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## Wilson Is Made Director of the U. of N. C. Press

Was a Rhodes Scholar, Has Had a Publishing Career, and Has Been with Navy in Pacific

Thomas J. Wilson, 3rd, has been appointed director of the University of North Carolina Press in succession to William T. Couch. He will assume the duties of his new post in January.

The community is pleased to see any man of high ability join the University faculty, but Chapel Hill people have reason to welcome this appointment with specially keen satisfaction. Mr. Wilson (who was 43 years old on Thursday of last week) was born and brought up in Chapel Hill. His grandfather of the same name was a practicing physician here in the 1880's and 1890's. His father, Thomas J. Wilson, Jr., who died last week, came here in his boyhood, was a student in the University, and then was in the faculty for 46 years. So, Tommy, as his old-time friends know him, is carrying on a family tradition when he comes back to live in Chapel Hill.

He was graduated from the University in 1921, became a student assistant in French, and took his master's degree in 1924. He won a Rhodes scholarship at Oxford University, and after taking his Ph.D. degree there came to the University faculty as assistant professor of French and secretary of the department of romance languages.

From 1930 to 1940 he was with Henry Holt & Co., publishers, first as foreign language editor and then as manager of the college department. He had become director of the college book department of Reynal and Hitchcock when he entered the Navy in 1942. He served in the Pacific, became a lieutenant commander, returned to the U. S. in the summer of 1944, and has since been stationed in Washington.

## Hazlett Will Retire, Giving Place to Comp

Captain E. E. Hazlett, commanding officer of the University Naval ROTC and the remaining section of the Navy V-12 training unit (made up of Marines), is scheduled for retirement from active duty December 1.

Before he retires he will have half a month's leave, and so he will give up his command here November 15. He will be succeeded then by Captain Charles O. Comp. Captain Comp was recently in command of a communications flagship in the Mediterranean theater of war. He is married and has a 22-year-old daughter.

Captain and Mrs. Hazlett have definitely decided that they want to live in Chapel Hill. Now occupying Mrs. Skaggs' house at the corner of Boundary street and Rosemary lane, where the A. C. McIntoshes used to live, they intend to have a house of their own later on.

## Roy Strowd a Staff Sergeant

Roy Strowd, son of Mr. and Mrs. H. D. Strowd, who is with the Army of Occupation in Germany, has been promoted to Staff sergeant. He went overseas in January 1944, was in the invasion of Normandy, and was in the celebrated 4th Armored Division of Patton's 3rd Army in the triumphant march through France. Recently he was transferred to the 83rd Division.

## Navy and University Agree on Settlement

A settlement has been agreed to, by the Navy and the University, for the taking over by the University of the buildings which the Navy put up here, in connection with its war training program, and for all the Navy equipment and supplies which the Navy did not need for itself. The formal documents have not been signed, but there has been a "meeting of minds."

No statement has been made as to the amount to be paid by the University, but, as is frequently the case in the disposal of property bought by the Government for war purposes, the amount is known to be not a large proportion of the original cost.

Three Navy-erected buildings that come into the possession of the University are the Navy Hospital, the ROTC Armory, and Navy Hall. The Kessing Pool is also in the transfer. Navy Hospital equipment and athletic equipment are highly valuable acquisitions. Some of the supplies (sheets, for example) are being sold by the University to other state institutions, of course at figures well below what the Navy paid for them.

The University's principal representative in the negotiations with the Navy has been Controller W. D. Carmichael, Jr.

## Work Begins on Skating Rink Given to School by Rotary Club

The grading for a roller-skating rink, on the terrace behind the elementary school building, has been completed, and the pouring of the concrete is expected to begin today or tomorrow. Roy Homewood is doing the job.

The rink, which is a gift from the Chapel Hill Rotary Club to the Chapel Hill school, is expected to be ready for use by Thanksgiving Day.

It is to consist of an oval track 12 feet wide and 133 feet long. The concrete will be five inches thick. The space in the middle, enclosed by the track, will probably be planted in shrubs and grass.

## Brigadier General Camm Flies Back to Germany

Brigadier General Frank Camm, who was here with his family recently, has gone back to his station in Germany. "My return was uneventful," he writes to a friend here, "except that, to me, a non-stop flight from Newfoundland to Paris is still an exciting experience. I felt alone in the vast space of sky, clouds, and water, scarcely in the world at all, and when the lights outlined the runway at the landing field in France, after 14½ hours, it was a relief to this landlubber."

## Hazard Prepares to Show New Chevrolet

J. P. Hazard, proprietor of the Hazard Motor Company, is all set to put the new 1946 Chevrolet car on display early tomorrow (Saturday) morning. Not having a show-room, he is going to place the car under the porte cochere (well, shed, if you prefer) in front of his building on West Franklin street.

