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Variety Store And Bank To Share Local Building

A variety store and—pending federal approval—a branch of the University National Bank will occupy the former Strowd Motor Co. building at the corner of Columbia and Franklin Sts., the agent for the building said today.

J. B. Johns of Asheboro, whose wife owns the structure, said the building will be occupied by a variety store operated by Frank Wright, Gordon Brown and associates and by the bank's branch, pending approval of their plans by the Comptroller of the Currency.

Renovation, which Mr. Johns said only was "considerable," is due to be completed around April 1. Brooks Lumber Co. of Greensboro is handling the construction.

Mr. Johns said that current plans call for the variety store to occupy all but a 20 x 60 foot space on the lower floor, which will be occupied by the bank. The variety store will also occupy a basement for storage.

A stairway to the upstairs is being constructed, he said, but renovation of the upper portion is being deferred until tenants are contracted.

The building's frontage dimension is 60 feet by 120 feet.

The building was completed in 1924 and was for many years the home of the local Ford automobile franchise.

Frat Prank Baffles Police For Minute: Hood Taken From Car

Local police are used to having reports of stolen hubcaps, light reflectors, and other minor automobile paraphernalia being stolen.

But a hood from over the engine?

That was the report they had one day last week from Herbert Purser, of the Kappa Psi fraternity house. He said his hood from his car was taken from its hinges Tuesday.

A quick investigation recovered the item. Some of his frat brothers had taken it as a prank.



WHAT DOES THIS MEAN, MR. STEWART?—Pearson Stewart, associate director of the Research Triangle, described the effects of new developments in the RT on Chapel Hill at Friday's meeting of the local Community Club. When it was over, he asked for questions. As the above photo shows, he got plenty of takers. News Leader Photo

Council Will Probably Select New Prosecutor

Chapel Hill's Board of Aldermen will probably name a new prosecuting attorney at their regular monthly meeting tonight.

On the board's agenda is consideration of four applicants for the job vacated by John Tapley, who resigned last month after serving as solicitor for three months.

The four applicants presented at the December meeting were Roy Cole, former county solicitor, Charles Hodson, chairman of the county Young Democrat Club, and local attorneys W. Harold Edwards and Robert E. Cooper.

Tapley's resignation was effective Dec. 15. In the interim, Town Attorney J. Q. Le Grand has been acting solicitor.

Also scheduled tonight are the presentation of a new paving assessment roll to replace one turned down last month. Several residents, notably from the Pine Lane area, objected to the previous roll presented by Town Manager Thomas Rose because it was based on an averaged rather per-project basis.

A petition from the local Junior Service League concerning swimming pool safety measures is also scheduled for hearing.

Chapel Hillians Heading Units For Triangle

Several Chapel Hill residents were named to top positions in the Research Triangle organization Friday.

Dr. George L. Simpson, Jr., was named director of the foundation, and Pearson Stewart was named associate director.

Directors include William C. Friday, W. D. Carmichael, Jr., and Collier Cobb Jr.

Included on the Research Triangle Institute Board of Governors are Mr. Friday, William M. Whyburn, UNC President William Aycock, Alexander Heard, and George I. Simpson, Jr.

Mr. Cobb is also a director of the Triangle Park.

As Triangle Develops

A certain number of persons connected with the expected development of the Research Triangle will naturally come to live in "charming" Chapel Hill, the associate director of the Triangle said here Friday.

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Stewart said, "And it's not a dream any more... it is a real, going concern."

Raleigh and Durham would naturally get the bulk of new personnel coming into the region, he said. "The two cities want the growth and would get it."

But, at the same time, he said, Chapel Hill—which he described as "charming" as a residential community—would also get some of the expansion.

"Actually," he said, "I imagine that any growth would probably be in just proportion to their present sizes."

Just how big will the project be and how many workers will actually be in the Triangle project? Mr. Stewart said this was hard to predict. It only the "best" lands of the RT area were utilized, he said, the number of workers would be enormous. "It can hold about 60,000 workers," he said.

