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See what the boys
In the back room will have

And tell them
We'll die for the same.

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IRC Will Bring Latvian Dr. P. Lejins Here Thursday Night

Pre-Flight Band Transferred To Sea

Parsons Headed Popular Navy Music Makers New Negro Group Reports for Duty

The Navy Band, which has been stationed here with the Pre-Flight unit since July 31, 1942, left Chapel Hill yesterday for off shore duty.

The Navy policy regarding bands is to keep the whole outfit together for the duration, so when one man goes they all go. With them will go their director, James B. Parsons, who has led the band since its organization in April, 1942. Before coming into the Navy, Parsons was director of instrumental music for the Negro school system in Greensboro, N. C. There he was carrying on a successful job when the Navy sought him out to become director of the first all-Negro Navy band to be organized in this war. Parsons received his BA and BM degrees at James Millikin University, Decatur, Ill., where he later became freshman dean and instructor of instrumental music. His last job before going to Greensboro was acting head of the music department for Lincoln university in Jefferson City, Mo.

The man who is taking Parsons' place is C. L. Francois, who brings with him another all-Negro band from the mid-west. The new band has already arrived and has begun its work. They played for a dance on Saturday night, for church Sunday and will be playing for the regular drills and programs of the Pre-Flight School.

The story behind the first all-Negro Navy Band, which is now on its way to their new job somewhere outside of the United States, starts back in April, 1942, when the Navy Department sent Chief Bandmaster C. E. Dudrow, USN See PRE-FLIGHT, page 4



JOHNSON

Sophomore Dances Planned Weekend Of May 12 and 13

Freddy Johnson Plays for Set

Carolina's first set of big spring dances, sponsored by the original class of '46, will be held in Woollen gym Friday and Saturday nights, May 12 and 13. Freddy Johnson and his orchestra will play for the dances from 9 until 1 on Friday and from 9 until midnight on Saturday.

Admission to members of the class of '46 will be free, since they helped to pay for expenses in their matriculation fees. For all other students the bids will be priced at \$1.25 for both dances and 75 cents for one night. The Friday night dance will be semi-formal and the Saturday night dance will be formal.

The Friday and Saturday night dances will climax a week of social activity for the sophomores. During the week they have planned a picnic and a field day.

Members of the sophomore class who will be in the figure are Dan Davis, president; Dick Ford, secretary-treasurer; Ray Walters, chairman of the dance committee; Madison Wright, chairman of the executive committee; Bruce Van Wagoner, chairman of the finance committee and Tom Cranford, chairman of sophomore week.

Also in the figure will be the members of the dance and executive committee. See SOPHOMORE, page 4



THE BIG FOUR of the Navy Pre-Flight School band which left yesterday are pictured above, standing left to right, Melvin L. Wall, Mus2c, co-leader of the swing section, James B. Parsons, Mus1c, leader of the entire band, and William H. Cole, Mus2c, co-leader with Wall of the swing section. Seated in the center is James D. Morgan, Jr., Mus2c, drum major and assistant to Parsons.

Captain Eddie Rickenbacker Speaks Here Tuesday May 9

Flyer To Appear At Fetzer Field

Captain Eddie Rickenbacker, ace of aviation in World War I and the man who is often referred to as "the man with nine lives," will speak in Fetzer Field here at 3:45 Tuesday afternoon, May 9, and the address will be open to cadets, students and townspeople alike.

Making a two day whirlwind tour of the central section of the State, Captain Rickenbacker is slated to speak three times in this vicinity, in addition to the Chapel Hill address, but he is coming to the State primarily to feature the conference of the 189th District Rotary at Pinehurst on May 7-8.

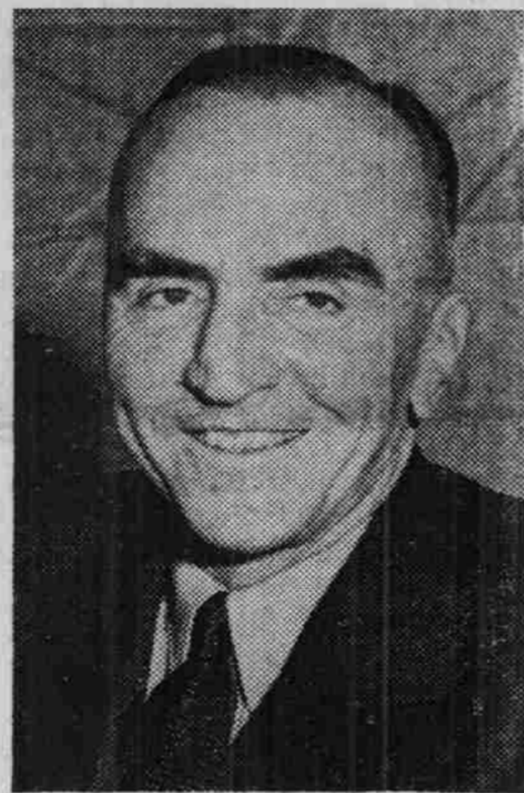
Rickenbacker is making the trip to North Carolina upon the invitation of R. W. Madry, District Governor of the Rotary, and Playwright Paul Green, who recently completed a biographical movie script of the captain.

