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One Man Killed In Explosion at Munitions Plant

Walls of Homes Shake, Windows
Rattle; Early-Morning Blast
Causes Considerable Alarm

A SMALL OUTBUILDING IS PARTIALLY WRECKED

One man was killed in an explosion in a mixing house at the munitions plant in Carrboro a few minutes before 6 o'clock Wednesday morning, and seven men were slightly injured. The house, a small frame outbuilding, was partly wrecked. The Carrboro fire company arrived promptly, and so the fire that followed the explosion was put out before it reached a dangerous stage.

The blast shook the walls and rattled the windows of many homes in Chapel Hill as well as in Carrboro, and it caused considerable alarm in the two towns. Of course a few persons thought immediately of possible "enemy action," but most of the community supposed the episode was just what it turned out to be, an accidental explosion.

The man who was killed was Carlis M. Rice, 29 years old, of Durham, a man without children. Most of the injured men were residents of Carrboro and vicinity.

Within a few minutes of the explosion, a big crowd gathered at the plant. In it were many people who feared that relatives or friends had been killed or hurt. A stout iron fence with closed gates, and with armed guards standing by, kept everybody out except firemen, ambulance drivers, physicians, Navy officers, and officials of the plant.

The main street of Carrboro, and the open space between there and the plant, presented a lively scene for an hour or more after the explosion. Many residents of Chapel Hill had come out in cars. Men and women stood around, and speculated and when anybody came out from behind the fence there would be a rush toward him in quest of information; a fruitless quest, for none of the emergers would tell anything.

Pre-College Retreat And Freshman Week

The University's 11th annual Pre-College Retreat, for 100 selected freshmen from all over the state, will begin Monday, September 14, and will continue through Wednesday. The 100 freshmen attending it will be men who were Hi-Y leaders in high school. It is sponsored by the University's Y. M. C. A.

Freshman Week, when the entire freshman class will begin a six-day orientation program, will begin Wednesday, and entrance examinations for students with advanced standing and for exceptionally well qualified high school students without diplomas but with recommendations of their principals will also be held Wednesday.

Freshmen and transfers will register Monday, September 21; upperclassmen will register Tuesday, September 22, and classroom work will begin Wednesday, September 23.

Indications now are that the enrollment of freshmen and transfer students will be about the same as last year, and that there will probably be more women students than last year. The total enrollment of the student body will depend on the percentage of upperclassmen returning. War conditions make it impossible to estimate how many of them will return.

Public Health School Here Chosen as One of Three to Train Men for Army

The University's school of public health has been chosen as one of three public health schools in the United States to train physicians for the Army Medical Corps.

The first contingent of physicians assigned here, about twenty of them, will come in October to begin an eight-weeks program. They are to be trained to hold positions as health officers in Army camps; to that end, they will take courses in epidemiology, sanitation, public health administration, tropical diseases, venereal diseases, and vital statistics.

S. H. Hopper, who was at the Georgia Institute of Technology, has come to take H. B. Gotaas's place in the faculty of the school of public health, and he and his wife and one child have taken the Gerald MacCarthy home in Westwood. Mr. Gotaas has been commissioned a captain in the Army

Insurance Payment on School, \$99,008.41; \$8,000 to Be Spent for Books, Equipment

The payment by the insurance companies to cover the destruction of the Chapel Hill high school building and its contents by fire, will be \$99,008.41. The insurance carried on the building and contents was \$102,000.

The settlement was agreed upon at a joint meeting of the Orange county board of education and the Chapel Hill school board.

Out of the total, the county board has allotted \$8,000 to be expended immediately for textbooks, library books, and equipment. The division will be as follows:

For textbooks, \$2,000.
For library books, \$1,500.

For equipment, \$4,500. The purchases of equipment are to include 300 pupil desks, 10 library tables, 60 chairs for library, 14 teachers' desks, rebuilding of 30 typewriting and mimeographing machines, 6 lockers for open classrooms, 4 sewing machines, 2 stoves, and 1 refrigerator.

The \$92,008.41 left after the release of \$8,000 for books and equipment will be invested. The county commissioners will decide at their next meeting, October 4, what form the investment will take. It is regarded as almost certain that the money will have to be put into some kind of gov-

Navy Officers' Picnic

The officers of the Navy's Pre-Flight Training School had a picnic at the Country Club Wednesday afternoon and evening. The uniforms of the officers and the many-colored frocks of the women, against the background of the grass and shrubs and trees around the clubhouse, made a gay and a beautiful scene. The officers had in many faculty people as their guests, and everybody had a fine time.

