

High School Swimming Team Places Third in State



—Photo by M. A. Quillen

Here is the Chapel Hill High School swimming team which placed third in the state at the championship meet held last week. Front row, left to right: Jimmy Jamerson, Pete Talbert, Chris Fink, and Teddy Moore. Back row, left to right: Tommy Butler, Coach Bill Burgess and Ben Crutchfield.

The Chapel Hill High School swimming team closed out its season by tying for third place in the State Championship Swimming Meet held here last Saturday in Bowman Gray Pool. This was a fine showing for a squad with much less numerical strength than most of the other high school swimming teams in North Carolina. In fact, the team has only six regular members, as follows: Teddy Moore, and Pete Talbert, seniors; Ben Crutchfield, a sophomore, and Jimmy Jamerson, Chris Fink, and Tommy Butler, freshmen. Bill Bur-

gess, former University swimmer and now a graduate student at the University, is the team's coach. He describes his six swimmers as "willing workers." The record shows they were indeed willing. Although there weren't enough of them to win any dual meets, the six of them scored enough points in individual events to have won had there been a diver on the team and enough members to compete in the relays. In five dual meets the team lost twice to Raleigh (46-21 and 42-25), twice to Greensboro (41-26 and 49-22) and

once to the Duke freshmen by only 45-39, with Duke getting its winning margin in the final relay.

In the season's championship meets the team took fourth place in the East Carolina Invitation Meet, ninth in the Southeastern Championships at Atlanta, Ga., third in the high school division of the Southern Scholastic Meet here in Chapel Hill, and tied for third in the State High School Championships.

In last Saturday's State Championships members of the Chapel Hill team scored as follows: Jamerson, 1st in 200-yard freestyle; Talbert, Fink, Jamerson, and Moore first in 200-yard medley relay with a new state record of 2:00.4; Talbert 2nd in 100-yard backstroke; Fink 3rd in 100-yard breaststroke; Moore 3rd in 50-yard freestyle; Crutchfield, Butler, Gallagher, and Alexander 5th in 200-yard relay.

New swimming records for Chapel High School were set during the season as follows: Teddy Moore, 50-yard freestyle, 24.7; 100-yard freestyle, 58.3; Pete Talbert, 100-yard backstroke, 1:08.6; Jimmy Jamerson, 200-yard freestyle, 2:10.2; 200-yard freestyle, 2:35; 440-yard freestyle, 5:30; Pete Talbert, Chris Fink, Jimmy Jamerson, and Teddy Moore, 200-yard medley relay, 2:00.4; Pete Talbert, Mike Alexander, Ben Crutchfield, and Teddy Moore, 200-yard freestyle relay, 1:46.5; Chris Fink, 200-yard breaststroke, 2:49.

Children at Glenwood Make Good Use Of Peter Garvin Memorial Library

Children at Glenwood Elementary School have read an average of 41 books each since school started in September, Mrs. Gordon Ellis, school librarian, told members of the board of trustees of the Peter Garvin Memorial Library this week.

Mrs. Ellis entertained members of the board and their wives and husbands at dinner at her home on Pine Lane. Dr. Kerr White, board chairman, presided at a business meeting held following dinner. The total circulation of library books since September has been 15,540, Mrs. Ellis reported. Although the largest number of books circulated was fiction, there were 5,075 books of non-fiction read by the 375 children in the school. Biography led the list, with 2,022, followed by pure science with 847, applied science with 654, social science and fairy tales with 546, history and geography with 526 and fine arts with 146.

The Peter Garvin Library now has a total of 1,902 volumes, with several hundred more expected

to be added during the year. Mrs. Ellis said that the next serious need of the library was a new set of Compton's Encyclopedia.

Mrs. Robert Cadmus, chairman of the PTA library committee, announced that 72 books had been donated by children at the school, part of them on the regular birthday program, in which each pupil is asked to give a book to the school library on his birthday.

Harold Weaver discussed plans for the presentation of a memorial plaque to the late Peter Garvin, son of Dr. and Mrs. O. David Garvin, in whose memory the library was established. The plaque will hang in an appropriate place on the walls of the library.

