the Mother's March; Mrs. Jesse L. West, director for Carrboro, and Charles Dunn, publicity. The Hillsboro Lions Club will appoint a director for that community in the near future. The director for the Chapel Hill colored community is also to be named.

Miss Mary Frances Kellam has charge of mailing out the annual letters announcing the opening of the drive. These letters will be mailed early in January. "The battle against polio is not over," Mr. Smith said in announcing the opening of the drive.

At Memorial Hospital
Among local persons listed as patients at Memorial Hospital yesterday were Dr. Wilmar Mason Allen, Miss Thelma Doyce Atwater, Nathaniel Bell, Miss Estella Council, Charles L. Diggs, Mrs. Leola Lee Edmonds, Charles C. Edwards, Mrs. Charles E. Flowers, Mrs. Ann C. Hansen, Richell Johnson, Dr. Robert M. Nelson, Mrs. Estella Oldham, Thomas A. Rosemond, Mrs. William B. Stovall, Conrad L. Thurstone, Willie Ward, and Mrs. Walter J. Williams.

Higley in Florida
Dr. and Mrs. L. B. Higley are in Florida for the holidays. They planned to visit their son and daughter-in-law, Dr. and Mrs. Bruce Higley of Coral Gables, and Dr. Higley's brother-in-law and sister, Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Nowers of Ocala. They will also drive down to the Florida Keys.

Rumors (Mostly About Tatum) Fly as University Searches for a New Coach

As the University's basketball team soared into the heights of national recognition last week, the Carolina football organization was searching for a new head coach. Rumors were plentiful, but the biggest and most persistent of them all was the one which said alumnus Jim Tatum, now head coach at the University of Maryland, would be named head coach at Carolina as soon as his Maryland team completes its Orange Bowl engagement with Oklahoma.

University Chancellor Robert B. House said he had been receiving many recommendations on the coaching vacancy, both by letter and in person. He added that many people making the recommendations "voiced the impression that an athletic coach controls the standard and administration of admissions, academic requirements, and student conduct."

Such is not the case, according to the Chancellor. He continued, "The institution sets its standards through the faculty and in harmony with the stan-

dards-making agencies to which it belongs. We have never had a coach and staff more cooperative with University standards than Coach George Barclay and his associates, nor a more cooperative group of boys than our present athletic squads. They have all set a mark in these matters which we look on with affection and pride. Such will be the case in the future."

The recommendation of a successor to Coach Barclay will be made by Athletic Director Chuck Erickson, the Athletic Council and the Faculty Committee on Athletics, following a report by the coaches committee of the Athletic Council.
Bob Brooks, a sports writer for the News and Observer, in an article late last week made the following comments on the situation:
"The five men who have the biggest say-so in naming the new coach are Dean A. W. Hobbs, O. K. Cornwell, H. D. Wolf, Grady Pritchard and Dr. E. M. Hodgespeth. They constitute (Continued on Page 12)

Baptist Christmas Service
The Baptist Church will hold its annual candlelight Christmas service at 11 a. m. next Sunday, Christmas Day. The program will include the singing of carols.

Kings to Take Trip
The Rev. and Mrs. A. Kimsey King will leave Monday to spend a week at Mrs. King's former home in Morgantown, West Virginia.

Greetings from Switzerland

A Christmas card from the Bob Bogue family in Geneva, Switzerland, wishes a merry Christmas to all their Chapel Hill friends. The Bogues formerly lived here. They now live in Geneva, where Mr. Bogue is on the staff of the World Health organization.

Dick Quinns Move Here
Mr. and Mrs. Dick Quinn have moved from Burlington to Chapel Hill and are living on Davis Circle. Mr. Quinn was recently released from the armed forces after service in Okanawa.

Chapel Hill Chaff

L.G.
F. O. Bowman had a heart attack two or three years ago and he was telling me the other day that his doctor, after examining him thoroughly, had instructed him to quit smoking. I asked him how many cigarettes he had been smoking before that and he said three packs a day. When I asked him if he had obeyed the doctor and quit he said, well, no, he was still "smoking some." When I asked him how many cigarettes he now smoked in a day he said: "Three packs."

There was one resolution we made in our household long ago and we have obeyed it ever since to our great satisfaction. Whenever we get a gift of something to eat or drink, for Christmas or any other anniversary, if it comes ahead of time we start eating it (or drinking it, as the case may be) right away, with friends probably, instead of waiting for the anniversary to arrive. Our notion is that you had better eat or drink while you have the appetite for whatever it is. If you delay, there's a chance you may lose the appetite. Or something else might happen to keep you from enjoying the gift, yourself; for example, something that might pass it on to your heirs. Is that a gruesome thought? Maybe so, but it's also gruesome to think of missing something you'd like to eat or drink.

