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"I certainly did get response to my 60-cent baby-sitting ad. Please cancel it," telephoned the good who's earning money for a car by this part-time job.

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## Measures 125 Feet High . . .

### Big Pecan Tree - Perhaps Tallest In County, Still Bearing As It Nears Four-Score Age

Hillsboro's biggest and tallest tree—undoubtedly one of the County's largest, too—is still bearing as it nears the estimated four-score years of age.

Though some limbs and leaves appear to be withering, the majestic old pecan tree in the back yard of the David E. Patterson residence shows promise of bearing a fair-sized crop of nuts again this fall.

#### Four Feet Thick

The tree was measured to be 125 feet tall about 10 years ago, and seems to have grown some since then. About four feet in diameter, it's believed to have been planted in the yard, along with another different variety of pecan sapling, in the early '30's.

The other tree, scarcely half its size, stands alongside Mrs. Patterson's kindergarten house a few yards away from its towering companion. It bears a long, paper-shell pecan. While it's a good nut, Mr. Patterson says, it scarcely compares with the rich, chunky thick-shelled product of the big tree. "Everybody says they're the best nuts they ever ate," said Mr. Patterson.

Some seasons the crop off this single tree has been as large as nine bushels, while other years it's been as small as a peck. It's understood that it was sent from Alabama to Hillsboro's James Webb family, which built the large frame post-Civil War house. The Pattersons bought the home and moved into it in 1919 following Mr. Webb's death. "An old colored man once told me that his brother had planted every tree in this yard," said Mr. Patterson.

#### In Garden, Barn Area

The tree, located in a former garden area of the yard, has probably flourished more because of manure fertilization given plants that grew near its sweeping boughs, Mr. Patterson suggested. Another factor that may have figured in its growth is its location on the Webbs' old barn yard.

The old Webb tree took second place to a huge water oak on the old Ruffin homestead in Hillsboro until the latter tree blew down in a storm several years ago.

In all its years the big pecan has never been struck by lightning. "The neighbors said that during Hurricane Hazel it looked like it was going all to pieces," Mr. Patterson recalled. "But all that blew off of it was a mess of small limbs and twigs."



**BIGGEST TREE**—David E. Patterson of Hillsboro, and two boys standing with him, are barely visible in front of the 125-foot pecan tree—said to be the largest tree in Hillsboro—which is in his back yard. News Leader Photo

### Smiling And Confident Clara Wins N. C. Baseball Beauty Title

Confident and smiling, Chapel Hill's Clara Tucker captured the beauty title of Miss North Carolina Semi-Pro Baseball in competition with six other finalists at the state semi-pro tournament in Roxboro Saturday night.

The 19-year-old switchboard operator at Memorial Hospital and contest entrant of the Carrboro Cubs brought home a personally inscribed loving cup, presented to her by the Roxboro Exchange Club. She made quite a hit with the ball park audience on Saturday, as she did the previous weekend when she sang for the fans. Clara offered to sing again while the judges were deliberating, but

time didn't permit.

The seven entrants were driven in a parade from downtown Roxboro into the ball park, following cars in which were Miss North Carolina—Elaine Herndon of Durham, and Miss Roxboro—Patsy Long.

After being named winner of the contest Miss Tucker was crowned by her predecessor, Margaret Wood of Fuquay. She was escorted to the contest by the Cubs' business manager Frank Scott and by Miss Claudia Cannady.

### Grid Tickets On Public Sale Starting Today

Tickets for the six Carolina home football games this fall went on sale to the general public today and will be sold without restriction hereafter, Vernon Crook, business manager of athletics, announces.

The sale to the general public originally was scheduled to open July 15 but was delayed. So far tickets have been sold only to members of the Educational Foundation and alumni.

North Carolina opens its season here with N. C. State on Sept. 21. Other home games are Clemson, Sept. 28; Navy, Oct. 5; Tennessee, Nov. 2; South Carolina, Nov. 9; and Virginia, Nov. 30.

Miami, Maryland, Wake Forest and Duke are the away games this season.

Season tickets will be delivered on purchase with tickets to individual games to be mailed later.