To guide development of the RT area, he said, the possibility of a three-county (Durham, Wake, Orange) planning authority was being mentioned and may be presented to the State Legislature.

The Triangle area (see map, page 6), is 10 miles east of Chapel Hill toward Raleigh-Durham airport. None of the land is in Orange County.

Triangle Plans Are Advanced

Gov. Luther Hodges announced Friday that the third major step in the state's Research Triangle program has been realized.

A fund of \$1,500,000 has been raised by North Carolina businessmen and industrialists for establishing a Research Triangle Institute to conduct scientific industrial research.

UNC is one of three institutions which encompass the Triangle Duke University and North Carolina State College will also aid in the development of this project.

The funds, amounting to \$250,000 more than was originally sought, were earmarked for three phases of the Research project—a Research Triangle Institute, a building to house the Institute and the Research Triangle park.

The Institute, to be headed by George R. Herbert of the Stanford Research Institute in California, will do research work on a contract basis for industry, business and government.

The Institute building will be named for Robert M. Hanes of Winston-Salem, chairman of the Research Triangle Foundation. His family contributed \$300,000 toward its construction.

It will be built in the center of the Triangle area in the 4,000-acre Research park.

The park, assembled in 1937 and held privately by Karl Robbins, New York City industrialist, will pass to the non-profit institution. Its business name, Pineland Corp., will be changed to Research Triangle park.

In discussing the progress of the Triangle idea, the governor also said an engineering company specializing in various phases of missile and aircraft work, ECSCO is planning to build and operate a facility in the triangle.

In his announcements, the governor praised the efforts of Watts Hill Sr. of Durham, chairman of the Institute's Board of Governors; Archie Davis of Winston-Salem, president of the Research Triangle Foundation Hanes and others.

He said, "This is one of the most significant events of recent years in North Carolina. We have here in this Triangle the greatest potential that North Carolina has ever offered."

He said Davis, who headed the fund campaign, has reported that contributions over the \$1,500,000 figure are expected soon. "He tells me that a number of people haven't been seen yet," the governor added.

Of the original goal of \$1,250,000, a half million was earmarked for Institute operating expenses until it can become self-sustaining, another half million to complete land purchases and secure water for the park and \$250,000 for the building to house the Institute.

The building figure was increased to \$300,000 because of the Hanes family's contribution.

Institute President Herbert, former executive associate director of the Stanford Research Institute in California, began his North Carolina duties Dec. 1.

A graduate of the Naval Academy he taught engineering at (See TRIANGLE, Page 6)

Clothing Taken From Auto Here

A University student has reported to local police the theft of several items of clothing from his car parked near Woollen Gymnasium last week.

C. H. Townsend of Winston-Dorm told officers that his car was parked near the gym Monday of last week. When he returned he said he found three pairs of slacks and two sport coats missing.

He valued the missing items at \$95.

Fourth Theft Of Copper Wire From Service Plant Reported

Three Durham county men have been arrested by Carrboro police and charged in the third and fourth incidents of theft of copper wire from the University Service Plant.

Two of the men, Rhett Williams, 32, and Bettis Holmes, 30, were out on \$200 bond after appealing a previous conviction in Chapel Hill Recorder's Court last month on a similar charge.

Williams, Holmes, and Willie Leslie, about 30, will face the new charges in Recorder's court tomorrow.

According to Carrboro Chief of Police Alvin Williams, Holmes and Leslie are charged with taking a large quantity of wire from near the water plant on Jan. 6, and all three have been charged with taking wire on the night of Jan. 4.

The merchandise was allegedly sold to a Durham county firm and to a passing motorist.

Frank Alston and Thomas Mitchell of Chapel Hill were convicted of taking wire from the plant Nov. 29 and received 60-day road sentences. They were said to have stolen 277 pounds of the wire.

