

Carr Mill the home of history

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Carr Mill Mall, located on the corner of Weaver and North Greensboro streets in Carrboro, is a historical landmark that was once a leading cotton mill in the state. The original structure, built in 1899 as a textile mill by Thomas Lloyd, was called the Alberta Cotton Mill.

Lloyd sold the mill to General Julian S. Carr of Durham in 1909. Carr transformed it into the Durham Hosiery Company, building it into one of the largest hosiery companies in the world during the first quarter of the century.

Carrboro is named in honor of Carr. Originally named Venable, after former UNC president Frances P. Venable, the name changed in 1913 after Carr aided in bringing electricity to the area.

The mill closed during the Great Depression of the 1930s and did not reopen until after World War II, when Pacific Mills of Boston used it as a woollen mill. Next it was sold to the BVD company, which used it as a sorting and shipping factory for underwear.

In 1967 the EDY Corporation bought it for \$300,000. Edward Yaggy, president of the company, went through a three-year court battle before winning the case and being

awarded the deed, said Mark Burnham, owner of Book Cellar in the Mall. The case arose when the BVD Company went back on a promise to pay the first sale price they offered EDY.

EDY planned to tear down the mill and construct a new shopping center. However, the community opposed the plan because they wanted to keep the area preserved.

"They were quite pleased indeed when new plans were to only change it into a mall," meaning that the structure itself was preserved, said William Powell, professor of history at UNC. "The community was afraid the old mill would be destroyed."

In the early 1970s, Southern Real Estate of Charlotte became interested in the property and performed market surveys on it. Their results were positive, in that the property would be a good investment, so they proposed a mall plan. At the same time Harris-Teeter grocery chain and Revco Drug stores also conducted surveys.

When they decided to join the center, building space had to be made for them. Their stores were built where the mill's power plant and smoke stack had been.

During this transformation into a shopping center the mill complex was listed in the National Register of Historic Places. This listing meant that the changes could be tax deducti-

ble. This also meant that all changes had to pass the Carrboro Appearance Commission's scrutiny.

Other problems developer B. J. Allison of Charlotte encountered included window repairs and acquiring enough funds to begin the structural rehabilitation. The funds for purchasing the property were given by Connecticut Mutual Life Insurance, and Mutual Savings and Loan of Charlotte made a \$2,500,000 construction loan.

The window problem was a more difficult situation, as the mill had over 152 brick-covered windows. The bricks were removed and saved for future buildings. Special window frames with 40 glass panes each were constructed and built in the style of the old windows, costing \$1,200 per window.

Renovations and construction of the mill occurred in stages. The first stage of building the mall stores ended on May 1977 and the second stage included the building of offices according to tenant requests.

The mill originally was valued at \$304,700 and covered 70,796 square feet. The new construction raised the value to \$1,538,500 in 1978 and the area increased to 107,021 square feet. The work on the mill averaged \$26.16 per square foot for a total of \$2,800,000.

Campus Calendar

Public service announcements must be turned into the box outside DTH offices in the Carolina Union by noon if they are to run the next day. Each item will be run at least twice.

TODAY'S ACTIVITIES

Today is the deadline for entering the IM volleyball/tripler tournament and the IM frisbee golf tournament.

COMING EVENTS

The Democrats of East Franklin Precinct and the UNC Young Democrats invite you and your friends to a music party featuring original dance music, political songs and instrumental by Chapel Hill writers and performers to benefit voter registration work. Come hear David Stillson, Nyle Frank, Jon Loomis, Stuart Hoyle, Tracy Drach, Solipists and Byron Wood from 8 p.m. to midnight Saturday at the Community Church at Mason Farm and Purefoy Road, Chapel Hill. Donations are \$3.

Bread for the World will host a talk by Mr. Richard Pippin, a small farmer organizer, on "A Look at Land Use in North Carolina" at 7:30 p.m. Monday at the Church of Reconciliation. Anyone interested in alleviating hunger in the United States and abroad is welcome to attend this free event.