### Good Results Noted In Scrap Paper Drive

Jaycees of Chapel Hill picked up more than 10 tons of scrap paper donated by local householders yesterday.

The bi-monthly drive was "one of the best staged yet," according to Club President Monk Jennings. The box car load of paper, when sold in Durham, is expected to net the Club between \$100 and \$150, depending on the market at the time of sale. About 25 Jaycees carried out the drive in nine different truck teams.

"The regular givers to the drive seemed to have more paper this time than last," said project chairman Matt Thompson. "We appreciate very much their help in saving this for our bi-monthly pick-up."

## Bypass Road-Bed Grading At 3/4 Mark; Acceptance Seen This Time Next Year

### Cement Strike Slows Work On Structures

Grading of the road-bed for Chapel Hill - Carrboro's new 3.01-mile southwest bypass highway is now about three-fourths complete, according to a report today from the Division Engineer's office in Greensboro.

However, work on the highway bridges and other structures is expected to be held up indefinitely because of the nationwide strike of cement workers. At this time the structures work is about 25 per cent complete. Bridges will be built over the Jones Ferry and Smith Level Road and a tunnel under the Pittsboro Road, where the new bypass connects to its existing link south of town.

#### May Accept Next Summer

A Highway Department spokesman said that because of the delay in the structures work he could give "no definite idea" for the overall completion of the job. However, he suggested that it would be at least next winter before the paving contract could be let, and sometime next spring before this work would be started. Possibly, he said, the road might be accepted for use by this time next year.

Contracts totalling \$132,000 have already been let on the job—a \$252,401 grading contract to the Grannis and Sloan firm of Fayetteville, and a \$179,842 contract to the Wilson Construction Co., of Salisbury.

The roadway will have a 24-foot width though the type of surfacing has not yet been decided. It will have dual lanes for traffic at two intersections—the Jones Ferry Road crossing and its connection with U. S. 15-501 south.

At the latter place, the beginning of the new link, there will be dual lanes for 1,500 feet, extending under the Pittsboro Road. The Highway Department spokesman said that access to the road will likely be limited in the dual-lane sections. The Jones Ferry Road is currently closed.

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**SCHOOL FOR TEACHERS**—Vocational agriculture teachers from this area returned to school for two days here this past weekend, studying tractor maintenance at a special course conducted at the Chapel Hill High School Shop Building. Left to right are I. C. Yagel of Chapel Hill High; District Vocational Agriculture Educational Supervisor E. N. Meekins of Raleigh, A. W. Wilson of Eli Whitney School, Alamance County; L. A. Freeman of Altamahaw-Ossipee School, Alamance County; and C. C. Tart of Stovall School, Granville County. News Leader Photo

### But Not For Long . . .

## Chapel Hill \$250,000 Richer Today

The Town of Chapel Hill is a quarter-million dollars richer this morning than it was when the Town Ball opened on Saturday morning.

But the new-found wealth will be mightily short-lived, according to Town Manager Thomas D. Rose. The money—a check for \$250,000—came on Saturday in a three-cent stamped envelope addressed to "Miss" Mary Lovejoy, the Town Clerk.

Mrs. Lovejoy opened the letter to find the check, made out to the Town with a covering letter, from the State's Local Government Commission. It was secured by a four months bond anticipation note, sold by the Town through the Commission on July 16 to the Bank of North Wilkesboro.

The check was deposited in the Bank of Chapel Hill, but within the next day or so its size will have dwindled to an estimated \$10 or \$15,000.

The bulk of it will go into repayments for sewer lines to official organizations for property owners in

a number of recently-annexed east-side developments, as provided by contractual agreements between these organizations and the Town. The remaining money is to be used for improvements to the Town's sewage disposal plant.

The \$250,000 represents half the total of funds approved for bond issues by the Town's voters in a special referendum last spring. The present note may be renewed for as long as five years before the bonds themselves must actually be sold.

Selected as the best scripts written in Prof. John W. Parker's University playwriting class last term, "Bid Time Return" and "A Midsummer Tonic," both by James Potcoat of Charlotte, and "April in the Moon" by Lewis Emnis of Delray Beach, Florida, will comprise the bill.