Coming from Durham

If current plans are followed, he will arrive here from Durham about 3 o'clock on the ninth and will observe the cadets in their classroom work and sports program. At 3:45, he will go to Fetzer Field for the scheduled address.

He will leave Chapel Hill at 5:30 for Burlington, where he will speak before a group arranged by the Burlington Chamber of Commerce, and he will go from there to Greensboro to catch a plane for his return trip to New York.

Captain Rickenbacker set a record as a top fighter pilot during the first World War that stood unchallenged



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for a quarter of a century. Only recently was it bettered by American flyers in the current war.

The "man with nine lives" almost lost his last one a year and a half ago when he, along with seven members of a Flying Fortress crew, was lost in the Pacific for 24 days. The nation waited breathlessly for news of his rescue. And when it came his anxious wife said: "I felt all along that Eddie was alive. He has always called himself the 'darling of Lady Luck' and I think he is."

Two years ago Captain Rickenbacker See RICKENBACKER, page 4

94 NC Alumni Decorated For Gallantry

Five Medals Given To Major Wilkins

By Margaret Russell

Since Pearl Harbor, 94 alumni of the University have been decorated for gallantry in action, according to J. Maryon Saunders, Secretary of the General Alumni Association. These 94 men have been awarded a total of 140 medals.

Included among the decorations given University alumni is the Congressional Medal of Honor. Major Raymond H. Wilkin, Class of 1938, of Columbia, was awarded posthumously the nation's highest decoration for "conspicuous gallantry and intrepidity in aerial action" against the enemy near Rabaul, New Britain, November 2, 1943. In 22 months of overseas service as pilot, Major Wilkins was awarded the Silver Star, the Air Medal and the Distinguished Flying Cross with two Oak Leaf Clusters.

Carolina Athletes

Two former University athletes have received the Distinguished Service Cross, the Army's second highest medal. Lt. Col. Ramsay D. Potts, Jr., '38, of Memphis, Tenn., was given the D.S.C. for work with a four-motored bomber group based in England, and Capt. George D. Watson, '39, of Collingswoods, N. J., received the D.S.C. for his role in combat intelligence work behind Japanese lines in Guadalcanal in December, 1942. Potts played basketball and tennis at the University, while Watson was co-captain of the 1938 football eleven.

Five alumni have received the Navy Cross, the Navy's second highest award. Lt. William S. Woollen, '37, of Chapel Hill, won the Navy Cross in the See ALUMNI, page 4

Carolina Debaters Beat Georgia Tech

Saturday night Carolina defeated Georgia Tech in the intercollegiate debate held in Graham Memorial lounge. Bill Crisp and Rene Bernard represented Carolina and Moses Cenker and Dwain Bowen offered the opposition from Tech. It had not yet been learned how Kitty Kelly and Betsy Ross Howe came out in Atlanta.

Tuesday night at the regular session of the Debate Council, there will be tryouts for an Eastern Debate tour which is scheduled for May 5, 6, and 7. The University has scheduled debates with University of Richmond, Johns Hopkins University, and George Washington University in Washington, D. C. Any-one wishing may try out for this trip.

The Debate Council meets in the Grail Room of Graham Memorial every Tuesday night at 8:45.

Unofficial Representative To Discuss Russian Policy Bagby and West Go To Washington And Engage Prominent Sociologist

The International Relations Club will present Dr. P. Lejins, as an unofficial representative of the Latvian minister to the United States, who will speak on the controversial subject of Russian foreign policy, in Hill Hall at 8 o'clock Thursday evening.

The Latvian minister, when approached by the IRC in Washington, late last month, felt that in his official capacity as a foreign diplomat, it would be dangerous for him to express his views on the Soviet Union at a public meeting. He suggested Dr. Lejins, chairman of the Sociology department of the University of Maryland and closely associated with the Latvian legation, as being the person most able to present the Latvian diplomat's own opinions, but in a strictly unofficial capacity. Recent Speech

In a recent speech, Dr. Lejins' views on Soviet foreign policy were termed "most unusual and highly controversial." Having been in Latvia at time of the Soviet Union's annexation of that nation, and having traveled extensively throughout Europe, the speaker was in a position to watch the diplomatic situation first hand.

