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Orange Unaffected By Polio Epidemic

Precautions Made Throughout State

By Jerry Davidoff

While the total number of cases of infantile paralysis in the state continues to mount, bringing the total to over 302 since June 1, Orange county has not yet been affected by the epidemic, Dr. William P. Richardson, district health officer, informed the Tar Heel last night.

Throughout the state local health officials are restricting activities of children as much as is possible, and pleading for the avoidance of all but urgent and highly necessary travel to and from the infected zones. In several sections children under twelve years of age have been forbidden to assemble in movies, Sunday schools or other public meetings for fear that contagion of polio will be aided.

Cases have been reported in over 40 counties, the State Health Board announced. The counties with the greatest number of cases are Ashe (25), Burke (31), Caldwell (24), Catawba (60), Gaston (21), and Wilkes (27).

Dr. Richardson emphasized again that the traveling to and from the infected zone, centering around the city of Hickory, would be of danger to residents of Chapel Hill and to students of the University. He strongly recommended that none but those with urgent business travel in and out of the infected zone.

In Burlington all city operated playgrounds were closed to prevent the spread of polio among the young people of the city. South Carolina's State Board of Health reported that all children moving from North Carolina to South Carolina or other areas where there is a prevalence of infantile paralysis will be isolated and quarantined. South Carolina's citizens were warned by state health authorities that bringing any children into North Carolina would be highly inadvisable.

In Charlotte tents, supplied by the army, have been set up to provide for the children under treatment for polio in that section. The Memorial Hospital has had to set up these tents to provide for the more than 30 children stricken with the dread disease in and about Charlotte. In Charlotte, as in other sections, the methods of treatment expounded by Sister Kenny of Chicago are being used in the case of children suffering from muscle spasms.

In Charlotte the children in the tents have been fenced off from the outside world, and anxious parents are lining the fence for a glimpse of their children. Inside the modern isolation ward of the Memorial Hospital the children are begging to be transferred to the tent camp on the building's lawn.

The American Red Cross has sent over 100 nurses into the state to aid in the treatment and control of the epidemic. These nurses have been sent to both Hickory and Charlotte.

Commenting on rumors of a typhoid epidemic in this vicinity, Dr. Richardson stated that there was no cause for the raising of such rumors.

Corbett Made NROTC Leader

Banks Selected Sub-Commander

Student Lieut. Comdr. Fenner S. Corbett, of Greenville, is the new NROTC battalion commander of the staff reorganized for the new trimester system. New officers were announced by Comdr. G. L. Harris, USN, and Lieut. Comdr. H. W. Carroll, USN, and are appointed by the Navy staff on the basis of military, scholastic, and executive ratings.

On the battalion staff under Corbett are J. L. Banks, Raleigh, sub-comdr.; G. M. Rankin, Charlotte, adjutant; and W. O. Leftwich, Jr., Charlotte, chief petty officer.

Commanders of the three companies are student Lieuts. C. R. Powell, Newton; M. A. Heyman, Little Rock, Ark.; and J. K. Greenbaum, Baltimore, Md. Lt. (jg) R. M. Bradshaw, Chapel Hill, is commander of the bugle corps, assisted by Ensign J. R. Hall, Raleigh.

New platoon commanders are Lieuts. (jg) M. S. Alverson, Charlotte; A. P. Raynor, Bayshore, N. Y.; and R. B. Van Wagoner, Asheville; and Ensigns V. J. Ashbaugh, Durham; A. J. Jacobson, Asheville; and F. I. Parker, Charlotte.

Johnson Band Plays Friday

A sprinkle of meal to help combat those non-rationed shoes and save highly valued ration coupons will greet Carolina hep-cats Friday evening when they will have a chance to swing to the music of Freddie Johnson and his orchestra under the starlit roof of the "Y" court.

Cokes for the heavy drinkers and milk for the others may be purchased at the Book Exchange which will remain open during dancing hours. All formalities will be strictly disregarded and an atmosphere of fun will prevail.

Free to all, the dance will be held from 8:30 until 11:00 and will boast a ratio of three slow tunes to each fast number. In case of rain the dancers will be greeted at the Woman's gym rather than at the "Y" court.

Botanist Retires



Dr. W. C. Coker

Dr. W. C. Coker Retires As Botany Head

Famed as Teacher And Contributor

After 42 years on the University faculty, Dr. William Chambers Coker, the head of the Botany Department, has been granted his request for release from administrative duties, with the approval of the board of trustees. The announcement of Dr. Coker's retirement was made by President Frank P. Graham and administrative Dean Robert B. House.

Dr. Coker is known internationally for his work as a teacher, in research, and as a contributor to scientific publications, and as head of the Botany Department since 1910.

