

Firecrackers Still Menace In Community

Miss Anne Fitch, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. R. B. Fitch of 620 East Rosemary Street, had a close call Saturday night as she and other high school students were about to go home from the Y-Teens' New Year's dance at the Monogram Club. After she left the building and was walking to the car that was to take her home, one of a group of boys standing on the Monogram Club porch tossed a lighted firecracker toward her. It exploded almost under her feet and gave her two painful injuries, one on the leg and one in her right eye.

Her friends rushed her to Memorial Hospital, where her injuries were found to be not serious. Next morning her eye was terribly bloodshot, and it gave her some discomfort throughout the day. But yesterday it was better and it is expected to clear up satisfactorily.

Although the Chapel Hill police have been cracking down on firecracker shooters, especially University students, many people feel that the law against their use is not enforced as rigidly as it should be. A friend of the Fitch family said yesterday, "If Anne had lost her sight, there would probably be no more firecrackers going off around here for a long time. As it is, somebody else will probably have to be a martyr before this happens."

In this connection, we offer the following editorial from last Friday's issue of the *Smithfield Herald*:

Johnston County had a go'ry as well as a merry Christmas.

There was a series of dynamite explosions hard to reconcile with the spirit of the season. One of the explosions, set off when firecrackers accidentally came in contact with sticks of dynamite in the back seat of a car, sent three persons to a hospital. The automobile was torn asunder and its occupants survive only by what seems to have been a miracle.

There was a nauseating rape incident.

A train struck an automobile at a Smithfield crossing.

There was a cross-burning incident.

And there was that terrible post-Christmas fiery wreck which claimed the lives of two Canadians traveling on a truck.

Instead of the hoped for fullness of joy and peace on earth, Johnston County experienced an overabundance of tragedy and near tragedy, some of it clearly avoidable.

Prevention of atrocious crimes like rape involves sociological and psychological solutions as well as effective law enforcement. There is no easy answer to any sex crime. Nor is there any easy solution to the problem of curtailing or preventing human slaughter on the high-

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Chapel Hillnotes

As seen from Columbia Street, a full moon sitting at the end, and smack in the middle of East Franklin Street.

Town officials, policemen, firemen and newsmen grouped around a radio in the fire department's garage, listening to the Dixie Classic.

Coeds, coeds, coeds, as they alighted from buses after the holidays, and the policemen who were requested by Acting Dean of Women Isabelle MacLeod to give them safe transport to their dormitories during the night.

Story of a Green Monkey Looking for a New Home



Three-year-old Wendy Lanham (left) and her four-year-old sister Kathy pose with Roxanne, an African green monkey who feels right at home with people.

By Chuck Hauser
The height of the Christmas rush (which affects newspapers as well as department, five-and-ten, and ABC stores) was upon us in all its commercialized insanity a week or so ago when a telephone call brought us up short.

"You want to sell a what?" asked Oliver Watkins, our advertising manager, into the phone. He listened, his face a kaleidoscope of emotions. Then he took down the following classified ad: "FOR SALE. Pet African green monkey, 8 months old. Call 9-9774."

I looked over his shoulder, read the message, and promptly went to my desk and called 9-9774. No, I wasn't looking for a pet African green monkey, 8 months old. I just wanted a story.

Charles Lanham, who lives at 70 Hayes Road in Glen Leno, answered the phone, and invited me out to take a look at the animal.

When I arrived, Mr. Lanham briefed me on the household pet before taking me into the kitchen to see her.

"Her name is Roxanne," he told me.

"From Cyran?" I asked, showing off my literary background.

"No, from the pet store," he answered, punctuating my comment completely. But he wasn't being humorous. He meant that the owner of the pet store in Norfolk where he bought the monkey had named her.

Mr. Lanham works for the Nehi Beverage Company, and he travels through eastern North Carolina and Tidewater Virginia. It was on one of his business trips that he stopped at the Norfolk pet shop. He brought the monkey home, and then began worrying about where to keep her.

"What you need for a monkey is a fenced area with a tree and some space to exercise," he explained. When he bought the animal, the Lanhams were planning to move. The plans changed, and they were forced to offer their pet for sale.

We went into the kitchen to visit Roxanne.

