

The Daily Tar Heel



WHILE FLAMES ROAR THROUGH a furniture and carpet plant in Trenton, New Jersey, firemen shoot a stream of water onto an adjoining building in an effort to check the spread of the fire. Flames gutted four nearby buildings. Damage is estimated at about \$1,000,000. (International)

Tornado Strikes Farms Seven Persons Killed

Meridian, Mississippi, February 13—(UP)—a tornado struck a farming area about two miles from Newton, Mississippi, at approximately 1 o'clock this afternoon. At least seven persons are known to be dead and at least 15 seriously injured.

Strickland Gets 10 Year Sentence For Extortion

Wilson, Feb. 13 —(UP)— The trial in Wilson of Robert James Strickland for extortion and blackmail has ended. Judge Clawson Williams has sentenced the young concrete contractor to serve 10 years in prison.

Both Strickland and his wife burst into tears when Judge Williams read the sentence.

Strickland was charged with threatening Everett Blake with murder unless he placed 15-thousand dollars in a flower pot and put it in the cemetery. Blake reported to police and then placed a decoy pot in the graveyard. Strickland was arrested near the spot and the FRT identified his typewriter as the one which wrote the extortion note.

In a surprise move yesterday, Mrs. L. L. Reedy testified that Strickland also contacted her and offered to tell her the whereabouts of her estranged husband in return for \$500. Her young and pretty daughter backed up the testimony.

Blake told the court that the note included a clipping of a murder at Smithfield and said that it would happen to him unless he produced the \$15,000.

In sentencing Strickland today, Judge Williams told him "The courts of this State do not tolerate mobsters, racketeers, and such, the seeds you have planted here in Wilson county will not be allowed to flourish, the clipping which you enclosed along with the extortion letter is in reality a confession of first degree murder. Therefore Robert James Strickland, I sentence you to 10 years in the State prison to wear felon's stripes."

MEN'S GLEE CLUB

The Men's Glee club will meet in Swain hall tomorrow night at 7:30 instead of Hill hall as had been previously announced.

At least 15 houses were destroyed and a Gulf, Mobile and Ohio freight train was cut in two by falling trees. The full extent of damage to the train is not known as yet. The front part of the train went on to Laurel, Mississippi, and the engineer says no one was injured.

Houses Blown Down

Two of the injured have been taken to Rush infirmary in Meridian. Mrs. Martha Bishop, of Decatur received serious face lacerations and a crushed hip. She said that she suddenly looked out of her house to see everything turning black as the wind demolished the house.

She states that she saw many persons in houses that had been blown down, and that she feels sure some of her relatives died unless they were removed from the debris of their homes.

Joseph Just, 57, of near Newton, suffered severe injuries in the lower part of the body when his home was destroyed. He told nurses at Rush infirmary in Meridian that he saw many injured being removed from ruined houses.

The highway patrol in Meridian reports that patrolmen have found it difficult to get into the devastated area near Newton because of trees and debris across the roads leading into the section.

Governor Fielding Wright of Mississippi was in Newton at the time the tornado struck but was not injured. He arrived back in Jackson and said he did not know that the tornado was as serious as it turned out to be.

Chapel of the Cross Will Hold Communion

There will be a celebration of Holy Communion at the Chapel of the Cross at 9:30 tomorrow morning especially for students.

Other services during Lent will be Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, and Friday at 5:15 in the afternoon; Wednesday at 4:30; Holy communion during the week, Wednesday at 7:15 in the morning and Thursday at 10 o'clock in the morning.

Uses Early-bird Tactics

James Street Puts Earthworms 'In Harness'

phosphate and potash to grow. "Soon afterwards, the American people, who are so profit-minded, decided to chance the theory. "What the scientist overlooked," said Street, "is known in soil as trace elements. It is true that nitrogen, phosphate and potash are found in virgin earth, but dozens of other materials—among them cobalt and manganese—are put in by processes of decomposition and building up. There must be some agent to pull all these in together.

Fertilizer Right
"We organic farmers, called by others a 'fellowship of crackpots,' contend that the earthworm is that agent. Artificially putting NKP into the soil kills earthworms. But it is impossible to get the government, which of course must continue to pro-

Plane Safe In Air; Lost On Ground

Raleigh, Feb. 13 —(UP)— If anyone has any doubts that the fog hanging over North Carolina is about as thick as it can get, this story from the Raleigh-Durham airport should be the convincer.