As usual on these occasions the audience will be invited to comment on the plays and the productions after each is shown.

Student directors are Philip Fischer of Boston, Mass.; Rose Lily Soler of the Philippine Islands, and Lewis Emnis of Delray Beach, Florida. The stage managers are Elizabeth Bolton of Chapel Hill, Glenn Holt of Erwin, and Larry Thorp of Rocky Mount.

Chapel Hillians appearing in the casts include Myra Lauterer, Barbara Bounds, Gloria Di Costanzo, Peter Sinclair, Dee Casey and Bobbi Bounds.

University students and Junior Playmakers completing the casts are Charles Oakley, Susan Dorris, Jane Morgan, Ruth Young, William Sills, Andrea Mayland, Nancetta Hudson, John Whitty, Sam Baker, Lewis Emnis, Emily Jackson, Joan Tyler and Russell Link.

Sets for these productions were designed by Ed Messingill, Russell Link and John Whitty.

### State Employees Unit To Meet Thursday To Elect Officers

Officers for the coming year will be chosen at a meeting of the local unit (Area Six-A) of the North Carolina State Employees Association at 7:30 Thursday evening in Gerrard Hall.

E. A. "Sparky" Dollar, current President of the group, urged all interested University and state employees to attend the session, whether they are at present members of the group or not. At this time there are about 450 members in the Area Six-A unit.

Other incumbent officers of the Clifton Beckwith of Raleigh, the Association's Executive Secretary, and Ralph Monger Jr., of Sanford,

Association President, will also be present for the meeting and are expected to speak. A discussion and question session is planned on the recently-inaugurated classification and pay scale plan, which the Association opposed.

In addition, election of delegates to the annual convention of the Association, to be held in early September in Durham, is also planned.

Other incumbent officers of the local Area are George Slansbury, Vice-President; and Max Saunders, Secretary-Treasurer.

### Cubs Seek To Recoup From Two Losses

Attempting to recoup from a pair of losses this past weekend, the Carrboro Cubs will continue their State Semi-Pro Baseball Tournament at Roxboro this Thursday when they face the Dixie All-Stars at 6 p.m.

Now in the losers bracket of the month-long double-elimination tournament, the Cubs will have to win all of their remaining games to stay in the play. The tourney will end about Aug. 17.

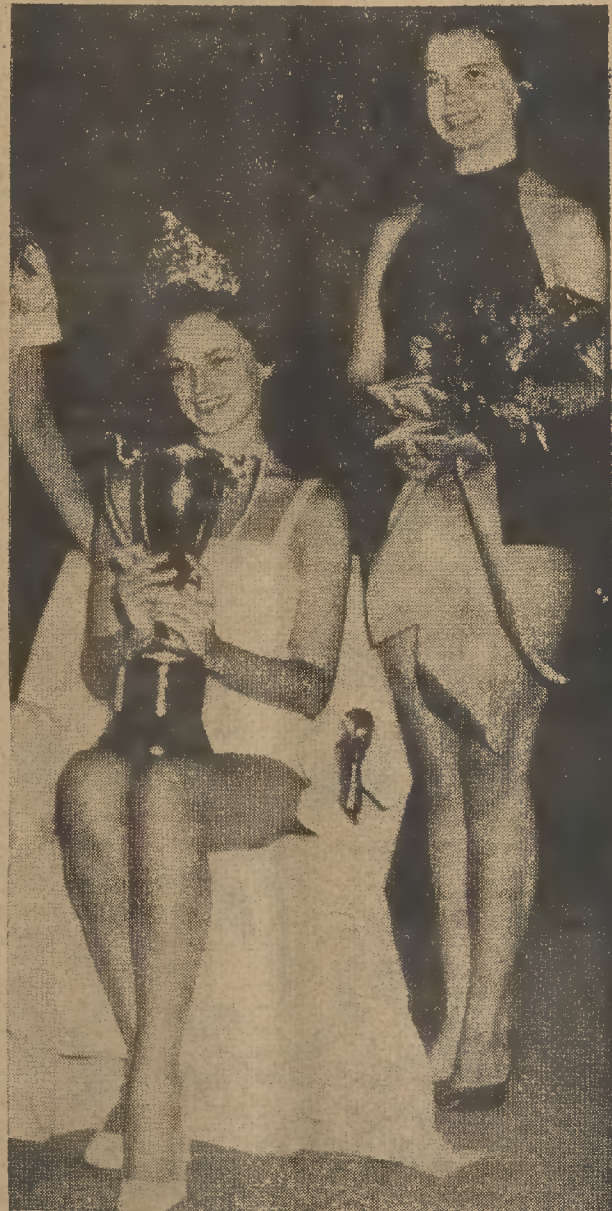
On Saturday evening, suffering from the absence of catcher Jim

