

Chapel Hill Native Honored For Work With Retired Men

A Chapel Hill native has been cited by the Philadelphia Inquirer as a man who is making excellent use of his retirement, a noteworthy accomplishment in this day and time when retirement is often a problem to the still mentally alert. He is 72-year-old Charles S. Venable of Wallingford, Pa., brother of Mrs. W. C. Coker and Mrs. Nelson Wescoat of Chapel Hill and son of the late Francis Preston Venable, president of the University here from 1900 to 1914.

Since his retirement in 1956 as director of chemical research at the American Viscose Corporation at Marcus Hook, Pa., Dr. Venable has helped to organize and direct TEAM, which stands for Technically Experienced Associates, Mobilized, and which is made up of 21 retired research administrators, chemists, engineers, and other scientists whose services are offered free to non-profit organizations and government agencies.

"We think TEAM is one way to overcome the deplorable waste of technical experience and the tragic erosion of healthy human beings who have retired but wish to remain professionally useful," Dr. Venable said in a recent talk to the American Chemical Society in New York.

"Most retired scientists who want to keep on making money can usually do so, as consultants, for example. TEAM is for those who prefer to work at an easier pace and to restrict their work to projects of public interest. Members may decline requests for their services and are free to ac-

cept private assignments outside of TEAM."

The organization's comparatively small list of members includes eminent scientists and engineers. Its chairman is Dr. Henry L. Cox of Clearwater, Fla., former vice president of the Corn Products Refining Co. and a 1914 graduate of UNC. He hopes to come to Chapel Hill next spring for the 50th anniversary reunion of his class.

Other officers are Dr. Venable, vice chairman; John W. Bodman, former research director of Lever Brothers; Dr. Norman A. Shepard, former chemical director of the American Cyanamid Co., and Dr. Magnus Tigerschild, former vice president of research and development for the Swedish mining firm, Grangesberbolaget.

Dr. Venable outlined the TEAM program at the 145th national meeting of the American Chemical Society in a panel discussion of the utilization of retired chemists.

"TEAM has two objectives, one of them unselfish and the other selfish," he said. "Our unselfish and chief objective is to avoid the waste of our scientific competence and to make it available in this time of need for guidance in technical matters."

"Our selfish objective is to avoid human erosion. We have hobbies and take part in church and civic affairs like other retired people, but that doesn't satisfy us. We want to keep active in the scientific world and to pursue the interests that have engaged us in all of our professional lives."

Dr. Venable said TEAM has been forced to decline many requests for services. Profit-making companies have clamored for his help, but its charter prevents such work. There has also been a heavy demand from foreign nations, but the age of most members, and the two-to-three-year jobs involved, rule out most overseas assignments.

TEAM's office is at 541 Hunting Ridge Rd., Stamford, Conn. Membership is open to any retired scientist, engineer, or other qualified person who is prepared to donate part of his time to the government and other public and social agencies acting in the public welfare. Members pay annual dues of \$25.

Dr. Venable was born in Chapel Hill in 1891 and was graduated from UNC in 1910. He took an M.A. degree here in 1911 and a Ph.D. from M.I.T. in 1917. In his 34-year association with American Viscose he earned a national reputation. One of his recent awards was a citation

from Philadelphia's Franklin Institute for his contribution to the establishment of the Hall of Chemistry in the institute's science museum.

Local UCYM Elects 1963-64 Officers

The Chapel Hill-Carrboro United Christian Youth Movement held its first meeting last week at the Presbyterian church to elect officers for the year 1963-64.

Acting as president will be Grove Burnet, who will be assisted by vice president Charmagne Baldwin.

Other officers include secretary Gail Poe, treasurer Barry Archer, and publicity Co-Chairmen Susan Alexander, and Barbara Scott.

The United Christian Youth Movement represents all denominations of the Chapel Hill-Carrboro area and other youth civic organizations including Y-Teens and HI-Y branches.

The purpose of this organization is "to unite in fellowship the youth organizations participating in this program, to promote interesting youth work among local churches as well as city-wide organizations, and to undertake community projects as will express the united concern of the youth of the community."

Each youth group is asked to elect two representatives to the U. C. Y. M. to take an active part in planning and carrying out its programs and to report back to each youth group the projects of the U. C. Y. M.

The next meeting of the U. C. Y. M. will be Sunday, October 13 at 2:30 p.m. on the second floor of the University Baptist Church. This meeting is compulsory and must be attended by two representatives from each youth group. Plans for the annual UNICEF drive will be made at the meeting.

Wolfe Biographer Here This Week

Andrew Turnbull is in Chapel Hill from Cambridge, Mass., gathering material for a new biography of Thomas Wolfe. Anybody having material or information concerning Thomas Wolfe may contact Mr. Turnbull at the Carolina Inn. He is particularly interested in personal reminiscences about Wolfe. He will leave Chapel Hill next Monday.