The last minute arrangements for Dr. Lejins' trip to Chapel Hill were made early this month, when Ann West, president of the IRC, and Wes Bagby made a trip to Washington and were received at the Latvian legation.

The IRC will hold a special tea for Dr. Lejins at 3:30 p.m. Thursday in Graham Memorial, which will be open to the public. At 6 p.m. the speaker will be dined at the Carolina Inn by the members of the club.

The Latvian sociologist has been at the University of Maryland since 1941. He was in the United States from 1934 to 1937, at which time he returned to Latvia to take over the Chair of Criminal Law and Criminology at the University of Latvia. He was in this country on a Rockefeller fellowship and he obtained his Ph.D. at the University of Chicago.

Dr. Lejins revealed in a letter to the IRC that he was born in Moscow and spent the first eleven years of his life in Russia with his father who was a Latvian by birth and a professor at the University of Moscow.

The speaker will be escorted from Durham, where he plans to arrive by See IRC, page 4

Band Plays Outdoor Concert Here Sunday

First in the University Band's annual series of Sunday afternoon outdoor concerts will be played at five o'clock Sunday, April 30, under Davie Poplar. All university students, and townspeople are cordially invited to attend.

The 50-piece orchestra, composed of both civilian and V-12 musicians, will offer a varied program of concert, popular and semi-popular music. See KOCH, page 4

Di Senate Meeting

The Di Senate will meet Wednesday evening to discuss campus political events leading up to the elections last Tuesday. Everyone is invited to attend and participate in the discussion.

The Senate will convene at 9 o'clock in the Di Hall, 3rd floor of New West Building.

Horace Williams' House Deemed Suitable As A Ghostly Haunt

Footsteps In Dark Mystify Inmates

By Georgia Helen Webb

Sitting under the Davie Poplar, did Horace Williams, the "Gadfly of Chapel Hill," ever dream of haunting his own house? The much-remembered man of the high brow, white hair and mustache seems to be omnipresent these days, at least in 611 Franklin street, so say reliable reports.

No less awesome publications than Louis Graves' Chapel Hill Weekly and the ex-daily Tar Heel have dwelt at some length on the spirit that pervades, yea, even saturates the none-too-comforting atmosphere of the old Horace Williams house, located just a ghost's glide from the women's dormitories. Ghostly Questions

The whole ghostly subject seems to us to hover around two elusive questions, these being: (1) What sort of a haunt is haunting this haunted house? (2) What kind of a house is this particular haunted (if so) house?

Professor Williams, head of the department of philosophy at the University for fifty years, has given us a few clues concerning his own personality. We know that, as is the way with most



HERE IS THE OLD Horace Williams' house photographed from about the most wierd angle that it could be snapped. The house is among the oldest in Chapel Hill and the earthly atmosphere that prevails is ghoulish within itself.

great figures, Mr. Williams left varied impressions on different types of people. Mothers waked in the night, dreading the thought of subjecting their offspring to such an unorthodox teacher; students were knocked out of their taken-for-granted mental ruts, and master minds were astounded, agreeably and otherwise, by the Williams mind. An Hegelian and a Trinitarian, the famed philosopher was born in

1858, graduated from the University, attended the Yale and Harvard divinity schools, and returned to the South he loved so deeply.

Quoting from Judge Robert Winston's book on Horace Williams, we find that "Perhaps there were two Horace Williamses, as Emerson said of Bronson Alcott, and no one could ever make the least guess as to which one of the two would turn up on a

given occasion." So at least we know we're dealing with a so-called "dual personality," compounded, it seems, of complex elements. When the famed philosopher died he willed all his property to the University, and naturally enough, it included the home place of about six acres in the residential district which is now inhabited by Wesley Bagby, Paul Rustin, and, on occasion, Wayne Kernodle.

Bottles Break Without Cause

If "Horace," as the occupants of the house refer to him, has really returned to, or never left, his old haunts, we should become familiar with the landmarks of the house. Even at a casual glance the passerby might think the Williams house an ideal setting for a shadowy movie mystery touched by supernatural forces. It is an off-white frame house set far back off the road, boasting a sturdy front porch that gives the appearance of being "still standing."

The Haunted House

There is a tinnny mail box fastened to an old oak tree. Distant lights are reflected through the surrounding trees in the long dark windows of the house. The large, glass-paneled front door opens into a spacious, square-shaped hall, spread around a stubborn-looking round mahogany table. Staring you right in your pale face, at this point, is an over-sized mantle with a mirror for a backdrop. A painting of Mary and Jesus and an apple picture adorn the rather bare walls. To your right is a closet stacked high with columns See HAUNTED, page 4