

# John Motley Morehead Dies At Rye, N. Y. Home

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### Morehead

The DTH joins with mourners of "Uncle Mot." See editorial, page 2.



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DAN K. MOORE

## Out With The Old, In With The New

RALEIGH (AP) — Dan Killian Moore will become North Carolina's first governor from the West in more than a half century Friday in ceremonies climaxing two days of activities in Raleigh.

The busy festivities began last night with the inaugural ball in Reynolds Coliseum at North Carolina State and will end Friday night with a reception at the governor's mansion.

A record turnout of 5,000 to 6,000 was expected to attend the ball, held for the first time in recent years before the inauguration.

Moore, a former Superior Court judge from Canton, will become the state's 68th governor in Memorial Auditorium, Gov. Locke Craig of Asheville, who served from 113 to 117, was the last governor to come from Western North Carolina.

He was a native of Eastern North Carolina. Moore was born in Asheville.

## University Gets Grants For \$205,000

Federal grants totaling almost \$205,000 have been approved for the general support of research and research training in medicine, dentistry and public health here.

The U. S. Public Health Service has awarded \$126,653 to the School of Medicine, \$26,394 to the School of Dentistry and \$51,484 to the School of Public Health.

Such funds are made on a continuing basis by USPHS to eligible universities engaged in health-related research and research training.

They are used at the discretion of the deans of the schools for such expenses as salaries, stipends, travel, operating expenses and the research functions of libraries.

## UNC Awarded 12 NASA Fellowships

The University has been awarded 12 new National Space and Aeronautics Administration fellowships valued at up to \$4,400 each.

Dr. Hugh Holman, dean of the Graduate School, said the three-year fellowships are provided by NASA for graduate students in space-related sciences.

The 12 new fellowships, to be awarded for the school year beginning September, 1965, will bring to 32 the total number of NASA fellows on campus. The University was awarded 10 of the fellowships in 1963 and 10 in 1964.

Recipients are recommended by a committee composed of professors in the space-related sciences. The Graduate School makes the awards.

## Campus Service Saturday

A memorial service for John Motley Morehead will be held by the Morehead scholars at 2 p.m. Saturday in the main chamber of Morehead Planetarium.

This service will be simultaneous with the funeral rites for Morehead in Rye, N. Y.

All Morehead scholars and interested members of the University community may attend.

# Funeral Services Set Saturday For Benefactor Of University

## Campus Officials Mourn 'Uncle Mot'

University officials joined others yesterday with expressions of sorrow at John Motley Morehead's death and praise of his life.

Consolidated University President William C. Friday said, "John Motley Morehead was a noble son of the University. An industrial leader, minister of government and university benefactor and trustee he served his state and nation and his University with distinction. Through the Morehead Foundation he has provided the resources to enable hundreds of worthy students to attend the University. He lived a useful, productive and worthwhile life and the University is deeply saddened by the loss of such a devoted and helpful alumnus."

Chancellor Paul Sharp echoed Friday's sentiments.

"The entire University community is saddened by the loss of our great friend, distinguished son and generous donor. This University and this state are stronger and better places to live and work because

of John Motley Morehead's devotion and dedication to our welfare."

Several Morehead Scholars recalled yesterday the philanthropist's vitality and generosity.

"In shocked and very sad," said Bob Spearman, student body president. "What impressed me most about him was his tremendous wit even in his old age and the fact that he was so closely in contact with life."

"Uncle Mot' was more than a beneficiary to his many nephews," said Larry Ehrhart, president of last year's sophomore class. "He was an inspiration to all of us. Although we are all very grieved over his death, we have been very fortunate to have had such an intelligent, witty and generous person for almost a century."

"I was momentarily stunned when I heard the news," said George Wainwright. "Then my thoughts concentrated on the great loss to the University, to everyone that knew him, and to me personally."

## Morehead Recalled Years At UNC In 1963 Interview

Ed. Note—John Motley Morehead was interviewed in March, 1963 when he was here to meet his new scholars for that year. In the interview, probably the last with Morehead, he chats about his days at UNC with former DTH reporter Mickey Blackwell.

By MICKEY BLACKWELL

With an alertness that belied his 92 years, John Motley Morehead turned to the 'Stocks and Bonds' page of his newspaper and scanned the tall columns of figures.

"... R . . . S . . . T—I think maybe I ought to go back and read my primer again . . . and learn how the alphabet goes. I can't see Union Carbide any place here . . ."

His secretary walked over. "Here, I'm on your payroll, let me do your reading for you."

