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New Laundry to Begin Operation Monday Morning

E. F. Humphries, as Manager, to Have the Help of His Wife, Daughters, Sons-in-Law

The Twin Village Laundry and Cleaners, of which E. F. Humphries is manager, will open for business Monday morning in its new brick building on Greensboro street in Carrboro. Maybe a better way to describe its location is: When you go west along the main street of Carrboro turn to the left at the Andrews-Riggsbee store (opposite the Baptist church), and the laundry is on your right.

The building is 88 feet long, 46 feet wide, one story high. The equipment is of the most modern type. The building and the equipment represent an investment of around \$40,000.

Mr. Humphries has been with the University laundry 20 years. He has done just about every job there is to do about a laundry, his most important positions having been foreman and maintenance man.

"Our new business will be a family affair," he said yesterday. "As manager I will be helped by my wife, my three daughters, and my three sons-in-law."

The sons-in-law are all war veterans: Marvin E. Beaty of Florida, who served in the Navy in the Pacific; Richard W. Gimon of Albany, N. Y., who was a bombardier in the Army Air Forces and was shot down over Italy and found his way back to the American lines, after three weeks of wandering, with the help of the Greek underground; and Alvin C. Brown of Bellingham, Washington, who served with the Army in North Africa.

Mr. Beaty is to be the route man who will go around with the truck.

Arrival of 4 Babies Excites Post Office

There was great excitement at the post office Monday morning when the news was flashed around that three members of the force had become fathers and another member a grandfather during the week-end.

All four babies were born in Durham within a 26-hour period. Lydia Ann Cheek, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Cheek, started the procession when she arrived at 9:18 Friday evening. She was followed by Stephen William Bynum, son of Mr. and Mrs. Rupert Bynum, at 8:30 Saturday morning, and William Frank Pendergraft, Jr., at 5:50 Saturday evening. All three were born in Watts hospital.

Christopher Hogan Cox, son of Mr. and Mrs. James Cox and grandson of Postmaster and Mrs. Bill Hogan, added his contribution to the memorable day by arriving in Duke hospital at 10:30 Saturday evening.

Missed Plane, Saw Tennis

Mrs. Herman Weil of Goldsboro was to take a plane from Durham to Knoxville, Tenn., late Tuesday afternoon. Mr. Weil accompanied her to the airport. The flight had to be called off because of bad weather, and so she and Mr. Weil came over to Chapel Hill to visit their daughter, Miss Betty Weil, co-ed in the University, and to see the Budge-Riggs tennis match.

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Josephus Daniels, 84 Tomorrow, Is Proof of Foolishness of Rigid Rule Retiring Man from Active Duty at 70

Josephus Daniels will be 84 years old tomorrow. He was born May 18, 1862, in Washington, N. C.

The fact that Mr. Daniels at 84 is alert and vigorous, and does more than a full day's work every day—this is of special interest just now to our University community because of its bearing upon the retirement of members of the faculty. The state law fixes their retirement age at 65 with the proviso that, by action of the trustees, they may stay on duty another five years. A professor's retirement at 70 is obligatory unless the state retirement board decrees that he stay on duty longer.

It may be said: "Mr. Daniels is an exceptional man. Mighty few men can keep on the way he does." But so are many professors exceptional men. There is not an institution in the country that does not have in its faculty men whose retirement at 70 sacrifices the interest of the students. It may be well to have a rule about the age of retirement, but it is certainly a mistake to make the rule rigid. There ought to be provision for a simple and easy way for the trustees to make exceptions so that students may get the utmost possible advantage from association with splendid teachers.

Legislators and other persons who are determining the state's policy with respect to retirement would do well to consider what Josephus Daniels has done since he reached the age of 70.

He was just two months short of 71 when he became Ambassador to Mexico, and he served in that position from March 1933 to January 1941. Within that period he was a member of the commission sent to France by the President to mark and dedicate the battlefields where Americans fought and cemeteries where were buried those who lost their lives in World War I. This required one month (in 1937), and the commission traveled all over France. While on that trip Mr. Daniels also went to Belgium, Switzerland, England, Wales, and Ireland.

In 1941 he returned to Raleigh and took up the editorship of the News and Observer. Since then he has averaged writing two

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Hickerson's Life among the Roses

One of the most beautiful spectacles in the village in the last few days has been T. F. Hickerson's double bank of roses—American Pillars and Silver Moons—rising above the rock wall on the side of his yard toward the campus. And the passersby who have not been walking too fast to take a peep through the gate have seen on his west lawn a big bush of Paul Scarletts.

