

WELCOME BACK! - CAROLINA STUDENTS

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Welcome, Indeed!
Carolina students started back to classes today. With this "Welcome Students" edition the News Leader sends its wishes for a pleasant stay "on the Hill."

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Three Durham Negroes Now Freshmen At Carolina



ENTERING CAROLINA—Shown as they left South Building where they were admitted as University freshmen yesterday afternoon are (left to right) Negro students Leroy Frasier, 17, John Lewis Brandon, 18, and Ralph Frasier 18, all of Durham. They'll begin commuting from Durham to attend classes with 1,300 other first-year students today.

Judges Refuse State Request To Stay Order

The first Negroes to attend the University of North Carolina as freshmen in the 162-year history of the state University were this afternoon formally entered as students here by Director of Admissions Roy Armstrong.

On advice of State Attorney General W. B. Rodman to President Harris Purks, Mr. Armstrong met with three Durham graduates of Hillside High School early this afternoon and put through their applications as students.

Tomorrow morning Leroy and Ralph Frasier and John Brandon will begin classes as first-year students here, the only ones of their race among the 1,300-odd freshmen. They will commute from Durham to their classes here each day.

Following a 45-minute conference with the Director of Admissions in his South Building office—at which the Frasier's father was present—the three went directly to Phillips Hall to take a mathematics placement test. The Frasier's will take General College courses preparatory to going into the School of Business Administration.

PEOPLE In Brief

TOWN'S TRAFFIC CLERK, Frederick Howdy is now holding warrants (it was just eight months ago) to send any day now persons who have accumulated more one-dollar parking tickets and haven't paid 'em. If all served there'll be some respectable folk here-who'll be visited by a law soon—perhaps at an embarrassing moment—and served formal notice to appear in recorder's Court he.e. Expedient unnecessary.

CHAPEL HILL EXCHANGE has its school-by-telephone plant available for use this year for some public school student confined to his bed this Billy Blake, son of Police and Mrs. Bill Blake, kept his classes at Carrboro this rig, made available in the Exchangeites. Any-who knows where there's a need for this may call Club Pat Hope.

HWAY PATROLMAN ED had an unusual hit-and-run accident call this week. It was a mule—with the mule the hit-and-runner. The o'd was fresh from plowing a to-field and was being tied at when he bolted and fled country road. At a nearby section he ran slam into an causing about \$200 damages car. Although the mule kept on going Patrolman Robin-son there'll be no charges in it.

LE THE COPS WERE PA- a mean street recently they a young Negro boy on his trying what appeared to be a "white" liquor right out open. They stopped him and said his mother had sent get it at a nearby woman's. The case was tried in court women being charged with selling to the delinquency of — but not process was

AY RITCHIE, IMPRESSARIO Book Ex. asked if Colorado's Kay Ritchie—the new Miss —were any kin to him, ready answer. "Sure she is," proudly, "by my Uncle

As Rivets Are Removed . . . Carrboro Is Losing Its Water Tank In Piece-By-Piece Removal Operation

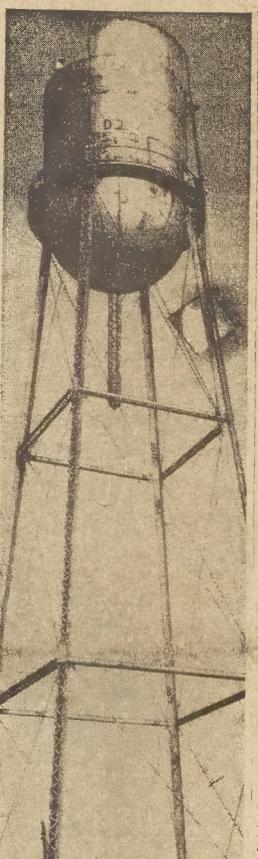
The Town of Carrboro was losing its 28-year-old water tank today in a methodical piece-by-piece operation.

