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U. S. Proposes Health Service Centered Here

Aldermen Hear Dr. Mangum Explain Plan and Assure Him of Town's Cooperation

SCHEME UNIQUE IN NATION

"It is the only undertaking of the kind in this country—and, so far as I know, in the world."

This is what Dr. Charles S. Mangum said when he was telling the aldermen, at a special meeting night before last, about the proposal of the United States Government, acting in cooperation with the State Board of Health and the University, to set up a regional public health service with headquarters in Chapel Hill. The district to be covered by the service is to be composed of Orange, Person, and Caswell counties.

The plan combines the training of physicians in the science of public health with the actual operation of a public health service in the three counties. The training, to be conducted by the University medical school, will be closely linked with the operation of the service under physicians who are experienced in the field of preventive medicine.

Before he appeared before the aldermen Dr. Mangum had already explained the plan to the county commissioners. The reason he is presenting it to local governments is that they are asked to bear part of the cost. The requested contributions, beyond these governments' regular budgets, are not large; since the new organization would take over work already being done, the counties and municipalities would not have to put

Koch to North Dakota

Playmakers' Director to Make Commencement Speech at University

Frederick H. Koch will deliver the commencement address at the University of North Dakota next Tuesday. It was at that institution, 29 years ago, that he organized the Dakota Playmakers and laid the foundation for his success as director of the Carolina Playmakers in Chapel Hill.

He will speak at the final exercises of the State Teachers college at Minot, N. D., next Wednesday.

The Dakota Playmakers will present "Twelfth Night" in his honor tomorrow evening. This was the first Shakespearean play that Mr. Koch produced there.

Hunt Establishes a Gardening School Here

William L. Hunt has founded the Southern School of Gardening in Chapel Hill. It will open July 22 and continue six weeks until August 30.

Lectures will be conducted in the Phi Kappa Sigma house one block from the University campus on Cameron avenue, and the library will also be there. Living quarters will be provided in fraternity houses for both men and women students.

Special attention will be given to groups of gardeners who wish to come to Chapel Hill for one or two days of lectures and for the use of the library. Reservations must be made as far in advance as possible. (Address of secretary, P. O. Box

An Editorial

Dr. Charles S. Mangum laid before the county commissioners, at their meeting in Hillsboro this week, the offer of the United States Government to bear a large part of the cost of the public health service which it is proposed to establish in the district composed of Orange, Person, and Caswell counties.

Here is a wonderful opportunity which it would be folly for the county not to seize. Combining as it does instruction in the science of public health with an actual practical service, this is the only enterprise of the kind in the entire nation. Nowhere else are local governments being aided by the Government in such a manner.

It is necessary for the three counties to bear some share of the cost, but the demand upon them is not large because the projected organization will take over the public health work for which the counties already make appropriations in their regular budgets. Most of what the counties are asked to contribute represents money that they are already spending.

Caswell and Person counties have agreed to chip in the amounts requested of them.

The quota of Orange county, for the budget set up by the United States Public Health Service and the North Carolina Board of Health, is \$3,600. The commissioners, after they had heard Dr. Mangum explain the plan, assured him that Orange would contribute as much as \$2,500.

It is understood that the rea-

Hill Gives the Inn

Reports That He Would Present it to University Prove Well-Founded

At a meeting of the executive committee of the University board of trustees Wednesday in Raleigh, John Sprunt Hill presented the Carolina Inn to the University. The committee adopted a resolution expressing its deep appreciation of his generosity.

There had been reports, for a year or more, that Mr. Hill intended to add the Inn to his many benevolences to the institution. The Music hall was a gift from him and Mrs. Hill, and he has been a frequent contributor to the library and various other University departments and activities.

The Inn was built about ten years ago at a cost of around \$200,000. It was a boon to the community, for there had never before been adequate accommodations for visitors.

son they hesitate to vote the requested \$3,600 is that, if they did so, it would mean an increase in the tax rate. But this is certainly not a good reason. One cent added to the rate will provide enough revenue to make up the difference between \$2,500 and \$3,600!

Orange county is now in an exceptionally favorable financial condition. The latest audit shows that it has reduced its net debt by \$245,000 in the last six or seven years. It has reduced its tax rate from \$1.34 to 78 cents in the last ten years. Despite the fact that real estate assessments underwent a horizontal reduction of 25 per cent four years ago, the tax rate has fallen in that period.