One day last week Mrs. Thomas D. Rose asked him by telephone if he would give her some of his roses for the decoration of the Presbyterian church. He was delighted to, but she called him a little while later and said she found his roses would not be wanted because Mrs. Klutz had already made all the arrangements for the decoration.

He was called on the telephone again, and this time Mrs. Rose was inviting him to midday dinner on Sunday. "Nobody but ourselves," she said. He accepted eagerly, and turned up promptly at the appointed hour of one o'clock. Since grand-

Cobb Terrace Houses Sold

These houses on Cobb Terrace have been sold in the last few days: No. 1, on the rear row, nearest to town, to Clyde C. Carter; No. 11, at the far end of the rear row, to Robert L. Stallings, Jr.; and No. 11, on the rear row, to A. G. Engstrom (the present occupant). Mr. Carter is a newcomer to the school of commerce. Mr. Stallings recently returned to the school of commerce after service in the Navy. Mr. Engstrom is in the French division of the department of romance languages. The sale of No. 5 to Robert Shenkan has already been reported in this paper.

Miss Akers in Accident

Miss Susan Akers was in an automobile accident in Virginia a few days ago. Though her car turned over, she was not seriously injured. She has come home, but the car had to be left in Martinsville for repairs.

Still Going Strong



This photograph of Josephus Daniels was taken recently at his home, Wakestone, in Raleigh.

It is a commonplace that one man's meat is another man's poison. Maybe Mr. Daniels' manner of living might not be good for some men, but all who know about his good health, his energy, and his achievements, will agree that it has been good for him.

He has never used tobacco, and he has always been a total abstainer not only from alcohol but from soft drinks as well. There are some non-admirers of

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Poor Attendance Causes Loss of Teacher Here

An article about the deplorable attendance record of the Chapel Hill elementary school is featured on the first page of the May issue of the "Elementary Star," the school's publication. Titled "Plain Figures and Sad Facts," it says in part:

"One grade of the school has 48 pupils crowded into one room. There are two rooms in which two grades are taught by one teacher, which means that a pupil gets half the regularly-allotted teaching time. We now have 12 teachers. Next year we will have 11. Why? Because our attendance record has been so low that the state will allot us only 11 teachers.

"Many absences are unavoidable. But there have been enough avoidable absences to account for the loss of a teacher. There have been 4,353 absences in the last 7 months. Of these, 3,079 were due to epidemic diseases and 1,274 were for other reasons.

"What can you do to help? During the summer do your shopping, see your dentist, have your medical check-ups, do your visiting, and get back before school starts. After school opens arrange to do these things on Saturday or after school; not on school days. A day's absence may seem justifiable and of little consequence. But multiply it by 1,274. It results in your getting one forty-eighth of a teacher's attention or in your grade's sharing half the day's teaching with another grade."

Progress of Anti-Cancer Drive

More than \$500 has been collected in the anti-cancer campaign, it is announced by John Foushee, treasurer. The Girl Scouts collected \$125 on the streets last Saturday, and checks have been coming in from some of the people to whom appeals were made by mail. No returns from Hillsboro have come in yet. The quota for the county is \$1,300.

Librarian Evans Speaks Here

Luther H. Evans, Librarian of Congress, was a guest speaker at the dinner of the Friends of the University of North Carolina Library at the Inn last week. Another guest was John Sprunt Hill, permanent honorary chairman of the society.

Spanish Movies Shown Here

The Pick theatre has been running a series of Spanish-dialogue movies for the benefit of the many Spanish speaking students in the University and others who know the language or are interested in it. The theatre has been showing one such movie a week, on Thursday. Next Thursday's is "La Trepadora." These movies are regular full-length dramas.

Dale Beers to Lecture Tuesday

C. Dale Beers, professor of zoology in the University, will give a lecture on "Studies on Excystment in Gilliated Protozoa" at 8:30 Tuesday evening in room 105, Wilson hall, under the auspices of the Society of Sigma Xi.

State to Hard-Surface Stretch Of Road through Veterans' Home Colony in Woods Back of Campus

Chapel Hill Chaff

Everywhere you turn you hear of the desperate home-hunting by war veterans enrolled in the University. Veterans' families are snatching any living quarters they can find. Some exhibit great resourcefulness. Sam Summerlin had an article in the Greensboro News about three veterans' families—nine persons in all—who are living in a farm house which they managed to rent, a mile or so from the village. They have a garden and are raising pigs and chickens.