The 127-foot-high tower, unused for the past five years since the town hooked into the University's water system, was sold on the auction block a year ago yesterday to R. E. McLean of Gastonia, a regular dealer in water tanks. Town authorities were delighted at the \$3,250 price the tank brought in spirited bidding between Mr. Lean and a Dunn candy manufacturer.

In the interim since he bought it Mr. McLean has been looking for a re-sale of the tank before tearing it down, however he said this week as he began the actual removal operation that he would take it to his plant in Gastonia for re-conditioning before erecting it again. The 100,000-gallon structure is in pretty good shape, he said, except for a few of the side plates of the tank itself and sections of the central down-spout.

To tear it down, the McLean crew has raised an upright steel span, known as a "basket pole," up through the center of the tank, and individual sections, are lowered away on a cable from this as they fall out when the rivets are removed.

Each piece has been previously labeled in large painted letters to facilitate the re-erection. Completion of the removal operation will take at least another week, according to Mr. McLean, and the job will cost several times more than the second-hand purchase price.



CARRBORO'S TANK . . . Coming Down . . .

Mrs. Jane Whitefield Is On Job Part-Time

Mrs. Jane Smoak Whitefield today began her duties as new Executive Secretary of the Merchants Association, but on a part-time basis.

Since her successor as book-keeper at Pritchard-Little Motor Company has not yet begun work she will be at the Merchants Association office only in the afternoons, until October 1.

She will be assisted in both the Merchants Association and Credit Bureau offices by Mrs. Celeste Austin, the present full-time assistant secretary.

Five Offerings Are Scheduled By Playmakers

Two foreign plays, a Shakespeare comedy, and a new play will highlight this season's program for The Carolina Playmakers. The thirty-eighth season opens this year with a translation from the French of Giraudoux's "Ondine," which appeared recently on Broadway with Audrey Hepburn and Mel Ferrer in the leading roles. The Playmakers will produce the fantasy in the Playmakers Theatre, October 12 to 16.

"The Rainmakers", a comedy by N. Richard Nash, will be the tour production of the season, playing at the Playmakers Theatre from November 9 to 13 before touring the Carolinas and Georgia. "Blood Wedding", Lorca's modern Spanish tragedy of heredity and family clash, will be presented at the Theatre December 12 to 16.

The Spring semester begins with the musical version of the famous Booth Tarkington novel of adolescence, "Seventeen", at Memorial Hall, March 2 to 4, followed by a new play, March 22 to 25, to be selected by the Playmakers staff. The final production of the season will be Shakespeare's "A Midsummer-Night's Dream", staged with song and dance at The Forest Theatre, May 4, 5, and 6.

Town 'Buys' Delinquent Tax Property

The Town of Chapel Hill "bought" property with a valuation of \$8,077.26 from 175 delinquent firms and persons in the formal yearly sale of property for unpaid taxes this week.

According to the legal machinery of the auction sale, held by Tax Collector Mrs. Ruth Ward in the Town Hall on Monday, the Town bid in the amount of the delinquency on each item as Mrs. Ward called it off. However, no one turned out for the legally-advertised sale, and if they had they'd have run into a two-year series of legal intricacies before they could get a clear title to the property after buying it.

For all practical purposes the delinquencies will stay on the books in the names of the property owners, with penalties continuing to accrue. Yesterday a local attorney came in to the Town Hall to try to purchase one of the delinquent properties, not realizing the sale was held two days earlier.

The total of unpaid taxes is only a little over five per cent of the \$150,293 tax scroll for 1954.

Wildcats Are Primed For First Home Contest

The Chapel Hill High School Wildcats, looking greatly improved in heavy drills this week, will face Dunn tomorrow night in their first home contest. Kick-off time at the Carrboro Lions Park is 8 p.m.

Season tickets for the five home games are still on sale through civic club members for \$3.00. The single game admission price is \$1. Coach Bob Culton said today that his boys appeared better prepared for this weeks contest after concentrating on fundamentals of pass defense and working on getting their offense moving. The Wildcats dropped their opener at Sanford last Friday, 6-0.