The affairs of the county have been well managed in recent years by Commissioners Han-

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Hamilton Chief Marshal

Champion Book Agent Has the Job of Showing People Where to Go

Oscar A. Hamilton of Chapel Hill, North Carolina representative of the Macmillan Publishing Company, with which concern he has made a phenomenal success, has been appointed Alumni Chief Marshal at the University's 140th Commencement next week.

He was graduated here 25 years ago, and his class is having a reunion this year. In his student days he was celebrated as a baseball player. His fondness for physical exercise now finds its outlet in golf, tennis (occasionally), pressing down on the accelerator, lifting food and drink to the face, and shoving the chips back and forth between the center and the edge of the table.

Mr. Hamilton received the degree of master of arts from Columbia University in 1923. He was principal of the Wilmington high school, superintendent of the Goldsboro schools, and superintendent of the New Hanover county schools. He resigned from this last post in 1932 to go with Macmillan.

A Sewage Problem

Home-Owners in Southwest Section Are in Difficult Situation

The perplexing problem of sewage in the southwestern section of the village, both inside and outside of the town limits, was discussed by the aldermen at their meeting this week. Among the property-owners present were T. J. Wilson, Jr., R. H. Wettach, L. M. Brooks, and Paul Wager.

The difficulty is that many homes are not connected with the municipal sewer system. They are served by septic tanks, and in some cases this system of disposal does not function satisfactorily.

Troublesome engineering and financial questions are involved. One perplexing circumstance is that service for homes outside of the village cannot be provided under the regular taxation plan.

A home-owners' committee composed of R. H. Wettach (whose property is within the limits) and H. F. Comer (whose property is beyond the limits) is to have conferences with an aldermanic committee to try to work out a solution.

Duke University conferred the degree of doctor of philosophy on 29 students at its commencement exercises Monday.

Chapel Hill Chaff

The frequent rains of late, alternating with periods of hot sunshine, have caused the shrubs and the grasses to grow so luxuriantly that in many places the village is a veritable jungle. R. J. M. Hobbs, of the faculty of the University school of commerce, was seen by a friend, one day this week, going across the campus with a pair of pruning shears in his hand. The friend asked him why. "The bushes outside of my office have got so high and so thick that they blot out the light," he replied, "so I am going to thin 'em out."

Old-timers, and many of the people who have come to Chapel Hill more recently, do not like to see the village become citified. They realize that many changes in that direction—brick-front stores, big and bright show windows, pavements, electric lights on the streets—are inevitable. And none of them would be willing to forego the modern comforts for the sake of preserving the "quaintness" of a bygone era. Still they are a bit saddened by every new movement toward citification.

The parking nuisance is an illustration of what I am talking about. A week or so ago I heard one of the old-timers—I think it was Clyde Eubanks—say: "Here in Chapel Hill people have been used to small-town ways—putting their cars where they please and keeping them there as long as they want to. I sort o' hate to see us have rules and restrictions like those in the cities. But"—sighing re-

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The Engineering School

Question of Moving It from Here to Raleigh Is Still Unsettled

The executive committee of the University board of trustees held a spirited discussion, at their meeting Wednesday in Raleigh, of the question of removing the engineering school from Chapel Hill to Raleigh.

No decision was reached. The committee will meet here at 10:30 Tuesday morning, and there will be a meeting of the full board of trustees that afternoon. It is probable that the question of what to do about the engineering school will be referred by the committee to the full board for settlement.

A consolidation committee made up of trustees has been considering the problem. In its report of the executive committee meeting the *News and Observer* of yesterday said: "It was understood from authoritative sources that the consolidation committee recommended the removal of the engineering school to State College. . . . The consolidation committee's report did not reach a vote yesterday, it appeared, largely because of the stubborn opposition of John Sprunt Hill and Walter Murphy, who argued at length for the retention of the engineering school at Chapel Hill."

Gerrard Hall Condemned

Gerrard hall has been condemned, on the ground of unsafeness. The meetings both Monday and Tuesday mornings, which were to be held there, will be held in the Hill Music hall.

P. W. A. Enlarges Staff Here; Chapel Hill Is Seat of Power Under Government's New Plan

Wet-Dry Test Today

Judge Frizzelle to Pass on Judge Cranmer's Restraining Order

Argument on the question of holding a liquor election in New Hanover county will be made today (Friday) before Judge Frizzelle in the superior court in Wilmington.

Judge Cranmer signed the restraining order last week. Judge Frizzelle is to decide whether or not the injunction shall be made permanent. It is regarded as certain that the question will be taken to the Supreme Court.

