

## Dr. Chase Invites Leaders in Southern Education to meet Here for Conference Soon

President of University Explains Purpose of Meeting Here October 15, 16, and 17.

"There is at present no single Southern agency which brings together men and women in the teaching profession, in public life, in business and the professions for a common counsel about general questions of large policy in education", Dr. Harry W. Chase, president of the University of North Carolina, declared here tonight in explaining the purposes of the first annual Southern Conference on Education to be held here on November 15, 16, and 17.

Invitations have been sent to a select body of 1200 people throughout the Southern states and a large number of acceptances already have been received, Dr. Chase stated.

Among those invited to the Conference are state officials and leaders in education and other public affairs in the Southern states.

"This Conference", Dr. Chase said, "is planned to bring together here not only people engaged in the technical work of education but also men and women who are interested in public affairs throughout the South. It is designed to bring together leading Southern Citizens for the purpose of discussion not of the technical questions but of educational policy."

"It has seemed to us that conferences which would do, with regard to present-day educational problems in the South, something like the fine work done formerly by the Conference on Education in the South, are badly needed. With such a thought in mind, we plan to start here a series of annual conferences, to which leaders in the South from various professions will be asked to contribute."

Dr. Chase announced that the following speakers had already been secured to address the Conference: President Lotus D. Coffman of the University of Minnesota; Professor George D. Strayer, of Teachers College, Columbia University; Superintendent Frank D. Boynton, of the Ithaca, New York, Schools and President of the Department of Superintendence of the National Education Association; Dr. Douglas S. Freeman, Editor of the Richmond (Virginia) News Leader; President H. W. Chase, of the University of North Carolina.

Around these speakers the program will be built and at least one session of the conference will be devoted to reports by State Superintendents of Public Instruction on problems and tendencies in Education in their states.

### University Presents Most Cosmopolitan Student Body

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unusual individuals. Last year the list included a former Russian naval officer and an ex-county superintendent of schools returning for graduate work after serving ten years as head of a county school system. A few years back there was a real Hindu who went around with a turban on his head, and a few summers back three winsome Chinese misses attended the University.

This year the list is more interesting than usual. There is a native Filipino, a brilliant scholar, judging from his past record, imbued with all the desire for freedom which is so characteristic of his people, studying to take his American learning back to his people; a Lebanese, not a new world Lebanese, but a genuine Lebanese from the Lebanon of the old country in Syria; an Italian graduate of the University of Padua taking mechanical engineering; a full-blooded Cherokee Indian, first of his race ever to graduate from a North Carolina college taking graduate work in history; a 40-year old graduate student taking work in Education; a full blooded Syrian born in Beirut but moved to this country at the age of about three; several Cubans; a native Greek born in Turkey but a resident of this country since the age of seven who is entering as a freshman; a Russian with a long string of experiences in the Bolshevik wars behind him, beginning his second year here; three blind students, now juniors; and a large number of sons of prominent men.

### VIOLIN CONCERT

Professor and Mrs. T. Smith McCorkle will appear tomorrow afternoon in a violin and piano concert at 4 o'clock in Memorial Hall. The public is cordially invited to attend.

### Interesting Filipino Student

A Filipino is naturally an unusual person on the University campus. Yet when this young man from the far East was first found by the writer, he was in the midst of a bunch of American freshmen who were slapping him on the back, calling him "Al" in spite of the fact that he bore the formal name of Alfredo Nazareno and was four years their senior—completely accepted as a companion. It wasn't long before they had him copying drawings out of "Life" on the backs of their yellow raincoats, for he is a skillful cartoonist.

Ont would conclude that Kipling was wrong when he wrote his famous saying about "East is East and West is West."

Kipling was wrong, I concluded after five minutes conversation, and proceeded to ask him everything about his native land and himself.

He was a ready talker. All that was necessary was to furnish him a lead, and he would carry on the conversation in the most engaging manner.

He is 22 years old and completed 31 units of work at Georgetown University last year, including the summer—more work than the average student does in two years—and came to the University here to work for his A.B.-LL.B. degree, because, as he said, some of his best friends in Washington told him that it was the "finest University in the South" and he was very anxious to see the South.

He has been in the United States three years and traveled rather widely, is a keen observer, very much interested in politics and in questions of the day, and readily conversant.

Next to Nazareno perhaps the most interesting student found was T. A. Libbus, Pharmacy student, born in Lebanon, who came to this country about 1915 at the age of 10, and has been living in New Bern for the past several years.

### Lebanese Would Be American

Libbus is the direct antithesis of Nazareno. Nazareno is a native at heart. He desires independence for his country and will always be a Filipino. Libbus is an American, his greatest desire is to become a naturalized citizen, something he would even "rather have than another year in the University," he explained, and that is a good deal, although he has a number of prominent relatives he is not a wealthy boy and he is very much set on continuing his education in medical school.

