

## WEATHER

Partly cloudy and warmer today,  
with expected high of 50.

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FOUR PAGES TODAY

## '...REASONABLE PLAN...'

# Petition To Uphold Integration Opinion Now In Circulation

A petition calling for "appropriate legislative action" by the state Legislature to uphold the Supreme Court's decision regarding segregation will be put into circulation this morning, according to the petition's sponsor.

The petition, calling for "the Legislature of the State of North Carolina to implement a reasonable plan that will uphold this decision (the Supreme Court's decision against racial segregation in public schools) by appropriate legislative action," will begin circulation on the UNC campus today.

said sponsor Ron Levin, senior from Williamston, yesterday.

In announcing his petition, Levin said, "I urge all those students who are in favor of this petition and wish to circulate it in their particular dorm, sorority or fraternity to contact me in Y Court this morning or as soon as possible. Only through a successful unity of effort and purpose can we hope to meet with any significant student body," he added.

The complete petition reads as follows:

"Inasmuch as the recent student petition supporting racial segregation in the public school system has presented a false and incomplete picture of the opinion of the entire student body, and further, that if this country is to serve as a lesson in freedom and the democratic way of life to the rest of the world, then the University of North Carolina must serve as a similar example to all Americans in supporting the decision of the United States Supreme Court regarding racial segregation; therefore, be it resolved that we, the undersigned, students of the University of North Carolina to implement a reasonable plan that will uphold this decision by appropriate legislative action."

Levin said he anticipates that the petition will gain "at least 2,000" names. However, he emphasized the fact that he needs help in circulating it.



## HEDGPETH TALK

Alpha Epsilon Delta, national honorary pre-medical fraternity, will sponsor a talk by Dr. E. McG. Hedgpeth, chairman of the board of admissions of the School of Medicine, tonight at 8 p. m. in 207 Venable Hall. Dr. Hedgpeth will speak on what the board of admissions expects of pre-medical students.

## APO

Alpha Phi Omega, national service fraternity, will have its regular meeting tonight at 7 o'clock in the APO room of Graham Memorial.

## BLAZER FITTINGS

Today is the last day that fittings will be taken for UNC blazers. The fittings will be taken today from 9 a. m. until 4:30 p. m. in the basement of Graham Memorial.

## UNIVERSITY PARTY

The University Party will meet tonight at 7:30 in Roland Parker Lounges Nos. 1 and 2.

## GEOLOGY TALK

Tonight Harry B. Cannon, Sr., consulting geologist from Lakeland, Fla., will present "A discussion of Some Mechanical Factors of Shoreline Sedimentation." The program, sponsored by Sigma Gamma Epsilon, geological honorary society, will be held at 8 o'clock in 112 New East.

## TUESDAY DANCES

The Dance Committee of Graham Memorial Activities Board will offer advanced dance instruction every Tuesday beginning today and continuing until April 19.

The instructions will be given from 6:30 until 8 p. m. in the Rendezvous Room. They will be free to all students and will feature lessons in bop, mambo, samba, rumba, advanced fox trot and Charleston.

## 170,000 BOOKS, CLIPPINGS, NEWSPAPERS:

# N. C. Collection Is Living History Lesson

By BARBARA WILLARD

Don't let the solid mahogany furniture and the period rooms fool you, that's a library. Every day or so, however, some student walks into the North Carolina Collection main reading room and says, "Can you check books out of here?" Well, you sure can—anything from a Thomas Wolfe novel to early North Carolina sermons.

## NO SELECTION

Miss Mary L. Thornton, librarian, says, "Selection of material to be included in the North Carolina Collection is very simple—there is no selection. Every book, pamphlet, article that can be secured, relating to North Carolina, is carefully preserved."

Miss Thornton came to the University of North Carolina and to her present position in 1917, when the State Collection was housed in Hill Hall. Working with her now are William S. Powell, first assistant librarian, and Mrs. Jane C. Bahnsen, assistant librarian.

The collection as it now stands contains about 170,000 items, including books, pamphlets, clippings, pictures, newspapers and magazines. Documents on current events, which Miss Thornton says are much more difficult to obtain than historical documents, add to the ever-growing collection daily.

## LIVING HISTORY

Time spent in this section of UNC's library is a living history lesson. The Sir Walter Raleigh room, in which stands a life-like carved wooden statue of

the versatile adventurer, adequately reproduce another age. The two rooms are done in Jacobean paneling, made in England during the Tudor period, about 1590. Period furniture occupies the rooms, and part of the Raleigh collection is in the old world bookcase.

The Raleigh collection includes Sir Walter's writings, biographies and related data, some of which is extremely rare.

