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90 Years Ago
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In Talk Here Last Night . . .

PEOPLE In Brief

Former NCAA President Criticizes Athletic Recruiting In Colleges

A former President of the National Collegiate Athletic Association has voiced heavy criticism of college sports recruiting practices in a talk here last night.

Dean A. B. Moore of the University of Alabama Graduate School, for two years recently the NCAA President, pleaded for "true friends of athletics" to improve the situation, speaking before the Chapel Hill Rotary Club.

'Don't Know Facts'
While he dwelt primarily on the operational procedure of the NCAA, Dean Moore made a point of scorning persons who criticize this group's punitive decisions. In this respect he made no direct reference to the NCAA Council's \$5,000 fine against State College in the Jackie Moreland basketball recruiting case. But he said forcefully that persons who criticize NCAA decisions "don't know all the facts."

Concerning athletic recruiting practices—a problem the NCAA has been working to improve for the past eight years—he declared "You can't blame it all on the alumni . . . Wherever there's much illegal recruiting activity the coaching staff generally knows about it."

"And it seems to me that if they know of it they should do something about it. If the alumni know that an institution heartily disapproves of violations and buying players they are less likely to do this sort of thing."

'Undermining Public Belief'
The current situation in collegiate sports recruiting, he said, is undermining the public's belief in their institutions. "Our educators are committed to the belief that sports are vital and contribute to their educational programs. I think it's time that the college presidents, coaches, and alumni think more seriously about this and set up the same ideals for sports as they have for their educational programs."

"I have faith that if we will face the facts in this situation—if we are true friends of athletics—we will improve this situation."

Cagers Capture District Lead In 61-43 Win



DENNIS LEE
Scores 13 For Wildcats . . .

Sweeping into first place in the District Three Conference, Chapel Hill's Wildcats handily defeated Hillsboro High 61-43 here last night, continuing their season's undefeated record for a fifth consecutive win.

Tomorrow evening the locals will continue in conference competition, traveling to Oxford to play Oxford Orphanage. Immediately behind Chapel Hill in the loop standings now are Northern High of Durham County, February, and Henderson, all tied for second.

In last night's preliminary contest the Chapel Hill girls lost to the visitors 41 to 26, while Captain Leah Fitch scored all but nine points for the home team.

The Wildcats had more than doubled the score over Hillsboro by the half, when they led 28-12. The substantial lead was run up despite the northern Orange squad's effort to freeze the ball during the first four minutes of the game. Merle Teague, who led the Chapel Hill scoring with 14 points, followed by Dennis Lee with 13.

New 'Celestial Preview' Show Opens At Morehead Building

A "Celestial Preview of 1957" opened appropriately on the first day of the New Year at the Morehead Planetarium.

The presentation is a tailored two-fold demonstration of celestial phenomena which will occur in 1957 and a showing of models which can be made at home by parents or children under supervision of common and ordinary things about the average house to demonstrate and explain visible happenings in the heavens.

"The demonstration will be especially appealing to children of Cub or Boy Scout age," according to Planetarium Manager A. F. Jenzano. "And it will be appealing to do-it-yourself parents who would like to build similar simple models. We will show what can be made from coat hangers, common boxes, flashlights and so on to help children understand the marvels of the universe."

With the opening of "Celestial Preview," the Morehead Planetarium will return to its regular schedule of presentations nightly at 8:30 o'clock with matinees Saturdays at 11 a.m. at 3 p.m. and Sundays at 3 and 4 p.m.

Cross Burner Exposed; Faces Charge Monday

A 25-year-old Hillsboro man was arrested Monday for burning a cross in the yard of a local home in which Dr. Frank Graham was visiting.

William Polk "Billy" Cheshire, former serviceman, now a University of North Carolina student, son

of Mr. and Mrs. James Cheshire Sr., a well-known Hillsboro family, told officers he did it as a prank to let Dr. Graham know how he felt about him.

The "prank" will gain Cheshire the notoriety of becoming the first person to be tried under a 1953 law designed to curb the Ku Klux Klan.