He surrendered the paper without a struggle.

He waited until she had looked for a minute, then confided in a low voice, "It's on the next page."

Union Carbide was up one and an eighth and the man who serves as consulting engineering for the company smiled.

It was 8 o'clock Tuesday morning as John Motley Morehead was sitting in the lounge of the Carolina Inn glancing through the Daily Tar Heel and two other state newspapers. He had about 30 minutes to spare before going to the Planetarium to interview the last finalists in this year's scholarship awards.

"Let's go in this smaller room, so we won't bother anybody," he said. After adjourning to the smaller room he said, "You had better sit on my left. That's my good ear, you know."

Just as we were sitting down, Hugh Chatham, a member of the foundation trustees, came up and spoke to Morehead and Morehead asked Chatham, "Have you seen John (John Lindsay Morehead) this morning?" Chatham replied that John L. was having breakfast and would pick him up close to 9 a.m.

Morehead pulled his pocket watch out and said, "It's a quarter past eight now, so I'll be leaving in about half an hour." Also attached to the watch chain was a small

key with the Greek letters Phi Beta Kappa.

"Heavens, it's been 70 years since I was a student here," Morehead said when asked to compare UNC now and UNC when he was here. "We had 21 students in our graduating class and today's classes are something like 2100. There are only two of us left, myself and Sheppard Bryan of Atlanta. I've proposed several times that we meet and have a great reunion of the class of '91. But Sheppard has been in the hospital for several years so we haven't been able to get together."

Morehead is most widely known as a designing electro-chemical engineer, but he is also a diplomat, having served for four years as Envoy-Extraordinary and Minister-Plenipotentiary to Sweden under President Hoover. However, Morehead doesn't recommend the diplomatic service.

I remember that Washington, D. C. would send coded telegrams to me when I was in Stockholm," he said. "One day I got one and it was horribly complicated. I finally figured it out, but I didn't have time to code my answer so I just sent it back in plain English. And you know, they wouldn't pay for it either, so I had to . . ."

"They paid me \$14,000 but it cost me \$100,000 of my own. It was about to break me. About the only thing you get is a social standing. It's kind of like society in Washington. If you don't belong to the senate or if you're not a judge or something, then it's hard to break into that society. When I was in Stockholm, there were 27 countries there and each embassy ambassador and others would go out each night and drink the native drinks . . . There's an awful lot of entertaining, just like Washington . . ."

"They have to pick a man to serve as a diplomat who not only has the money but is willing to spend it. I wouldn't advise it unless a man is independently wealthy and has a year or two to spare."

One good thing about Morehead's stay in Sweden, he was awarded the gold medal, Kungl. Svenska Vetenskapsakademien, the only foreigner ever so honored.

Morehead shifted slightly and adjusted his gray vest which



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matched his suit. When asked about the man who appointed him to his post in Sweden, Morehead replied, "I don't see Mr. Hoover any more. He's quite ill and not seeing anyone. His doctors don't want him to be bothered too much."

"I used to see him quite often. He's come to my house in Rye quite often, but he's sick now." Morehead has a good deal of praise for the former President. "Mr. Hoover has done a lot for Stanford University. He built them a fine library and has helped a lot of people through school."

Morehead spotted one of his friends and hollered rather loudly, "Hey!" The friend didn't hear so Morehead whistled at him . . . the kind of whistle that occurs right after you've eaten saltine crackers.

Morehead then turned his thoughts to education or as he put it, "mandatory education."

"Education is becoming an essential thing. A girl can't get a job clerking at a dry goods store if she doesn't at least have a high school education."

"You look in these trade papers and journals and if you have a good education, you can write your own ticket."

The apprentice system of learn while you earn doesn't work anymore. The companies just can't afford it. That day has just gone in this country. The companies today can still train their men but they can't educate them."

The discussion then turned to Morehead's favorite and possibly most famous endeavor, the Morehead Scholarships.

"We thought once about including girls in our program, but we received such a ruckus from the girls' schools around that we had to give that program up. Right now, there are no plans to include girls in the scholarship program."

The only restriction on a Morehead scholar is that he cannot get married. "We think they make better students if they devote their full time to their work. A lot of these boys are getting married too young anyway," Morehead said.

Morehead admits that his committee has made a few mistakes

## Death Came Early Thursday Morning

RYE, N. Y. (AP)—John Motley Morehead, whose gifts to UNC, his alma mater, exceeded \$17 million, died at his home here Thursday morning. He was 94.

The multi-millionaire's long career included service as an engineer, industrialist, diplomat and public servant.