## "RIVER HOUSE" PANELING

Three rooms in the suite that make up the North Carolina Collection are reproductions of rooms typical of a North Carolina home around 1750. The yellow heart pine wall paneling was taken from the old "River House" at Nixonton, built in that year.

Furniture of the period, complete with even a spinning wheel, sets a stage for a move backward into time. The North Carolina Collection moves forward also.

## DEVELOPMENT OF COLLECTION

The first North Carolina Collection at the University was started by the North Carolina Historical Society. The Society made an effort to secure "one or more copies" of everything published about North Carolina.

The Society was killed out by the Civil War, but it rose again in 1875, and secured some valuable documents still contained in the Collection.

It wasn't until 1907 that the collection, as it is known today, was begun. Louis R. Wilson, University Librarian for 31 years, took advantage of the

opening of the new library in that year to call attention to a growing need. He made the state aware of the importance of preserving its records, its history, its people.

The state rallied to his call, and John Sprunt Hill, retired industrialist and philanthropist from Durham, endowed the Collection. His portrait, along with one of Bruce Cotten, who left his collection of North Carolina material to the collection, hangs in the main reading room of the State Collection. Hill is a graduate of UNC and was on the Board of Trustees for many years.

The coming of Miss Thornton as curator in 1917 was a great step in the advancement of the collection, for she had been more than significant in its development.

Newspapermen use it for research. Writers of North Carolina fiction find it has limitless value as a source of plot and background material. From artists to politicians, the collection provides the needed information in this State.

## ALL THE PEOPLE

"We aim not to aid only students," Miss Thornton says, "but to serve all the people of North Carolina. Our resources are available to authors, teachers, reporters, government officials, lawyers and all other person interested in North Carolina."

The collection is designed to be a working collection. In the main reading room, with its outstanding 18th century architec-

ture and decoration, are large tables and chairs, excellent study aids. The tables are replicas of a Chippendale table found in a North Carolina home prior to 1880. A photograph of the table was used to design the library tables, and the chairs were designed to blend with the other furniture. This furniture was also a gift from Hill.

The entire suite of rooms that make up the collection present a moving story of North Carolina, and the rapid growth of the collection shows it to be a story without end.

Although most of the material can be used outside the library, some of it is either too rare or too expensive to leave the collection room. One volume is valued at over \$1,000 and several volumes are worth more than \$100 each.

Certain rare collections, such as the complete O'Henry Collection, are enclosed in bronze grillwork in the walls. Among these is the Thomas Wolfe Collection, paced there by his family. It includes letters and albums of photographs of Wolfe and members of his family. First editions and foreign editions of his books are part of the collection.

The rarest item, according to Miss Thornton, is "an unbroken file of the session laws of the state dating back to 1777. This is one or the few complete files in the world."

## HEART OF UNIVERSITY

Paul Green, Chapel Hill playwright, author of "Lost Colony"

and a friend of the collection in many ways, once said, "A university must, like other things, have a center from which to draw its strength and sustenance. And such a center is its library. It's as impossible to think of a great university without a strong library as to think of a great athlete without a strong heart."

A serious effort has been made to collect in this part of the University's library, for the students and the people of the state, all state papers, authentic documents, books and manuscripts written by North Carolinians or having a direct bearing on North Carolina life. Even the picture post cards bought every day, with North Carolina scenes on them, have their place in the Collection.

## TREASURES FOR THE FUTURE

Not only does the collection represent every aspect of past state life, the treasures of today, but every aspect of today's life also. Miss Thornton remarked on the current affairs part of the collection, which is the most difficult to keep complete, "Our daily life, also a changing picture, furnishes too little contrast to us to seem of importance as history."

What is being collected today, however, will be as important in the future as the historical documents that are of such value today.

The North Carolina Collection is day by day laying up treasures from which University students and all over the state will continue to benefit.

# 10 Profs Receive Kenan Professorships Bill Friday Promoted To UNC Secretary

## New Office Is Created For Gray's Assistant

He's now Secretary Friday.

William C. Friday, who has served as assistant to President Gordon Gray since April, 1951, has been promoted to Secretary of the University of North Carolina.



BILL FRIDAY

Secretary Friday now

## Aid Organizer To Talk Here

Mrs. John Rood, of Minneapolis, Minn., organizer of the Million Dollar Fellowship Fund of the American Association of University Women, will speak at a dinner meeting of the Chapel Hill group tonight at 6 o'clock.

The meeting will be held in Lenoir Hall with guests welcome.

Mrs. Rood, who is director of the Atkinson Milling Company of Minneapolis and executor and trustee of the Frederick G. Atkinson Trust, has served as vice president of the national AAUW.