A widely known authority on trees and shrubs, he has devoted much of his spare time in the last 40 years to the beautification of the University campus and village. No one in Chapel Hill has thought of planning a landscape project without consulting Dr. Coker, and the beauty of the village is a living monument to him.

A notable contribution is the beautiful Coker Arboretum which he began developing in 1905 from five acres of waste land referred to at the time as "Governor Swain's cow pasture."

Before coming to Chapel Hill, Dr. Coker lived in Hartsville, S. C., where he was a member of the prominent Coker family of that state and son of the founder of Coker College. He was graduated from South Carolina College, took his Ph.D. at Johns Hopkins, did further graduate work in Germany, and has some experience as a banker in Wilmington.

The Coker College yearbook for 1942, dedicated to Dr. Coker, described him in its dedicatory sketch as "botanist, teacher, philanthropist, humanitarian, creator of the beautiful in the world of plants, teacher of teachers, illustrious son of the founder of Coker College, constant friend who in unnumbered quiet ways has made life

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Faculty Committee Presents Proposal To Change Courses With Departmental Support

By Bob Rolnik

No Bedchecks Anticipated For V-12 Men

Extra Drilling For Violators

By Charles H. Wickenberg

"No bed check is anticipated for the navy men in the V-12 unit," Lieut. J. D. Hill executive officer of the V-12 unit, said yesterday. This announcement came with a release of general orders and regulations for personnel attached to the unit, and with an explanation of the newly instigated "Courtesy School."

The marine detachment at the university observes lights out and a bed check at 11:00 nightly, except Saturday when there is none, and Sunday at 12:00. The marines must be in their beds from this time until morning muster.

Reception of Lt. Hill's statement at all quarters will be with a sigh of relief. Rumors to the effect that the navy would follow the marine detachment in the curfew order caused much concern since it was generally feared such an order would curb the extra-curricular activities of the navy men in campus affairs.

Extra Work

"Courtesy School" is a course not given by the courtesy of the navy so much as for the courtesy of the navy.

"The purpose of these classes is to give any men from the fleet or any new navy trainees who have not had a chance to learn the traditions and customs of the navy the opportunity to do so," Lieut. Hill explained.

These classes, conducted on Saturday afternoons from 2:00 until 4:00 by the OD and the CPO, are also for the benefit of those men who have been put on report for actual violations of such regulations and customs.

The manual for the operation of a Navy V-12 unit states in part that, "All trainees will be required to observe a prescribed set of navy regula-

Calling for a sweeping reorganization of student curriculum at Carolina after the war, a three-man committee, headed by Dr. H. K. Russell, will present two far-reaching and challenging proposals to the faculty steering committee for post-war discussion at its monthly meeting this afternoon at four.

The first proposal, which will be suggested to the faculty today, recommends that the curriculum of the university be planned through the collaboration of all the departments instead of in the piecemeal fashion employed at this time.

Correlated Program
"We believe," reports the board, "that a student's program of study should be correlated, rather than at random. . . . Through interdepartmental collaboration," continues the proposal, "courses that support one another in various departments may be offered in the same quarter . . . and courses valuable to other courses may be offered in proper sequence."

Basing their second plan on exhaustive experiments in college education, the three-man committee will propose that the university train freshmen students only in the basic skills he needs with "solid, factual, disciplinary" courses, which "would not encourage the student to ponder generalities."

The "1-2-1" plan, as it is commonly known, calls for courses in the sophomore and junior years, concerning themselves only with "knowledge" and "facts," which a student "may come to understand in their relation to one another as he matures."

In his senior year, proposes Dr. Russell's committee, the student could "synthesize the facts already acquired . . . and be stimulated to self-expression (now that he has something to express)."

This afternoon's meeting of the post-war committee in the Pharmacy building, is one in a monthly series of discussions by the faculty to blueprint and correlate the various proposals made for the university in the post-war period. The committee, headed by Dean Bradshaw, has already heard the plans for a four year medical school and for special aid to returning fighting men.

Today's proposals come from a report originally made by a committee of the English department, but which were thought so noteworthy and wide in scope, that they are being outlined for consideration to the faculty steering committee.

Plan Sponsors
The authors of the two plans are H. K. Russell, Raymond Adams and J. O. Bailey, of the original English department board. The proposals have met with the general approval of many faculty and administration leaders, revealed Russell, and have a good chance of being adopted by the university. A six-page outline of the plan was sent before the meeting to all the members of the faculty.

By use of a typical example, the proposal for the correlated curriculum, shows how a student who majors in biology and elects a course in genetics and evolution, might take, instead of the usual random courses in English, sociology and history, courses in post-Darwin Victorian literature, social anthropology, and English history of the 19th century. In such a way, all his courses would contribute and provide "background" material to his major.

Program for Majors
If this correlated curriculum plan were put through, the university would have to conduct a complete co-ordination of programs for majors. "The several major programs of each department," says the proposal, "would be correlated with appropriate courses offered by other departments."