Plans were also discussed for setting up a summer program for the Peter Garvin Library, which will be worked out in cooperation with the Mary Bayley Pratt library downtown, so both libraries will be able to provide summer reading material and story hours for Chapel Hill children.

Plemmons to Be Inaugurated President Of Appalachian at 10 A.M. Tomorrow

William Howard Plemmons, formerly a member of the faculty of the University's School of Education, will be inaugurated president of Appalachian State Teachers College at 10 a.m. tomorrow (Saturday) at Boone.

The inauguration ceremonies, to be held in the college's auditorium-gymnasium, will begin with music by the college orchestra and choir and an invocation by I. G. Greer of Chapel Hill, consultant for the North Carolina Business Foundation and an old friend of Mr. Plemmons.

Speaking for the alumni; William H. Benson of Mocksville, president of the Appalachian Student Body, speaking for the students of the college; and J. T. C. Wright, head of the department of mathematics at Appalachian, speaking for the faculty.

The president will be installed by William J. Conrad of Winston-Salem, chairman of the Board of Trustees of Appalachian State Teachers College. Following the installation, Mr. Plemmons will give his inaugural address.

The program will end with the Alma Mater, sung by the audience. The benediction will be given by the Rev. L. H. Hollingsworth, pastor of the First Baptist Church of Boone. The orchestra will play, as the postlude, "Triumphal March" from Greig's "Sigurd Jorsalfar."

Last Call for School Bond Essays

Today (Friday) is the last day children may enter the Weekly's school bond issue essay contest. Entries must be postmarked not later than today.

Open to any child in Orange County, the contest offers \$50 in prizes for the best 100-word essay completing this sentence: "I want my parents to vote YES on the school bond issue because

Winners will be announced in the Weekly next week.

Chapel Hill Chaff Shouldn't Affect Vote

J. J.

Saturday morning in a Chapel Hill barber shop a man in a hurry came in to get a haircut. Since he didn't have much time to spare from his business he was about to leave without sitting down when he saw his own ten-year-old son and found out the boy had been there a while and was indeed next in line.

"I'll just trade places with my son," the man told the barber whose chair was being vacated. "I'll take his place and he can take mine when it comes up."

This was all right with the barber, but not with the boy, who objected so strenuously (and so loudly) that the father left the shop, saying he would come back for his haircut some other day.

Another man waiting his turn said he was reminded of a barber shop racket he had as a boy. "I discovered it by accident," he said, "when a man in a hurry offered me ten cents for my place in line. After that I'd go down to the barber shop almost every Saturday, and as often as not somebody would buy my turn. Some days I made as much as thirty cents. That was a lot to a boy in those days."

"But the barbers didn't appreciate it. When they saw what I was doing, one of them went to my father and asked him to make me stop. Another thing about those days was that boys had to do what their parents told them, so that was the end of my little racket."

While the conversation was still on barbers and barber shops one of the customers said he guessed W. M. Marley was the most successful barber to get his start in Chapel Hill.

"He began with a barber chair in his dormitory room at the University and I bet

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'Cat in Gloves'

Four Chapel Hillians are in the cast of seven in the Carolina Playmakers' production of Baxter Sasser's new folk comedy, "Cat in Gloves," which opened last night at the Playmakers Theatre and will be repeated at 8:30 p.m. today (Friday), tomorrow, and Sunday, and at a matinee at 2:30 p.m. Sunday.

They are Mrs. Les Casey in the leading role of Aunt Resa, and three Chapel Hill school children, Gloria Di Costanza, Patricia Simmons, and Billy Straughn.

Mrs. Casey is the wife of Ralph Casey, the University's swimming coach. She herself won a Southern AAU swimming title under Mr. Casey's coaching before they were married in 1941.

She has been in many Carolina Playmakers productions, and so have her children, Mike and Dee. The play, about a husband-hunting widowed schoolteacher, is being directed by Foster Fitz-Simons. It was written in the vein of the Carolina folk dramas written and produced here in the early days of the Carolina Playmakers about 30 years ago.

Tickets, at \$1.50 each, are on sale at 214 Abernethy Hall and Ledbetter-Pickard's. All seats are reserved.

Palm Sunday Music At Baptist Church

Special Palm Sunday services, including music by the 30-voice choir, will be held at 11 o'clock day after tomorrow at the Baptist Church.

