

Last Minute News

Last night Dean Bradshaw gave us the latest information on the manpower status and how it affects students and the University. The advice that Dean Bradshaw had to offer, together with the news that was available is most important.

We would do well to study his statement carefully and act accordingly. Firmly, and with good reason, he advises us to register before we leave on the Christmas vacation, rather than when we return. As he points out, there is good reason for such action. Too, he urges us to consult our daily papers regularly, to learn of any new developments.

There is a good bit of positive information in what Dean Bradshaw said. As for immediate plans, it will put a good number of us at ease, and will clear up the uncertainty and doubt that has dogged us for the past few weeks.

Quite definitely now, we can see what to do, and where we're going... and when...

On Police Question

The Board of Aldermen does not believe, in view of all the evidence presented, that the charges against the police have been sustained.

THE DAILY TAR HEEL, when it printed the issue, published affidavits which we sincerely believed to be essentially true. We based our editorials on those same affidavits which a staff member had been painfully carefully in securing.

It was never the intention of the DAILY TAR HEEL to try the case. The legal truth in any of the three cases, as pointed out by the Board, can be established only in court. The Board itself cannot commend the treatment of one of the three persons arrested. We believed at the time that the other two affidavits would also be essentially true. We cannot now, as cannot the Board of Aldermen, pronounce the affidavits of either the arrestees or the police, as either true or false. We can and do accept the opinion of the Board of Aldermen as a sincere and effective effort to clear up a matter which we felt should be investigated.

We do not acknowledge as unethical or unwise the method in which the issue was presented. We believed that the initial affidavits were predicated on truth. We believed that the surest method of securing prompt action and investigation was the presentation of the side which we believed to be right.

The term applied to the local court—"double-dealing"—was based on a single incident in one of the affidavits on which there is directly contradictory testimony from Chief Sloan. It is withdrawn.

We do not regret bringing up the issue. It is the function of a newspaper to present what it believes to be the truth. We did that with the conviction that some good would be accomplished by settlement of the question.

We are convinced, as are the Reverend Mr. Jones and Mr. Murchison, that the investigation has benefited the community. Two prominent ministers from the colored community have asserted that the investigation will air and dispel dangerous undercover suspicions which existed before the question was ever raised; that if the DAILY TAR HEEL had not raised the issue, it might not have been brought to investigation. It follows that the dangerous rumors might still be undermining the relationship between the communities if the question had not been published and brought out into the open.

It is apparent now that a firmer basis for a good relationship can now be maintained in Chapel Hill.

The joint committee of white and colored citizens was organized because the issue was published. They have and are accomplishing their purpose of helping the investigation and maintaining good relations between the communities. Their work during the current dispute breaks ground for quicker and safer settlement for all future problems involving race in Chapel Hill.

Dance Bill Settled

Almost blown away in the face of the latest Reserve news, and winding up the Fall quarter, the Dance issue was finally settled by the campus Tuesday. By the end of exams, it will almost be forgotten as we try to secure almost-impossible travel reservations and make tentative plans for January.

As the reverberations raised by the issue die away, we would like to acknowledge the conscientiousness of the students who voted on the issue and who finally put the question to rest. After almost a full year of internal dissention and sincere voices raised on both sides, they are to be congratulated for the final termination of hostilities and for now being able to devote all their energies to more important problems deserving consideration.

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FOR THIS ISSUE: News: DAVE C. BAILEY

