

At UNC Doctors Get Together For Talk On Health Of Plant Employers

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Some noises make flesh crawl. Other sounds nauseate the hearer. Some sounds make the hair stand on end. Others don't bother him at all.

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output—of workers. "Psycho-Acoustics" is the name the medics have thought up for it.

"I don't see how noises make any difference," said a reporter to one of the doctors in charge. "News papermen work smoothly in spite of all kinds of noises and disturbances. The clackety-clack of a dozen typewriters is music to reporters and editors."

It was also stressed that there's a lot of noise in the blacksmithing business. Pounding the anvil and all that. Yet look at Longfellow's vision of the village blacksmith—"A mighty man, with strong sinewy hands."

It may not always be the loudness of the noise that disturbs and dismays the listeners, the doctor said. "It could be that a regular noise, like pounding on an anvil, is not bad at all, healthwise. It may be that the variety of noises is the thing, or the rapping effects, or some other aspect of the noise factor."

Al Resch of the *Washington News* says he can see why some noises will interrupt production. Al has a folder in his newspaper plant at Silver City that makes what seems to be an unpleasant noise. Al's wife leaves the office every time the folder starts. Others in the shop become a bit tense—until the folder has stopped folding.

The noise topic is just one of the health-industry subjects to be discussed at Chapel Hill.

Over 1100 manufacturing concerns in the state have been invited to send representatives to the meeting. The UNC Medical School, Liberty Mutual Insurance Co., and others are cooperating.

Morse

Senator Wayne Morse of Oregon is speaking at Chapel Hill February 16 under auspices of the Carolina Forum, a student organization. Some say Morse is neither Democrat nor Republican, neither fish nor fowl.

One Editorial paragraph said he operates under a code all his own. The Morse Code.

machines, because they are experimental, the cost is high. We realize that we have to cover some of the 11 years of research that the inventor has put in on this machine. They will cost us approximately \$4,000 a piece. We feel that in the future we can get them for around \$1,000 or less, and maybe considerably less."

DEFICIT. So goes the advances of the Post Office.

Only a couple days after the plans for the "Thank You" stamp machines were revealed, the President asked Congress to hike the cost of a three-cent stamp to four cents—to help post office operations pay their own way.

At the hearings, nobody explained just why the Post Office Department wants to install these new gadgets. It may be to raise the standard of living, or some such thing.

MUSIC. For future planning in the electronic age, it might be a good idea for the Post Office planners to think about how nice it would be to hit some kind of a musical jingle to the mail boxes. If women can afford to hear musical tunes tingle out of a powder box while they screw on their earrings, then certainly our dynamic economy can afford to have people serenaded while they extract last month's light bill from the mail box.

At the same time, with all the automatic machines they're developing to sort out mail, it should be easy enough—and not cost more than a few thousand dollars per sack to have a little gimmick spray perfume on all letters.

OLD HAT. And just think, it's been only a few years since our old run down, out of date post offices had terrible scratchy pens that wrote in fits and starts and almost all post offices had directory service. But all that stuff is old hat now. It costs too much to look up a street address.

It also costs too much money to run a lot of small post offices and rural routes. So many routes are consolidated in the interest of economy. And small post offices are being closed by the thousands. In fact, between January 20, 1955, and December 31, 1955—about three years—3,048 fourth class offices have been closed. All in the name of economy.

But it's good business, and economic—that will give you a lot of lip—omical, too, to use stamp machines the post office bigwigs say.

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Bill Whitley Writes About Quiz On Post Office In United States Senate

BY BILL WHITLEY

THANK YOU, if you walk into the Post Office and buy some stamps from vending machines they are using for selling stamps these days, don't be surprised if the machine blurt out and says "Thank You," as you get your tongue all ready to lick.

Really and truly, it's a fact. The Post Office Department has started putting in orders for machines that will do just this.

This rather revealing information came to light last week when a House sub-committee published transcripts of hearings on the Post Office Department's budget for the coming year.

Q's, and A's. The testimony went this way in part:

"Mr. Canfield (A Congressman from New Jersey): You have just made reference to these stamp-dispensing machines. Do you refer to these machines that make the change?"

"Mr. Abrams (Assistant Postmaster General): I refer to the ones that make change, and also that say 'Thank you for buying stamps.' It talks as well as makes change. The new stamp vending machine not only makes change, but thanks the patron for purchasing the stamp, and has some courtesy comment. Each one will have that . . ."

"Mr. Canfield, What does a machine like that do?"

"Mr. Abrams. On the first seven

Remulo
 Ambassador Carlos P. Romulo, Philippine Ambassador to the United States, will deliver the Well lectures at Chapel Hill in March. Romulo is a high knocker in international politics and is well thought of in Washington.

About Women
 Are women of foreign nations going to become more like American women, with the freedom that women have in this country? The tendency is in that direction, it was indicated in a panel discussion last week at Chapel Hill. Graduate women students from India, Israel, Puerto Rico and Norway spoke on "attainment of equal rights for women" over the world.

The Norwegian panelist commented, "Women aren't as naive as they once were." She said modern communications show women in one country what women in other countries are doing.

And if it's good and to the benefit of women, we gather, they want to follow suit.

Davie and Crockett
 The Davie's of North Carolina are kin to the Crockett's of Texas. The family of William Richardson Davie Crockett of Austin, Texas has given to the University of North Carolina certain priceless heirlooms, once the property of William R. Davie, the founder of the University at Chapel Hill.

Dr. John Crockett of the University of Texas has given the property and papers of Davie to the University, to become a part of the Southern Historical Collection. Dr. Crockett's father was William Richardson Davie Crockett.

Among the gifts made is an ancient Bible which belonged to Davie's mother when she lived in Scotland. Davie married the daughter of Willie Jones of Halifax County, a distinguished pre-Revolutionary War citizen of North Carolina. Sarah Jones's fan—the one she had the day she was married to Davie—is in the collection. There is also a pass from the French minister, Tallyrand, made out to Davie who was U. S. minister to France.

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