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4-county theft wave is believed resolved in arrest of 2 boys

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Orange Peelings

THE VIRGIL MANN'S OF Chapel Hill were particularly worried over the tragic Alaskan earthquake last Friday, since they have spent the last seven summers there — much of the time in hard-hit Anchorage. Yesterday Winnie Lou Mann received a letter from one of her many young friends and neighbors in Anchorage—a girl, who said she had just gone out to pick up the afternoon paper when “it looked like the earth was coming to an end the way it shook.” Her brother was in mid-town getting a haircut, she wrote, and had to run outside as all the glass in the place began to break up.

COUNTY AGENT ED BARNES reports that despite the extraordinarily low seasonal temperatures early this week he's had no reports yet of crop damage in the Land of Orange. Up in Cedar Grove a reading of 18 was noted one morning, but it is believed that the especially vulnerable tobacco plant beds generally pulled through the freeze all right. There was concern for possible damage to alfalfa and small grains, but they didn't seem to be hurt.

THOUGH EASTER MONDAY has been traditionally the forest ranger's “nightmare,” and was so chronicled in last week's edition of *The News*, County Forester John Harris said that fear didn't hold true this year. Seven foresters stood by at the Forest Service Warehouse all during blustery Monday, but didn't have to go out on any fires. There were two small blazes on the weekend, but little damage from either. The Joe Jacksons' home on Weaver Dairy Rd. near Chapel Hill was destroyed by fire Tuesday morning, and a nearby dwelling narrowly escaped destruction.

FRIENDLY COMPETITION will reign within the banking family of Cherry in Chapel Hill ere long, as Bill Cherry, long an executive mainstay at N. C. National, will see his uncle, Robert Cherry, become Senior Vice-President of the local branch of Central Carolina.

THE BUDDING “COMMUNITY Action” organization in Chapel Hill will make its approach for endorsement and cooperation of its planned activities to the county commissioners and the Chapel Hill School Board at their scheduled meetings next week. In the immediate future similar contacts are planned with the Merchants Association and Carrboro Town Board, according to the group's temporary chairman, E. Maynard Adams.

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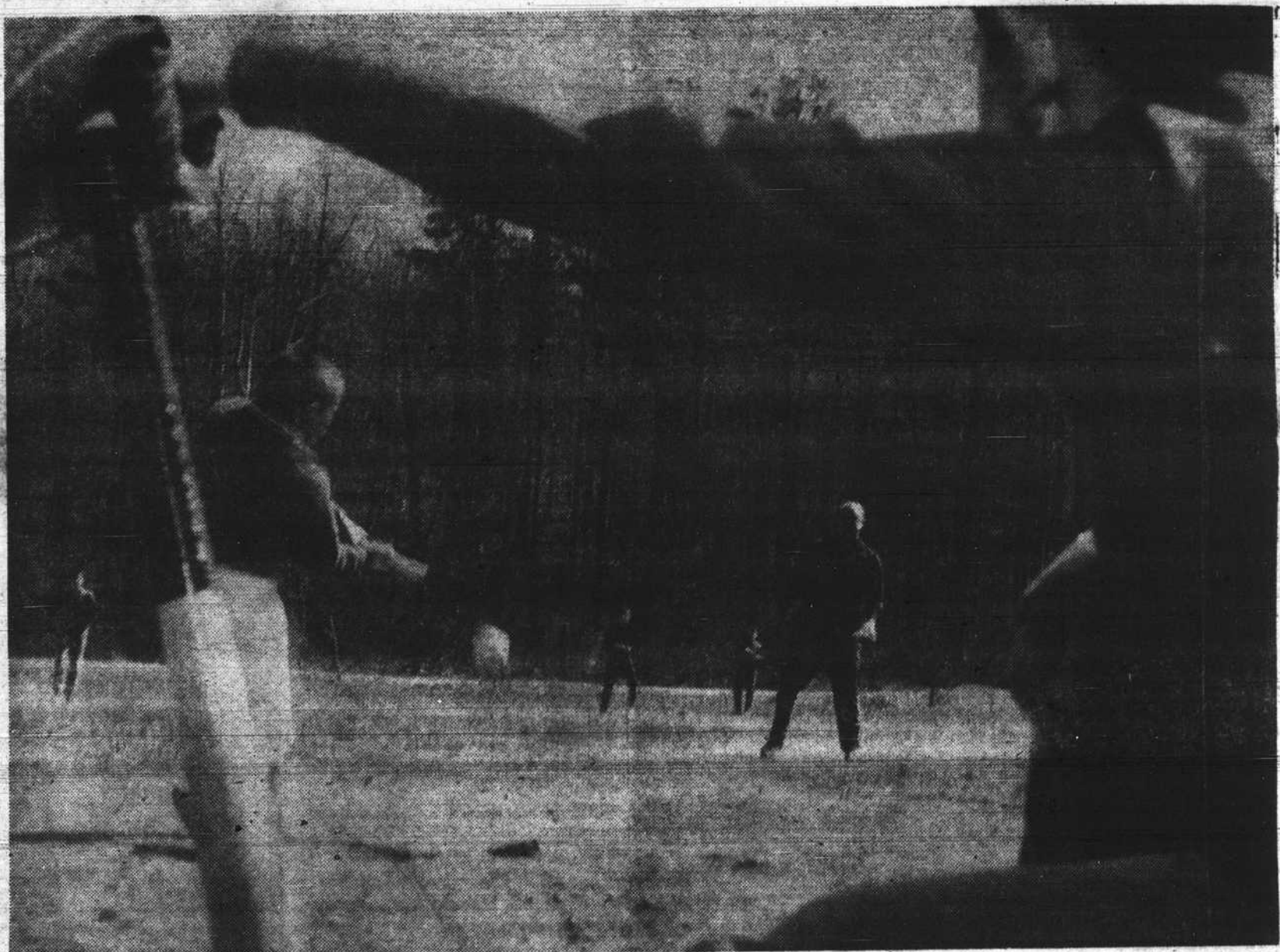
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Rushing the season...



SOFTBALL BEGINS—The lingering chill on the first day of April failed to deter eager Elkin Hill neighborhood youngsters from their seasonal change-over from basketball to softball yesterday afternoon. Above, Chapel Hill Recreation Dept. worker Sidney

Stafford, in the pitcher's box, puts one across the plate and into a clean hit into left field for the fourth grader at bat. Youngsters all over town—like the one in foreground above, will be awaiting their turn at bat, also, as the weather catches up to the season.

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Plans, models to be used in bid for new arts school

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