

Currier-Ives Original Sold At Auction?

An old print purchased for a few dollars at a benefit auction here last week is likely worth \$1,000 or more, according to an early investigation.

Mrs. Kay Kyser donated the Currier and Ives color print of "The American National Game of Baseball" at the Junior Service League to be sold to the highest bidder at the League's auction for the benefit of its remedial reading project in the Chapel Hill Schools. She said she purchased the print, along with several others, in a small shop in California several summers ago.

At the sale last Thursday evening H. W. Carroll, antique dealer and owner of the Blackberry Farms establishment north of here, noticed that the print was a comparatively rare subject in the Currier and Ives series and purchased it for a few dollars.

After looking it up in Warman's guide to the valuation of prints he realized that it might be an original Currier and Ives worth more than \$1,000, inasmuch as it bore the same inscriptions as the original prints of more than a century ago.

"I think it's really too good to be true," said Mr. Carroll, "but as a dealer I must continue to examine it. It will take a while to establish its status definitely."

Mrs. Kyser, informed of the print's potential worth, said today that she was "delighted with the prospect of a Cinderella ending" to the League's project. The auction, a highly successful affair, netted in excess of \$500—more than enough to finance the reading project.

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Wandering Troubador Toni Gauer Is New Settler In This Community

By AL ELMER
(For The News Leader)

Switzerland's wandering troubador, Toni Gauer, is a recent and most unusual addition to the cultural life of Chapel Hill.

The 37-year-old lecturer and entertainer who has presented his program before audiences in all the 43 states has now settled in a new home in Glen Heights.

His unique program features the fascinating Swiss "hand harmonica" (an accordion-like instrument having buttons instead of piano keys), a selection of songs from the Swiss provinces, and many different Swiss yodels.

Appeal Bewildering

Mr. Gauer takes justifiable pride in the success which his show has met. He is, however, slightly bewildered at its appeal.

"I was amazed at the acceptance it received," he recalled, "all I have done is try to present an authentic picture of Swiss life—and never purely to entertain."

A simple, authentic presentation is undoubtedly just what the public likes and wants if past records are any criterion of judgment.

"I have presented my program before approximately four million people in the United States, Canada, Mexico, Alaska and Europe," he estimated, "and have given over four thousand performances."

Why Moved Here

The conversation moved to his decision to settle in Chapel Hill.

"I had appeared in various towns and cities throughout North Carolina in the past several years," he said, "and had taken a particular liking to the state."

"On several occasions I was told I should visit Chapel Hill," he continued, "and the more I thought about it the more interested I became—the strain of travelling continuously through the years had become terrific," he said, "and I had become more and more interested in settling somewhere."

"I liked Chapel Hill immediately and decided this was the place."

Can Settle Permanently?

Didn't the nature of his work require that he travel constantly, we asked? Would there be enough work in any one place for him to stay permanently?

"I considered those problems," he answered thoughtfully. "Although I have no guarantees or real basis for thinking so—it's my conviction that I'll be able to get enough work in North Carolina and surrounding regions to enable me to stay."

Mr. Gauer came to the United

States in 1946 after attending college in Switzerland where he graduated as a bookseller and publisher.

Ohio Wesleyan University. It was there I got into my present profession.

Liked His Yodelling

"My friends had a remarkable interest in Switzerland," he recalled, "and constantly asked me questions

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TONI GAUER — AND MRS. GAUER
News Leader Photo by Herb Gupton

Heart Fund 'Army' Plans Sunday Solicitation Here

Chapel Hill's 1958 Heart Fund campaign will reach a climax here Sunday when approximately 150 residents will move door-to-door in every residential area collecting contributions to fight the heart diseases. The "army" is led by 29 captains, and Mrs. Bruce Strowd is chairman of the collection which will be carried on from 1 to 5 p.m.

Similar Heart Sunday collections will be made by more than 1,000,000 volunteers in thousands of communities throughout the nation at the same time.

"With public understanding of the heart and blood vessel diseases more widespread than in any previous year, and with growing recognition of the need for research to provide vital answers to the heart problem, we expect generous re-

sponse," said Eugene B. Crawford, Jr., President of the Durham-Orange County Heart association.

"Heart Fund proceeds are used to support the crusade against the heart and blood vessel diseases conducted by the North Carolina Heart Association and the American Heart Association, with which it is affiliated. A major portion of the money received remains in the area and the state in which it is collected, and, in addition, much more comes into this area from the American Heart Association. Last year the medical centers of Duke, Carolina and Bowman Gray received \$67,000 for research projects."