He has had plans drawn by Archie Davis for a new building in the Colonial style, and that will have a spacious show-room. Like other prospective builders in these days, he doesn't know when he'll be able to get construction started.

Everybody is invited to come and see the new Chevrolet tomorrow or on any subsequent day. Orders for cars and trucks will be filled in the sequence in which they are placed.

## The Guild's In-Gathering

The Needlework Guild's in-gathering of clothes for the needy will be held at 3:30 Tuesday afternoon at the Recreation Center. Mrs. B. U. Rose, County Health Department nurse, will talk about the work of the county health nurses. Former presidents of the Guild and women from Carrboro and Hillsboro will be special guests. In announcing the in-gathering, a Guild official said that the need is particularly urgent this fall since the organization's reserve of clothes for school children had been used up. Members are urged to make their contributions to the Guild's directors some time before Tuesday and come to the meeting and see the display of garments.

## Community Club Meets Today

The Community Club will meet at 3:30 this (Friday) afternoon at the Episcopal parish house. Miss Elizabeth Lovell, chairman of the club's health and welfare department, will give a demonstration of sanitary food handling. She will be assisted by members of her committee.

## Samuel Selden to Be Head of Drama Dept.

Samuel Selden has been appointed head of the University's drama department and director of the Carolina Playmakers. He has been acting head of the department and acting director of the Playmakers since Frederick H. Koch died last year. The department plans to have visiting professors, at least one a year, to impart dynamic ideas and stimulating flavors to the teaching and the practice of the drama.

## Coffman's Colleagues Give Him a Surprise

George Coffman's colleagues in the English department sprang a surprise on him Tuesday afternoon in Saunders hall. He was deftly enticed from his office into a nearby seminar room, and there he found himself facing thirty members of the English department faculty.

Mr. Coffman was on the verge of going away on a leave of absence (he has gone now), and his colleagues had assembled to bid him farewell and present to him a silver tray. John M. Booker made a short speech of presentation in which he reviewed Mr. Coffman's services to scholarship and the University and told him of his colleagues' affection and high regard for him.

When Mr. Coffman returns from his leave he will resume his professorship of English, but he is relinquishing the headship of the department. Pending the selection of his successor in that post, an administrative committee composed of A. P. Hudson, Dougald MacMillan, and Raymond Adams will act as the executive power of the department.

## House to Be in State Department

Robert B. House, Jr., is here on a visit, of probably about three weeks, before going to Washington to take a post in the public relations division of the State Department. A tough problem he faces (an all-too-familiar one in these days) is finding quarters for himself and his wife. "It's likely the best we can do is to get one room, with the hope of getting an apartment later on," he said yesterday.

## We Are Having Splendid Weather in These Days

The village is having super-glorious weather in these days. The sun shines bright, and then the stars shine bright. In the day the air is summer-warm. It gets cool at night, but not cold. The beeches are green and gold, and the maples red and yellow and russet. All in all, the foliage is a gorgeous sight to behold. Morning glories, trembling in a faint breeze, smile at you from vines trailing on rock walls, and here and there are moon flowers. When you pass along the street and look into a yard, you are apt to see a baby quartered on a blanket spread upon the grass, with a mother observing him carefully, yet with an air of happy indolence, from a lawn chair.

## Chapel Hill Chaff

Dr. Percy M. Dawson, 74-year-old professor of physiology in the Duke University medical school, came into Freemont Shepherd's office at the Library one day recently. When his errand, concerning books, had been attended to, he remarked upon the splendid weather.

"I started out for a walk this morning," he said, "and it was such a fine day and I felt so good that I just kept on walking until I got here."

"You mean you walked all the way here from Duke?" asked Mr. Shepherd in a tone of amazement.

"Oh, yes," said Mr. Dawson, as if this were a matter hardly deserving comment. He said he was going to start walking back to Duke presently, adding: "But I may take a bus part of the way if I'm pressed for time."

One of my chores when I was about 14 or 15, in the middle 1890's, was to bug potato vines. (Yes, if you're asking, bug is a verb in good standing, meaning "to rid of bugs.") That is, in good enough standing to be in Webster's New International Dictionary, though with the notation, "dialect.") My home was where the Inn is now, and in the garden (on ground that is now the court in front of the cafeteria) were about a dozen long rows of vines. I would walk along one row after another, bending over with a light stick in hand, and knock the bugs into a tomato can or a tin bucket. A potato bug has for a back a hard smooth casing that is shaped and striped a good deal like a watermelon. It is solid and falls like a plummet when struck from leaf or tendril.