A military C-47 transport plane landed in the soupy weather today entirely on instruments. Officials in the control tower couldn't even see the plane as it let down gingerly on the runway.

The punch line to the whole affair is that the plane got lost after it was on the ground. The fog was so thick the pilot could not find the parking ramp and had to taxi around until he located the right place.

Floods Nearing

Raleigh, Feb. 13—(UP)—Tar Heels close to rivers in Eastern North Carolina are growing anxious.

The Cape Fear, Neuse and upper Roanoke have risen to within a few feet of flood level. The weatherman says that rain will fall again tomorrow but heavy rain is predicted for Sunday night or Monday.

At Fayetteville, the Cape Fear river has risen to 31 feet, within four feet of flood level. The Neuse river at Neuse has reached 13 feet, only one foot below flood stage. At Smithfield, the Neuse has reached 16 feet, two feet below flood level.

The upper Roanoke river was reported nearly one foot above flood stage at Williams-son.

UWF Discusses Atomic Control In Thursday Meet

Leading a detailed discussion regarding atomic energy control and its possible effectiveness, Jake Wicker, president of the student chapter of United World Federalist, presided over the chapter's regular Thursday discussion meeting.

Wicker gave specific mention to the program advocated by Norman Thomas, Carolina Political union guest speaker here recently. Thomas' program calls for (1) atomic control, (2) Universal disarmament through effective control, (3) defeat of the universal military training proposal and (4) approval of the Marshall plan.

Chapter members participated in Wicker's discussion as to how atomic control can be successfully instituted, on the possibility of Russian cooperation, and on American security.

Members were urged by Wicker to attend the speech by General Herbert C. Holdridge, expected here shortly to speak under the sponsorship of the Anti-UMT committee.

Kappa Sigma Leads Debate Tournament; Teams Announced for Tuesday's Round

At present leading the Intramural debate tournament is the negative team of Kappa Sigma, composed of Hugh Griffin and Richard Borden. Following closely is the Alpha Gamma Delta sorority team of Alice Middleton and Emily Baker.

The following teams will debate in round two, Tuesday night at 6:45 and are requested to come to 108 Caldwell at that time; the affirmative teams are listed in order of their rank: Whitehead, Dortch Warriner and Marshall Pinnix; Stacy, John Bunch and Bill Payoff; KA Lester Martin and John Stump; DKE, Sam Manning and Gus Graham; Chi Phi, Herb Mitchell and Tom

Prolific, Like Rabbits

In two boxes, about four feet long and two feet high, Street prepared his spawn beds. The eggs were laid in one half of the box, for in a month's time the prolific worms were to double themselves and fill the entire container. Three layers of soil, green matter or dead leaves and manure were kept moist by sprinkling and kept warm inside Eddie's office. Chicken feed and crumpled toast were laid out the beds for feedings. There the worms took care of their propagation and slithered into maturity.

Eddie's ability in stone-masonry, itself a vanishing art in North Carolina, made possible the building of a compost pit. Young Jimmy explained that although they can be made smaller, dimensions of the Street compost are 60 feet long, five feet high and 12 feet wide.

Fresh manure, green matter, dead leaves and soil are heaped together, Jimmy added. The material (See STREET, page 4)

Dr Graham Receives Truman's Thanks For Services Rendered United Nations

From United Press Wire Reports
Dr. Frank Graham was received at the White House in Washington yesterday and personally thanked for his services to the United Nations by President Truman.

"You and the committee have had a profound influence in putting into practice the ideal of world law and order," President Truman wrote the University's president, complimenting him on his peacemaking mission in Indonesia. "The effectiveness of United Nations machinery as demonstrated by your work has given new hope to those who have faith that by such democratic processes this ideal can be realized."

Senate Committee Approves The Four Year Marshall Plan

Washington, Feb. 13.—(UP)—The Senate Foreign Relations committee tentatively approved the four year Marshall Plan tonight.

Included in the agreement is a provision that American aid would be limited to five-billion, 300-million dollars for the first 2 months, starting April 1.