"It's About Women" is sponsoring Janice Perry, aka Gal, who will perform a solo, original, humorous "Spunk Rock" a cappella at 8 p.m. Saturday at 3313 Wade Avenue, Raleigh. The event is \$4 at the door.

Morchead Planetarium will present special shows of "When Worlds Align" at 1 p.m. and 3 p.m. Monday at the planetarium. Dr. James Leate will speak on "Contemporary International Affairs" at a meeting of the Undergraduate History Association at 4 p.m. Tuesday in 213 Carolina Union. Everyone is welcome.

The Omega Pearls will hold an interest meeting at 7 p.m. Tuesday in the Carolina Union. All interested women are invited to attend.

There will be a very important meeting of the Water Ski Club at 8 p.m. Tuesday in 210 Gardner Hall. Plans for future ski trips and elections for next year's officers will be the main points of the meeting.

N.C. Governor Bob Scott will speak to the N.C. Young Democrats at 8 p.m. Tuesday in the Carolina Union.

The Honorable L. Richardson Preyer, William Neal Reynolds Visiting Professor of Public Affairs at UNC and former representative in Congress, will speak on "Congressional Ethics" at 8 p.m. Tuesday at the Community Church, 106 Purefoy Road, Chapel Hill. This meeting is sponsored by the Common Cause and is open to the public.

Brooks de Wetter-Smith, UNC-CH department of music, will present a recital of chamber music with flute at 8:15 p.m. Tuesday in Hill Hall auditorium.

The N.C. Frisbee Fair will be held from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday on NCSU's lower intramural fields. The NCSU Frisbee Club is presenting this event and profits go to EASTER SEALS. This is the largest non-competitive frisbee demonstration-clinic in N.C. WQDR and Domino's Pizza are co-sponsors of the event. Rain date is April 12.

A workshop for pre-med students to help fill out MCAT applications will be held from 4 to 5 p.m. Thursday in Nash Hall.

ITEMS OF INTEREST

Outing Club members who would like to participate in the canoe/camping trip on April 17 should sign up now. Call Mike at 942-2277 for more information.

Student Legal Services, SEB (WXYC) Board and Student Health Advocate Board applications are available in Suite C. Please sign up for interviews. Deadline is April 16.

Applications are now available for chancellor's and vice-chancellor's committees in Suite C. Please sign up for an interview.

Sponsor forms for the 1982 Chapel Hill-Carrboro "Wheel for Life" Bike-A-Thon are now available at all area bike shops and the Carolina Union desk. The April 25 event will be held at Carr Mill in Carrboro. Pick up a sponsor form and get pledges now! Money will go to fight childhood cancer around the world. Sponsored by the St. Jude Children's Research Hospital in Memphis, Tennessee.

Interviews for Summer Committee positions on the Employment Service Committee will be held from 12 to 2 p.m. April 14 and from 3:30 to 5 p.m. April 15 in Suite C.

Last chance to see a PRC production for free! Sign up in 203 Coraham Memorial to usher for PRC's production of twelfth running April 14 through April 25.

The Committee for the Freedom of Stephen J. Kablinki will be sending a few members to Tallahassee, Florida on April 10-13 to select the new site for the 1982-83 Kablinki convention (choices have been narrowed to Oxford, Ohio and Tallahassee, Florida). Call Mr. Bu 933-6253 for more information if interested.

Intervarsity members! There will be a Fun Run (5km) on April 18 to raise money for students going on STIM this summer. See your chapter president for more information.

The Audit Board will be accepting applications for one- and two-year appointments. Interested persons should submit a cover letter and resume to the Carolina Union desk before 5 p.m. Wednesday, April 14.

Volunteer coaches are needed for the Carrboro Recreation and Parks Department's Youth Baseball League. For additional information call the Recreation and Parks Department at 942-8541, extension 201.

UNC Media Board will accept all large applications until April 8. Please send resume and letter of application to Box 13, Carolina Union.

PharmCAT (Pharmacy College Admission Test), May 8 applications must be received in NYC by April 10 with a \$25 fee. This test is for 1983 admissions. Applications are available in 201-D Steele Building or 101 Nash Hall. Call 966-5116 or 962-2343 for more information.

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