I hated the little pests, not because they wanted to destroy our potatoes but because they kept me for an hour or so from baseball or tennis or some other

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## Town Applies, under New Law, For Aid in Making Plans for Sewer System and Incinerator

### Ruth Draper Visits The Village

Ruth Draper, the actress celebrated the world over for her inspired impersonation of all the characters in a play, appeared at the Woman's College in Greensboro Tuesday evening.

Miss Josephine Sharkey drove over to see the performance, and Miss Draper came to Chapel Hill with her Wednesday morning. In the hours that intervened between her arrival and late afternoon, when Miss Sharkey took her over to Durham for her appearance in the Page auditorium at Duke University, she visited old friends in the village.

Miss Draper has had a remarkable career on the stage. She became known to hundreds of thousands of soldiers by her performances at A.E.F. camps in Europe in the First World War. She has had many long engagements in London, and in one season she played to full houses at the Comedy theatre in New York for 18 consecutive weeks. She has toured South Africa, Java, Australia, New Zealand, Ceylon, India, and Burma.

### Church Census Will Be Taken on Sunday

The church census announced two weeks ago will be taken day after tomorrow (Sunday) afternoon between 2 and 5 o'clock. The general directors will be Frank Morrow, Claude Best, and Charles Bartlett. Volunteer census-takers, to the number of 140, will assemble at the Baptist church, after morning services, to receive final instructions and to have a luncheon prepared under the direction of Mrs. Jennie Thurston.

The town has been divided into four sections, and each section has been subdivided, for the purpose of the canvass. No census-taker will visit more than 10 homes.

The purpose is merely to get information about people's religious affiliations, so that the churches may function more effectively. A short and simple questionnaire will be used.

### An Appeal for Bond Buyers

The following appeal has been issued by the women's division of the Chapel Hill War Finance Committee:

"Will you buy an extra War Bond? Approximately 135,000 sick and wounded men are still overseas. Funds are needed for their transportation home. About 400,000 are in Army and Navy hospitals in the United States. The average cost for their care is \$5 a day per man. Many boys left high school and college to serve their country, and the Government is guaranteeing a program for their education. The bonds you buy will help to finance these vital needs.

"A bond in memory of the one who died, another in gratitude for the one who returned."

### West to Address U. D. C.

C. P. West, Wake Forest history professor now studying in the University here, will speak on "The Jefferson Davis Cabinet" at 8 o'clock Tuesday evening at a meeting of the Leonidas Polk chapter of the United Daughters of the Confederacy at the home of Mrs. John Umstead.

### Cost of Both Projects Is Estimated at \$380,000; University Expected to Pay Half

Under a law recently enacted by Congress, to encourage local governments to prepare in advance for essential post-war construction, the town of Chapel Hill has applied to the U. S. Government for a grant of \$10,700 for the making of plans and specifications for new sewer lines south of the campus, a new sewage disposal plant on Morgan creek near the Mason Farm, and a new incinerator.

The estimated cost of the sewer lines and disposal plant is \$320,000, of the incinerator \$60,000, a total of \$380,000. The University is expected to pay half the cost, making the cost to the town \$190,000. The only way to raise the money is through a bond issue, and the question of issuing bonds will have to be put to a popular vote.

The Government has no intention, thus far, of granting money for construction. It is giving aid only for the making of plans. If a project is financed locally, and goes ahead, the Government grant is treated as a loan without interest; being repaid, it is included in the capital cost of the project.

In Chapel Hill, money for the interest and installments on sewer bonds comes from sewer rentals. A great many houses not in the town's corporate limits will be connected with the new sewer lines, and rentals from these houses will cover a considerable part of the debt service charges.

If the project is carried through, most of the dwellings and the University buildings south of Cameron avenue will be connected with the new sewer lines. This will relieve the present overcrowded system.

### Full Agenda Opens For Legion Tonight

Barbecue, turkey bingo, and an Armistice Day open house are on the American Legion's November agenda, which begins with the post's regular monthly meeting at 8 o'clock this (Friday) evening at the Legion Hut on Rosemary lane.

A barbecue supper, for members of the Legion and its Auxiliaries, will be held at 7 o'clock next Friday evening, with tickets (\$1 each) on sale at the door.

The Armistice Day open house for members and all service personnel will be held from 3 to 7 P.M. Sunday, November 11. Refreshments will be served by members of the Auxiliaries.

A bingo party, open to the public, is scheduled for Tuesday evening, November 20. Turkeys will be the main prizes.

### Carolina to Play Tennessee

The University football team will play Tennessee tomorrow at Knoxville. The game will be the 14th in a series in which Carolina has won 6, lost 7, and tied one. Tennessee has lost only to Alabama this fall and is favored by the sports writers to win tomorrow.

### Williams Wins Golf Tourney

L. A. Williams won the Kewanee Club golf tournament last Sunday at the Country Club, Bill Hogan, who won in July, was the defending champion.