

Peaceful Carolina Campus Resembles Wartime Boom Town

EDITOR'S NOTE: The following survey was made by a DTH reporter on the opening day of the quarter. His accurate observations and interesting sidelights on one of the current problems of the day should provide readers with an insight into the tremendous job that is being done on the Carolina campus.

By Roy C. Moose

"Strikes and shortages of everything from wall board to janitors have thrown the housing projects into confusion. We know that there will be many inconveniences, but if the students will bear with us for a month we are sure things will be organized to properly house all enrollees," explained local housing officials in summing up the congested housing situation here.

And congested it is, for in the past week the lovely, peaceful Carolina campus has been transformed into something resembling a wartime boom town. But it will not turn out weapons of war. Instead workers of peace will emerge as finished products.

Available Space Filled

Every available bit of space is now filled with trailers, barracks, and even tents which lend a militant atmosphere strangely recalling days of Italy and other overseas posts. From rural districts and cities alike the students have come, some bearing their lodging with them like tortoises on the highways, others frantically ringing doorbells only to hear, "Sorry we're all filled."

Those students firmly entrenched in dormitories are indeed the lucky ones for the late-comers are being housed anywhere that they will be able to survive the winter. Places ranging from attics and cellars of homes in Chapel Hill to the basements of dormitories like Steele to the old "Tin Can" where formerly students labored through hours of physical education are being used. Row upon row of double-decked beds, tables, and bureaus fill spaces heretofore used as storage.

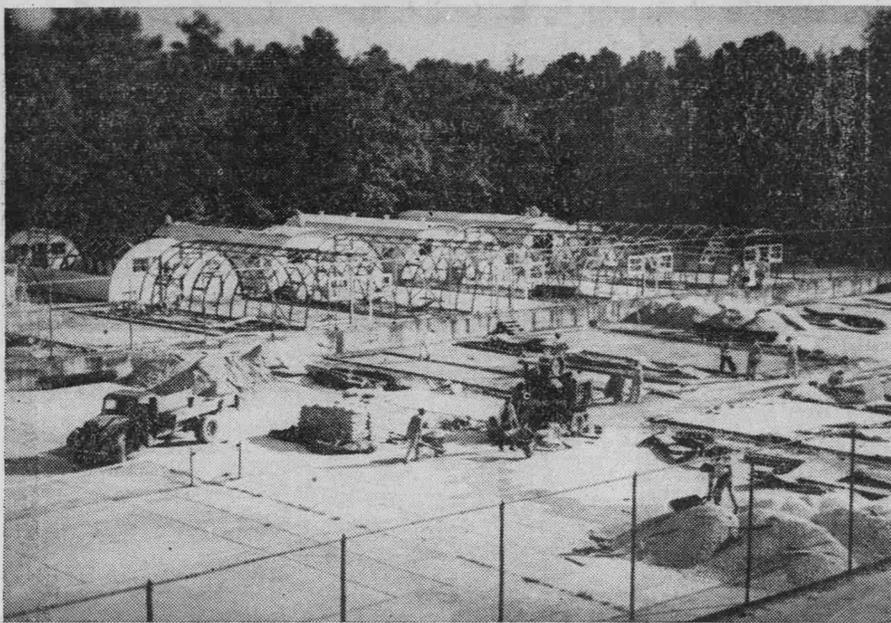
Rising like a munificent benefactor to married couples is "Victory Village," when complete, will consist of sixteen H-type houses resembling long, narrow barracks divided into eight individual apartments; eighty pre-fabricated United Kingdom houses which are individual four-room homes originally built for our British allies under lease-lend, and twelve two-story former Army barracks which will house 72 families. A total of 352 apartments will comprise the village all of which will be assigned to married students.

Fully Equipped Kitchen

Each apartment will consist of a living room, either one or two bedrooms, and a fully equipped kitchen boasting a large sink, ice-box, stove and heater.

Although the housing project was scheduled for completion August 30, a strike by the plumbers and an acute shortage of wall board held up construction. Consequently, married couples who were assigned apartments were unable to move into them. As a result they remain in Whitehead being rushed to completion and the dormitory which was assigned to single students. Until the project is completed single students are being housed temporarily in the "Tin Can."