Mr. Turnbull's biography of F. Scott Fitzgerald, "Scott Fitzgerald," was published last year. A collection of Scott Fitzgerald's letters, edited by Mr. Turnbull, is being published this month. The biography of Thomas Wolfe will be Mr. Turnbull's second major effort. He has been working on it for about a year and expects it to be published in two or three years.

Read the Weekly classified ads.



DOOR PRIZE — Bill Moffitt won Yates Motor Company's door prize a week ago Friday, a 19-inch Zenith portable television set given away after a drawing at Yates Motors' showing of the 1964 Plymouth and Valiant models. Mr. Moffitt, left, is congratulated by Doug Yates.

Statistics Meet Monday, Oct. 14

Professor Wassily Hoeffding will address the Statistics Colloquium Monday, October 14, on "Asymptotically optimal tests for multinomial distributions".

The Statistics Colloquium, which meets about twice monthly during the academic year, provides a forum for the presentation of research in both mathematical and applied statistics. Opportunities to hear and meet some of the distinguished schol-

ars in probability and statistics are presented through these colloquia lectures. All interested persons are cordially invited to attend all or any of them. Students majoring in statistics at the University are expected to attend.

The first meeting of the Colloquium this year will be addressed by Professor Hoeffding of the Department of Statistics. The meeting will be at 4 p.m. in 265 Phillips Hall.

Playmakers Are Rehearsing For 'Little Mary Sunshine'

Anyone passing by the Playmakers Theatre on the UNC campus for the next two weeks might think the Playmakers were reviving old movie musicals. Or a more romantic soul might think perhaps, that he had been wafted away on a magic carpet to the never-never land of chocolate soldiers and Viennese pastries, complete with background music furnished by Victor Herbert or Sigmund Romberg.

It is not so, but it is twice as much fun to hear the Carolina Playmakers rehearsing for their first major production of the current season, "Little Mary Sunshine," a delightful musical spoof of the aforementioned genre of operettas.

Casting was completed this week, and rehearsals are under way for the Wednesday, October 23, opening. Directed by Foster Fitz-Simons, with Charles Horton as musical director, the production will run for six performances, through Sunday, October 27.

Peggy Jones of Durham has landed the title role of Mary Potts (alias Little Mary Sunshine), "our heroine." Miss Jones has appeared with the Dur-

ham Theatre Guild, the Triangle Summer Theatre, and the Grass Roots Opera Company. A medical secretary at Duke Hospital, this is her first appearance in a Playmakers production.

The role of Captain Jim Warrington, a Forest Ranger brave and bold, will be played by Randolph Umberger of Burlington. He has appeared in numerous productions on the Playmakers stage, and will be remembered for his portrayal of Sky Masterson in last year's musical, "Guys and Dolls."

Muriel Wilson of Durham plays Madame Ernestine, a glamourously dilapidated opera star, and Robert Ivey, also of Durham, portrays the comic role of Billy Jester, one of the Forest Rangers.

Others in the cast are: Graham Pollock, Gatesville; Janice Moore, Beaufort, S. C.; Larry Warner, Rocky Mount; Ben Jones and Sondra Wilson, Wilmington;

Hy Field, Charlotte.

Roberts Batson, Manzanillo, Dominican Republic; Tom Byrd, Asheville; George Gray, Gastonia; Tommy Henley, Chuck Von Busch, Judy Logan, and Dorothy Silver, Chapel Hill; Pascal Tone, New York City; Barbara Tarlin, Belmont, Mass.; Betsy Crawford, Lumberton; and Gail Patterson, Wright, Mt. Airy.

Business Manager John W. Parker has announced that season tickets are still available for the Playmakers' five major productions this year. They are on sale for \$8 each at The Playmakers Business Office (214 Abernethy Hall) and at Ledbetter-Pickard, both in Chapel Hill. Individual tickets for each production will be \$2.00.

Following "Little Mary Sunshine," The Playmakers will present "Long Day's Journey Into Night," "The Busy Martyr," "J. B.," and "The Braggart Soldiers."

No Pleasure From People's Troubles

"A good newspaperman gets no pleasure out of reporting the troubles of others even though he must often do so," a University journalism professor said in Brevard last week.

"A reporter who enjoys seeing people in trouble," said Prof. Ken Byerly, a long-time newspaper publisher, "has a tendency to be unfair. This will reflect in his writing, and against himself and his newspaper."

Mr. Byerly spoke to journalism students at Brevard College, and also at Rosman and Brevard High Schools.

OLD BOOK NEWS

Books Written During The Revolution —

In the feature case on the Old Book Corner this week, we are showing a small but very lively collection of Americana, mostly Colonial and Revolutionary.

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