Mrs. John Crabtree is the director of the choir, which will sing Handel's "Since by Man Came Death," Scimmerling's "The Royal Banners Forward Fly," Stainer's "God So Loved the World," and Handel's "Hallelujah!"

Barbecue Supper Planned The Band Parents Club will give a barbecue supper from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. Monday, April 9, at the high school Tin Can for the benefit of the Chapel Hill High School Band. Tickets are being sold in advance by members of the club and the band and will not be available at the supper itself. The prices are \$1.50 for barbecued chicken and \$1.25 for barbecued pork. The food will be prepared by Lloyd Griffin of Goldsboro, famous barbecue maker.

Will Public Schools Be Abandoned?

By Chuck Hauser

Will North Carolina ever abandon its public schools in favor of a system of private education in order to sidestep the U. S. Supreme Court ruling against segregation?

That question will probably be in the minds of some Orange County citizens when they go to the polls next Tuesday to vote on the proposed two million dollar bond issue. Why approve a large bond issue, they may ask, if the public schools are going to be legislated out of existence?

School officials and pro-bond issue workers in the county believe that the question of possible elimination of the public school system should not be a controlling factor in voting on the bonds.

Carl Smith, chairman of the Chapel Hill School Board, voiced the view of most informed persons in this area when he made the following points for Weekly readers yesterday:

1. He does not believe the voters of

North Carolina will ever do away with a system of free public education.

2. School facilities such as those which will be built with the two million dollars in bond money will be needed just as much under a system of private education as they will be under a system of public education.

In North Carolina, the leading spokesman of the movement to replace public schools with private schools is Beverly Lake, a former Wake Forest law professor now engaged in private practice in Raleigh, who presented this state's brief as "amicus curiae" in the early segregation hearings before the Supreme Court.

In Hillsboro last week, Mr. Lake sang a familiar song: The General Assembly should amend the state constitution to eliminate the clause requiring the state to operate a system of free public schools. Assuming that the amendment will be approved by the people in the fall general

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March of Dimes Exceeds Its Goal

Orange County again went over the top in the March of Dimes drive this year.

Campaign Chairman E. Carrington Smith announced yesterday that citizens of the county contributed \$10,297.71 to top the \$10,000 quota.

"I want to thank every person who contributed to this worthwhile cause, and I want to thank every worker and every chairman," said Mr. Smith, who has been chairman of the annual effort since it was founded by the late President Roosevelt. "We have always gone over the top in the drive, and we've done it again, showing just how wonderful and generous the people of Orange County are."

Mr. Smith was assisted in the campaign by Mrs. Jesse L. West in Carrboro, Sheriff Odell Clayton in Hillsboro and the northern section of the county, Supt. Paul Carr in the schools, Mrs. Orville Campbell in the Mother's March, and the Rev. J. C. Burnette among the colored citizens.

Some Good Reasons for Voting 'Yes' In Bond Issue Election on Tuesday

(This article dealing specifically with the school bond issue is the fifth in a series of five articles on the Chapel Hill school situation which the Weekly is publishing as a public service.)

By J. A. C. Dunn

Next Tuesday (March 27th) the voters of the county will go to the polls and vote on the two-million-dollar school bond issue, and in order that these voters mark their ballots with the facts of the matter fresh in their minds, we here present four pertinent questions and their answers, as well as a detailed enumeration of what the all-important two million dollars will be used for.

Why is the bond issue needed? Why can't we wait and do it later, say some people. The reason is quite simple—two million dollars spent now will just barely correct the most glaring faults in the Chapel Hill and Orange County school facilities, and two million dollars spent at a later date, what with depreciation and increase in school enrollment, will not begin to do the necessary job of revamping.

School buildings in all parts of the county have inadequate toilet facilities, non-fire-resistant stairways, and insufficient lunchroom facilities. Orange County education is currently being administered in 42 basements, cafeterias, libraries, audi-

toriums and sub-standard rooms. Twenty-eight of these are located in the county and fifteen in Chapel Hill. Several rooms will hold only eleven pupils, which means that half of the capability of the teacher in charge of them is being wasted, since that teacher could be handling thirty pupils in a larger room.