Introducing the second plan, calling

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Service To University Is Main Aim of Grail

By Barron Mills

Realizing the disunity between fraternity and non-fraternity men a group of influential students met with Professor W. S. Bernard in 1929 and the meeting resulted in the founding of the "Order of the Grail," prominent honor society active on the campus today.

In the first organization of the Grail there were thirteen members and it was decided that each year thirteen new members would be taken into the organization. Of the first group seven were non-fraternity men and six were members of fraternities. It was decided that the majority group in the Grail would alternate each year, but since there is no longer any appreciable degree of disunity between the two groups, this careful split is no longer observed. Members of the Grail are now chosen on their qualifications alone with care not to give either group a great majority.

The Grail is a service organization, and men are selected for the Grail on the basis of their good characters, their willingness to take part in campus activities, and their potentialities for leadership.

The ideals and purposes of the Grail

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LST Scene of Appendectomy

While on duty in the Pacific the crew of an LST boat quickly turned its attention from Japs to an emergency appendicitis operation on Ensign Daniel Marks, graduate of the class of '43 and son of Mr. and Mrs. R. H. Marks of Chapel Hill.

After hearing nothing from their son for a month, Mr. and Mrs. Marks received a letter from him telling about the operation. A call for a surgeon was signaled to a larger vessel near Ensign Marks' LST boat. The LST boat's medicine chest contained the drug for a spinal anesthetic, but this did not take effect. So ether had to be obtained from the larger vessel. High speed was essential for the appendix was ruptured. The operation was successful and Ensign Marks writes that he is recovering.

Ensign Marks was very active in student activities while at the University. He was president of the Intertown council, chairman of the Junior-Senior dance committee, and he participated in basketball and tennis.

Eager Beaver Saves Marine Detachment Embarrassment Of Dirty Clothes With Super Deluxe Cleaning Service

Labor Shortage Faces Laundry

By Bob Pearce, USMCR

I will never forget the commotion around Smith dormitory last Thursday night. We had not been paid since our furlough, and we were running a little short of money. The lack of funds had interfered with our social life no end. When the news of the free variety show was presented Thursday night spread, it was almost an answer to our prayer. The fellows got busy and contacted the coeds. They had dates for the night, a variety show to attend, but they did not have any clean khaki. The laundry had not sent their clothes back. My room was like Grand Central Station because the only iron on the third deck belongs to one of my roommates. The ones who were going to the show had spent the afternoon washing out shirts, trousers, and field scarfs, and were all trying to use the one iron to do their ironing.

Scuttlebutt was running high in the room. Everyone had a reason he gave for the laundry not being back. One said there had probably been a strike of the workers, one said that some of the machinery might be out of order and could not be repaired, etc.

I wondered what the reason really

was, so I went over to South building to see Mr. J. A. Branch, supervisor of operations, and Mr. J. W. Humphreys, who is the university laundry superintendent. Well, I got what I went after all right. They did not give me one, but several very good reasons why our laundry was not back. I will give you the facts as they gave them to me.

Reasons Aplenty
The Navy Department ordered a fifty percent decrease in naval aviation the first of July, which means that a lot of the Pre-Flight cadets are washing out. These boys are being sent away from this station, and therefore must have their laundry. In order to get their laundry back to them before they are transferred, the university laundry had to delay the V-12 and civilian work until they cleared the cadets. This is the reason for the extra long delay recently. Three weeks ago, before the V-12ers left on furlough, all other work was delayed in order to get the V-12 laundry back in time for the leave. The laundry always gives priority to the naval services when there is a special need for quick service.

More Work
In July of 1943, the V-12 program added their load on the already over-worked plant with the leasing of a small plant in Raleigh to take care of the majority of the V-12 work. This plant is operated under the same supervision as the local plant, and is run as a supplementary unit to it.

The help situation is acute since there is a shortage of workers here as there is in all parts of the country. The majority of the workers are colored women, most of whom are married. These workers have duties in their homes, and because of that and the summer fatigue element, the absenteeism is very high. On the average,

then in 1942, the Navy Pre-Flight School opened and the laundry took over the work of the school and the Pre-Flight Hospital as well as the additional load from the gym.

The laundry plant had to be expanded to take care of the Pre-Flight School and officials went before the War Production Board to get priority to buy new equipment for the enlarged plant. The WPB would give a priority for only old rebuilt equipment, since all new laundry equipment is being installed in overseas bases and on board ships of the fleet.

Then Came Edgar
All seemed very dark for a while, but soon Edgar, the Eager Beaver, pointed his two buck teeth in the direction of Smith barracks and under his arm he carried the necessary equipment for his own private enterprise, the Beaver Deluxe Cleaning Service. With this as help, the university laundry still carries on, amid the usual howl of complaining service men and civilians.