However, the team will be without the services of first string end Wayne Poe this week, and perhaps for another week. The lanky jun-

ior sustained a broken nose in a heavy practice session at the Lions Park Tuesday afternoon when he was accidentally kicked in the face. His substitute for tomorrow's game will be Paul Cheek, Sammy Carroll, or Tommy Burns.

Reserve back Jimmy Freeland will be out a couple of weeks, too, as a result of a broken ankle, also suffered in Tuesday's practice. Richard Gunter, the Wildcat's sturdy center, has been out with a virus infection this week, but it's expected he'll be ready for action tomorrow.

Coach Culton said he expected to field about the same starting team tomorrow as he did for the opening game, with the possible exception of a couple of line changes.

CONFERENCE THIS MORNING

This sudden decision on the part of the University came after a conference of administration officials with the attorney general and a special trustees committee in Raleigh. Mr. Rodman formally which last Saturday ordered the Negroes' applications be processed for a stay of execution of the order.

Shortly before 10 a.m. today, Mr. Rodman said, Judge Armistead Dobic telephoned him to say that he and the other two judges, after conferring by phone, had denied the request. He immediately advised the University to admit the trio if they were "educationally qualified."

In the meantime, the attorney general emphasized he would continue to "prosecute the appeal as diligently and effectively as we possibly can," as ordered by the Executive Board of Trustees on Monday.

DELAYED EDITION

The publication of this "Welcome Students" edition of the News Leader, coupled with the press of other printing activities at the News, Inc., has forced a slight unavoidable delay in the delivery of this issue. To our carrier boys we say, "Thank you for your bearing with the situation," and to our readers. "Thanks for your patience."

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Thursday, September 15
8 p. m. Chapel Hill High pep rally, Rec Center
Recent Graduates A.A.U. - Episcopal Parish House.
Football — Lincoln vs. Lions Park.
Friday, September 16
John Harris, speaker; Church Hut.
Jewish New Year services, Chapel Hill.
Saturday, September 17
Metropolitan Club, University.
Catholic Women's Guild Memorial.
Prof. John Bright, lecturer, Hall.
Adventures in Playmakers Theatre.
Sunday, September 18
Oakview Garden Club
Roland McClamroch, Rich Road.

Spectacular Fire Destroys Wrecked Hunt House

A spectacular fire of undetermined origin destroyed the old abandoned Hunt House on the Lloyd Gardner property at the bypass and Durham highway intersection east of town early last evening.

The blaze was discovered about 6 o'clock by passersby who felt they almost had the flames under control for a while. However, not having any equipment to battle the blaze with they were soon forced to retire and watch the big two-story frame house be eaten up by flames that leaped 60 feet into the sky.

Dr. Harrie Chamberlain, one of several early arrivals at the scene who fought the flames in a second story bedroom, said that he telephoned in vain to the police department and tried to reach town officials in an attempt to get even a hand extinguisher, which he said would have been sufficient to quell the flames in the early stages of the fire.

Since the house was located far out of town the Chapel Hill Fire Department was not permitted to answer the alarm. However, town officials stated today that as a policy in the past they have allowed a policeman or sheriff's deputy to take a hand extinguisher out of town to a fire. In this case both a fireman and a sheriff's dep-

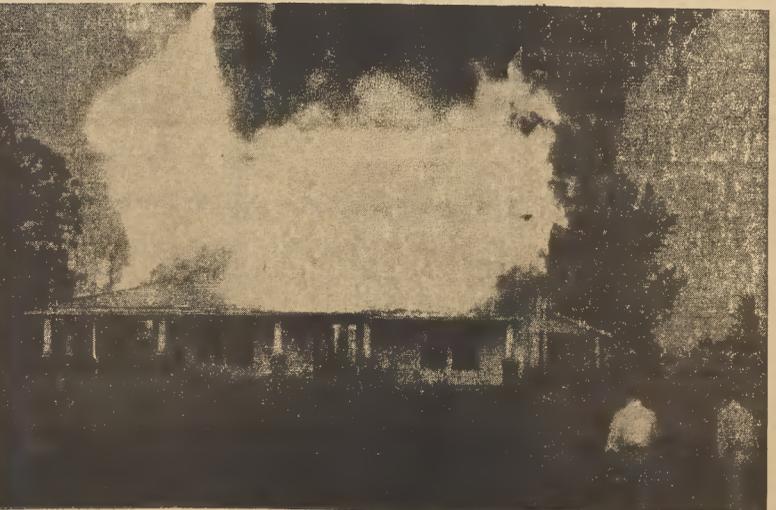
uty eventually answered the call, but too late to be of assistance.