Most of the 16 H-type barracks are families living there, are enthusiastic over the project. As Mr. and Mrs. T. L. Crittenden of Wilmington stated, "We think it's wonderful. The apartments are much nicer than we had expected! In fact, we think they are better than the ones most families found in Chapel Hill." Asked about heating, Crittenden said, "We have a coal stove which is O. K. once you get the hang of how it works." The only objection voiced was about the thick, sticky mud that prevails throughout the camp when it rains. "And in Chapel Hill it rains every



"... single students in basement given preference ..."

???? day," commented one occupant.

"Homes on Back"

Happy and free from housing problems are the families who "brought their homes on their back," those living in the trailer camp located a half mile out on the Pittsboro road. The large camp will accommodate about 90 trailers, providing bathing and laundry facilities as well as electricity. Residents have been industriously working to make their trailer and plot of ground "home comfortable." The camp is dotted with tiny gardens, lawns, and white picket fences.

Mr. and Mrs. Joel Herren, caught cleaning their lawn, expressed the feeling of all trailer dwellers, "Our trailer is the smallest of the lot but we would prefer it to any apartment because of the privacy and the atmosphere of having your own home. And besides, we think we're saving money."

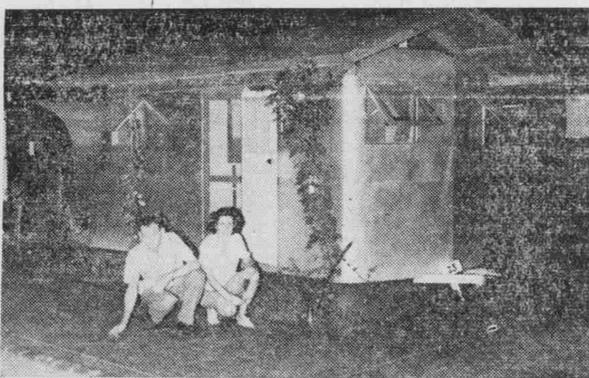
Indicative of the ingenuity displayed by the trailer residents are Doris and Charles Thomas from Athens, Tenn., who not only brought their trailer but also their own meat! "Yes, we went home and killed one of the cows on the farm. Now we have plenty of meat, including steaks," said Doris while waving around a frying pan full of those steaks.

Single Student Trailers

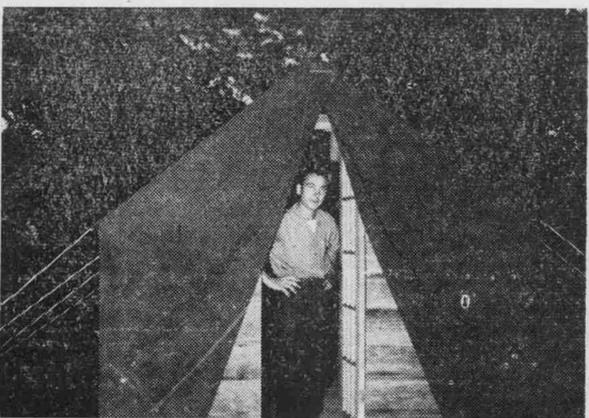
Trailer camps for single students have sprung up on the campus proper. At present there are three camps, one behind Swain Hall, another behind Battle-Vance-Pettigrew dormitory, and the third one back of the Journalism building. Electricity is provided, but the students must go to dormitories for bathing facilities.

Davis Flinchum of Julian, solved his own individual problem by pitching a regular 8x12 tent behind the Journalism building. "I built it myself, floor and all, and brought it down on a trailer. They gave me permission to set it up and then enrolled me in school. It's different from the Navy but I like it," said Flinchum.

To alleviate the crowded conditions of single students, 36 Quonset Huts are rapidly nearing completion on the old Macadam tennis court back of the Monogram Club. Thirty of the huts will be living quarters, each containing twenty students. Three will be study halls and three will consist of latrines. Single students now living in the basement of Steele dormitory and the "Tin Can" will be given preference in the 600-bed project. The



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huts will be ready for occupancy within a month. If these prove satisfactory, housing officials stated that others may be procured.

Alexander dormitory has been cleared of married students and freshmen now have filled it, being placed three to a room. Whitehead, now containing married students, will be emptied as soon as the housing projects are completed and freshmen now in the "Tin Can" will be assigned there. Nash and Miller halls, the barracks behind the Carolina Inn, are filled to capacity with single students. Students housed in the basements of dormitories will be given their choice of remaining there or going to Quonset Huts. Students unable to get rooms on the campus are commuting from as far away as Burlington and Durham. Still others are being packed into already crowded fraternities and sororities.