When George S. Lane and I were seated beside one another at a gathering one evening recently, talking of this and that before the formal proceedings began, he remarked that he had re-read Xenophon's Anabasis last summer. I remember that tale of the heroic march of the Ten Thousand as (Continued on page 2)

Bruce Strowd Dies at 64

Bruce Strowd, one of Orange County's most prominent natives, businessmen, and civic leaders, died here Friday at Memorial Hospital. He was 64 years of age. The son of the late Robert Lee Strowd, also a prominent merchant, and Mrs. Fannie Headon Strowd, Mr. Strowd was born here at the family homeplace on Strowd Hill. He attended N. C. State College in Raleigh. During his teens, Mr. Strowd demonstrated his natural bent toward mechanics by building a motorized car. Clyde Eubanks, who remembers it, said it was not actually an automobile "but it would go. He had a gasoline motor on the back that didn't have a muffler and that made so much noise it frightened the horses. There were no automobiles around then. And they had to run Bruce off the streets with his car. But it would go."

It was in 1914 that Mr. Strowd opened an automobile dealership in Chapel Hill. It was the Ford agency which he owned and operated until his retirement from active business several years ago. Since then he has lived on his farm between Chapel Hill and Pittsboro and raised cattle.

A charter member of the Chapel Hill Rotary Club, Mr. Strowd was honored by being selected the town's most valuable citizen in 1937. In public life, he served as a town commissioner and chairman of the Orange County Welfare Board. He was one of the several non-teacher members of the University Faculty Club.

Seals Available in Lobby of the Bank

Persons who haven't received Christmas seals sent out by the Chapel Hill-Carrboro Tuberculosis Committee may get them in the lobby of the Bank of Chapel Hill. Those who prefer to make a direct contribution, without picking up the seals, should send their checks to Mrs. A. M. Jordan, treasurer of the campaign. Checks may be made out to Mrs. Jordan.

Proceeds of the annual seal sale
Proceeds of the annual seal sale against tuberculosis, Mayor Oliver K. Cornwell is chairman of the campaign this year.

Local Stores Will Stay Open Nights

The Chapel Hill-Carrboro Merchants Association reminded Chapel Hillians yesterday that stores in town will be open every night this week through Friday. Stores will be closed Saturday night, Christmas Eve.

University Has Got \$1,800,000 From Escheats in Last 22 Years; History of the Fund by Robinson, Just Out, Gives Complete Record

By Louis Graves
Before anybody talks or writes about escheats he should tell what the word means. It is a curious word and is seldom used except by lawyers and a small number of other persons who have reason to be concerned about the money they stand to gain or lose through the law on escheats.

Judges of Christmas Coloring Contest Are Busy Studying Hundreds of Entries

Judges for the Weekly's Christmas Coloring Contest went to work yesterday studying the hundreds of entries from children all over the state. Most of the pictures, of course, have come from the Chapel Hill-Carrboro-Glen Lennox area, but others have come in from all parts of Orange County, from Pittsboro, Durham, Raleigh and as far away as Windsor. The judges, Miss Emily Pollard and Oscar Stuhlman, are having a difficult time determining who will win the \$25 U. S. Savings Bond first prize and the 10 additional secret prizes. The Weekly hopes to be able to announce the winners in its Friday edition this week.

Five Boys Are to Get Eagle Ranking

Five Chapel Hill boys will receive the rank of Eagle Scout at an Eagle Court of Honor to be held at 8 o'clock Thursday evening, December 22, in the auditorium of the Institute of Pharmacy on Church Street. They are Tommy Butler, Allen Smith, Joe Burkett, and Robin Gallagher, all of Troop 37, and Ben Potter Jr. of Troop 9.

Aldersgate Church Has Yule Program

A Christmas program was presented by the children of the Aldersgate Methodist Church Sunday school at Glenwood School Sunday evening. Titled "The Nativity" and under the direction of Mrs. Frank West, the program was narrated by Neal Paulsen and Ann Penick after the welcome was spoken by little Bill Joyner.

Among the children taking part were Adrian Colville, Joy Yates, Ann Fernandez, Joan Jackson, John Paulsen, George Rettie, Harold Cranford, Tom West, Damon Coe, Cam Schinhan, Bill and Reid McAllister, Jeffrey Coe, Annis Arthur, Jay Hill, Anna Paulsen, Jane West, and Joan Jackson.

Cold Weather

The Weather Bureau station at the Raleigh-Durham Airport tells us, just as we go to press, that the forecast is for more cold weather today (Tuesday), with a turn to warmer Wednesday.

On 13 of the first 19 days in December the temperature was below freezing. Max D. Saunders, custodian of the U. S. Weather Bureau Station here, reports the lowest reading in this period was 11 last Saturday, the 17th. The mercury dropped to 13 on the 13th, 14 on the 14th, and 15 on the 16th, and 19 on the 18th. In the 8 days from Sunday, the 11th, through Sunday, the 18th, the temperature was below freezing.

Home From Darlington

Ramsey Green and George Shepard have come home from Darlington School, Rome, Ga., for the holidays.