Unoccupied since it was moved back to allow the construction of the Durham boulevard, the house was allegedly wrecked during a

fraternity party last spring. The building had been leased to the student group on May 6 and 7.

Mr. Gardner, in a civil suit filed this summer, is seeking \$3,000 damages from J. W. Knuff Jr., of

Sigma Chi fraternity, Robert G. Shelby of Delta Kappa Epsilon, Ramon Yarborough of Beta Theta Pi, and Robert A. Collier Jr., of Phi Delta Theta. In their reply to the suit the students denied they had wrought damage to the house.



HUNT HOUSE ABLAZE—ABOUT 6:30 P.M. Photo by Milo Crawford

Ridgefield Proposition Has Unusual Problems

The requested annexation of the Ridgefield development on the east side of the bypass highway presents several unusual problems to the Chapel Hill board of aldermen.

Although the proposal was reported unfavorably by the board's finance committee on Monday evening, a formal hearing on it has been called before the aldermen for October 24.

The owners of the 29-acre tract point out that the annexation is completely legal, although their land doesn't touch directly on the present town limits at any point, since both Ridgefield and the town limits border a public highway—US 15-01, the bypass highway. The "duckbill" of the eastern town limits comes to a point where Battle Brook and Bolin Creek intersect on the L. L. Vine property right at the inside edge of the bypass. About 200 feet to the north the Ridgefield tract begins and continues along the highway for about 1,000 feet.

The Ridgefield owners — Herb Wentworth, Bernice Ward, Bill Sloan and Whid Powell—have asked the annexation in connection with a proposal to install sewer lines and paved streets for the first 25 of the proposed 86-lot development. In their presentation to the aldermen Monday evening

they suggested that their proposal would be profitable to the town in that it would add 250,000 in property valuation to the town in the near future. They offered to install the sewer lines in return for the eventual return of a maximum of \$15,000 after the town assumed maintenance of them.

Town Manager Thomas D. Rose, on the other hand, pointed out that difficulties would be encountered in giving satisfactory fire, police, and garbage collection service to the area, since town vehicles would have to drive over a mile outside the town limits on the Durham highway to reach the area that would be annexed. He and several aldermen expressed an interest in bringing in this area together with Greenwood and possibly Glen Lennox and Oakwood, so that this entire area would be within the town.

However the suggestion was made by the Ridgefield group that the latter areas, already having sewer lines and fire protection under the newly-authorized Fire District, would not now be interested in annexation.

Meanwhile action is still pending on requests for annexation turned in during recent months from the Hidden Hills, Country Club, and Knolls neighborhoods.

County School Total Reaches 7,052 Students

Enrollment for the first day of school in the Orange County system totalled 4,310 — an increase of 124 over last year's first day in the 11 schools.

2,742 were enrolled in six units of the Chapel Hill City administrative unit, giving the county as a whole a total of 7,052 in the public schools.

Regular class schedules have proceeded smoothly throughout the first week and slight increases in attendance have been recorded since the opening.

In the eight white schools of the county system there were 2,286 enrolled in the elementary grades and 489 enrolled in the two high schools for a total white school population of 2,775.

In the three Negro schools, 1,182 were in elementary grades and 353 in the one high school, Central at Hillsboro.

Weather Reports

Generally fair, slightly warmer today, tonight and tomorrow. Expected low tonight, 64. Expected high tomorrow in the low 80s.

| | High | Low | Rainfall |
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| Monday | 82 | 60 | .00 |
| Tuesday | 77 | 57 | .00 |
| Wednesday | 76 | 55 | .00 |