He would have become naturalized before this had it not been for the fact that his passport was destroyed in the big fire in New Bern in 1922, causing him the greatest difficulty. He filed his application for citizenship, however, June a year ago, and hopes soon to receive his complete status as a citizen.

A tall, straight young man about six feet, with nothing to distinguish him from a native unless it was his dark features and hair, he would never have been taken as a foreigner. In fact he went through the first two years of the Pharmacy School and became a senior before almost anyone knew that he was from anywhere but New Bern.

### An "A-1" Student

Then Prof. J. G. Beard happened to remark that he had a real, genuine

Lebanese in his class, not a Pennsylvania Lebanese, but a real old world Lebanese from the French mandate in Syria and that he was an A-1 student.

A secretary in the Pharmacy Building was asked if she knew where to locate Mr. Libbus and she went into such a rhapsody of praise over his scholarship and what a fine fellow he was that she had to be left after 30 minutes—still praising him.

He was readily found and turned out to be all that the secretary had said of him.

He spoke perfect English without the slightest accent, having been in this country for 13 years, which he picked up coming over on the boat and after he arrived, and was a ready talker.

His father, now dead, was a farmer, and he lives in New Bern with his mother. He had an average of B in the Pharmacy School and expects to receive his Ph.G. degree in June, after which he hopes to continue his studies in Medicine.

He remembers little of the old country, but still can speak a little of the Arabic tongue which is native to his people.

He went to school only 2 years in Lebanon, but that was enough for him to pick out one difference between Lebanese and American public schools methods. "There," he said, "the student is allowed to progress as fast as he can learn; here it is different"; and one could see there that here was the kind of fellow that liked hard work and progress.

His brother he said had quit school and ran away from home to America because at the age of ten he felt that he knew as much as his teacher and didn't want to stay and be forced to continue. This same brother, Assad Libbus, later in 1911 adapted the linotype machine to the use of the Arabic language. He died in 1927.

Alex Saleeby is another foreign born student. He was born in Beirut, but moved to this country at the age

of about three and a half years, having lived the last several years in Monroe. He is a sophomore, a good student, and working for his B. A. degree.

### Pattillo Studies at Forty

M. M. Pattillo is slightly unusual in that at the age of about 40 he is still continuing his education with all the vim and vigor of the youth of 18 to 22 who frequent the campus.

Then there is a freshman of the Greek race—Agnostis John Thomas, who, with characteristic American brevity, has shortened his formal first name to read "Aggie." He was born in Turkey, about 60 miles from Constantinople, came to the United States in 1917 at the age of seven, and received his high school education in Durham.

### "Chief" Owl Graduate Student

The University's Indian student is Henry M. Owl, a full blooded Cherokee, who graduated at Lenoir-Rhyne College, and is now doing graduate work in history here. He is remembered as a dashing football player at Lenoir-Rhyne, but, of course, he won't be eligible for athletic participation by Southern Conference rules at the University. He is a well built young fellow about 5 feet 9 inches in height, neat in appearance, and the most conservative but fastidious dresser.

### Italian Takes Engineering

And there is John Baptist Pittana, native Italian, who after five years of work and graduation in civil engineering at the University of Padua has come to the University to continue his training in mechanical engineering.

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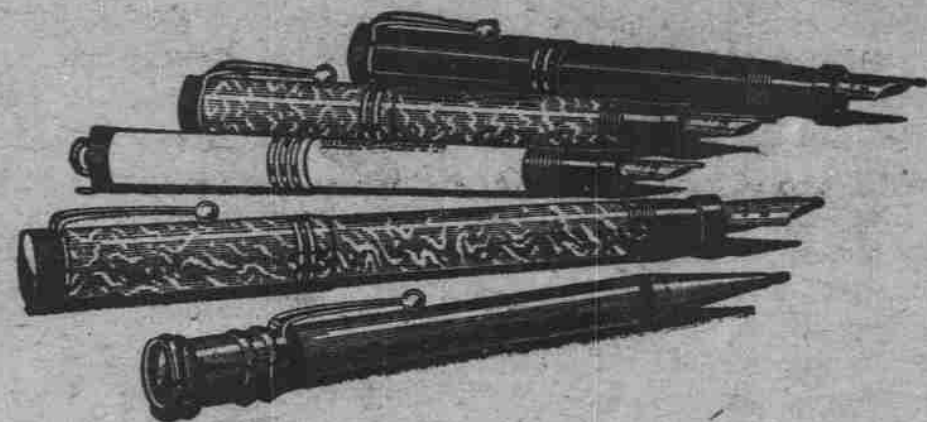
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