The New Hanover county commissioners have scheduled the election for July 2. If Judge Frizzelle upholds Judge Cranmer's restraining order, there will be no election until the Supreme Court has given its decision. If Judge Frizzelle dismisses the order, New Hanover may hold the election and, if the wets win, set up liquor stores; but if later the Supreme Court takes the dry view the stores will have to be closed.

Rainey's 80th Birthday

Children, Grandchildren, and One Great-Grandchild at Reunion

Monday, June 3, was T. H. Rainey's 80th birthday. All of his children gathered at his home on Sunday for a reunion. They were: Mr. and Mrs. Frank T. Rainey of Texarkana, Texas; Mr. and Mrs. Charles W. Rainey of Staunton, Va.; Mr. and Mrs. E. C. Hurt (Mrs. Hurt—Annie Rainey) of Chatham, Va.; George H. Rainey of Athens, Ga.; Mr. and Mrs. B. M. Bracken (Mrs. Bracken—Ida Rainey) of Charlotte; Mrs. J. M. Porter (Blanche Rainey) of New Orleans, La.; Miss Olivia Rainey of Washington, D. C.; Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Brandon (Mrs. Brandon—Rosa Rainey) of Wilson; and T. H. Rainey, Jr., Elizabeth Rainey, and Julian H. Rainey of Chapel Hill. Two grandchildren and one great-grandchild were present. Dr. and Mrs. C. E. King of Durham were guests.

A party was given for Mr. Rainey Monday evening at his home. The Knights of Pythias and their wives, R. B. House, Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Giles, and Mr. and Mrs. Bruce Stroud were the guests. Mr. House played his harp, and Mr. Stroud showed his Ford movies.

Russell Astonished at Becoming a President

Two days had passed, after the election of Phillips Russell to the presidency of the North Carolina Historical and Literary Association, before he knew anything about it. He was surprised, to put it mildly. Perhaps he shouldn't have been, since it was natural enough that he, the vice-president, should be elevated in consequence of the death of the president, J. M. McConnell of Davidson College, but he was. Somehow he just couldn't picture himself as the president of anything.

"What do I do?" he asked, in a dazed manner, when he was informed of the election.

Recovering from his surprise, he was cheered by the thought that, as executive officer, he would be concerned with selecting other men to speak instead of making speeches himself. But

Baity Authorized to Decide on Matters That Were Formerly Referred to Washington

FINANCING BASIS CHANGED

Several members of the expanded and reorganized staff of the North Carolina division of the Public Works Administration have come to Chapel Hill from Washington, and more are to follow.

Among the first to arrive were the attorneys, Charles N. Malone and H. Emmett Powell. As counsel for the P.W.A. units in the Carolinas and Georgia, Mr. Malone is to have his headquarters here. He is at the Inn for the time being. Mr. Powell will head the P.W.A.'s legal staff for this state. Fulton Holmes, another of the attorneys, had the good luck to mention his search for a home when he stopped at the Texaco filling station. Herbert Pendergraft, the proprietor, was sending his family to the coast for the summer, and right off the bat he made a deal for the lease to Mr. Holmes of his house on Pritchard avenue.

Of the new members of the clerical force, Miss Billie Curtis, Mrs. Helen Waters, Miss Annette Osborne, and Miss Janet Sessoms are here. Among the six yet to come is Miss Emma Tate Williams. And there will be three finance examiners and one new engineering examiner.

The decentralization of which the newspapers have been telling is genuine under the new set-up. There have been times in the last year when Mr. Baity has not seemed to enjoy a great degree

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McIntosh Anniversary

Coker Sends Congratulatory Message in Form of Verses

Last Sunday was the 48th anniversary of the marriage of Mr. and Mrs. A. C. McIntosh.

As a message of congratulation and goodwill, their neighbor, W. C. Coker, sent them these verses:

Married are they for forty-eight years,
Very much happiness, sometimes tears,
Always love in joy or pain,
Always sunshine after rain;
What I call living—Oh, my Goah!
Wish I could live like McIntosh!

he looked downcast a moment later when he was reminded that he would have to make a presidential address at the annual meeting next fall.

Born in Rockingham, Mr. Russell was a student here from 1900 to 1904. For several years he did newspaper work in New York, Philadelphia, and London. It was when he was in London that he conceived the idea of writing a biography of Benjamin Franklin. The reviewers acclaimed it a triumph, and it had a handsome sale. Since then he has written biographies of John Paul Jones, Emerson, and William the Conqueror, a novel, a book about travels in Mexico, and a book of historical essays. He has contributed many articles to magazines.

Now in the University faculty, he conducts courses in writing.