What You've Been Asking

- Q. When will the army enlisted reserves be called?
A. No one knows at the present time.
- Q. When will we definitely know what the Army and Navy and Marine Corps are going to do about calling in their reserves?
A. No one is able to answer this question at the present time.
- Q. Please explain this new ruling of no more enlistments except to freshmen in the air corps and enlisted reserve after Christmas.
A. This question is no longer valid as Mr. Roosevelt's proclamation of December 5th closed all enlisted reserves except for seventeen year old students who may now enlist in V-1. It should be said, however, that students who have bona fide papers dated on or before December 5th may now complete their enlistment up through December 15th.
- Q. Can reserves request active duty?
A. Yes, and one sure way of getting it is by stopping school.
- Q. Where can boys reaching eighteen from now on register if they wish to be under their home town draft board?
A. The students who became eighteen years old during July and August will register the week beginning December 11th; those becoming eighteen in September and October, register the week beginning December 18th; and those becoming eighteen in November and December, register the week beginning December 26th through 31st. After January 1st, men becoming eighteen will register on their birthday unless it falls on a Sunday or a holiday. In this case, they will register the following day. Students may register with their home town draft boards. If they wish to register before leaving the University, it will be necessary to register at the Hillsboro Draft Board.
- Q. When will eighteen year olds who did not register in July be called?
A. The calling of any student is determined by the local draft board.
- Q. How do I go about getting my final examinations moved up so that I can complete my enlistment by December 15th?
A. Arrangements for moving up all examinations should be done through the Dean of your college.
- Q. How can freshmen and sophomores who want to take medicine or chemistry be deferred if they don't wish to join the V-1 or if they cannot pass the V-1 physically?
A. Blanks requesting occupational deferments may be secured at the Bureau of Military Information in 207 South Building.
- Q. How can I get information about the War College?
A. See Mr. Guy Phillips, Executive Secretary, 104 South Building.
- Q. Give us all details about the Meteorology School.
A. See Mr. Guy Phillips, 104 South Building.

- Q. Is the government cancelling all civilian reservations December 15th through January 15th?
A. We have received no such information.
- Q. Will the University be open to civilian students in January?
A. Yes indeed.
- Q. Will there be any regular courses offered at the University next quarter?
A. Of course.
- Q. Are all the University dormitories going to be turned over to the Army and Navy after Christmas?
A. No.
- Q. Will there be enough rooms for everyone next quarter with all these new students coming here?
A. We anticipate no shortage of rooms.
- Q. Why should I bother my brain about trying to pass courses this quarter (non-seniors) when I am going into the service in less than three months. (non-seniors) when I am going into the service in less than three months. Every indication at the present time is that a student has more to gain by remaining in college and doing acceptable work until such time as the armed forces shall actually call him. A good college record facilitates promotions in the service.
- Q. Would it not be foolish for me to waste money by coming back next quarter if I may be drafted before the end of the quarter?
A. It has been stated that every attempt will be made to give the student credit for as much work as he completes and also proportionate refund on tuition. Only one student for whom the University has requested deferment until the end of the quarter has been denied.
- Q. I have just volunteered for the Army Air Corps. Would it be worthwhile for me to return for the winter quarter when I may be called before the end of that quarter?
A. Even if you have volunteered for active service in the Army Air Corps, there is such a backlog of aviation cadets on call you will probably be able to finish the quarter.
- Q. What steps are necessary and what are the pre-requisites for a non-high school graduate to get into the University in January?
A. Make application for admission through Mr. Roy Armstrong, Dean of Admissions, University of North Carolina. Sixteen and seventeen year old juniors and seniors in any high or preparatory school may apply to Mr. Armstrong for special examinations on January 4th.
- Q. How can I help the University get new students for the winter quarter?
A. Contact the superior students whom you know personally and tell them of the means of entering the University by special examinations.

Text of Aldermen's Statement and Affidavits

Statement:

On Wednesday, November 18, there appeared in the DAILY TAR HEEL three affidavits, making charges of mistreatment of Negro prisoners by Chapel Hill police. Accompanying these affidavits were editorials and statements which assumed that the charges were correct and which condemned the local police and the local Recorder's Court.

The reporter who obtained these affidavits stated that he had worked on the story for over three weeks, but during that entire time, according to his own statement, he had not consulted any member of the police force or any official connected with the Chapel Hill Recorder's Court. He did discuss the matter with Aldermen Burch and Wettach, who urged him to be most accurate about his facts. Mayor Madry also urged the Managing Editor of the DAILY TAR HEEL to publish in the same news report the facts on both sides.

It should be pointed out that the editor of the DAILY TAR HEEL made efforts on the day following publication to get a statement from Chief Sloan, which he refused to give since he was not in possession of all the facts. The Board believes that he acted wisely.

The Board of Aldermen felt the full import of the charges which had been made and immediately set in motion an investigation of the facts. A committee composed of Aldermen P. L. Burch and R. H. Wettach was appointed by Mayor Madry to investigate the charges and report back to the Board. Affidavits had been printed which contained statements charging the police with mistreatment of prisoners but the officers involved had not been given an opportunity to state their side of the case. The scope of the investigation was to give them a chance to be heard and to give all others the privilege of bringing before the committee such facts as they thought were pertinent to the solution of the questions involved.