## Jet Crashes

RALEIGH, Feb. 14 (AP) — A jet fighter plane plummeted into a field 11 miles south of Raleigh tonight and disintegrated, spewing gasoline and parts 300 yards or more.



## Kenan Profs Named

Ten new Kenan Professors were announced here yesterday. Those honored are, top row, left to right: Dr. Gordon Blackwell, Dr. Richard Bond, Dudley Carroll; second row, Dr. Preston Epps, Dr. Hugh Lefler, Dr. Loren MacKinney; bottom row, Dr. Arthur Roe, Dr. M. T. Van Hecke, Dr. William Wells and Dr. William Wiley.

## SP Names Campaigners Debate Spikes Session

The Student Party named two of its strategists for the forthcoming spring elections last evening in a session which saw the exchange of theories by a pair of SP leaders.

Elected as general campaign coordinator was the party chairman.

Don Geiger. Appointed to hold the position of financial coordinator was Bob Harrington, party treasurer. The selection of the third organizer for the campaign, the publicity coordinator, was left at the disposal of the party chairman.

The convening was wound up with Geiger expressing confidence that the "SP can and will capture the majority of posts available in the spring elections."

## Trustees' High Honor Awards Are Announced

Elevation of 10 UNC faculty members to the highly-select group of Kenan Professors has been approved by the University of North Carolina Board of Trustees' executive committee, upon recommendation of President Gordon Gray and Chancellor Robert House.

The new Kenan professors are Dr. Gordon W. Blackwell,

noted sociologist and director of the Institution for Research in Social Science; Dr. Richard P. Bond, international authority on English literature; Dudley D. Carroll, professor of economics and dean emeritus of the School of Commerce; Dr. Preston H. Epps, Greek professor and translator; Dr. Hugh T. Lefler, professor of history and award-winning writer;

Dr. Loren C. MacKinney, professor of medieval history; Dr. Arthur Roe, chairman of the Chemistry Department; Dr. M. T. Van Hecke, professor of law and former Dean of the Law School; Dr. William S. Wells, professor of English composition and literature; and Dr. William L. Wiley, professor of French language and literature.

## HIGH HONORS

Kenan professorships, representing one of the highest honors that trustees can bestow on the University's teaching staff members, are made possible by the Kenan Professorship Endowment and Reserve Fund.

The fund was established at the University in 1917 by the will of the late Mrs. Mary Lily Kenan Bingham, in memory of her father, William R. Kenan, and her uncle, James G. Kenan and Thomas S. Kenan, who were graduates of the University.

The Kenan Fund serves not only as a means of drawing and keeping men of the highest caliber on the faculty, but also as an award of merit for men who have distinguished themselves here as scholars and teachers.

The Kenan professorships awarded and their citations follow:

Dr. Gordon Blackwell: "A teacher, author of books and articles, promoter and director of research, and worker for higher learning and finer citizenship in the South. Dr. Blackwell has brought credit to himself and distinction to the University."

Dr. Richard Bond: "Provocative, enthusiastic and exacting teacher, Dr. Bond has aroused and sustained the interest of a wide circle of undergraduate and graduate students in English literature. His writings and lectures at University of London have won him an international position of prominence and honor."

Dudley D. Carroll: "As founder and, for 30 years, Dean of the Commerce School, Mr. Carroll led in the development of an essential new division of the University. In his teaching of controversial material in the field of social reform, he is an exemplar of intellectual and moral integrity. Since 1936 he has borne the main burden of the awarding of undergraduate scholarships in his distinguished work as chairman of the Committee on Scholarships."

Dr. Preston Epps: "Translator of Greek classics and outstanding teacher, he deserves recognition for his high standards, broad humanity, and persuasive interpretation of classical virtues."

Dr. Hugh T. Lefler: "The award of the Mayflower Cup to Dr. Lefler in 1954 marked him as the preeminent contemporary historian of North Carolina. His tireless, colorful and uncompromising teaching of the history of our state and nation have won for him comparable acclaim in his work with undergraduate and advanced students."

Dr. L. C. MacKinney: "Publication of books and articles has brought to him international recognition as an authority on medicine of the Middle Ages. His writing and teaching in Medieval and Renaissance studies are a notable element of strength in one of the University's fields of highest achievement."

Dr. Arthur Roe: "He combines with distinction active investigation with distinction active investigation (See KENAN, page 4)



## Salzburg Marionettes To Appear Here

The marionettes shown above, appear in "Concert at Schoenbrunn" with the Salzburg Marionette Theatre, which will appear here tonight. The appearance is sponsored by the Chapel Hill Concert Series and will begin at 8 o'clock in Memorial Hall. Student tickets are available at the information booth in Graham Memorial. The price is \$1.00 each.