

Highlights And Sidelights From University Of N. C., Chapel Hill

BY FRED IVKY
People who have wondered about the shape the world is in find that they have to consult astronomers as well as politicians, sociologists, psychologists and economists.

More about the geographical shape of the world now is known thanks in part to the efforts of UNC astronomer Dr. Morris Davis and Mack Preslar of the Communications Division who have just returned from Thailand (Siam) where they participated with other scientists in measuring an eclipse of the sun.

The two from Chapel Hill traveled a total of 25,000 miles to take part. The U. S. Air Force sponsored the project. The purpose: to obtain more exact information on the size and shape of the earth by timing the passage of the moon's shadow at 11 sites along its 7,000 mile path.

Teams of scientists were stationed at Khartoum, The Sudan, Ethiopia, Ceylon, Burma, Formosa and other places.

FOOTBALL COACH
Woodrow Wilson once coached football. That biographical fact on the life of Wilson was revealed by Dr. Frank P. Graham of the United Nations in a speech in honor of

Wilson's birthday at Bryn Mawr early this month. Wilson coached at a college in Connecticut. The task was in addition to his teaching duties. It was not in connection with football coaching that Wilson said, "I would rather fall in a cause that will ultimately triumph than to triumph in a cause that will ultimately fail."

N. C. Symphony
The North Carolina Symphony Orchestra will present 107 concerts from February to May, in a tour over North Carolina and into South Carolina and Florida, it has been announced by Benjamin Swalin, director.

Worry Over Exams
The New York Times last Sunday revealed an experiment at Chapel Hill relating to stomach ulcers. Dr. D. W. Abbe and Dr. John M. Fortin, psychiatrists, told of experiments with ten students.

Around examination time the students developed symptoms of peptic ulcers. The students tested already had shown symptoms of ulcers "as a reaction to campus life" and their reactions were observed at the time of mid-term exams.

The report by the two Chapel Hill doctors was made to the Group Psychotherapy Association meeting in New York.

Wills
When Tar Heels write their wills sometimes they leave money to colleges and universities. The University of North Carolina has been remembered many times. The first will made out in favor of the University was the will of Charles Gerrard, two years after the University was opened. In 1797 Gerrard left more than 13,000 acres of land he owned in Tennessee. Gerrard Hall was named for him.

UNC now has a Bequest Program which provides the organization for giving by will to the University. John T. Manning, attorney of Chapel Hill, is chairman. Manning's father was the late Isaac Hall Manning, dead of the Medical School. Isaac Hall Manning's father was John Manning, head of the University Law School.

Churches on TV
A Presbyterian church in Sanford was without a pastor not long ago.

Instead of getting a supply minister or worshipping at other churches, word was passed around

among members of the congregation. "Let's listen to WUNC-TV on Sunday mornings," Charlie Hubbard is preaching.

The Rev. Charles Hubbard, a native of Sanford, conducted services at the University Methodist Church in Chapel Hill — broadcast over Channel 4, the UNC educational television outlet.

It was the first time in history that a regular complete worship service from a church has been broadcast over television.

Hubbard says you never saw anything like the TV fan mail he gets. Churches take turn about in presenting services on WUNC-TV. Chapel Hill, Greensboro and Raleigh churches cooperate.

Friday 13th Doesn't Worry Friday
William C. Friday, recently appointed Acting President of the University of North Carolina, grew up in Dallas, N. C. in Gaston County. Dallas, N. C. is much older than Dallas, Texas, they say.

Friday, a quiet and hard-working administrator, attended two units of the Consolidated University — State College first, and then Chapel Hill. But before that he did his undergraduate work at Wake Forest.

Friday figures 13 is his lucky number. He was born on the 13th, and many other fortunate events of his career have occurred on the 13th. So he doesn't worry at all when Friday the 13th comes around. Quoth the Ramsey

Newspaper people are awaiting with much interest the remarks of D. Hiden Ramsey at the final breakfast at the 31st annual Press Institute at Chapel Hill this week. Ramsey's topic: "Croakings of a Retired Raven on a Withered Branch" sounds like Hiden Ramsey at his best.

The quotations is from Lord Rosberry, uttered in 1907.

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Men In Public Life Receive Letters Of All Kinds, Styles and Fashions

BY BILL WHITLEY
LETTERS. Men of letters spend a lot of time pondering the use, sound arrangement and effect of words. (They probably consider a lot of other things, too.)

Be that as it may, people in public life get many lessons each day in how the written word can be used. Their mail brings all sorts of expressions of needs and desires, wishes and wants.

DANDIES. Last week, Sen. W. Kerr Scott was looking through some of the mail he has received recently, and came up with some dandies.

One letter-writer sounded like a true-blue Democrat. He ended a long letter with the penetrating de-

claration: "I am a Conservative Democrat and I want to see a progressive Democratic administration."

Another writer had foot trouble. He wrote: "I am complaining about my feet that are flat and badly callused and stay like they are on ice all the time."

G.I.'s. Many of the letters concerned servicemen. Here are a few sample quotes: "Dear Sir, Hear I am in regard to my son hoo is bidding time at Leavenworth which he received from the Army."

"I cannot get heads or tails out of them for replacements, and I am

service - connected on my teeth." "Would you have the Department of Personnel, Department of the Navy, send me an affidavit giving the full particulars about the Medal of Honor that was placed in my hand November 3, 1938, along with my Bad Conduct Discharge."

"I have a Bad Conduct Discharge and would like to have you help in exchanging it for unhonorable."

"If this boy could be transferred nearer home, I believe it would help his mother's morals."

And some writers just pass on good tidings: "I hope you are feeling fine. I am fine, but would be much finer if I had a job."

Some vividly describe their virtues: "I am not a law broker, I am a

good Republican. I don't chew tobacco or gamble or drink whiskey." (Note: There is a nasty rumor out saying the GOP is having trouble recruiting new members.)

Others indicate they have finally wised up:

"My wife needs a check up on her head."

And to top it off, a close observer put it this way: "It just goes to prove that even United States Senators pull on their pants one leg at a time."

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