The law, a result of the Klan excesses in Columbus County, makes it a crime to burn or cause to be burned a cross on property of another person without the consent of the person who owns or lives on the property. (See CROSS BURNER, Page 8)

Funeral Held Today For Mrs. Wagstaff

Mrs. Henry McGilbert Wagstaff, 30, of Chapel Hill, died at 2 a.m. yesterday in Memorial Hospital here.

Funeral services were held at 3 p.m. today at the University Methodist Church and burial in the old Chapel Hill Cemetery. The Rev. Charles Hubbard, pastor, officiated. Mrs. Wagstaff was a native of Person County. Her husband was a University history professor from 1907 until his death in 1945.

Surviving are a daughter, Mrs. A. B. Cox of Newport, R. I.; one grandchild; and several nieces, including Mrs. Aln North of Durham, and Mrs. Raymond Winstead and Mrs. J. J. Hambrick, both of Roxboro.

The family has suggested that contributions to the educational building fund would be appropriate tributes to Mrs. Wagstaff.

If It's Any Comfort To You—It Probably Won't Get Any Colder!

The coldest mercury reading of the season—13 degrees—greeted early risers this morning, according to an official reading by weather observer Max Saunders at the Filter Plant.

If it's any comfort to the populace, Mr. Saunders noted that it seldom gets much colder than this in Chapel Hill. And warmer temperatures are expected late today, tonight, and tomorrow.

The previous low for the season, it may be remembered, was shortly after the Duke-Carolina game when the thermometer dipped to 19 on Nov. 28. The only snow flurry of the season occurred during the Tar Heel-Blue Devil grid "classic, too."

'Typical' Story Of Miss X . . .

She's As Sane As You, But—In Mental Hospital —And With No Clear Prospect For Getting Out

By DAN ANDERSON (Special for the News Leader)

Writers of horror fiction try to freeze readers' blood with the sure-shocking tale of the sane person locked away in a madhouse. As the very idea sets spines tingling and scalps prickling, we comfort ourselves by thinking, "It's only a made-up story. It isn't true!"

But it is true. It's true right now, in real life, barely 25 crowflight miles from here.

There's a woman—"She's as sane as you or I," doctors vow—in the State Hospital at Butner, with no clear prospect of getting out. True, she's victim of no such evil conspiring as fictioneers describe, and the well-run hospital is no such snake pit as they picture. Yet this hard fact remains: Miss X is in that place for the mentally ill, where she doesn't belong at all, trying vainly to leave.

Not The Only One

Moreover, she's not the only one in that plight at Butner, and there are men and women like her in North Carolina's other three mental hospitals, and still more elsewhere in the United States.

Towns Have No Traffic Deaths In '56

At the stroke of midnight Monday evening Chapel Hill and Carrboro completed perfect year from the standpoint of traffic fatalities.

Chapel Hill Police Chief W. T. Sloan reported that no deaths were caused either by automobile or pedestrian accidents during