"Her favorite perch is on the pencil sharpener," said Mr. Lanham. To prove his point, Roxanne scampered up the kitchen door and perched on the pencil sharpener.

"The kids around here are fascinated with the way she peels a banana before she eats it," said Mr. Lanham. Roxanne took a banana from his outstretched hand and disdainfully began to gnaw on it without peeling it. Then she repented her attempt to make Mr. Lanham out a liar, and carefully peeled the fruit.

Baby Born Here Claims Tie Honor

Mr. and Mrs. Jimmie A. Merritt felt they were looking on the front page of Monday's Raleigh News and Observer and read that the "unofficial North Carolina 1956 Baby Derby" had been won by a Rocky Mount couple who had twins—the first at 12:08 a.m. and the second at 12:14 a.m. on the morning of January 1, 1956. The third 1956 baby born in the state, according to the newspaper, was an Asheville boy who arrived in the world at 12:25 a.m.

Mr. and Mrs. Merritt wanted to set the record straight. They didn't have a clear-cut winner, they said, but they claimed a tie for first place. Their six pound 10 ounce baby girl arrived at exactly 12:08 on New Year's morning, the same arrival time as the first of the Rocky Mount twin girls.

The child was born to the Durham couple at Memorial Hospital here. Dr. Tom Vestal of the hospital staff, who delivered the baby, confirmed the time and officially entered young Miss Merritt in the Baby Derby.

Except for injured feelings, Dr. Vestal reported, mother and child—and father, too—are doing just fine.

School Board Scheduled to Discuss Creation of Educational Advisory Unit

The Chapel Hill School Board was scheduled to meet last night and discuss a recommendation from the State Advisory Committee on Education that it temporarily halt any study of integration in the public schools by groups other than the board.

A majority of the board members asked to make comment on the recommendation last week refused to give their opinion as to whether or not they would dissolve the newly created nominating committee which was set up to name members for a local advisory committee here.

Guy B. Phillips, chairman of the nominating committee, announced, following receipt of the recommendation by School Superintendent C. W. Davis, that his committee would not hold a meeting until further instructions are received from the board.

Carl Smith, chairman of the board, said he has maintained that appointment of a local advisory committee to study the problems of segregation is unnecessary because the board would still have the responsibility of passing on applications from Negro children for admission to white schools.

Any recommendations from such a committee would be studied, he said, but the school board's views would be controlling because of that responsibility.

Some members of the board said they had had time to consider the recommendation and had given it "no thought."

Mr. Davis, who is also secretary of the board, said he was "surprised to see it in the paper," and he does not see that "it is anything to get disturbed about."

The chairman of the state committee, Thomas Pearsall of Rocky Mount, said the letter to local school superintendents throughout the state was prompted by a tendency of school boards to shift their responsibility in the segregation issue to the local advisory committees.

Mr. Smith indicated that since the state committee is preparing rules which it thinks the boards should adopt in passing upon applications from Negroes, the organization of a local study committee here may now be completely unnecessary.

Mr. Pearsall, however, said that it is not the intent of the state committee that local study groups should be disbanded. He did not say whether local boards should go ahead with present plans to set up such study groups.

However, he did say that he thinks the local committees have helped school boards in the past and will prove more valuable in the future.

Chapel Hill Chaff

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Maybe Dr. R. R. Clark doesn't know that he's responsible for my quitting tennis, but he was. He collapsed on the court one hot day several years ago and was told by his doctor that the exercise was too violent for him and he had better not play any more. When I heard this and reflected that Dr. Clark was much younger than I was, I decided I had better give up the game, too.

I might have kept playing a while longer but for the lack of response I got when I tried to introduce a reform in our tennis-playing schedule.

In England, which is on a latitude far north of ours, with therefore longer days in summer, tennis-playing goes on till 9 o'clock, and in Scotland to an even later hour. Here in Chapel Hill the light lasts long enough on summer days for a couple of hours of play beginning at five-thirty or six o'clock. In my opinion this is the best time of day for tennis in our climate. But when I proposed this schedule to the other players in the quartet, M. M. Johdan and W. A. Olsen and Lee Wiley, laughed me, to scorn. They wanted to start playing at three-thirty or four, when the heat was at its peak. They were a good deal younger than I and were better able to take it.