S. MATTHEWS' BROTHER DIES

Funeral services were held yesterday afternoon for Knox V. Matthews, 49, who died suddenly at his home in Aberdeen on Monday. Services were conducted at the First Baptist Church of Aberdeen and burial was in the Old Bethesda Cemetery. Mr. Matthews was owner of the Aberdeen Packing Plant.

Surviving are his wife, Mrs. Rebecca Tate Matthews; two daughters, Miss Faye Matthews of Durham and Miss Iris Matthews of Fayetteville; two sons, Van and Bob, both of Aberdeen; one sister, Mrs. J. T. Culton of New Bern; and two brothers, Ufa of Aberdeen and Sam of Chapel Hill.

Concert Series Re-Elects Wallace

James C. Wallace has been re-elected President of the Chapel Hill Concert Series for the third successive year.

The former director of the University student union and University instructor said today that the non-profit entertainment organization's fourth season, to be completed with a concert here next week, was a financial success. Events for the 1958-59 season will be announced shortly, he said.

All members of the Series Board of Directors and most of the officers were re-elected at the Boards' annual elections meeting Monday, upon their presentation on a slate by Nominations Committee Chairman Edward G. Danziger.

The other officers for the coming year are Mrs. Walter Golde and Miss Elizabeth Branson, Vice-



JIMMY WALLACE

Burned School Seeking Books For New Library

An appeal for new books to replace the entire library of the Central High School for Negroes in Hillsboro, destroyed by fire last Friday morning, has been issued by School Principal A. L. Stanback.

"All types of books will be welcome," said Mr. Stanback. "We lost the entire library of more than 4,000 volumes that were collected over a period of more than 20 years."

Donations of books may be left at the office of attorney L. J. Phipps in Chapel Hill, or at the News Leader office, 311 E. Main St., Carrboro. In the event donors are unable to bring their books to the collection points they are asked to telephone the News Leader office, 8-444.

Police Issue Final Warning On '58 Licenses

Quite a number of local motorists are currently inviting court citations and fines by failing to have 1958 state and municipal license plates displayed on their autos, according to Chapel Hill and Carrboro police authorities.

Chapel Hill Capt. William D. Blake and Carrboro Chief J. Alvin Williams both stressed that their patrolmen had been instructed to crack down on violators of the requirement that the new tags be shown on all motor vehicles after last Monday, Feb. 17.

There have been no arrests yet on these charges, they said, but added that unless the situation improved promptly there would be some. For failure to display the state tags violators may be cited to court and fined a minimum of court costs if found guilty. In case of municipal license tag violations a one dollar traffic violation ticket will be issued.

While the supply of Chapel Hill license plates has been momentarily exhausted, all persons who have applied for them have been assigned numbers in a new shipment of several hundred tags which are expected to arrive soon.

SATURDAY SCHOOL

Classes will be held from 8:30 a.m. until 12:45 p.m. in the Chapel Hill Schools this Saturday, to make up for the day missed because of bad weather earlier this week. Principal Joseph M. Johnston said that the school cafeteria would not be open on Saturday.



WOMAN'S HOME GUTTED—Call Fireman 'Top' Jackson, on ladder, rips out an opening under the eaves of Mrs. Betty Freeman's home on Basnight Lane, during the late Monday afternoon fire which substantially wrecked the three-room frame dwelling. News Leader Photo

Elderly Woman Is Burned . . .

Heating Defects Cause Three Fires

Heating defects in local dwellings have accounted for three alarms to date this week.

One home was virtually destroyed and a woman seriously injured, while damage was substantially restricted in the other two instances.

About 5 p.m. Monday the Chapel Hill Fire Department sounded call number 214 in answering an alarm to the residence of Mrs. Betty Freeman at 210 Basnight Lane.

Icy winds whipped the flames generally through the upper re-

gions of the three-room frame dwelling. The additional smoke and water damage was heavy. Fire Chief J. S. Boone said the flames stemmed from the vicinity of an oil heater in a front room.

'In Fair Condition'

Mrs. Freeman was seriously injured and suffered burns on the legs and back. She was reported in "fair" condition at Memorial Hospital today. Authorities have not yet been able to talk with the elderly woman to learn more about how the fire started.

In dousing the flames the Department stretched a hydrant line to a fire truck and fed two hoses out of the truck.

