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Carolina Seen Somethings 'Phone-y'

By Bill Kellam

Some rather phoney reasoning seemed to lurk behind a story about the local Bell system which appeared in the Durham Herald on February 21. The story originated from Chapel Hill.

Its lead declared, "The Chapel Hill telephone system has set an impressive record since 1947, UNC officials informed the Durham Herald today." A little further down the story, it added "service has improved greatly and still is improving."

One wonders if the officials from whom the story originated ever use the Chapel Hill phones. County phone service has expanded, so this "service" is all inclusive.

Equipment shortages are no doubt giving the local phone tycoons a hard time. One can appreciate their difficulties. But, one cannot appreciate that self-back-patting story. No yet, anyhow.

If, in future years, we do remember anything about Carolina besides Choo Choo and the Y Court bull sessions, it'll be this place's own inimitable phone system. The system that's been a source of countless minor and major increases in blood pressure, honor council cases, and general indignation.

Chapel Hill has the only phone system in the country with a built-in wire tapping system. J. Edgar Hoover must be furious and green with envy, if not red—in the face, only, of course. How many times have we picked up a phone and listened to two or three conversations going on in the background—not on our line.

Or picked up a phone and gotten a busy signal before we even thought of dialing? Or dialed only one number and even then heard that infamous buzzer.

And then there's the problem of the inspired thinking which put the phones on the different floors of most of the girls dorm on the same party lines. You're lost if you try to call any of the dorms after supper. When one phone serves three floors of charming, oft-called girls, it's rough.

However, the story said equipment is becoming available gradually and the complaints are being eliminated as soon as possible. So we'll grin and bear it, and continue to gripe, which is fun.

From a release by the Associated Collegiate Press comes word from a Marietta College, Ohio, (home) management consultant advising prospective grooms to "marry a woman who knows more than you do."

"Why? The statement says: "A man's personality and mental stature tend to increase as he progresses in his occupational field. On the other hand, a woman starts going backward as soon as she enters a career as a homemaker."

That can't be right. Almost every woman broadens after marriage. It'll be difficult to convince the prospective partners that they be so candid about each other, too.

How many men will admit that any female knows more than they do? How many women will tell their masterful prospective master that he know less than they do? They know they know more than hubby knows, but they don't want him to know it. They get more much done by putting on the meek act and letting hubby get a large charge out of waiting on his helpless little princess.

But if the girls decide to get hitched, they should grab an engineer from the A & M over in Raleigh. The same Press release says "engineers are tender lovers." The statement originated from the director of the National Institute for Human Relations.

Engineers apply logic to morals, are a bit shy, don't get involved with their secretaries, and are home-lovers who like big families and home-centered hobbies.

They are the least neurotic of all vocational groups. They rarely quarrel or get mad, and are good church attenders.



DREW PEARSON ON The WASHINGTON MERRY-GO-ROUND

WASHINGTON.—In a recent conference with Congressional "Big Four" leaders, the President made it bluntly clear that he expected them to finish passage of the Federal Aid-To-Education Bill, which already has passed the Senate.

"I'm depending on you to get a satisfactory bill through the House during this session," Truman told Speaker Sam Rayburn and House Majority Chief John McCormack.

The President added that he wouldn't attempt to dictate the terms of the bill regarding such controversial questions as free bus transportation for parochial students.

"The Democratic Party," he said, "has promised aid for our schools and I am determined that we will make good on that promise. You bring me a bill down here and I'll sign it."

A plan to form a chain of aircraft spotters across the United States has been drawn up in the National Defense Department.

The idea is for the public to do less worrying and more preparing for possible atomic attack. To this end the general public will be briefed on how to escape danger and stop panic, while civilian minute-men will be trained in peace for possible duties in case of war.

One of these is a civilian aircraft warning net, stretching in an arc across 25 northern states from North Carolina to California cutting across the middle of Illinois, Ohio and Indiana. Civilian volunteers will be trained, then kept on a standby basis at key posts to scan the skies for enemy planes. This is necessary to supplement our radar screen which hasn't been completed yet and has certain blind spots, anyhow.

The Navy has also been assigned to work with civilian authorities in order to throw a dim-out switch down the Pacific coast as an emergency, anti-submarine measure. A similar program will be worked out later for the Atlantic coast.