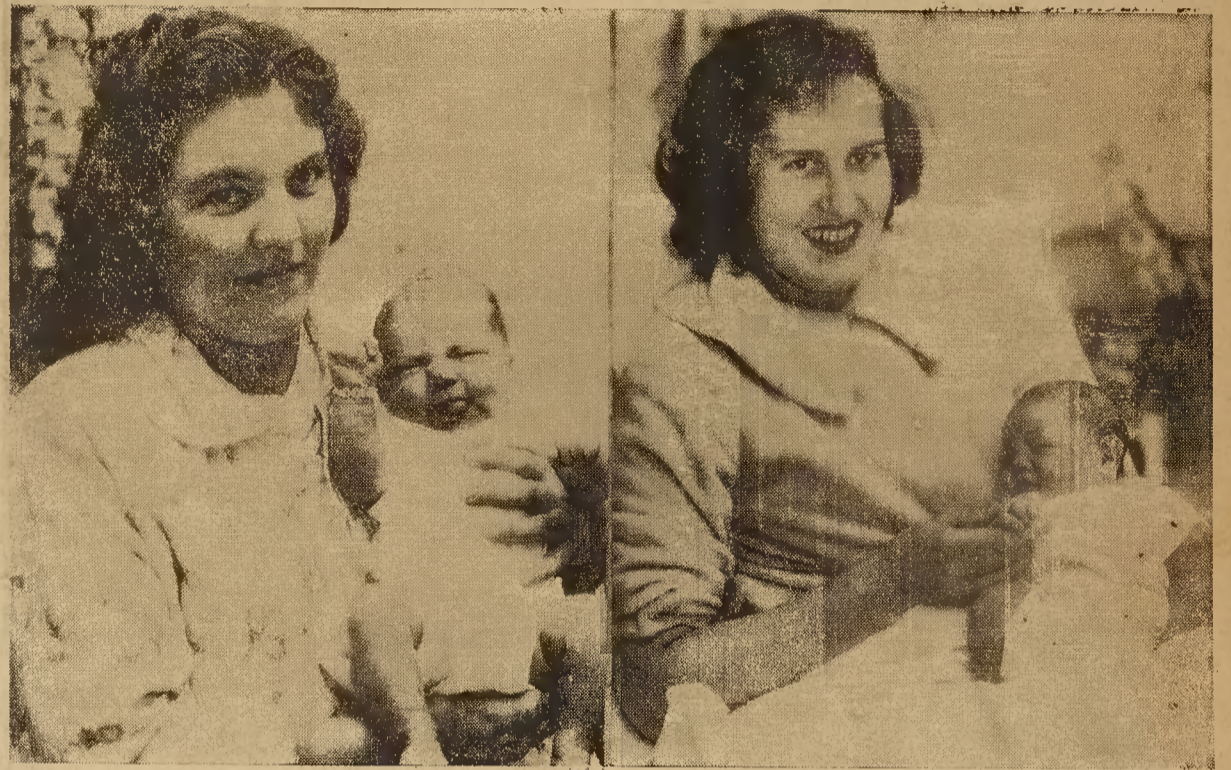
1956, entitling the municipality to honor roll certificates again from the National Safety Council and the American Automobile Association.

While there was one auto fatality in Chapel Hill in 1955, that was the first one in a four-year period.

There have been no pedestrian deaths in the town for the past 15 years, and only three auto deaths in 10 years.

Available records in Carrboro showed there have been no pedestrian or auto fatalities there in at least the last seven years.

Commenting on the Chapel Hill record this morning, Chief of Police W. T. Sloan said "I want to thank all of the people of Chapel Hill for their help in this situation—the students, the men on our police force, and our visitors during the year, too."



FIRST FOR THE NEW YEAR IN ORANGE—First babies to greet the New Year in Orange County are shown at Memorial Hospital with their mothers. At the left, Mrs. Paul Lee of Hillsboro with her newborn son—her fifth child; and Mrs. Guy C. Evans Jr.,

of the Greensboro Highway, a University student wife, with Guy Carr Evans III, who was born at 2:18 p.m. on Tuesday. First-born after 1957 began Monday night was the Lee child at 5:05 a.m. News Leader Photo

Tiniest Baby Is Born: Three Ounces At Birth

Several hours before the first New Year's baby was born at Memorial Hospital early Tuesday morning, a much less-heralded tyke came into the world at another local hospital.

The newborn creature was a healthy, six-ounce Chihuahua pup, born to a three and one-half pound mother dog from Raleigh. Veterinarian Dr. L. L. Vine delivered the dog, and reported both mother and infant were in healthy condition. However, the circumstances required a breach delivery that took a comparatively long 45 minutes, the birth being completed about 2 a.m.

The owner of the dog—a fine show Chihuahua—had brought her to see Dr. Vinc earlier in the day, and it was believed a normal unassisted birth would be possible. However, as New Year's Eve progressed he realized that a return trip to Chapel Hill would be necessary.

Memorial Hospital Rings In New Year With Two Births During First Day

Two births at Memorial Hospital on Tuesday put Orange County parents in the running—though not as winners—in the annual state-wide New Year's Day baby derby.