Lt.-Col. Foy Roberson, U.S.A.

Dr. Foy Roberson has been commissioned a lieutenant colonel in the Medical Corps of the United States Army and has gone to Texas to be chief surgeon of a base hospital with 3,000 beds. His address is: care of McCloskey General Hospital, Temple, Texas.

Mr. Gwynn Ordered to Rest

J. Minor Gwynn was ordered to bed for six weeks of rest by his doctor recently. The most recent report is that he is doing fine.

and has been assigned to the division of sanitation and health of the Office of the Coordinator of Inter-American Affairs (the organization headed by Nelson Rockefeller) in Washington. He and Mrs. Gotaas have already gone to Washington.

Besides the physicians who are to be trained for the Army, public health workers from Latin America are coming here to be trained. This was arranged by the sanitary bureau of the Nelson Rockefeller organization. One of the South Americans, Signor Perez of San Domingo, has already arrived. Six more are scheduled to come, but it is not known when they will get here. Travel between Latin America and the United States is made difficult now by a shortage of shipping as well as by submarines.

The Latin Americans who do come will stay through the college year.

ment securities readily convertible into cash.

Of course the school authorities would like to use the money as soon as possible for the construction of a new building. But nobody has the faintest idea when a favorable opportunity for building will come. It may be years before the needed materials can be obtained.

The high school is now quartered in ten rooms in the Baptist church. The arrangement with the church covers the period till Christmas only. If the school turns out to be a satisfactory tenant, the church may be willing to renew the arrangement.

Salvage Committee Has Collected 168,000 Pounds of Metal Scrap Here in Two Months

Within the last two months, the salvage committee of the Local Civilian Defense has collected in Chapel Hill 168,000 pounds of iron and steel scrap to be converted into arms and supplies for the nation's fighting forces.

Of this total, 140,000 pounds came from the University; 14,500 pounds came from contractors, mostly from Cobb and Home-wood; and the remaining 13,500 pounds came from householders.

The house-to-house canvass that began week before last, has yielded fine results. Of the cards that the canvassers carried around, to be filled out, 71 offering scrap have been turned in to the committee. The trucks that went around last Friday and Saturday collected from 40 places, and by tomorrow trucks will have called at the other 31.

"We have had wonderful co-operation from the people in Chapel Hill," said Ove F. Jensen,

The Thrift Shop—What It Does and What It Needs

The Thrift Shop, operated by the British War Relief Society, is in the basement of the Scott building across Henderson street from the post office. The society is grateful for the generous support the village gives it. All kinds of used wearing apparel and household furnishings are readily sold here, and the pro-

They Climbed Long's Peak

Dan Hamilton and Billy Koch left here two weeks ago today, bound for the Rocky Mountains. It was a gamble when they would get there—or, in fact, whether they would get there at all, for they depended on picked-up rides.

Chapel Hill Chaff

Whenever I want information about any article of food native to this region, I know I can get it from either Roulhac Hamilton or Oscar Coffin. These two gentlemen will not only enlighten you—they will make you ravenous merely by two or three minutes' talk; for the deep feeling with which they speak about good things to eat imparts to every word a remarkable vividness. If you are ever suffering from a loss of appetite, just hunt either one of 'em up. If it is Mr. Hamilton, get him to describe oysters as roasted down in Onslow or Dare county; if it is Mr. Coffin, lead him on to give you his opinion of collards or shortenin' bread or barbecue; in either case, in less than three minutes your gastric juices will be seething and fuming for something to get to work on.

When I met Mr. Coffin in front of the bank one day this week, I said: "Somebody has asked me what a kershaw is, and I can't tell him. What is it?" Mr. Coffin knew the answer right off the bat. I consulted the Century dictionary later, for elaboration, but it didn't add anything except two or three Latin words to what he had told me. A cushaw, or a cashaw, or a kershaw (they are alternative words, apparently of American Indian derivation) is a squash, mostly oblong or crooked. In his book, "Gardening for the South," W. N. White says: "The best variety of squash for family use is the cashaw, a long, cylindrical, curved variety, swollen at one extremity."

Late one afternoon this week I saw a lone man, with a bagful of golf clubs hung from his left shoulder, plodding along the broad highway beside Fetzer

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Aldermen Call Public Hearing On Proposal for Establishment Of "Defense Rental Area" Here

Wettach Is Alderman

Robert H. Wettach, dean of the University law school, was elected a member of the Chapel Hill board of aldermen at the board's meeting Wednesday evening. He fills the vacancy left by Robert W. Madry when Mr. Madry was elected mayor. Both the term of Mr. Madry as mayor and the term of Mr. Wettach as alderman will expire next May. Mr. Madry was elected mayor

two months ago upon the resignation of John M. Foushee. This will be Mr. Wettach's second period of service as an alderman. He resigned from the board about four years ago when he became an assistant to the attorney general of the state.