Then, Holmes and Williams were charged with taking about \$125 worth of wire about Nov. 22. Holmes and Williams were found guilty and three others implicated were found innocent of aiding and abetting.

Chief Williams said the wire has a market value of around 45 cents per pound. He charged that Williams, Holmes, and Leslie resold the wire at prices from 10 to 15 cents a pound.

He said the accused men evidently climbed a fence to get the wire and dragged it away through some woods.



EASTER SEALS CHAIRMAN —Dr. J. Kempton Jones of Chapel Hill, head of the Orange County Chapter of the Easter Seals drive, said this week that plans are being completed for the local 1959 campaign, which will formally get underway on Feb. 27. News Leader Photo

H. D. Bennett Named To Head Unit On Credit

Harvey D. Bennett, veteran Chapel Hill businessman, has been named chairman of the important Credit Bureau committee of the Chapel Hill-Carrboro Merchants Assn.

Carlton Byrd, president-elect of the organization, made the announcement today.

Mr. Bennett, former president of the association, is a native of Chapel Hill and has been a partner in the Bennett and Blockside, Inc., appliance firm here for a number of years. He has served previously on the Credit Bureau committee, which is an advisory group for the functions and collections of the Chapel Hill-Carrboro Credit Assn.

"It goes without saying that credit is a vital part of our business life," Mr. Bennett said. "Actually, it is the heart of the Merchant Assn.'s business office."

Murdoch Official Is Teaching Pistol Methods To Local Police

Chapel Hill's police today began taking pistol instruction from the assistant superintendent of the youth center at Murdoch State Hospital at Butner.

Ted Williams of Chapel Hill will teach the policemen the firing technicalities of the .38 caliber pistol in a course that will continue, according to Chief of Police Bill Blake, "until he is satisfied with us."

Two-thirds of the force began taking Mr. Williams' course this morning, and the remaining third will take it at a later time. He will teach the course three hours a day, three days a week until it is completed.

The courses will be given at the Institute of Government firing range at Clearwater Lake in the morning from 9 o'clock until noon.

Mr. Williams was in the Marine corps for 10 years, emerging with a captain's rank. He also served as instructor of various courses at the Atomic Energy Commission's Oak Ridge plant for a number of years. He received special pistol instruction in New York.

Claramae Turner To Star Tomorrow Night

Tickets are still on sale for the one-night performance of "Carmen" to be presented by the University Music Department tomorrow at 8:30 p.m. in Memorial Hall.

Claramae Turner, contralto of the Metropolitan and San Francisco Opera Companies, will sing the part of the famous gypsy.

All music from the original Bizet composition will be given in the UNC production which is under the direction of Dr. Wilton Mason.

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Other members of the cast for the first Chapel Hill production of the popular opera include Gene Strassler, Joel Carter, Martha Fouse, Brian Klitz, James Pruett, Marilyn Zschau and Rebecca Carnes.

Rehearsals for the production began early in November.

Man Charged With Assault

Assault with a deadly weapon charges have been filed against a 52-year-old Chapel Hill man as an aftermath of an incident last week, local police reported.

Wade Hatley will face the charge in Recorder's Court tomorrow.

Clyde Thorpe, 18, said Hatley stabbed him in the left hip with a knife. Thorpe was treated at N. C. Memorial Hospital and 10 stitches taken in his leg officers said.



UNIVERSITY HOUSE BURNS—Fire, believed to have started from furnace, seriously damaged a University office building at 219 St. Saturday night. Firemen battled the blaze in freezing temperatures for almost an hour and a half. News Leader Photo

Guts University Building

First fire of the new year last night in a two-story brick building and rendered the rear portion an almost total loss.

Firemen worked hard to keep the fire from hitting the lower portions of the building, a wooden frame house, and succeeded in keeping damage to the lower portion of the building at a minimum.

The total damage to the building from both fire and water is still to be determined by University officials.