Three New Dorms

The hope of 1947 is the three new dormitories being constructed around Alexander dormitory. Work is scheduled to be completed in the summer of 1947 and it is expected that the dormitories will be ready for occupancy by the fall of 1947. Each dormitory, to be patterned after Alexander, will contain 96 rooms, housing 3 students a room. A total of 864 students will be accommodated. These three new dormitories coupled with the graduating class will mean accommodations for many new students for the fall of 1947.

Presently Congested

One month seems to be extent of

the present congested housing difficulties. During that time both the Quonset huts and "Victory Village" will be completed giving better facilities to both married students and the single students now enduring makeshift quarters.

Without being overly optimistic the administration said they believed that soon adequate facilities will be found

Letters To The Editor

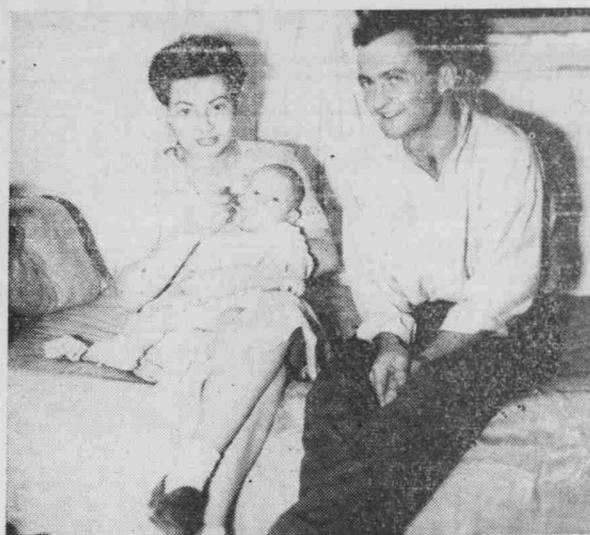
Dear Editor,

This is an open letter to anyone in the administrative position controlling the seating of spectators at the football games in Kenan Stadium. I can be reached at Box 1091.

Can you tell me why Carolina students never get any closer to the center section of the grand-stands than the forty-five yard line on one side of the field? I had the impression that students were the school, the support of a team, that the team was theirs. I remember when students sat from one thirty yard line to another, not lost from the cheering section beyond the goal zone, not sitting in temporary bleachers, not standing.

Come along, gentlemen, the dollar sign can't be worth breaking the faith of your students. Remember the Georgia Tech incident. Write above address.

ART GOLBY.



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for all students and that Carolina "We hope so." And rightly they do would again settle to normal life. As with tough studies facing them for the students, they all chimed, the coming year.

Crossword Puzzle

ANSWERS TO PREVIOUS PUZZLE

ACROSS

- 1-Obstacle
- 4-Pref: two
- 6-Story
- 11-At same time
- 12-Exhilarated
- 15-Symbol for sodium
- 16-New York Indians
- 18-Musical note
- 19-Act
- 21-Hence
- 22-Roasting stick
- 24-Yield
- 25-Riven
- 28-Golf mound
- 29-The end
- 31-Bombing trip
- 32-Railroad (abbr.)
- 34-Place to skate
- 36-Strike
- 38-Behold!

DOWN

- 1-Ask payment
- 2-Garland
- 3-Mile (abbr.)
- 4-Part of body
- 5-Lifeless
- 6-Hats
- 7-Wing
- 8-Male voice
- 9-Lieutenant (abbr.)
- 10-More weird
- 12-Thus
- 14-Dis courage
- 17-Man's name
- 20-German river
- 23-Pint (abbr.)
- 24-Pref: with
- 25-Shield
- 27-River in Africa
- 30-Insects
- 32-Venture
- 35-Like things
- 37-Segment
- 38-Goods cast adrift
- 39-Public speaker
- 41-Not thoroughly cooked
- 43-One-base hit
- 44-Printer's measure
- 45-And (Fr.)
- 48-Bodies of water
- 51-Heretic
- 53-Egyptian deity
- 57-Beverage
- 58-Symbol for aluminum
- 60-Over (post.)
- 62-Symbol for barium
- 64-Symbol for germanium

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