At the same meeting at which they elected Mr. Wettach, the aldermen approved an expenditure of \$500 for the improvement of the sewage disposal plant. This is to be matched by the University, making the total expenditure \$1,000. The increase in the combined town and campus population has put severe pressure upon the plant.

School Opening Hour Changed to 9 O'clock

It has been decided to change the opening hour for the Chapel Hill schools from 8:30 A. M. to 9 A. M.

All pupils in grades 1 to 9, inclusive (except those who are to report today) are directed to report at the elementary school at 9 o'clock Monday morning. The 1st grade children reporting Monday will meet Miss Glass and Mrs. Carter.

The sophomores, juniors, and seniors in the high school will report to the Sunday school assembly room in the basement of the Baptist church.

Both the high school and the elementary schools will have a full day's schedule Monday.

The method of handling textbooks will be the same as last year, except that, in the case of the new 8th grade, the rental fee will be the same as the high school rental fee (\$2 a semester, or \$4 a year.)

Town Girls' Ass'n Meeting

The Town Girls' Association will hold a meeting at 4:30 next Wednesday afternoon, September 16, in the Graham Memorial. All girls who live in and near Chapel Hill and who are planning to enter the University this fall are urged to be present. The main topic of discussion will be the plans for orientation in the days immediately preceding the opening of the University.

J. P. Toomey to Have Shop Here

J. P. Toomey has come to live in Chapel Hill, and next week he will open at 110 North Columbia Street (where Smith-Prevost used to be) a shop called the Pantry Shelf. There he will sell the Pasadena Food Products. Mr. Toomey and his wife are living at Miss Lucile Elliott's on Gimghoul road.

Ann Correll Branch

A daughter was born to Mr. and Mrs. J. Arthur Branch last Friday night, September 4, in Duke hospital. She is named Ann Correll Branch.

Special price for the Weekly for anybody away from Chapel Hill in military or naval service, \$1 a year.

Board Hears Consumers' Delegates, Decides to Find Out
What the Citizenry Thinks

MONDAY NIGHT IS SET AS TIME FOR HEARING

At their meeting night before last the aldermen decided to call a public hearing on the proposal that the Government be asked to constitute Chapel Hill a "defense rental area." The hearing will be held at 8 o'clock this coming Monday evening, September 14.

"We hope there'll be a good turn-out of citizens for this meeting," said Mayor Madry last night. "We want to get every slant of opinion on the question of rental control."

The proposal, presented to the aldermen by two representatives of the new Consumers' Association, Harvey Lebrun and Earl H. Newcomer, was that the board petition the Government. After considerable discussion, the aldermen decided that they were not willing to take such action until they had more information about public sentiment in the community.

Contrary to what is probably a general impression, the Government does not come in and take command when a defense rental area is established. It takes command only in case the problem cannot be solved through the processes of local government. First, the board of aldermen adopt an ordinance one provision of which is that there shall be a fair-price committee to hear complaints about increase in rents. If local action does not succeed in what the Government considers a fair level, then the Government may step in and issue its own orders.

Messrs. Lebrun and Newcomer told the aldermen that the Consumers' Association, without having yet made a thorough survey, had learned of some eight or ten cases in which rentals appeared to have been lifted to abnormal figures.

Books Needed by the High School Library

Now that \$1,500 has been allotted by the county board of education, out of the insurance money, for the purchase of books for the high school library, the citizens conducting the campaign to replace the books destroyed in the fire six weeks ago have a clearer conception of the task ahead of them.

"We know we have to raise a considerable sum of money," said Mrs. H. D. Crockford, chairman of the library campaign committee yesterday, "and we are going ahead with that. But we are eager to get as many contributions as possible in the form of books. The more books of the desired sort that we get, the

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Rowland Pittman in the Army

Rowland Pittman, alumnus of Wake Forest, who was with the Orange Printshop for many years, has entered the Army as a volunteer. He telegraphed his wife from Fort Bragg Tuesday evening to let her know that he had passed the physical examination and taken the oath.

King's Daughters' Meeting

The King's Daughters will meet at 3:30 Tuesday afternoon at the home of Mrs. R. B. Lawson. Anyone interested in their work is invited to attend this meeting and become a member.