The names of people and places are listed in the main part of a dictionary only when they become common nouns. The other day I showed George Coffin Taylor the only thing Webster's International has to say about his native city: "Charleston (from Charleston, S. C.): a kind of round dance, in four-four time, characterized by a sidelong hip movement and by lifting the heels alternately out and back while the knees touch." I asked Mr. Taylor to demonstrate this for me but he refused.

Buys Munitions Plant

The Pacific Mills of Boston, Mass., has bought the National Munitions Company property in Carrboro. This was announced yesterday by Winslow Williams, Carrboro town manager. The property is the former Durham Hosiery Mills plant 7.

In January, 1945, the Pacific Mills bought the former Durham Hosiery Mills plant 4, now known as the Carrboro Woolen Mills, and has completely renovated the building, making it one of the most modern windowless, air-conditioned woolen and worsted manufacturing plants in the nation, equipped with the latest machinery for the manufacturing of high grade fabrics.

The new property, which will be modernized and beautified in the manner of the present plant, contains 36,000 square feet of manufacturing area, which will about double the volume of the company's Carrboro operation and will bring here a new industry expected to be of permanent benefit to the entire community.

The Pacific Mills is a Massachusetts corporation chartered 100 years ago. It has plants in Lawrence, Mass., and in several Southern states, and its annual statement shows an average sales volume of \$80,000,000 a year.

In announcing the new purchase, Mr. Williams said, "Carrboro is indeed proud to again welcome this nationally famous textile concern as a partner in the civic, business, professional, and economic life of the community and is grateful to the corporation for the confidence it has placed in our town."

Comes Back from Hospital

Miss Sally Stevens returned from Duke hospital yesterday. She was struck by a car last Thursday afternoon as she was crossing the street. Her mother flew from Minnesota and is at the Carolina Inn. Miss Stevens has joined her mother there for the week-end and will resume her classes Monday.

Despite Tree-Saving Efforts, Many Fine Trees in Colony Area Are Being Cut Down

The State Highway Department is going to hard-surface the stretch of the Mason Farm road that runs through the new home colony for veterans in the woods back of the campus. The surface will be the familiar tar-and-crushed-stone type—the same as that on the roads leading from here toward Raleigh and Greensboro.

The hard-surfacing will extend from the Pittsboro highway about three-quarters of a mile to the road-junction at the R. W. Bost property.

The present width of the Mason Farm Road, 20 feet, will be increased to 30 feet not only for this distance but on beyond the hard surface, past the Ryan and Williams homes. There is an additional 5-foot-wide strip on each side, required for working space. The highway department has given assurance that it will not destroy the trees, on this strip, that the University wants preserved.

The faculty committee on grounds has been conferring about the protection of trees with the University officials in charge of the building operations. These officials and the clearing-and-grading contractor (who was called into the conference) have been urged, and have agreed, to do everything possible to save trees. But a good many fine big trees have to come down to make way for houses, streets, and the sewer line through the woods. No labor can be obtained for a sewer-pipe ditching, and the job has to be done by a machine that cuts a course 12 feet wide. Another machine that needs "elbow room" and therefore causes tree-cutting is the derrick that swings around as it lifts and places sections of prefabricated houses.

The highway department is expected to complete the widening, and whatever grading has to be done, within the next three or four weeks. It will then proceed immediately with the surfacing.

Tomorrow, May 18th, Is "Challenge Day"

Tomorrow, Saturday the 18th, is "challenge day." This means that anybody may question anybody else's qualifications as a voter at any time between 9 and 6 o'clock tomorrow at the polling place. (Place for Chapel Hill's north precinct, fire-engine room at Town Hall; for south precinct, elementary school) ... Registration closed last week ... There is no Republican primary in the county this year because there are no Republican contests. In the Democratic primary (May 25, one week from tomorrow) nobody can vote except persons who declared, in registering, that they belonged to the Democratic party.

An Incident Is Closed

An incident that caused considerable stir in the village, the citing of Max Weaver on a contempt-of-court charge, has been closed by Mr. Weaver's making a full apology for the abusive epithets he applied to the Chapel Hill recorder's court in a letter published in the student newspaper, the Tar Heel.