But I think the main reason they wouldn't agree to my proposal was that their wives wanted them to get through playing in time for an early dinner. Maybe they preferred that, too, but I always suspected they turned me down because they were not masterful enough to say to their wives, "We'll play just as late as we please—your job is to be ready to feed us when we get through."

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The Pearl Fishers

Norman Gordon will narrate "The Pearl Fishers," an opera by Georges Bizet over WMTB-PM Sunday, Jan. 8, at 2:15 p.m. It is a part of Mr. Gordon's regular series of "Let's Listen to Opera."

Bizet is the author of the immortal "Carmen." The Pearl Fishers, or "Les Pêcheurs de Perles" was written by Bizet 12 years before he wrote Carmen. It has been sadly neglected in America, Gordon says.

Guests of the Tippetts

Miss Inez Bates of Greenville, S. C., spent the holidays here with Mr. and Mrs. James Tippetts. Other Christmas guests of Mr. and Mrs. Tippetts were Miss Gladys Dewar and Miss Gladys Dewar of Raleigh. Miss Gladys Dewar had a birthday while she was here, and Miss Nan Lacey and Miss Frances Lacy came over from Raleigh to attend her birthday dinner.

Rental Pictures Due

Person Hall rental pictures that were due to be returned on January 1 should be returned today, Tuesday, January 3, it is announced by Miss Lynette Warren, curator. The gallery was closed yesterday and Sunday.

Rug Workshop to Meet

The Community Club's rug workshop will meet at 2:30 p.m. Wednesday, January 4, at the home of Mrs. C. S. Logsdon on Laurel Hill Road.

University TV Resumes Programming Over Channel 4

A stepped-up schedule of in-school programming for North Carolina classrooms was ushered in with the New Year when WUNC-Television, Channel 4, returned to the air on January 1, 1956. Even more programs for schools are expected to be added during the winter months.

The first in-school programs began Monday, January 2, at 12:45 p.m. The new in-school schedule will include "Today on the Farm" in cooperation with the Extension Division of State College, for agriculture classes, and engineering visits from State College.

The "Today on the Farm" program has been moved from an evening time slot to a 1 p.m. daily telecast for school students.

The University School of Education will present programs on vocations, geography and physical education. Art, music and physical education programs have been scheduled by the Woman's College School of Education.

Regular programming was resumed Sunday, January 1, at 9:45 a.m., with the Sunday School lesson by Chancellor Robert B. Hoops of the University at 10

Annual and Sometimes Unpleasant Duty of Tax Listing Scheduled to Start Today at Town Hall

Chapel Hill is Mrs. Helen Giduz who will be on duty at the Town Hall from 9 to 12 o'clock and 1 to 5 o'clock Monday through Friday, and 9 to 12 o'clock on Saturdays.

Mr. and Mrs. L. R. Cheek will be at the Town Hall's board room to accept listings from residents in Chapel Hill Township. Listings for the town are to be made at the same time county listings are made at the Town Hall.

Mr. Cheek will be available to accept listings at Hollow Rock on January 4, Blackwood Station on January 5, Midway Service Station on January 6, and the Carrboro Town Hall on January 10 and 11.

Carrboro residents are not required to list property for town taxes because the listings will be taken from the county lists.

County officials have urged taxpayers to list early in the month to avoid a last minute rush which might cause them to be liable for a 10 per cent penalty for late listings.

Farm owners and tenants are required to furnish information other than that required for taxes to be used in making agricultural reports for the county to the state.

For the first time, dog owners are required to purchase county dog licenses which an owner will be required to have his dog wear at all times.

Men between the ages of 21 and 50 are required to list polls at the time they list taxes.

The Chapel Hill Exchange Club has chosen Herb Holland as its "Exchangeite of the Year." Mr. Holland succeeded Pat Pope as president of the civic club on January 1.

The honor was announced by Mr. Pope at the club's Christmas party recently at the Chapel Hill Country Club. Mr. Holland was presented with a pair of monogrammed cuff links and a tie clasp. The winner of the award was determined by compiling point totals based on votes taken by the club at quarterly intervals throughout 1955.

The new officers were installed by Lee Settle, past president of the state Exchange Club association. Other officers are Whid Powell, vice-president; Dr. Duncan Getsinger, secretary; Lester Foley, treasurer; and Red Tyler, Vernon Lacoek, and Jack Golden as members of the board of control.

