

Friday The 13th Hits 3 Days In '53

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Feature Editor

Cross your fingers and knock on wood. Today is Friday the Thirteenth.

This year we hit the jackpot because the calendar for 1953 shows three months in which Friday falls on the thirteenth. Today is Friday the Thirteenth, there is another in March and a final one in November.

A group called the National Committee of 13 Against Superstition, Prejudice and Fear has a Greek word for fear of the thirteenth—triskedekaphobia. The group is led by Nick Matsoukas, who claims to be the thirteenth child in a family of 13, born on Friday, June 13, with 13 letters in his name and graduated from the University of Chicago on Friday, December 13, 1929.

Why is the Thirteenth unlucky? Whatever made 13th unlucky happen—so long ago that people have forgotten. Friday is considered unlucky because of these things: Christ was crucified on Friday. It was said the Flood had begun on Friday. The confusion of Babel took place on Friday and Adam ate the apple on Friday. These incidents all pertain to the Biblical times.

On the other side of the fence, there are some things considered lucky on Friday the Thirteenth. The first election in North America was held. Georgia was first settled. The University of Pennsylvania was chartered. The White House construction began. George Washington was made commander-in-chief. The source of the Mississippi was discovered. Horatio Alger was born and Arkansas received its constitution. The Democrats were lucky during their 20-year rule. There was only one year which had three Friday the Thirteenths and that was in 1942. It's true that President Truman's first full day in office was Friday the Thirteenth, but during his seven years and

nine months in office, he experienced only 13 Friday the Thirteenths. President Hoover had to put up with three Friday the Thirteenths in 1931, a depressing and depression year.

Woodrow Wilson and Richard Wagner are two people who considered Friday the Thirteenth lucky.

So, remember, don't walk under any ladders, don't break any mirrors, don't spill any salt and don't light three cigarettes on one match. These are a few things to remember today and keep your fingers crossed.

Bridge Tournament Finals Scheduled

Final bridge tournaments will be held in the Union Feb. 21.

Winners of the first preliminary tournament, held Feb. 7, will compete in the second round play-offs to be held this Saturday in the Union.

Team winners of the first preliminary tournament are: Joe Jerman and Mary Thompson, Sydney Fuchs and Marion Brown, Paul Galter and Jerry Wienberg, Kent Kelley and Bill Mundell.

Final winners will attend the Big Seven Conference tournament to be held at Kansas State University, and play in the National Collegiate Bridge Tournament.

The national tournament will have entries from universities throughout the United States and will be conducted by mail.

Youth Groups To Meet Sunday For Cost Supper

The Ag Interdenominational youth groups are scheduled to meet at 1:00 N. 37 St. Sunday night at 6:30 p.m.

A cost supper with the Ag LSA will be followed by World Student Day of Prayer service at Warren Methodist Church.

Your Church

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BAPTIST AND COTNER STUDENT HOUSE

Sunday—6:30 p.m., supper at Union, Parlors ABC. 7:45 p.m., All-campus "Day of prayer for students, service.

Tuesday—5 p.m., joint cabinet meeting and supper, Baptist house.

LUTHERAN STUDENT SERVICE

Friday—6:45 p.m., visitations to nursing homes, meet at 535 No. 16th, 8 p.m. Valentine party at student house.

Friday-Sunday, Midwinter Regional Training Conference, Lindsay, Kan.

Sunday—9:15 a.m., Bible study, 1200 No. 37th and 535 No. 16th. Rides to church. City LSA, Supper at 5 p.m.; program at 6:15 p.m. Slides with Director Hugh Rangelier, Lincoln School System, 6:45 p.m. Joint World Day of Prayer Service, Union, 7:45 p.m. Ag LSA, cost supper at 6:30. Guests will be interdenominational fellowship. Joint World Day of Prayer Service at EUB church, 7:30 p.m.

Tuesday, 7:15 a.m., Vespers.

Wednesday, 7:15 p.m., course "Basic Christian Ethics."

Thursday, 7:15 a.m., Matins. Choir Practice 7:15 p.m.

METHODIST STUDENT HOUSE

Sunday—6 p.m., meet at Student House. 6:30 p.m., supper at Union, Parlors ABC. 7:45 p.m.,

Universal student day of prayer service.

Tuesday—7:30 p.m., Sigma Theta Epsilon Rush Party.

Wednesday, 7:15 a.m. Lenten service, Rev. W. L. Wright, speaker. Pre-service breakfast served from 6:30-7:10 a.m.

Friday—Feb. 20, Washington Birthday Party.

PRESBY HOUSE

Friday—7:30 p.m., Superstitutions and sweethearts party.

Sunday—7:45 p.m., World day of prayer service at Union.

UNIVERSITY LUTHERAN CHAPEL

(Missouri Synod)

Sunday—9:30 a.m., Bible study. 10:45 a.m. Sunday Worship, 5:30 p.m. Gamma Delta, beginning with cost supper.

Wednesday—7:30 p.m. Lenten meditations.

ST. THOMAS CHAPEL

Sunday—Masses, 8 a.m., 9 a.m., 10:30 a.m., 1:30 a.m.

Friday—4 p.m., 7:30 p.m., Stations of the Cross and Benediction.

Ash Wednesday—Masses 6:45 a.m., 7:45 a.m. Ashes blessed and distributed before masses.

Daily weekday Lenten masses, 6:45 a.m., 7:15 a.m.