Carrboro needs and needs NOW—a completely new plant with at least 16 classrooms and an auditorium, a library, a lunch room, a music room, etc.

When it rains or is cold the Chapel Hill High School basketball team cannot play on its court because of the leaking roof and the lack of heating equipment.

Would you feel you were getting as much as possible out of school if you couldn't have a hot lunch? Of course not, and yet two schools in the county have no lunchroom facilities at all. That's another reason why money is needed now.

We have established that the bond issue is needed now. But who says so besides us? The list is impressive: National and local experts studying educational problems here and everywhere say that quick action is imperative.

The County Commissioners are wholeheartedly in favor of the bond issue.

The County Superintendent of Schools and the Chapel Hill Superintendent of Schools urgently support the bond issue, as well as the Orange County and Chapel Hill School Boards, unanimously.

The Board of Directors of the Chapel Hill-Carrboro Merchants Association is in favor of the bond issue, also the Chapel Hill Exchange Club, the Kiwanis Club, and the Carrboro Lions Club, and the Junior Chamber of Commerce.

All these organizations agree that since the state provides the teachers, the county must provide the buildings; and just to bring the buildings up to state standards we need at least 85 additional classrooms, libraries, lunchrooms, fire towers, shops, auditoriums and gymnasiums.

What's it going to cost you? For the necessary improvements in school facilities the average taxpayer will have to foot a bill of less than twenty cents a week. There are approximately 14,000 taxpayers in Orange County with an assessed valuation of \$74,000,000. Using these figures, the maximum annual cost (based on the 16 cents per \$100 maximum increase) to the average taxpayer will be only \$8.46—less than twenty cents a week.

Now think of what you spend twenty cents on every week that you DON'T REALLY HAVE TO SPEND: you buy a cigar, a pack of gum, a candy bar, one more glass of beer, a coke, odd-ment out for a cup of coffee; wouldn't you give up a candy bar or a coke so that your son or daughter can have a hot lunch every day? Certainly you would.

But what if the bond issue fails? What if the voters don't see it this way and turn the whole project down? Your business partner, your minister, your banker, the man who fills your tank with gas, will all tell you that they'd really hurt inside if their community ever got so low that people could honestly

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Rodman Requests Court to Dismiss Local School Suit

Dismissal of a five-year-old suit brought to seek equal facilities for white and Negro children in the Chapel Hill schools was asked in U. S. District Court at Greensboro by State Attorney-General W. B. Rodman this week.

As read here, newspaper stories of Mr. Rodman's supplemental answer to the suit were misleading. The news stories said the original suit was brought to end segregation in Chapel Hill schools. That was not the case. The suit, filed January 9, 1951, sought to force the local school board to take bond money voted for Glenwood Elementary School and with it complete and build a gymnasium for Lincoln High School.

Although the action has been dormant for five years, routine calendaring of it for trial next Wednesday in Federal Court at Durham brought renewed interest in its final disposition. Trial of the case had been delayed pending Supreme Court decisions on segregation.

Mr. Rodman asked for its dismissal a week in advance of scheduled trial, contending that the state school board has no right, under new state law, to assign any child to any particular school. His answer was said to have been predicated upon a fear that the court, in disposing of the suit should it come to trial next week, might read integration into the decision.

Chapel Hill School Superintendent C. W. Davis said he does not believe the present suit has had any basis since the Supreme Court's integration decision. He added that he hoped trial of it would not be demanded, and that he believed now "everyone here is happy" with the Lincoln facilities.

He said the local school board opposed the suit at the outset, because "the money had been voted for Glenwood School. Besides, there wasn't enough to complete either it or the facilities at Lincoln at the time. But there was nothing in the suit about integration. We even dismissed our attorneys, but this week we have employed John Q. LeGrand to represent us next week in Durham."

Special Music at Community Church

The Community Church choir will present a special program of Easter music at the regular 11 o'clock worship service Sunday morning, March 25, in Hill Music Hall. Paul Gene Strassler is director of the choir.

