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## Honeycutt Lauds Athletics and Bond Sales

### The History Behind The News

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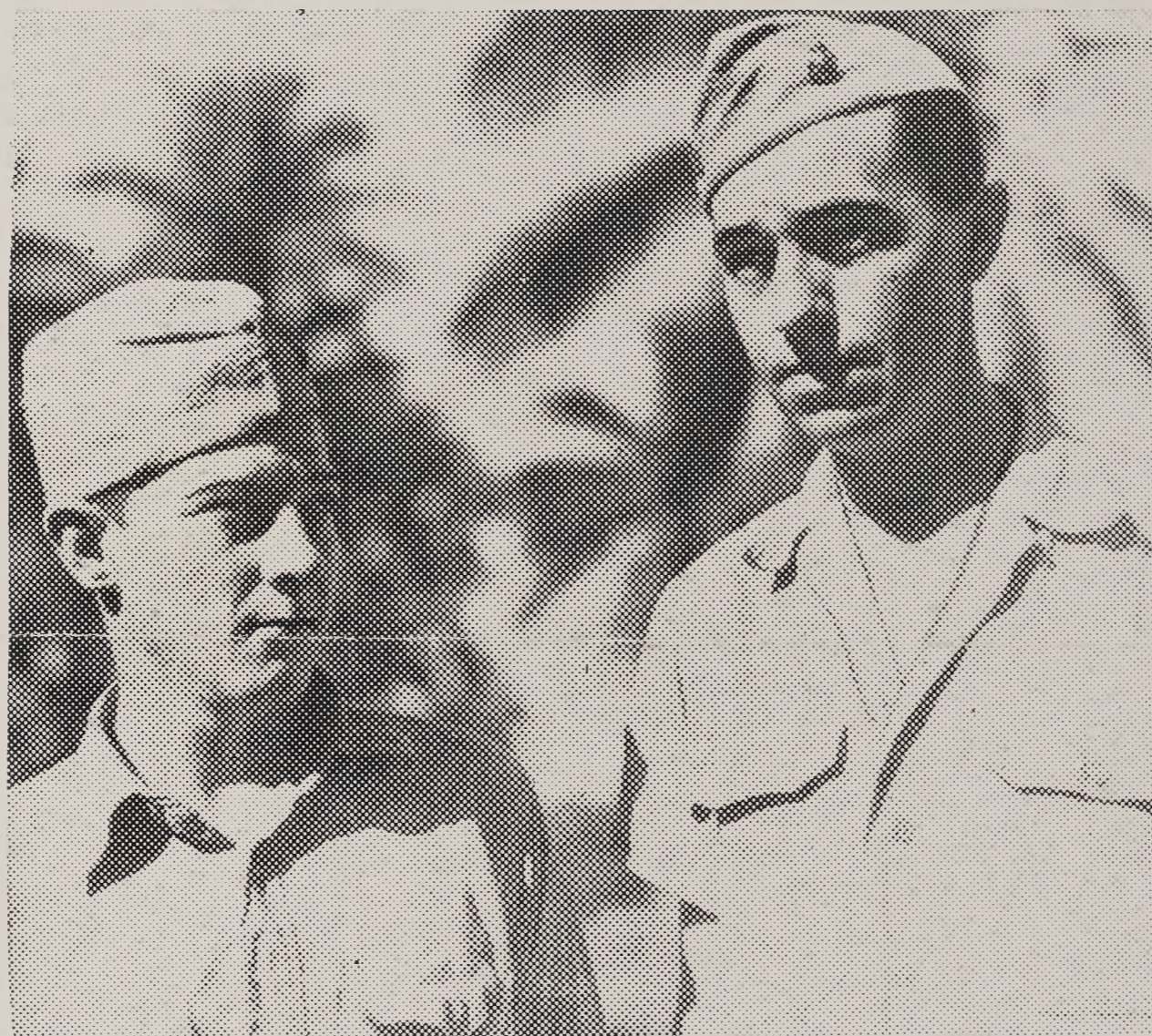
We are unable to understand Russia in spite of the fact that our country and England have her for an ally in this war. The Russians have been distrustful of their allies and have refused to cooperate in many of the ways in which the rest of the United Nations wish them to. It might be easier to understand this distrustfulness if we go back into ancient history.

The origins of Russian history present us with two sort of half-legendary, half-real factors. The factors are that the ninth century the Russians had no organized states whatsoever and, growing weary of this anarchy, are said to have gone to foreign princes and to have said, "Our soil is widely fruitful, but order is lacking there. Be out, princes, and come to govern us."

Then three princes came into North Russia and set up principalities and at the same time brought Christianity into this pagan country.

Up until this time Russia had very few wars; in fact, in all their pagan worships there was no god of war. From this we can see that Europe was the country which began all of its troubles, even though they asked foreign influences into their country.

From the very early part of the ninth century up to and including the present century, Russia has had one or two wars with almost every European country  
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### Two Former C. H. H. S. Students Fight Together In Pacific War

#### Alice Ross And John Canada Graduate

Two C. H. H. S. students, Alice Ross and John Canada, who lacked sufficient credits for graduation last June, finished the required courses at the end of the semester, and have officially graduated.

Alice Ross, who came to Chapel Hill from Buchanan, W. Va., plans to work until the end of the current University semester, and then enter U. N. C. Her father, Lt. Cecil Ross, is executive officer of the military department in the Naval Pre-Flight School.

John Canada, who lacked only one credit for graduation last  
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The graduates of Chapel Hill High School who are in the armed forces are scattered far and wide over the huge area the war covers, and yet, occasionally, old friends and classmates do meet. Such a chance encounter took place recently between Pfc. John Trueblood Brittain and Captain William Jackson Boone, both alumni of the High School.

John typifies his middle name as a Marine with the famed forces stationed in the Pacific. He distinguished himself recently during combat duty while serving on Bougainville.

A Jap sniper in a tree overhanging a telephone wire shot at Brittain. A half-hour later someone shot the sniper, but not until  
(See *ALUMNI*, page four)

### Physical Ed Class Is Also Recognized

Three C. H. H. S. activities and organizations were recognized by Superintendent A. W. Honeycutt in assembly last week, who gave records of their progress and cited examples of their cooperation and achievement.

Mr. Honeycutt first introduced Miss Virginia Simkins, co-chairman of the high school War Bond committee, who gave a report on the school's part in the Sixth War Loan drive. The State War Finance Office has sent the school a certificate of recognition which states that the War Bonds purchased by C. H. H. S. students bought six ambulances, which will bear the name of the school.

War Loan officials, in a message to the school, stated that C. H. H. S. window displays were one of the most striking campaign projects in the state.

The second recognition by Mr. Honeycutt was of the boys' physical education class, which has been without an instructor since the beginning of school. The boys have been playing volleyball during sixth period when the weather permits, and movies have been shown in the auditorium when it rains.

The third recognition was of the basketball teams, which have been "doing a fine job of representing C. H. H. S. at schools in other parts of the state."

#### HONORARY EDITOR

In continuance with its policy to train future editors, the Proconian this week has as its honorary editor, David Sharpe.