my Love, the Cubs lost to Pea Ridge, 12-0, in a five-inning contest. Don Sain started for the locals and was relieved by Lloyd McKnight in the fourth. For the Cubs—no runs, three hits, and eight errors. For Pea Ridge—12 runs, 10 hits, and one error. A big six-run third inning accounted for half the victors' total.

On the night before the Cubs lost out in the last half of the ninth inning as the Eastern All-Stars beat them 5-3 at Lynchburg, Va. The score was tied at 3-up

when an All-Star batter connected for a home run with a man on base. Al Pons led the Cubs in batting with two hits.

Frank Scott started the game as the Cubs' pitcher, being relieved after the sixth by Chuck Hartman. It was Scott's first trial on the mound for his team in about two years, and his team was ahead 3-2 when he went out. The locals had seven hits and committed one error, the All-Stars getting five hits and being guilty of three errors.



**NOW SHE'S 'MISS BASEBALL'**—The newly-crowned Miss North Carolina Semi-Pro Baseball, Chapel Hill's Clara Tucker, sits on her beauty throne at the state semi-pro baseball tournament in Roxboro where she won the title over six other finalists on Saturday night. Miss Tucker represented the Carrboro Cubs. Standing is Sylvia Capps, representing Norlina, who was runner-up in the competition. Photo by Hiram Elam

### Foreman Co. South, Ill.

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**PER JR., AND** Chapel Hill pull- ...to win the jun- ...singles titles in ...na Tennis Tour- ...Charlie easily ...'s Billy Stone, ...er won over Dur- ...6-3, 6-4.

**UGSTORE NOW** For Ranchero— ...away auto that's ...truck. The new ...y last week re- ...ep as a delivery ...its the spot for ...Mr. Sloan.

**OF KIRKWOOD** at he's "editing ...kinsman, Sam- ...ark Twain), and ...near from readers ...who may have ...d stories dealing ...umorist."

### Fast Action Frees Injurers Caught In Belt

ive Chapel Hill ...a three-year-old ...from a painful ...Friday evening ...ommy Huekabee, ...Lelia Rczner of ...e. According to ...firemen, the boy ...toy which had ...automatic wash- ...his hand became ...and was jammed ...s instantly shut

off, but efforts to move the machine to free the boy were in vain. A call was put into the Chapel Hill Fire Department, where members of the Department's force of call men were meeting.

Within five minutes the firemen had arrived on the scene, succeeded in moving out the washing machine, and cutting the belt to free the boy's fingers. He was taken to Memorial Hospital for treatment of the severely bruised hand.

### Renovations Planned Carolina Inn This Summer

fireplace in the ...e Carolina Inn, ...the University, ...in for visitors, a

town hall for the State, and a home for returning sons and daughters of Alma Mater."

Maintaining this tradition of service and friendliness is a full time job for the staff of the Carolina Inn. But beyond these traditional extras, the Inn is first and foremost a hotel, and the summer months provide no periods of relaxation.

**Same Pattern Year-Round**  
"We operate on the same pattern in summer as we do in winter," says manager L. B. Rogerson. "We lose a little business in the summer because the dorms are open to people coming here for special courses and meetings. We don't have that competition during the regular school sessions," he said.

Two big conventions have been (See CAROLINA INN, Page 6)

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