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Munitions Plant In Carrboro Is Now Operating

Community Delighted at Having an Industry Again; Majority of Employees Local People

PAYROLL TO RISE WHEN THIRD SHIFT IS ADDED

The National Munitions Company has put its shell-loading plant in Carrboro into operation and is turning out shells for the Navy.

No figures are given out by the company, but it is understood that the number of persons now employed is somewhere around 125. It is expected that the number will be increased soon by the addition of a third shift. The majority of the employees are women.

Because the labor force has been built up day by day, the payrolls in these first two weeks of operation do not reflect a normal operating schedule. Last week the amount paid out to wage-earners was perhaps \$2,000. It is thought that the payroll will amount to between \$4,000 and \$5,000 a week after the third shift is added and all three shifts are fully manned.

The Carrboro community, which suffered severely from the closing of its textile mills several years ago, is delighted at having an industry again. Most of the labor force has been recruited in the town and the nearby country, so that it is the home folks who reap the full advantage of the payroll.

For months before the operation of the shell-loading plant began, Carrboro benefited from the expenditures by the company on the reconstruction of the factory building bought from the Durham Hosiery Mills, on the construction of new buildings, on the building of storage structures and fences, and on street and road improvements.

\$171 for Relief Fund

E. C. Smith Reports Results of the Drive Made in Carolina Theatre

A total of \$171.11 was collected for the Army-Navy Relief Fund in a one-week drive put on recently at the Carolina theatre, it was announced yesterday by Manager E. C. Smith. This money was sent to the fund's national headquarters and was credited to the Chapel Hill committee which conducted a general campaign here just before the theatre's drive.

The collections in the theatre were made at the end of each show every day for a week. A special film appealed to the audience to give to the fund, and then girls passed collection baskets.

Miss Sarah Umstead was in command of the collections. She enlisted the help of the girls who passed the baskets and saw that they showed up and performed their duties.

A similar one-week drive for the Army-Navy Fund was conducted in every moving picture theatre in the nation.

Auto Tax Stamps on Sale

Automobile tax stamps are on sale now at the post office. The price is \$5. The law requires that one of these stamps has to be affixed to the windshield of every automobile by July 1. It is good for one year.

Keep your relative or friend—Soldier, Sailor, or Marine—in touch with Chapel Hill by sending him the Weekly. One year, \$1.50. Fill out and mail coupon on page 4.

Budget Commission Hears Department Heads Review Their Work; MacNider Pleads for Maintenance of Faculty

Members of the state's advisory budget commission, which is on the customary tour of state institutions preparatory to making up the biennial budget, visited the University Tuesday.

A departure from past practice was a meeting at which deans and heads of departments told the visitors of various phases of the University's work. In past years the commission's contacts were only with administrative heads, and the subject matter of the conferences was mostly dry facts and figures. This time the visitors got a real close-up view of the work done by the faculty.

There were around forty persons in the company. They had luncheon in the dining hall, cafeteria style, and then had their meeting in Bingham hall.

Robert B. House, dean of administration, gave a graphic report on the University's war activities, and this was supplemented by a talk by Controller W. D. Carmichael, Jr., about the

naval pre-flight training school and other parts of the war-work program.

One of the reports that specially interested the commission was that made by R. W. Bost, head of the chemistry department. Chemistry has an intimate connection with production for war, and Mr. Bost told of important investigations that were being made for the government in the laboratories here. A. E. Ruark made a report on the physics department, which is also concerned with investigations bearing on the war; and other department heads briefly reviewed their activities.

Toward the end of the meeting Dr. William de B. MacNider, head of the department of pharmacology in the medical school and former dean of the school, and now the senior member of the faculty in active service, made an earnest appeal to the commission not to weaken the faculty

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Building Is Being Made Ready for the Negro Musicians Who Are to Play for Naval School

Work on the Negro Community Center building out at the northwest corner of Chapel Hill, to make it ready as quarters for the negro band of the Naval Pre-Flight School, is going ahead rapidly under the supervision of W. L. Cutting, formerly with the state highway commission.

The members of the band, recruited from the student bodies of the state's negro institutions, are regular enlisted men in the Navy. At present they are undergoing preliminary training in Norfolk.

Just when they will come here is not known, but it may be within the next two or three weeks.

"We are doing all we can to rush the job, so we'll be ready for them," said Mr. Cutting yesterday.

The band's sleeping quarters are to be in the basement, which

Chuck Erickson at Annapolis

Chuck Erickson of the University's coaching staff went to Annapolis this week to begin a one-month training course leading to the commission of lieutenant in the Navy's pre-flight training program. Erickson, who was graduated from the University in 1931, was a star halfback on the football team. He has been an assistant coach in both varsity and freshman football for the last ten years, has been varsity backfield coach for the last three years, and has been head golf coach since 1934.