The committee's unanimous decision is still subject to review at a final meeting next Tuesday, but there appears little doubt that it will go to the Senate floor in its present form.

The decision is a clear-cut victory for president Truman and Secretary of State Marshall. This is a relatively small reduction since the administration had originally asked for six-billion, 800-million for the first 15 months.

A committee member, Senator George of Georgia, says the measure makes clear that the aid program will be a continuing one, even though it has fixed a spending limit for only the first 12 months.

In France, the foreign office says a conference on the 16 Marshall Plan countries is now under discussion. The United States feels that such a meeting was unnecessary about a month ago but that now the conference plan has been revived and a French Foreign office spokesman says a meeting is likely within the next two months.

East Indians and their mother countries and accompanied Dr. Graham on his visit to the Chief Executive were Dr. Paul Van Zeelan, former prime minister of Belgium and Justice Richard Kirby of Australia.

The other members of the three-man group which worked out the truce between the Dutch

Story Contest Is Offered To Coeds; \$1,000 In Prizes

Mademoiselle Magazine has announced a short story contest, featuring \$1,000 in prizes, for women undergraduate students.

April 15 is the deadline for the stories, which must be from 3,000 to 5,000 words in length.

The best two stories will be awarded \$500 each and will be published in the August, 1948, issue of Mademoiselle, which reserves the right to buy all other acceptable stories at regular rates. Stories which have already appeared in undergraduate publications will be acceptable, but only if they have not been published elsewhere.

The stories must be submitted to College Fiction Contest, Mademoiselle, 122 East 42 street, New York 17, N. Y. They must be typewritten double-spaced and written on one side of the paper only. All entries must be accompanied by the contestant's clearly marked name, home address, college address and college year.

Some Mademoiselle stories usually find their way to the annual anthologies of best American short stories. Several of the stories which have been printed have been the author's first published work. The magazine is mainly for women between the ages of 18 and 30 and attempts to reflect their interests and ideas.

Past issues of Mademoiselle have included stories by undergraduates of Wellesley, Vassar, Cornell, Bennington, UCLA, Sarah Lawrence and Bennington, as well as many other schools and universities.

Mademoiselle will assume no responsibility for the manuscripts and will return only those accompanied by a stamped self-addressed envelope.

Tenders Resignation
Graham, who was the United States member of this United Nations Security Council Committee on good offices in Indonesia, also handed in his resignation yesterday and was immediately appointed a special adviser to the State department by Secretary George Marshall.

About this appointment, the President wrote Graham that he was "happy to know that you will remain on call to make available your services in the field of Indonesian affairs, in which this government has a continuing and friendly interest."

Treaty Signed
The Chapel Hill educator and his fellow commission members finished their lengthy and involved task on January 17, when they negotiated the signing in the harbor of Batavia, Java, of a truce which Dr. Henry Brandis, member of the University Law department who accompanied Dr. Graham on the delegation, called the "basis for final political agreement" and the paving of the way for the eventual independence of the Indonesian people.

Dr. Graham has been in the United States since February 1, completing the final details of his special assignment, with the State department in Washington and the United Nations headquarters in Lake Success, N. Y., but after yesterday's honors and his advisory appointment, he should be free to return to the University.

**Vets Must Choose
Desired Program**
World War II veterans are eligible for training under the GI bill or the Vocational Rehabilitation act (Public Law 16) while they are taking training in certain courses financed by other federal appropriations, Veterans administration ruled recently.

Accordingly, veterans must select the federal program under which they prefer to enter certain types of training.

VA said that certain courses financed by federal appropriations are available to veterans as well as to other persons. These are separate from the training programs established for eligible veterans under Public Law 16 and the GI Bill (Public Law 346). Among such courses are:

(1) U. S. Public Health training programs for persons receiving fellowships or salaries from state and other grant-in-aid funds derived wholly or in part from federal appropriations.

(2) U. S. Maritime commission training programs.

