

**Proceedings of Chapel Hill Committee on Naval Affairs;
Extract from Minutes of Meeting at Eubanks' Drugstore**

Have you heard the Navy's going to build a wing on Woollen gym?
A swimming pool? More playing fields? It all sounds pretty grim.
Have you heard the Navy has the floors scrubbed six times every day?
And makes the maids all walk the plank before they get their pay?

Have you heard three Navy bachelors have shanghaied someone's cook,
And give her wages three times more than the lady she forsook?
Have you heard the laundry'll wash no more for Chapel Hill galoots?
The Navy keeps 'em busy doing white and khaki suits.

Have you heard cadets will number soon as many as ten thousand?
And everyone will have to leave, so the Navy men can house 'em?
Have you heard that all the co-eds have one field of concentration?
They're studying how best to serve their fellow man and nation.

Have you heard the University is going to close its doors?
Have you heard the Navy's going to move the campus to the shores
Of either the Atlantic or perhaps some other ocean?
Or maybe to Austral-i-a if they should take the notion.

—MARJORIE BOND
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WAR SONG—"Praise the Lord and pass the ammunition" is the first war song America has taken to its heart in this conflict. . . . It fills the bill. . . . Diligent search for the chaplain supposed to have uttered the exhortation as he manned a gun, first turned up Capt. William A. Maguire, who thought he might have used some such phrase, but couldn't remember having done so, and knew he hadn't served any gun. . . .

Then came forward Lieut. Howell Forgy, Presbyterian chaplain on a heavy cruiser. He hadn't served a gun either, but he had said, "Praise the Lord and pass the ammunition" to a sweating chain of bluejackets substituting for a broken ammunition hoist. . . . The coupling of worship and patriotism is no new thing. . . . "Trust in God and keep your powder dry" dates to the Revolution.—*Chicago Sun.*

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Assistant Director of Athletics

Lieut. Carruthers Handles All Intercollegiate Sports

Lieut. Tom Carruthers is the jack of all trades in the athletic department. As assistant director of athletics it is his job to handle all intercollegiate sports, schedule games, worry about transportation, and any of a number of things that a man in his position in civilian life has to do.

But Lieut. Carruthers likes his work, likes the Navy and the Navy likes him. So the combination makes the intercollegiate sports program here one of the best in the country, and sports fans know that a Chapel Hill Pre-Flight team in any sport will make a good showing.

It was in the fall of 1940 that Lieut. Carruthers was commissioned in the Naval Reserve, but it was not until the summer of 1941 that he went on active duty, then at the Navy operating base in Norfolk. He was later transferred to this program, and reported to Comdr. Tom Hamilton's second school at Annapolis. On May 20 of this year he reported to the North Carolina Pre-Flight unit of the Navy.

His job was a tough one. Most colleges schedule their football games from one to three years in advance. Within two months, though, he had a Cloudbuster football schedule that was the envy of every college in the country. The cream of collegiate football was scheduled to play against the local Pre-Flight school.

But there were other worries. There is no money to run an intercollegiate sports program, and it must be self-supporting. That means the books must balance as well as the team.

Lieut. Carruthers is strong in his praise of the Pre-Flight program. "It is the finest I've ever seen," he told us. "Why two years ago we would have said it was impossible. This program is not only going to help us meet our war needs; it will mean the physical build-up of American youth. No one seems to realize what he can do until put to a real test. The physical stamina of our youth has been proven these last few months."

Lieut. Carruthers was born in Charlottesville, Va., and was graduated from the University of Virginia, which is located there, back in 1924. He participated in baseball, both as a pitcher and outfielder, and upon graduation became associated with the Citizens National Bank at Charleston, W. Va.

For five years he stayed at Charleston, living the life of a banker but thinking more than once about his hometown and university. An offer to



Lieut. Carruthers

go back in 1929 as Graduate Manager of Athletics was all that he needed, and upon his return stayed for 13 years, or until 1941.

Football fans around Charlottesville

give Lieut. Carruthers credit for seeing more University of Virginia athletic contests than any other man his age in the state. From 1929 through the 1941 season he saw every football game they played, both at home and away. "I counted them up not so long ago," he musingly said, "and they totaled 123 games."

Last season the University of Virginia had the finest squad of any during Lieut. Carruthers' stay there. The team lost only one game, that to Yale, and they were sparked by one of the greatest backs of modern football, All-American Bill Dudley. Lieut. Carruthers thinks that Dudley, who at present is the best ground gainer in professional football, is the finest back he's ever seen. He still doesn't understand that loss to Yale. Virginia was ahead 19 to 0 at half-time, but they lost the game, 21 to 19.

The assistant director of athletics is married and has four children, ages from 13 to 4. He has been a member of the N.C.A.A. Boxing Rules Committee since 1937, and served as a member of the 1940 Olympic Boxing Committee.

Right now his big worries are finishing out the football season, and finishing up other intercollegiate schedules. But no one at the station is worried unless it is Lieut. Carruthers. The others know that the intercollegiate sports program is well taken care of.

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