Admiral Foote on Visit Here

Admiral Percy W. Foote, who is now in command of the inspection of materials for the Navy in the Houston, Texas, district, was in the village at the last week-end. He came and returned by plane. His son, an officer in the Army, is soon to be stationed at the camp at Blackstone, Va., about a hundred miles from Chapel Hill. The Footes are keeping their home here.

Faculty Club Luncheon

The Men's Faculty Club will have a luncheon at 1 o'clock Tuesday at the Carolina Inn. All men in the Summer School faculty and all members of the staff of the Naval Pre-Flight School are invited. Whoever is to come should notify the Inn by telephone, several hours in advance if possible. The fee is 55 cents.

Women's Motor Corps

All Who Wish to Join Unit Should Notify Mrs. Roy Homewood

All women interested in becoming members of the Red Cross Motor Corps to be organized here should get in touch with Mrs. Roy Homewood, whose telephone number is 9546. Mrs. Homewood is directing plans for the new corps. In issuing the call for women volunteers, she said:

"Members of the Motor Corps will wear uniforms and will have officers. The organization will serve both the armed forces and the civil population. They will be called on in time of civil distress or disaster.

"To be eligible for the Motor Corps a woman must have completed the 20-hour standard Red Cross first aid course, the 10-hour advanced first aid course, and the motor mechanics course. Several Chapel Hill women are now taking the mechanics course. Others wishing to do so should notify me as soon as possible."

Weil Gives University \$1,000

Lionel Weil of Goldsboro has given the University \$1,000 for the establishment of a collection of classical books and materials in memory of his wife, the late Mrs. Ruth Weil. Mrs. Weil was a devoted student of the Latin language and literature and was a champion of the classical studies in the schools and colleges.

Capt. Hamilton at Key West

Captain Alfred Hamilton of the U. S. Army Medical Corps is stationed at Key West.

Getting Along

Archibald Henderson was 65 years old Wednesday.

Chapel Hill Chaff

There was something in this column recently about coasting to save gasoline. Soon after the paper came out, several acquaintances stopped me on the street to tell me that coasting was illegal. I suppose I should have known this, but I didn't. One of my informants was Walter Cutter, who is an official of the highway safety division of the state's motor vehicle bureau. He said that every state whose traffic laws he was familiar with forbade coasting and he felt sure the practice was illegal in all states.

My article told of the case of a University professor, living out in the suburbs, who found that the lay of the land made it possible for him to coast a mile on the trip from the campus to his home. I raised the question of whether or not the re-starting of the engine, when you get to the foot of the hill, used up enough gas to wipe out the saving on the downhill ride. Now I find this same question asked, and answered, in the Baltimore *Evening Sun* in an article headed: "Does Coasting Save Mileage?"

The writer in the Baltimore paper says he asked J. C. Smallwood, internal combustion engine expert in the Johns Hopkins University school of engineering, if coasting was worth while. The expert's answer was:

"I do it."

The article continues:

"He said that the practice of coasting in neutral with the engine turned off, involved a degree of hazard when done by unskilled or careless drivers; for the momentum of an automobile coasting in neutral is not as quickly controlled as that of a car traveling with the drag of an engine in gear; the engine, in

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Sewing Room to Reopen

Red Cross Needs Volunteer Workers to Help Make Garments

Mrs. Frank Graham announced yesterday that the Red Cross sewing room would be reopened next Tuesday, June 23, on the second floor of the Episcopal parish house and issued a call for volunteer workers to help with the sewing to be done there this summer.

She said that the room would be open from 9 A.M. to 12:30 P.M. every Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday. The work will be supervised by Mrs. Oscar Hamilton on Tuesdays; Mrs. D. D. Carroll, Wednesdays; and Mrs. G. A. Harrer, Thursdays. Mrs. Graham is general director.

The sewing room's summer quota, to be finished by September 1, consists of 100 girl's woollen skirts, 100 girl's woollen dresses, 66 boy's outing shirts, and 25 boy's whippoorwill overalls.

Movies Today and Tomorrow

"Song of the Islands," with Betty Grable and Victor Mature, will be at the Carolina theatre today (Friday). "Private Buckaroo," with the Andrews Sisters, will be there as a late show at 11:15 tonight and as the regular show tomorrow.

Woollen at Navy Air Station

Charles T. Woollen, Jr., has received a commission as lieutenant, junior grade, in the United States Naval Reserve and has reported for duty at the Navy Air Station at Quonset Point, Rhode Island.

Contract Let for New Road to Airport, and Construction Is To Be under Way within Few Days

The New Judge

Henry A. Whitfield, whom the board of aldermen last week elected judge of the recorder's court to succeed Andrew McIntosh, began his judicial career Tuesday night. His first session was held at night instead of at the usual morning hour because the superior court was in session in Hillsboro throughout the day.