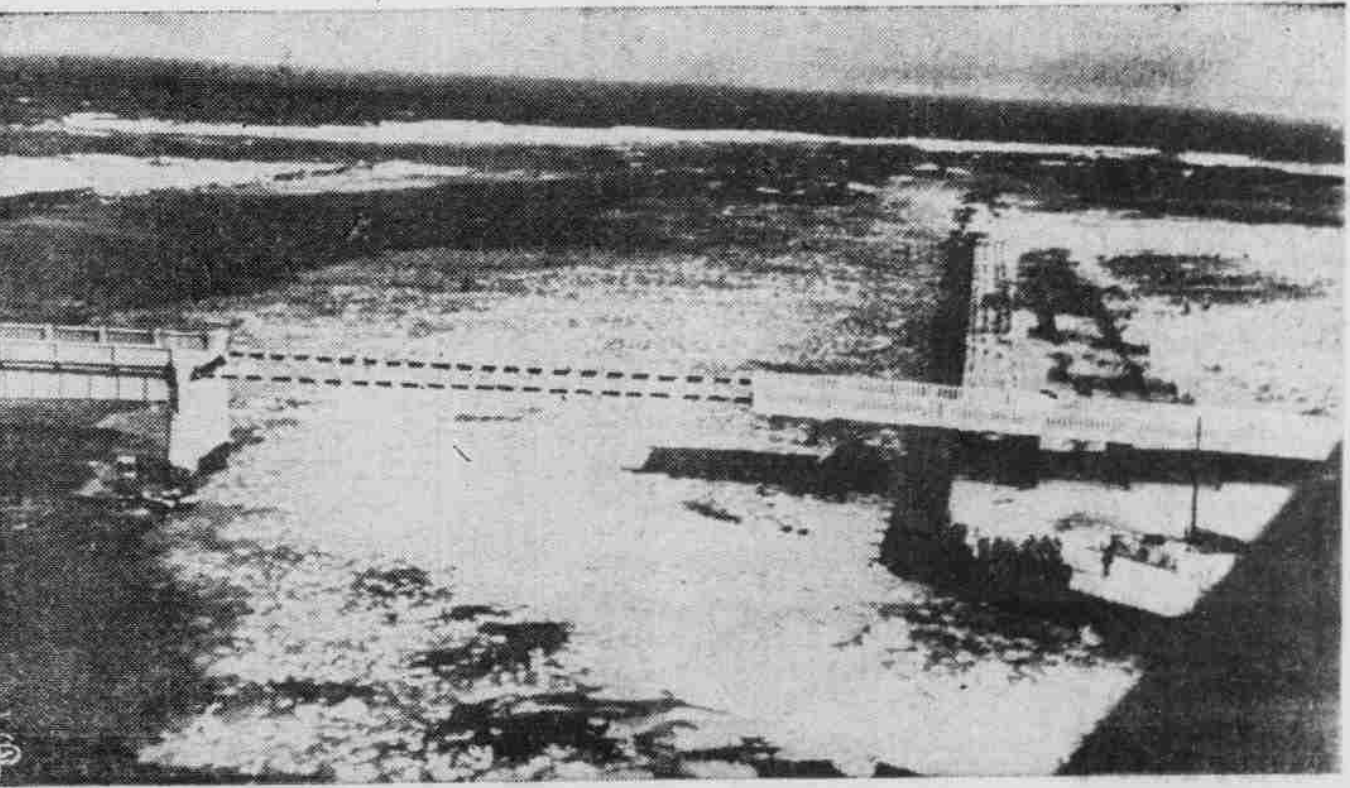
(3) Resident training programs in hospitals, clinics, medical or dental laboratories owned or operated by the U. S. government.

(4) Residency training for physicians and dentists in the Department of Medicine and Surgery of the Veterans administration.

DeVeyes to Address Local Administrators

Dr. Frank T. de Veyes, director of the North Carolina Merit System council, will speak on "The Program and Problems of the Merit System council" at the first meeting of the campus chapter of the American Society for Public Administration on Monday.

The meeting, at which the local chapter will be launched and organized, will begin at 8 o'clock in Room 208, Caldwell hall. All members and prospective members of the ASPA are invited to attend.



THREE MEN DIED AND TWO WERE RESCUED when part of the Charles W. Cullen bridge (broken lines) at Rehoboth, Delaware, collapsed, plunging an automobile and a truck into the icy Indian River. Those who survived the ordeal were James Clark, Dover, Del., who swam to safety, and William Quesada, Cambridge, Md. Both were taken to a hospital. Constant ice pressure had weakened the span supports. (International)