In pursuance of the investigation along this line, affidavits were received from the police officers. Many persons were interviewed from whom affidavits were not taken. It should be made clear that the committee's function was neither to try the police nor to try the persons who alleged that they were mistreated by the police. Guilt or innocence in any case is a matter which may only be decided by resort to the courts. The essential point to be determined by the committee was whether there was evidence sufficient to sustain the charges which had been made.

The scope of the inquiry was finally broadened to include the whole Board of Aldermen. In addition to Judge H. A. Whitfield of the Recorder's Court, a group of white citizens composed of Rev. C. M. Jones, George Lawrence, L. M. Brooks and Dr. James B. Bullitt, and a group of colored citizens composed of Rev. J. H. Jones, Rev. C. T. Boyd, Rev. Troublefield, Kenneth Jones, Hubert Robinson and Charles Mattox, were invited to attend and participate in the investigation. Representatives of the TAR HEEL and of the Chapel Hill Weekly were also invited to attend.

To such a representative body, meet- See STATEMENT, page 3

Jesse Stroud:

I, Jesse Stroud, do hereby swear that on October 10 at approximately 10:30 p. m. on the end of W. Rosemary Street the following happened.

I was on my way home with Ernest Rigsby after having both had a few drinks when Hubert Yeargan and Larry Norwood stopped in their car and asked me if I was drunk to which I replied that I had had a few. My friend, Rigsby, told Yeargan that he would take me home and that I would cause no trouble.

Yeargan got out of the police car and put me in, telling Rigsby that he would arrest him if he didn't shut up. Upon arriving at the police station I pleaded guilty asking the officers "why they wanted to arrest a poor nigger when they could get white boys up at the University" to which Yeargan replied that "we get them too."

After some more pleading to be set free I asked the patrolmen if this wasn't a democracy. "Isn't this what we are fighting for?" At this point Yeargan claims (to which I can not say that I did or didn't) that I said that "I hope Hitler comes over here and gets all you white s-o-b's."

Immediately I was hit in the nose by Yeargan with his fist. Witnesses to this blow, which caused severe bleeding, were Norwood and two other officers.

After I arose I asked for a doctor to which Yeargan replied "Hell no, you're going to jail." They took me to the cell. My cellmate, unknown, fixed me up as best he could. Two hours later Yeargan came and released me. When I asked who bailed me out I was told that "Henry Saunders from the SAE house had done it."

On the way out I met the prosecuting attorney, Tom Henry, who asked me who beat me up and I told him Yeargan. Henry said to go home and wash it with soap and water but I demanded a lawyer so that he could see the condition I was in, at that time. Two hours later I was still bleeding slightly.

Went back to the SAE house and went to sleep in the basement as I had lost my key. The next morning, Sunday, I went back to jail in order to find my keys which I thought I had lost there. All of the officers told me to keep "my mouth shut" or they would get a Federal investigator to come down and question me. I was driven back to the SAE house.

Sunday night I went home and had Dr. Henry look at my nose and give me a prescription. On the way to get the medicine I stopped in at the police station to swear out a warrant of assault and battery on Yeargan. Moody Durham, clerk of the court, refused to do that for me saying that he "was too busy."

On Tuesday, I went to court at 10:00 with Bucky Osborne, Charlie Tillet, Henry Saunders and Bob Glenn. I pleaded guilty to general drunkenness. The presiding judge called me up and asked me "why did you make such a statement like that. We're in a war and you should have known better than to say such words." I was fined \$5.00 and costs which See STROUD, page 3

Callie Norwood:

I, Callie Norwood, do hereby swear that on July 7 at approximately 10 p. m. on Rosemary Street the following occurred.

I was on my way home after having had a few beers when Jack Merritt stopped the police car, picked me up and took me to the jail. His claim was that I was drunk. At the time he picked me up I was creating no disturbance of any nature and on that basis I asked to be set free but to no avail so I lay down in the cell and went to sleep.

In the morning I awoke and climbed up on the window sill and sat there until Merritt, Wright and Yeargan came. Wright told me to "get down from there nigger woman" to which I replied "What for?" thinking I was to be set free.