Annual Jaycee Awards Dinner Set On Jan. 29

The annual Chapel Hill Junior Chamber of Commerce awards dinner is scheduled for Jan. 29, officials of the club said today.

At that time, they said, the annual "man of the year" award will be made and other awards handed out.

Among dignitaries expected to be present is Bob Cox of Chapel Hill, national president of the Jaycee organization.

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CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Monday, Jan. 12
7 p.m. — Chapel Hill-Carrboro Merchants Assn. dinner, Brady's Restaurant.
8 p.m. — Board of Aldermen meeting, Town Hall.

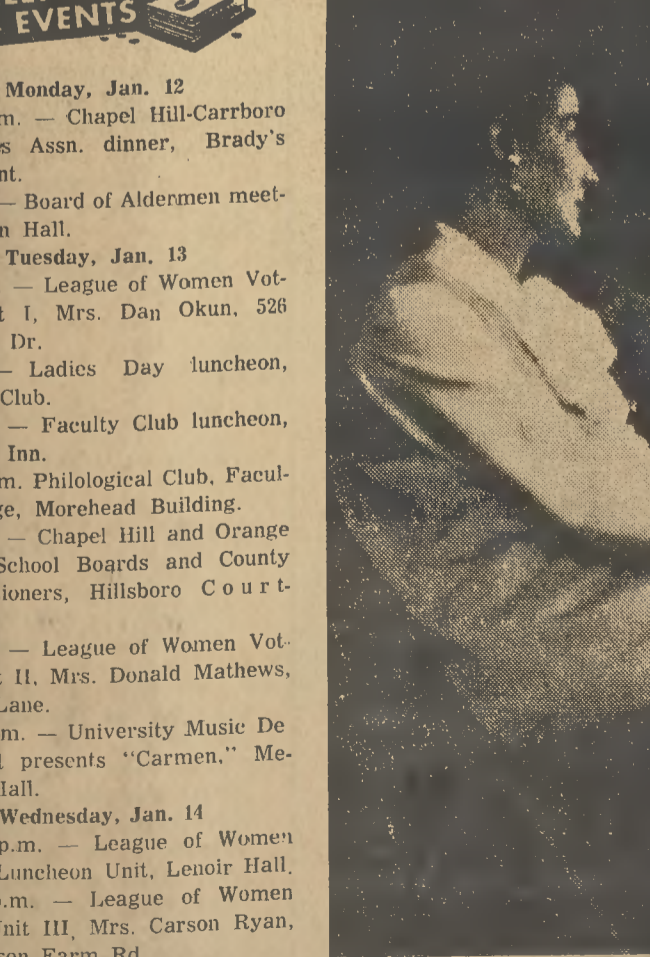
Tuesday, Jan. 13
7 p.m. — League of Women Voters Unit I, Mrs. Dan Okun, 526 Wood Dr.
8 p.m. — Ladies Day luncheon, Y Club.
9 p.m. — Faculty Club luncheon, Y Club.

Wednesday, Jan. 14
7 p.m. — Philological Club, Faculty Building, Morehead Building.
8 p.m. — Chapel Hill and Orange School Boards and County Commissioners, Hillsboro Court House.

Thursday, Jan. 15
7 p.m. — League of Women Voters Unit II, Mrs. Donald Mathews, 5 Lane.
8 p.m. — University Music Department presents "Carmen," Memorial Hall.

Friday, Jan. 16
7 p.m. — League of Women Voters Unit III, Mrs. Carson Ryan, Mason Farm Rd.

Saturday, Jan. 17
7 p.m. — League of Women Voters Unit IV, Mrs. Charles Blount, Morehead Rd.



ENTER, MISS TURNER—Claramae Turner, guest soloist in tomorrow night's production of "Carmen" at Memorial Hall, arrived here Sunday and immediately went into rehearsal with University members of the cast. Here, the famed contralto performs as Martha Fouse of Chapel Hill, soprano, and Gene Strassler, UNC graduate assistant in music, give her rapt hearing. News Leader Photo