Morehead suffered a fractured hip last Nov. 20 when he fell on the pavement as he was leaving his office in the Union Carbide Building in New York City. After brief hospitalization, he returned to his home, where pneumonia developed.

A native of Spray, Morehead was a founder and a major stockholder of the Union Carbide Corp. He moved to Rye in 1919, serving as mayor from 1925 to 1930 in this wealthy Westchester County suburb. Even in his 90s, he commuted to his New York office.

He married twice, but had no children. Each of his wives died. He lived alone here, except for household staff personnel.

Funeral service will be held Saturday at 2 p.m. at the Presbyterian church in Rye.

Morehead was appointed U.S. envoy and minister plenipotentiary to Sweden in 1930 by President Hoover and served for three years.

In 1945 he established the John Motley Morehead Foundation that led to the construction of the Morehead Building and Planetarium at UNC, from which he graduated with a bachelor of science degree in 1891.

A distinctive figure in the starched white collar he always wore, Morehead was a grandson of two-time 19th century governor of North Carolina, John Motley Morehead.

His Morehead scholarship program here was established as a graduate program in 1945 and converted to an undergraduate program in 1951.

In September of 1961 he announced the gift of \$7 million in stock to the foundation, bringing to \$13 million the total he had contributed to the scholarship program.

He patterned it after the Rhodes Scholarships, aiming to obtain for the University what he liked to call "tall timber talent."

He last visited Chapel Hill in September to greet the new Morehead scholars. At that time he estimated that his many gifts to the University averaged out at about \$1,000 a day.

Once he told a graduating class, "Money doesn't bring happiness, but it helps to quiet the nerves."

Forty-nine Morehead scholars are in the present freshman class at the University, with a total of 163 in all classes. About 450 scholarships have been awarded by the foundation since the program began. They have been divided about equally between North Carolina and the rest of the country.

Their award is not based on financial need of the recipient. Instead, they are determined by academic ability, physical vigor and strength of character.

Morehead hoped to attract to the University students who would make contributions to the school and to the state.

They are worth about \$5,200 over four years and \$7,000 for students from other states due to the difference in tuition costs.

Morehead's other gifts included the Morehead-Patterson Bell Tower, Morehead Stadium and chimes to Tri-City High School in Rockingham County and \$200,000 to the Morehead Hospital in Rockingham County.

He received honorary degrees from UNC, Wake Forest College and Upsala College.

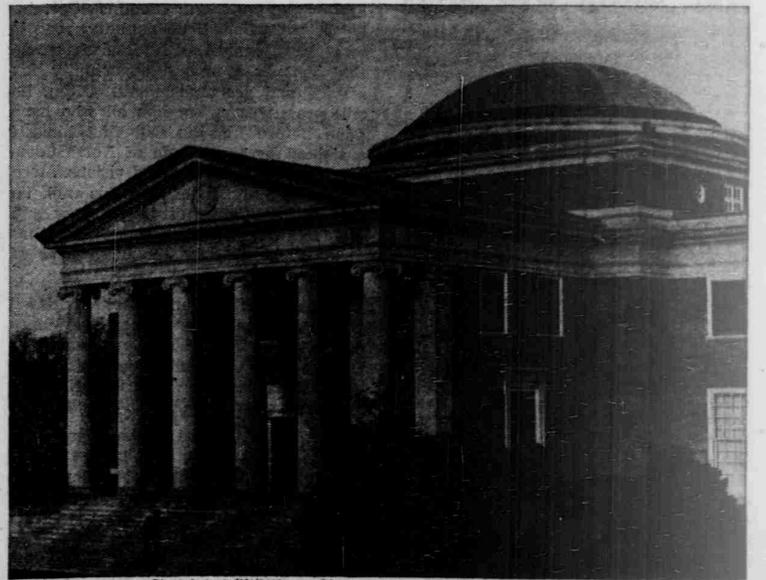
His family traces its ancestry back to Agnes Morehead, mother of James Watt, inventor of the steam engine.

One of Union Carbide's predecessor companies was started by his father, Major James Turner Morehead at Spray in 1891. It was there that Morehead went to work after graduation from the University.

It was while helping his father operate one of the world's first electric furnaces, the first practical process for the economic manufacture of calcium carbide and acetylene was discovered.

Thereafter he worked particularly on the production of ac-

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ALONG WITH THE BELL TOWER the Morehead Planetarium is the most obvious gift to the University from John Motley Morehead.

The building was presented to the University in 1949, four years after the John Motley Morehead Foundation was established.