The plans being drafted include some unpleasant news, but military leaders believe they should be faced now.

In case of atomic attack, key civilians will be trained in each city to care for the dead and wounded and restore the city to emergency operation. Mobile units will also be trained to move into an atomic-blitzed city and aid local authorities. Biggest need will be a huge blood reservoir. Another problem concerns the present humanitarian concept of aiding most critical cases first. In mass destruction, it will be more im-

portant to concentrate on aiding those who have a better chance of surviving. This tragic problem is already under study by medical experts.

A huge national war game, testing military-civilian teamwork from coast-to-coast, is also proposed.

The inside story behind high food prices will be brought out into the open today by courtly, white-haired Sen. Guy Gillette, an Iowa dairy farmer whose subcommittee has been digging into skyrocketing prices of coffee, milk, bread, eggs, coffee, poultry and live stock.

Despite terrific pressure to stop his probe, Gillette will show that, while farmers' income is shrinking and consumers pay more, the middleman has been making more.

In January, 1949, for instance, the largest U. S. coffee importer, the Atlantic & Pacific Tea Co., paid 25 cents a pound for coffee, and sold it for 47 cents. Ten months later A & P paid 28 cents a pound, but charged 65 cents.

Another big buyer, General Foods, raised its retail price from 51 cents to 76 cents a pound, although it paid approximately the same import price as A & P.

Many of the big importers are members of the Sugar & Coffee Exchange, which were investigated after World War I because of the hike in sugar prices. Gillette investigators figure a sugar price rise is in the cards now, unless the Senate's coffee probe scares it off.

JOHN L. LEWIS vs. PHIL MURRAY—The good old American spirit of free competition may be fine regarding some things but it was partly responsible for the coal crisis. Harry Moses of U. S. Steel's giant H. C. Frick Coal Company put his finger on this during closed-door talks when he refused to give John L. Lewis a bigger wage increase that that given Phil Murray's CIO steelworkers. When rank-and-file union members see a boost going to a rival union, they demand the same thing whether union leaders want it or not.

IDAHO POTATOES—Here are two interesting things about the potato surplus: 1—Idaho potatoes aren't glutting the market like Maine spuds. 2—Acreage quotas aren't going to limit the potato crop much. Farmers simply use more fertilizer. Maine farmers have now increased their yield to 450 bushels per acre, whereas the national yield is 211 bushels. Thanks to fertilizer and insect

Dorm Murals

By Bill Johnson

The Intra-mural Department set out this year to build up some degree of group spirit and competition among the dormitories on the campus—a thing that has been sadly lacking since the war. Rules were laid down restricting the use of independents on dorm teams in an effort to do away with the "all-star" aggregation that had come to dominate the dorm sports. Managers in the dorms were instructed to encourage all students in his particular dorm to take an active part in the intra-mural program. In other words, it was the hope of the officials that the dormitories would develop the same type spirit that has characterized the competition between fraternities.

Before the war the situation was exactly reversed. Dorms dominated the sports program and the average dorm resident took as much pride in the athletic accomplishment of his group as the fraternity men took in theirs. The present situation can, of course, be explained by the fact that he will live in the same dorm from one quarter to the next. This naturally prevents the development of comradeship and contributes to the lack of comon interests.

It is a credit to the Intra-Mural Department, however, that this situation is being slowly overcome. In Monday night's playoff for the campus basketball championship between Everett Dorm and the Zetes, the cheering from the sidelines was almost evenly divided between the dorm and fraternity backers. To anyone familiar with the dormitory-fraternity play-off in other sports during the last few years, this balance of support comes as something of a surprise.

In the tag football competition of last quarter the same two teams—Everett and the Zetes—met to determine the campus championship. It was a cold, windy day but that didn't keep the fraternity rooters from turning out in mass while the more-numerous residents of Everett took off for the movie or sat in their rooms one block away instead of supporting their team.

It is hoped that Monday night's display of dormitory spirit was more than just an isolated incident. Dorm rooters are becoming more stabilized now and the opportunity for managers to build up a real competitive spirit is therefore increased. Next quarter soft ball will dominate the intra-

sports, however, the national average next year will be 240 bushels. Meanwhile, top Idaho spuds have been selling for \$2.75 to \$3.00 per bushel while Uncle Sam is paying a support price of around \$2 for surpluses. So it's not in Idaho that potatoes have been piling up.