Lenten evening devotions, Wednesday and Sunday, 7:30 p.m., sermon and Benediction.

Rosary, daily at 5 p.m.

Exhibit Preparations



LIVING PICTURES SHOW . . . Preparatory to the Living Pictures Exhibit scheduled for Mar. 1 by the Nebraska Art Association, backgrounds and "atmosphere" must be painted. Relaxing after their work are: (left) Mrs. William Beachly, Mrs. Alfred P. Barton (seated) and Mrs. Burnham Yates.

Art Association To Open Exhibition In Morrill Hall

Paintings of various kinds, drawings, prints, sculptures and ceramic pieces will be on display at the sixty-third annual Nebraska Art Association exhibit to open March 1 at Morrill Hall.

Nearly all the entries have now been received and unpacked. Consequently, no more pieces chosen from the show last November will be taken away.

One exhibit will be an oil painting by John Marin, who previously has painted only in watercolor. This work is similar to some of his watercolors in subject matter but is characterized by bright hues, especially blue.

"Quiet Pool," a drawing in Chinese ink, by Kuniyoshi and "The Draftsman," an oil in which one young man is shown doing the portrait of another, by Walter Stumpff will be displayed. Samuel Adler sent "Green Cloth," a painting completely different from the figure painting which he submitted last year.

According to Prof. Norman Geske, assistant director of the galleries, who is in charge of the coming show, Louis Bouche shows a trend toward abstract painting in "Show In West 10th St."

Vasilieff sent "Red Table Cloth," a still life which also includes a lamp, bowls, flowers, cup and saucer.

Through magazine reproduction last year, Henry Koerner's panel "Winter Journey" gained wide publicity. It is a large center painting surrounded by 14 small demountable ones.

Among the sculpture exhibit will be a marble torso of a young girl and works by Katherine Nash and Peter Worth. "Twittering Gold" by A. Bau, from the West Indies, is another display.

March 1 the exhibit will be open only to association members but after the first day it will be open to the public for a month.

Cosmopolitan Club Chooses Officers

Ormand Meyer, first year Law College student from West Point, was elected president of Cosmopolitan Club Wednesday.

Raymond Etienne, Haiti, is vice-president; Fay Thoreson, Lincoln, recording secretary; Arlene Arons, corresponding secretary and John Methuselah, South India, treasurer.

Other officers are Gerd Hoffend, Germany, publicity chairman; F. D. Lardizabal, Honduras, social chairman; Taghi Kermani, Iran, program chairman and Om Prakash Nijhawan, India, membership chairman. Human relations representatives are John Methuselah and Raymond Etienne.

Dr. P. White Names Problems Found In Modern Skin Banks

Dr. Philip R. White, one of the world's fanking physiologists and a University visitor this week, is confident that some day men may speak of skin banks as casually as we now mention the Red Cross blood bank.

One of the confounding problems of skin grafts today is that human skin, unlike blood, is not generally transferable. For example, if the skin on your neck is destroyed by a bad burn it can be successfully and quickly replaced only by grafting some of your own skin over the damaged area. Only in the case of identical twins can skin be transferred from one person to another.

This is one of the problems that Dr. White is working to help solve. Strangely enough, the work begins not with a direct approach such as surgery, but with the growth of cells and tissue.

At the Maine Laboratory, where Dr. White now works, a long and careful development of mice families has produced a "standard mouse." These standard animals are so much the same that the skin from one can be successfully grafted to the body of another.

This laboratory annually produces about a million standard mice for laboratory purposes. Each year it sells about 150,000 of its crop to other science laboratories and uses the others in its own experiments.

But don't jump to the conclusion that Dr. White and other tissue culture experts are working to unify the human race into several million identical twins. Instead they are trying to learn more about the properties of various kinds of tissue—including skin.

Already physiologists have learned that were it possible to obtain what might be termed "pure top skin," successful transfer of skin would be possible. It is not the tissue of the top skin that makes transfer grafts unsuccessful; but rather the connective tissue which adheres to the top skin, or as the physiologists would say, the epithelium tissue.

Some of Dr. White's laboratory work is now pointed toward the synthetic manufacture of pure epithelium tissue. He points out,

however, that before you can grow any kind of tissue culture, you must know what to feed it—and finding food for synthetic tissue is Dr. White's life work.

He began 20 years ago by finding scientific diets for plant tissue. He wanted to help supply bottled fed plant tissue because he felt that research to prevent such plant diseases as mosaics and other virus infections, would progress much more rapidly if science had "living laboratories of synthetic tissue" to study.

When Dr. White and other pioneers in the field began their work, such tissue as was being grown synthetically was being fed what Dr. White terms "a kind of witches' brew" of blood serums and raw extracts of various animal embryos which trial and error had shown would support tissue growth.

Much of that, however, is now changed. Dr. White's studies have

provided precise food formulas for plant tissue culture and he is now working to produce precise chemical diets for synthetic animal tissues.

"I'll have to admit," Dr. White said, "that I have found my work most interesting. And I am always interested in visiting places like the University of Nebraska. I am especially pleased to find that your University is inaugurating an institute of cell growth. Our need for such projects is critical. Without them we have no place to turn for properly trained workers whom we must have in the battle against polio, cancer and other diseases.

Dr. White will give the final in a series of three lectures at the University at 2 p.m. Wednesday in Bessey Hall auditorium. He was brought to the University by the University of Nebraska Research Council and the Cooper Foundation.

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