Approximately 95 guests attended the Christmas party. Charlie Stancill was in charge of arrangements.

Exchangeites Vote Honor to Holland

The annual Feast of Lights Epiphany service will be held at 8 p.m. Sunday, January 8, at the Chapel of the Cross. The oldest known Christmas drama, this service depicts the coming of Christ as the Light of the World, the coming of the Wise Men to worship him, and Christ's sending out his disciples to carry the light to all the world.

BA Faculty Wives

Faculty Wives of the University's School of Business Administration will meet in Carroll Hall at 8 o'clock this (Tuesday) evening. Hostesses will be Mrs. C. S. Logsdon and Mrs. Clifton Krepes.

Baptist Supper Meetings

The Baptist Church will resume its family night suppers at 6:30 p.m. Thursday, January 12.

Utilities Office Announces a Change in Billing Procedure for Many Customers

The University Service Plants office has announced a change in billing procedure for about two-thirds of its electric and water customers.

The persons who will be affected by the change will receive the following printed notice with their utilities bills early this week:

"The billing date of your electric and water bill is being changed to a date nearer to the date your meters are read. Instead of billing all electric and water customers on the first of each month, some electric and water bills will be issued as the first of the month, some as of the 11th of the month, and some as of the 21st of the month.

The enclosed bill issued January 1, 1956, is for service to the date indicated by your meter readings on your bill, and it has been prepared in the usual way and is now due and payable.

"We shall issue your next bill on the date indicated above (either the 11th or the 21st, depending on which group the customer is assigned to) as your future billing date, and it will be for service showing the amount of electricity and water used. Your bill will be due and payable upon receipt. There is no change in electric or water rates.

"We are making these changes in billing dates to spread our billing throughout each month and thus make it possible for us to give you better service. Your continued kind cooperation will be appreciated."

Victor Bowles of the utilities accounting department said the three billing groups are being set up according to the 26 meter reading routes in use. Routes A through J will be billed on the 11th of the month; routes K through T will be billed on the 21st; and routes U through Z will continue to be billed on the first of each month.

appointed by the faculty council to work closely with the trustee committee in nominating a successor to past president Gordon Gray. Two other faculty committees, one from the Woman's College in Greensboro and one from North Carolina State College, are also working with the trustee committee.

The committees, whose work is strictly confidential, held their first meeting with the trustee committee in Raleigh on December 17.

Members of the University faculty committee are D. D. Carroll, chairman, Alexander Hoard, Dr. W. R. Berryhill, Claiborne Jones, Lee Wiley, William Wells, and L. R. Wilson.

Miss Mary Burgess and Miss Tiphaine Burgess entertained sixteen guests Thursday evening at their home, "Lenevar," on Morgan Creek Road. Guests from Durham (where the hostesses lived before coming to Chapel Hill) were Mrs. John Frizelle, Mrs. Hugo Walker, Miss Frances Woolworth, Mrs. Charles Stuart, and Mrs. Leslie Fulbright and her mother, Mrs. Freeman.

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New Word

"Broadvising" is a new word coined at Chapel Hill to indicate what is going to be done at three of the Carolina home basketball games this year.

The big crowds can't be taken care of. If all the students and faculty entitled to attend all showed up at once, there wouldn't even be standing room.

So, three of the games will be shown on television—over WUNC-TV, Channel 4.

But the picture will be shown without sound.

In deference to radio stations which have been carrying Carolina games for years, it will be necessary for those who wish to see and hear the games to put their radio sets and their TV sets side by side.

The games to be "broadvised" are the Carolina-Maryland game, Jan. 16; Carolina-State, Jan. 18, and Carolina-Wake Forest, Feb. 15.

Philological Club Meeting

The Philological Club will meet at 8 o'clock this (Tuesday) evening in the faculty lounge of the Morehead Planetarium. W. L. Wiley of the University's Department of Romance Languages will read a paper on "A Royal Child Learns to Like Plays: The Early Years of Louis XIII."

Florida Vacation Trip

Miss Madge Kennette and Miss Ernestine Kennette have returned from a Florida vacation trip.

Mrs. Bennett in Hospital

Mrs. J. S. Bennett has been in McPherson Hospital for several days undergoing treatment for a throat ailment.

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