Earlier that day—about 2 p.m.—a general alarm was sounded in Carrboro that brought the volunteer dept. to Roy Lee Atwater's house at 404 Broad St. However the flames were extinguished before the firemen arrived.

About 12:35 a.m. yesterday another alarm was sounded for a fire at 129 S. Graham St., a house owned by E. A. Brown. Chief Boone said that the flames were quickly extinguished, causing some damage around the chimney, wells and ceiling near a heat stove.

Writer James S. Trippett Dies At Home Today

James Sterling Trippett, writer of children's books and University Extension Division education teacher, died at his home in Greenwood here at 6 a.m. today.

The 72-year-old author-educator had been seriously ill for several weeks. Graveside services will be held in Scotland, Conn., when weather permits.

Mr. Trippett helped in the establishment of the 12-year public school program in the State of North Carolina, and had done extension teaching all over the state.

Surviving are his wife, a sister, Mrs. Ola Seagraves of Dittmar, Mo., and several nieces and nephews.



JAMES S. TRIPPETT
News Leader Photo

College In Missouri

A native of Memphis, Mo., Mr. Trippett was the son of the late Everett and Mary Montgomery Trippett. He received the B.S. degree from the University of Missouri and did further graduate work at the Teachers College of Columbia University.

In 1939 the Trippetts moved to Chapel Hill from Greenville, S.C., where he had been curriculum adviser of the Parker School.

Previously he had taught in the public schools of Missouri, been Principal of the Demonstration School of the George Peabody College in Nashville, Tenn.; a teacher

Officials Back Vote On Schools

The two County Commissioners from this community have both gone on record as favoring the proposed holding of an election on the joining of the Carrboro School Attendance Area to the Chapel Hill Special School Tax District.

Asked their stands on this matter, both Commissioner Donald M. Stanford of Chapel Hill and Commissioner Dwight Ray of Carrboro said that in light of the sentiment expressed in Carrboro for an election on the issue of the "merger" they felt that the Carrboro citizens should be given the opportunity to vote on the matter. Neither man commented on how he felt about the issue itself.

Petition Action Pending

A petition signed by 341 Carrboro School Area residents has been presented to the County Board of Education and is awaiting action by this group.

Sponsored by a local citizens committee, the petition seeks the holding of an election on joining the two school areas which would put the Chapel Hill district supplementary school tax into effect in the Carrboro area.

If the County Board of Education approves this petition it may ask the County Commissioners to call this election and the commissioners would be required to do so. The Citizens Committee has expressed (See OFFICIALS, Page 6)

On Publication Of 'Maggie—Now' . . . 'The Book Of My Middle Years,' Says Betty Smith Of New Novel

Betty Smith tagged her new novel "Maggie—Now" as the "book of my middle years" in a television interview on the date of the new book's publication yesterday.

Appearing briefly on Dave Garroway's NBC "Today" show yesterday morning in New York, the

Chapel Hill writer was interviewed by Helen O'Connell. The latter noted incidentally, in introducing the celebrated authoress that she had realized a half-million dollars from her first successful novel, "A Tree Grows In Brooklyn."

Harper and Brothers of New York has published "Maggie—Now," a novel centered in Brooklyn of the early 1900s. The book was selected by the Literary Guild for distribution to its members next month.

Mrs. Smith told the television audience yesterday that she usually attends to her writing duties about two hours daily—generally from six until eight a.m. Household duties are more important to her than the writing, she added—except when she is nearing "the end (of writing) of a book."

The interviewer asked Mrs. Smith for her opinions on children. The writer replied that today's children "aren't disciplined enough," and that "parents are afraid that their children will get neurotic."

The mother of two children herself, she then added as an afterthought—"But if everybody were sane and not neurotic where would our writers and geniuses come from?"

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Chapel Hill
Roxboro girls,
CHHS

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UNC vs.
Gymnasium
Cosmopolite
Dance," Cobb
lounge

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Club, Wil-
Dramatique pro-
Cocktail Party,"

February 24

Club Block-
Mrs. R. C. Bose's
Pharmacy
Dramatiques pro-
Cocktail Party,"
Women Voters
Manning Hall
J. Spencer Bell
Courtroom

Weather Reports

Partly cloudy and cool today and tomorrow, with low tonight 20-25.

	High	Low	Rainfall
Monday	28	6	.00
Tuesday	19	5	.00
Wednesday	24	8	.00