First to come into the world after the stroke of midnight Monday night at the local Hospital was a son, born to Mrs. Paul (Betty Ray) Lee of the Orange Grove Road, Hillsboro. The nine-pound, 11-ounce infant—her fifth child, had not been named as of yesterday. He was born at 5:05 a.m. with Dr. Tom T. Vestal officiating.

First In N. C. Last Year

Last year the state title for the first New Year's baby went to Memorial Hospital and a local student couple when Norrie Lee Merritt was delivered by Dr. Vestal to Mr. and Mrs. Jim Alco Merritt at eight minutes after midnight.

This year a second New Year's Day birth was that at 2:18 p.m. of Guy Carr Evans III, to Mr. and Mrs. Evans of the Greens-

boro Highway in Carrboro.

The eight-pound son has an older sister, Becky, age two. The boy's arrival into the outside world had been expected momentarily for the previous two weeks. Mr. Evans is a law student from Greenville.

A little girl who became a very helpful income tax deduction, was the last child of 1956, a daughter

Firemen Answer Alarm To Douse Burning Tree

A burning hollow tree brought firemen out to the Eastwood Lake vicinity early last evening.

While the spread of the flames was prohibited, firemen stood for quite a while to thoroughly douse the smoldering tree. They expressed the belief that someone had set the tree afire to smoke out a squirrel.

The Suburban Fire District alarm was sounded at 7:10 p.m.

Man Is Killed In Auto Wreck

Jessie Louis Buckner, who recently moved here to operate the M and N Grill on N. Graham St., was killed in an auto wreck about a mile south of the Chatham County line on Highway 15-501 early last Thursday evening.

Injured slightly in the accident was Jimmy Wrenn Sturdivant, 17, of Route One, Pittsboro, driver of an oncoming southbound vehicle struck by Buckner's car. A passenger, Mrs. Lena P. Sturdivant, 55, who suffered a broken left arm and right leg and head injuries, and is recovering at Memorial Hospital.

A former resident of Chatham County near Siler City, the 39-year-old Negro was a cook in the Chatham Hospital before coming to Chapel Hill. Highway Patrolman James B. Williford said that Buckner's car rounded a curve and cut across into the left-hand lane, striking the oncoming car. The accident, Chatham's seventh and final traffic fatality of the year, occurred about 6:45 p.m.

EAST AFRICAN'S VISITS

Dr. B. E. C. Hopwood of Uganda, British East Africa is visiting the University School of Public Health, and is being sponsored by the United Nations. He has been at Chapel Hill since the middle of December. Prior to coming here he spent several weeks in Washington, D. C.

Weather Reports

Sunny and not as cold late today. Fair to partly cloudy and not as cold tonight. Expected low tonight 25-32. Increasing cloudiness and warmer tomorrow.

	High	Low	Rainfall
Thursday	46	24	.00
Friday	53	29	.00
Saturday	63	36	.17
Sunday	41	23	.00
Monday	45	24	.00
Tuesday	65	37	.00
Wednesday	49	20	.00



NEW GIRL SCOUT LEADER—Mrs. Beth (Daniel) Okun of Chapel Hill has succeeded Mrs. Aubrey McGuire as Director of Orange Girl Scout activities in the Bright Leaf Girl Scout Council. A graduate of North Texas State Teachers College, she holds a master's degree in social work from the University of Pittsburgh and is the wife of Prof. Daniel Okun of the University public health faculty.

Not So Brief

EMBARRASSING MOMENTS

One happened over the years:

The daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Y was to be married, so on the day of the wedding Mr. and Mrs. Y thought it would be nice to pop over and see the bride-to-be and the presents and so forth. Mrs. Y made a beautiful salad to take along and started out they weren't really sure where the X's lived, but found the house without too much trouble, peeped in a window and saw everyone milling

around. "Let's surprise 'em," suggested Mr. Y. So, instead of going in the front door, around they went to the back. The stole inside, opened the refrigerator and put the salad in it. Then they went into the living room. "Hello, everybody," shouted Mrs. Y. "We came to look at the gifts and kiss the guest of honor!"

Only one thing was wrong. They had the wrong house—a house at which a wake was being held. And it really happened, friends, we mean to tell you.

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