Mr. Whitfield is filling an unexpired term that will end next May. He has not said whether or not he will stand for election for the ensuing regular two-year term, but it is generally supposed that he will.

The new judge will be 51 years old in September. He was admitted to the bar in 1915 and left his practice in 1917 to go into the Army. Commissioned a second lieutenant in the 4th regiment of the third division, he served in France in the Aisne and Marne campaigns and at Chateau-Thierry.

Mr. Whitfield married Miss Mary Gattis in 1919, and they have one son and three daughters.

Army Officer Explains Low Flying of Planes

Major H. B. Harris came up from Fort Bragg one day this week to quiet the fears of Chapel Hillians who have been alarmed by the low-level flying of big military transport planes over the village in the last few days.

"We have received a number of letters of complaint from Chapel Hill about these low-flying planes," he said, "and we want the people here to know that the planes are being piloted by trained men who know what they are doing and not by foolhardy boys out showing off."

"The operations of the transports at and around the Chapel Hill airport are part of a program of condition problems being conducted in the Carolinas area by the Air-Borne Headquarters at Fort Bragg. The nature of these operations often makes it necessary for the planes to approach an airport at low altitudes.

"Since the operations over Chapel Hill will be continued and probably stepped up, we hope the people here will realize that the men flying the planes are receiving valuable war training and that the flights don't constitute a serious danger to people on the ground."

Chapel Hillians in Army

Albert Suskin and Paul Eubanks were among the Orange county draftees accepted by the Army last week at Fort Bragg. Mr. Eubanks returned home for the ten-day furlough which is optional for newly-inducted men. John Parker and Arthur Woods, both of whom recently volunteered, have also been inducted at Fort Bragg. They expect to take training leading to commissions.

Johnson Gets Another Degree

Gerald W. Johnson's latest honorary degree—a D.C.L., added to a Litt.D. and LL.D.'s received in other years—was conferred upon him by the University of the South at Sewanee, Tenn., at that institution's recent commencement exercises. On the same occasion he delivered the address to the graduating class.

Right of Way inside Corporate Limits to Be Provided by Town and University

THE SURFACE TO BE OF TAR AND CRUSHED STONE

The new road to the Horace Williams airport, kept in the blueprint stage since it was first planned about two years ago because the national and state and town governments could not come to an agreement on it, is now assured. The state highway commission let the contract Monday, and construction of the approximately two miles of road is to begin within a few days.

The aldermen removed the last bar to the project at a special meeting Tuesday morning by voting to pay half the cost of obtaining the section of the right of way within the limits of Chapel Hill. The University will pay the other half.

The road is of military value, and the national government agreed, some time ago, to put up the money required for the construction if the state would provide the right of way. The state's regular rule is that, when it builds a road, any part of the right of way lying inside an incorporated town shall be provided by the town, and that is why Chapel Hill was called upon to bear part of the cost.

Two houses a short distance north of North street stand within the right of way, and these properties will either be bought by the town and the University or will have to be taken by condemnation proceedings.

Starting at the corner of North Columbia and North streets, the new road will veer off northward, on a diagonal to North Columbia Street. It will follow a straight line for about a mile to Bolin's creek, which it will cross on a concrete-arched culvert about

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War Aid for Russia

Relief for the Soviets to Be Discussed Monday in Hill Hall

A rally on the subject of war relief for Russia will be held at 8:30 Monday evening in the Hill Music hall. The program will include brief talks on "Russia's Place in the United Nations" and two newsreels made in Russia, "Russian Women in the War" and "Russia's Millions Mobilize." Funds for medical aid to Russia will be solicited.

This rally is part of a drive being launched here to raise funds to help the Russians in their vast battle against the Germans.

Some of the sponsors of this drive are Mayor John Foushee, Rev. Charles M. Jones, Rev. J. M. Culbreth, Rev. Gaylord P. Albaugh, Rev. W. J. McKee, Rabbi Samuel Sandmel, Frank P. Graham, R. B. House, Roland Parker, Guy B. Phillips, N. B. Adams, John M. Booker, Mrs. Isabelle Carter, J. N. Couch, J. F. Dashiell, Louis Graves, Paul Green, Guy B. Johnson, Mr. and Mrs. W. M. Prince, Mrs. A. C. Burnham, Phillips Russell, Mrs. R. H. Wettach, Mrs. L. C. MacKinney, Andrew Bershak, and Thomas E. Andrews.

An Outdoor Band Concert

The All-State High School Band, composed of students taking the University Summer School's high school music course, will give an outdoor concert at 5 o'clock Sunday afternoon under the Davie Poplar. Earl Slocum will be the director.