

"The world must be made safe for democracy."

— Woodrow Wilson, 1917

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Lessons in Warfare



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WORLD WAR I EFFECT ON CAROLINA

College campuses were not out of touch with the rest of America as the country fought for democracy. UNC created **mock battlefields** (above), complete with trenches and barbed wire, to train soldiers. Athletic fields were temporarily used for this practice (left).

World War I unified the United States in a way nothing else could, drawing help from all Americans, including women and minorities.

The women (far left), **Red Cross volunteers** in Raleigh, are pictured handing out refreshments to the newly enlisted black troops. As men took off for overseas battlegrounds, women who did not serve as volunteers filled in at factories and at department stores.

On May 18, 1917, the Selective Service Act was passed, providing for the enlistment of all able-bodied American men between the ages of 21 and 31. Blacks, who were turned down from enlistment when the United States first joined the war, signed up. **More than 2 million black men registered.**

IN THE NATION
Beginning of the 1910s

- Population: 92,228,496
- Male life expectancy: 48.4 years
- Female life expectancy: 51.8 years
- Black life expectancy: 35.6 years
- Average worker's weekly wage: \$47.92
- Leading cause of death: influenza

AT CAROLINA
In 1910

Population of Chapel Hill	802
Enrollment	563
Costs per semester	
Tuition	\$30
Summer school enrollment	40 men 59 women
Graduating class	76 out of original 185



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and comes up short again and again, because there is no effort without error or shortcoming ..."

— Theodore Roosevelt

TAFT TALKS AT UNC

President William Howard Taft visited the University in 1915. He delivered the first lecture in the Weil Lectures on American Citizenship, established by the families of Henry and Sol Weil of Goldsboro.

In the picture to the left, Taft (center) stands on the porch of Battle House, which belonged to the University president. Judge Henry Groves Connor and President Edward K. Graham stand on either side.



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WHEN PARKING WAS SIMPLE

In 1917, very few students or University officials had cars, making parking spots easy to obtain on campus. Five years earlier, there were only 13 cars in Chapel Hill for more than 1,000 people. But throughout the decade the presence of automobiles increased and in 1919, the state paved a 19-foot strip down the middle of Franklin Street just east of Columbia Street.

ATHLETICS
BASKETBALL IS BORN

The eight men above comprised the first UNC basketball team to play competitively with other schools in 1911. The team won its first game, 42-11, on Jan. 27, 1911, against Virginia Christian in Chapel Hill. The team played its home contests in Bynum Gym, now the site of the University Cashier's Office. In the time, a crowd of 50 was considered enormous.

FOOTBALL FLOURISHES

Football coach T.C. "Doggie" Trenchard returned to the school for the 1913 campaign. The next season, the Tar Heels went 10-1, outscored their opponents 359-52 and became the first Southern team to display players' numbers on their jerseys. In 1915, Trenchard began the first athletic training table at UNC in his home, feeding the 56 members of the squad on a daily basis.

Emerson Stadium (below) was constructed in 1916 and stood near the area where Davis Library now stands. Varsity football was sacrificed for military training in 1917 and 1918.



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Lincoln Logs

- Johnny Gruelle begins to sell **Raggedy Ann** dolls.
- A German submarine sinks the British passenger ship *S.S. Lusitania* sunk. Of the 1,195 killed, 128 are Americans, increasing American sentiment to enter World War I.
- UNC joins the South Atlantic Intercollegiate Conference of State Universities.
- Chapel Hill's Gimghoul Castle is built.
- Albert Einstein publishes his completed **theory of relativity**.
- D.W. Griffith releases "**Birth of a Nation**," forever changing the movie industry and fanning the flames of racial discord in America.

- John Lloyd Wright, son of Frank, invents **Lincoln Logs** after seeing his father's design for the Imperial Palace Hotel in Japan.
- Jeanette Rankin from Montana becomes the **first woman elected to Congress**.

- **United States declares war** on Germany, officially entering World War I.
- Original Dixieland Jass Band releases the **first-ever jazz recording**, "Livery Stable Blues."
- The **NAACP** launches a **silent protest parade** in New York City to protest a massacre in Illinois and lynchings in Texas and Tennessee that happened that year.
- V.I. Lenin leads the **Bolshevik revolution** and overturns the Russian government.
- **Puerto Rico** becomes an American territory.

- **Warner Brothers** film studio is incorporated.
- **More than \$18 billion in Liberty Bonds** are sold to support the American war effort.
- The worldwide **influenza epidemic**, which eventually kills 20 million people, including 500,000 Americans, strikes Chapel Hill. University President Edward Kitter Graham died from pneumonia following the flu.
- Varsity football is sacrificed for military training.
- **Daylight Savings Time** starts.
- Sales of **Ouija Boards** reach 1 million.

- **Treaty of Versailles** is signed, ending World War I.
- Phillips Hall opens for the math and physics departments.
- The "**Black Sox**" scandal mars the World Series. After the favored Chicago White Sox lose to the Cincinnati Reds, eight White Sox players, including "Shoeless" Joe Jackson, are banned from the game for conspiring to throw the series.
- **Grand Canyon National Park** opens.
- Henry Woodburn Chase is inaugurated as the new University president.

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