It's Hill-arious

By Zane Robbins

Report from Tinsel Town: The latest word from Hollywood is that production on "Bright Leaf" is moving along smoothly. The "moon pitcher" is based on a novel by Foster Fitz-Simons of the University Drama Dept.

H'wood is enthusiastic over the movie's possibilities, and a topnotch cast has been selected for the screen version of Fitz-Simons' Tar Heel novel. Gary Cooper, Lauren Bacall, and Jack Carson head the star studded cast.

Alumni notes: Tag Montague, a 1948 graduate of the University, has announced his candidacy for the State House of Reps in the coming election. Montague, a Winston-Salem native, was very active in student politics during his stay here.

Moosic, Moosic, Moosic: Have ya heard Ziggy Elman's recording of "The Wedding Samba?" Zig was the trumpet-tootin' youngster that made "And The Angels Sing" a big hit a few years back when the old Benny Goodman band was at its best. He later waxed the "Angels" tune on MGM after forming his own band.

Then sumbuddy came up with "Wedding Samba," which is a take-off on "Angels." Elman fired right back by recording "Samba," burlesquing his way thru it. Compare his recordings of the two—you'll find his trumpet almost identical.

Wha' Hoppen Dep't: Seems the Student Party was either rushed, tired of politics, or in a lackadaisical mood 't'other nite when it nominated candidates for president and vice president of the CAA. Only one candidate out of all the athletes on campus was nominated for each position. Dick Bunting, who received the nomination for presi-

dent acclamation will, in all probability, waltz away with the University Party endorsement following today's meeting.

The big question in everybody's mind, however, is how did Gene Shaw, a reserve on the Tar Baby basketball squad, a non-letterman, get the veep nomination with opposition. Sumpin funny here.

TV Tidbits: Rumor sez there is a strong possibility that Chapel Hill will have a tellyvision cable within a year. Work will probably begin this summer.

Dr. Roy K. Marshall is being heralded as the "travelingest man in TV" these days. The planetarium director has to cover 1,800 miles every week to keep up with his television commitments.

He is on the Kay Kyser TV show in Noo Yawk, and in addition, has his own program, "The Nature of Things" which originates in Philly every week.

Grapevine Cleanings: My old friend "Meatball" Hoffer dropped in the other day to say that he is on his way to spring training camps in Florida. "Meatball" reports a successful season in the win, place, and show business on the West Coast, and added a note about Dick Groat, Dook soph basketball star, who dropped out of school several weeks back.

Groat, according to Hoffer, has baseball aspirations, and is planning to join the Blyn Dodgers in spring training at Vero Beach, Fla. The former Dook ace wants to play pro baseball, but also plans to re-enter DU, and probably won't sign unless offered an attractive contract.

On his way back from the coast, "Meatball" got wind of big doings down New Mexico way. He sez the Prairieland boys are planning on a big football future, and chances are that Ray Ciaia and Bill George, two of the Wake Forest grid aces who were booted out of Baptist Hollow during the recent "Clean Up Campaign," will enter NMU to play football next fall.

John Jacob Astor made his fortune on beaver skins.

Turtle eggs are eaten by natives and Europeans in South America.

Eggs of the iguana, a large lizard, are fancied by South American gourmets.

Molten rock inside the earth is called magma, a Greek word meaning dough.

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HORIZONTAL

- show mercy
- markets
- plant of legume family
- worships
- oxygenate
- sign of zodiac
- obtains
- metal container
- weave
- feminine name
- the upper air
- ratio: comb. form
- vents
- fixed gazers
- summer (Fr.)
- ship's timberpiece
- arachnids
- icy
- play on words
- gravy
- single unit
- formerly

VERTICAL

- stretches over
- exhausted
- part of a garment
- entranceway
- topaz humming-birds
- steep flax
- build
- lovestones
- citrus drink
- Gypsies
- treble
- upper classman
- imprisons
- warblers
- exclamations of satisfaction
- division of a National Park
- room
- guided
- cereal grass
- rubbers
- utter
- puckers
- part of foot
- petition
- relax
- put in
- actions
- promontories
- prickly pear
- assumed character
- decimal unit
- corded fabric

Answer to yesterday's puzzle.

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