This angered him for he grabbed me by the shoulder, jerked me off the window sill and then slapped me on the face. I hit him on the shoulder and he retaliated by hitting me on the head with his fist. I began screaming so they put me in the men's cell.

I asked Yeargan to call Joel Denton, white boy for whom I worked, so that he could get me out but he denied me that right. Merritt kicked me on the ankle saying that I talked too much for a nigger. After that, I lay down crying in my cell and fell asleep until noon when Rhodes Markham, colored, came and bailed me out.

The next day, which was Monday, I went in town to Mr. Paul Robertson, notary public, and asked him to swear out a warrant of assault and battery on Merritt. He was not sure of his position so he called Lawyer Hinshaw who gave his consent. Robertson said that he gave my petition to Chief Sloan.

When I went to see Chief Sloan and check up on the warrant, he told me that if I persisted in attempting to get "one of his men" he would "make it hard for me." He then asked me if I still wanted the charges pressed and I answered "Yes."

Upon hearing my answer he told me that I had broken the bulb in the woman's cell and also the window for which I could be charged for destroying public property. I insisted that I would press the charges and told him that when I left the jail both the bulb and the window were unbroken. I am positive that he faked that charge so as to scare me for I went around to the jail house and could see no broken window.

Tuesday I went to see Lawyer Hinshaw in person and told him about the faked charge. He said that he would plead for me except that he was a state lawyer and so I should see Lawyer Phipps.

Phipps was busy that day and I neglected to go back and dropped all efforts to pursue my claim.

At trial I was fined about \$9.00 with no mention made of the damage I was alleged to have done. Merritt stated on the witness stand that "my breath smelled sweet and that I insisted in trying to get out every time he opened the cell door."

This was the charge of drunkenness which was placed against me. I still think I am in the right and See NORWOOD, page 3

Elder Rich:

I, Flossie Durham, sister of Elder Rich, do hereby swear that on October 9 the following happened to my brother.

On that day he was asked by Bill Parker, white boy who works at National Munitions, if he had stolen a shirt and pair of pants from Parker's house. Since my brother is deaf and dumb he could not make himself understood. Elder claims that Parker hit him. Parker denies it.

Later that day just after he had left Mrs. Burks' kitchen on East Rosemary St., Elder was accosted by Parker and officer Larry Norwood, who had been asked by Parker to help question my brother. Being afraid of policemen, my brother started running across the street but Parker and another white boy, unknown, caught him. The latter hit Elder with a stick. Norwood then came and hit my brother, caught him by the belt and pulled him along. In an effort to keep up with the officer, he fell to the ground. He was taken to the jail house.

That same day I went to jail to see Chief Sloan in order to find out what Elder had done. As I couldn't find Chief Sloan, I went on downstairs from where I heard Norwood yelling at my brother. When I got down there I saw Norwood jerking my brother around by the arm asking him if he took the clothes. Again, Elder couldn't make himself understood, and in desperation Norwood hollered "I'll do this to you, I'll do this to you!" I was unable to see what he meant by "this."

When Norwood saw me, he asked me what I was doing down there. I told him that I had come to see Chief Sloan concerning my brother. Norwood said "You get outa here," and slammed the door in my face.

I came back in town and called my mother on the phone. She came over from Durham that same day. My mother, my husband, and my sister all went to see Sloan who told them that he knew nothing about it. Then they found Norwood in town and asked why Elder had been locked up. Norwood stated that Elder was accused of stealing a pair of pants and a shirt. My sister asked Norwood if the clothes had been found on Elder. Norwood replied "No. He was too slick."

This was the second time that Elder has been locked up without any real evidence of a theft or a warrant for his arrest.

Back at the jail house, they released my brother on the promise of my mother that he wouldn't return to Chapel Hill. To emphasize this, Norwood took his billy and jammed it in Elder's nose saying "Keep him out of Chapel Hill if you know what's good for him."

My brother has made no confession at any time, and no criminal charge has been preferred against him.

The next Saturday I went out to question Bill Parker. I asked him if he had said that my brother took the clothes. Parker replied that he had not made any such claim but that he had merely asked Norwood to apprehend Elder for questioning. Further conversation revealed that Parker had suspected Elder of taking the clothes to Durham to pawn them. My mother See RICH, page 3