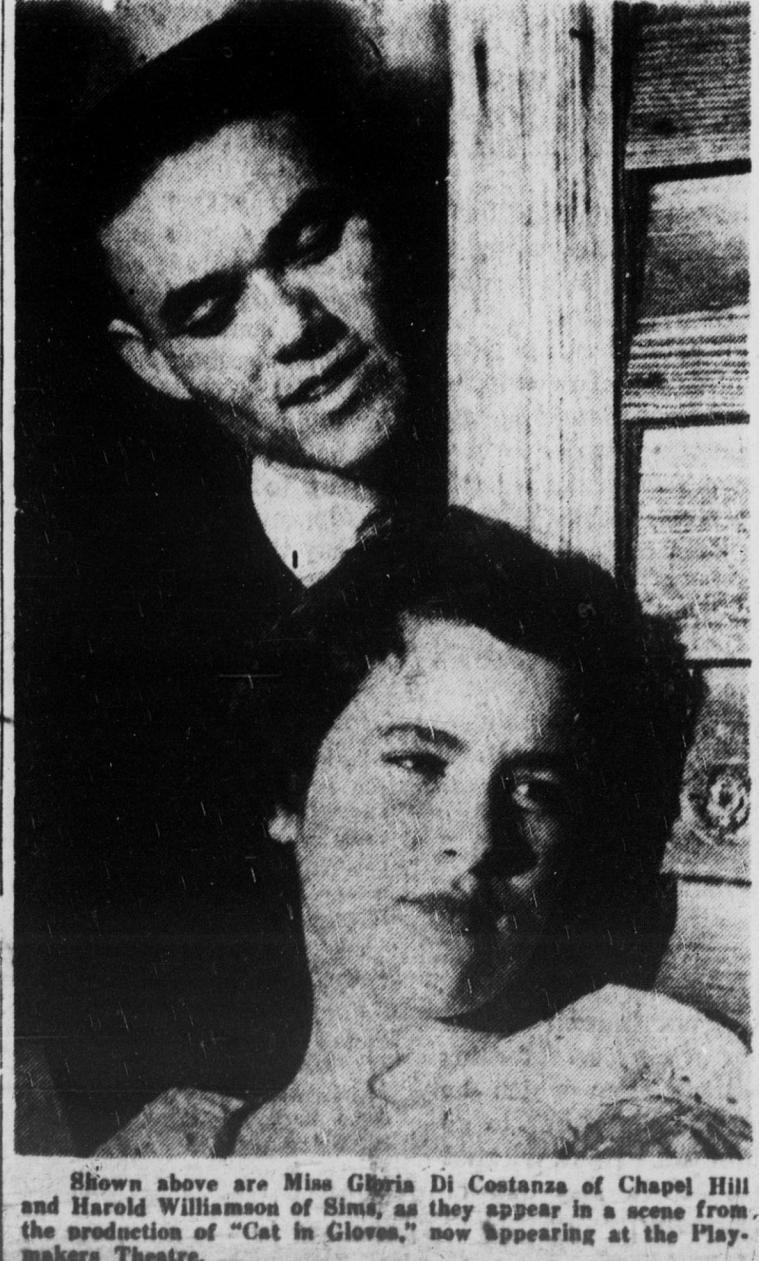
Music to be sung will include a duet, "Anima Mea, Liquefacta Est," sung by James Pruett and Jene Strassler, tenors; "Tanquam Ad Latronem," by Thomas Victoria, and "Ad Dominum Cum Tribulatione," by Hans Hassler.

"Four Motets for a Time of Penitence" by Francis Paulenc will be sung by the small choir. Two compositions of R. Vaughan Williams will be presented. The first, "Valiant-for-truth," is based on words from John Bunyan's "Pilgrim's Progress," and the second, "The Old Hundredth Psalm Tune," is for choir and congregation and was arranged by Williams for the coronation of Elizabeth II.

Chapel Hillnotes

Ralph Scott, candidate for Congress, ambitiously and hopefully invading our Carl Durham's town looking for votes day before yesterday.

Carolina Pharmacy making plans to open at 5:30 a.m. Sunday, April 1, to serve people up early for Easter sunrise service.



Shown above are Miss Gloria Di Costanza of Chapel Hill and Harold Williamson of Sims, as they appear in a scene from the production of "Cat in Gloves," now appearing at the Playmakers Theatre.