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The History Behind The News

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The Exploits Of Admiral Yi-Sun Sin

In a former article I mentioned that Yi-Sun Sin, a Korean admiral, was one of the greatest admirals in history. Several people have asked me exactly who he was and what he did.

Yi-Sun Sin as a boy was very much interested in the sea. He grew up to be a genius of naval strategy and tactics, and the inventor of the first iron-clad ship.

In 1592 he heard rumors that the Japanese were going to attack Korea. Therefore he designed and built a ship which was better than any in the Orient at that time. The hull of the ship was built for speed, and a long and strong ram was built into the stem. At all of the vantage points holes were cut for archers and the upper deck was covered with sheets of iron studded with spikes. All of this armor made the ship safe from fire arrows and from boarding parties. This was the world's first iron-clad warship.

The Japanese succeeded in landing and overrunning most of the Korean peninsula. However, Yi-Sun gained control of the seas and cut the enemy's supply line.

Japan sued for peace and withdrew its army. At the same time they were planning for a second invasion. This time they went about it more slowly and decided to use a little more diplomacy.

Hideyoshi, the Japanese commander, by the use of spies, fifth columnists, and political bribery, succeeded in having Yi-Sun relieved of his command, and a very incompetent man took his place. By the time Hideyoshi was

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Annual Shooting Begins Monday

A COLLECTION OF CUTE CAGERS



New Uniforms Being Sought For 1945 High School Baseball Team

Materials and prices of much-needed C. H. H. S. baseball uniforms are being investigated, Superintendent A. W. Honeycutt announced recently. The uniforms will be purchased with a portion of the Athletic fund provided by the Kiwanis and Rotary clubs.

Samples have been ordered from two concerns, and their arrival is expected soon. It is hoped that either dark grey, or blue and white uniforms can be found.

Basketball Games Tomorrow Night

The Chapel Hill High School basketball teams will play host to the boys' and girls' teams representing Efland High tomorrow night at the Women's Gym. The first game will begin at 7.

Alumni Notes

The Merchant Marine will soon welcome those two 1944 graduates, J. D. Wright and Charles Wright.

John Webb and "Wimp" Carroll are home on leave from the Navy. "Wimp" has been taking his training at Bainbridge, Md., and John has been in Boot Camp.

Arriving this week are Kenneth Council and Amos Horne, both on boot leave.

That former baseball player and star for C. H. H. S., Raymond Perry, is now home on a ten-day leave from Santiago, California.

Also on leave now is Sam McCauley, of the Marines, stationed at Parris Island.

William Huskey, recently graduated from a gunnery school in Texas, is at home for a few days before reporting to California.

Senior Pictures To Be Taken First

It was announced last week by Hillife Editor Billy Carmichael that Senior pictures for the Annual will be taken beginning next Monday, January 22.

A schedule has already been arranged by Senior Editor Helen Phillips and Seniors will be informed in plenty of time exactly when they are to have their pictures made. A complete schedule will be posted today or tomorrow.

Seniors, especially girls, are requested to get in touch with Editor Phillips for instructions as to type of dress that will be worn for the pictures.

The taking of other annual pictures, those of organizations, classes, and athletics will begin as soon as the Senior pictures are finished.

From the business end of the staff comes word that the advertising campaign is now underway and that pledging of annuals will begin Monday.

Talk By Plemmons Features Assembly

Dr. William Plemmons, representative of the Admissions office at the University, spoke on the problems of college admission in the assembly on Tuesday.

Dr. Plemmons discussed the procedures of gaining admission and the requirements needed for not only the University, but, also, for other colleges. After his discussion there was an opportunity for students to ask questions.

The speaker, a graduate from Wake Forest, received his Doctor's degree from the University of North Carolina.