

## Chas. H. Jenkins Company Completes Modernization Program



### Local Motor Company One Of Largest In Eastern Carolina

#### Firm Has Enjoyed Marked Growth In The Past Decade

#### Expansion and Modernization Program Just Recently Completed

In keeping with its progressive march since its organization in humble surroundings back in 1912 in Aulander, the Charles H. Jenkins Company just recently completed the expansion and modernization of its plant here on Washington Street, making it one of the largest and most modern motor sales and service units in this section of Eastern North Carolina.

To keep abreast of the times and to meet the exacting demands of its increasing number of customers, the company completely rearranged its plant recently, taking over the building formerly occupied by the Jenkins Equipment Company.

The modernization program saw the removal of the parts department to provide more space for the sales-display room. Offices were relocated, partitions were removed and other extensive alterations were made, all being part of an over-all pattern to modernize the plant and enhance its service to the public.

The first step in the expansion program was the construction of a special building for the Jenkins Equipment Company on Pearl Street, just across the way from the sales-service building. The service department was rearranged to occupy the addition made available by the removal of the machinery division. The change, in addition to making more room for the service department, provides space for a modern lubricating department complete with hydraulic lifts, and a modern alignment machine and still another machine for straightening frames.

The new plant embraces the assembly line system. Starting at the front door, the car is checked for alignment and then moves to the service line, thence to the lubricating section and on to other machines for repairs if needed, and finally is checked out at another entrance.

More than eight cars can be comfortably displayed in the showroom which connects with the bookkeeping department, salesmen's and manager's offices. The parts department is accessible from several sides to round out a convenient and efficient set-up.

A special system has been installed to heat the entire building from a central location, and the plant has been completely equipped with modern tools and machines, enabling its personnel to render an able and efficient service in every department.

#### Attend College In Greensboro

Greensboro—Martin County is represented at Greensboro College this year by four students: Miss Janice Johnson, daughter of Mrs. Lillian E. Johnson, Broad St., Robersonville; Miss Jane King, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. E. King, 120 E. Main St., Williamston; Miss Vernida Roberson, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. V. L. Roberson of Robersonville; and Miss Mary Ada Shuller, daughter of Rev. and Mrs. E. R. Shuller, 114 E. Church St., Williamston.

Represented in the student body this year are students from 67 counties in North Carolina and 5 other states including Alabama, Massachusetts, New York, South Carolina, and Virginia.

In the present student body twelve denominations are represented.

Dr. Luther L. Gobbel is President of the College.

#### PICTURES

The pictures at the left show departments in the recently enlarged and modernized plant of the Chas. H. Jenkins Motor Company here on Washington Street. At the top are Mrs. Evelyn Glass and Mrs. Margaret Nicholson in the bookkeeping department. In the middle picture, Messrs. Hobson Taylor and Bob Tarkington are hard at work in the parts department. The bottom picture shows experienced mechanics at their jobs in the large and well equipped service department.—Photos by Royal Studios.

#### Williamston Boy Back From Korea

San Diego, Calif.—Robert G. Harrison, ship's serviceman apprentice, USN, son of Mr. and Mrs. Robert G. Harrison, Jr., of 122 Simmons Ave., Williamston, North Carolina arrived here last week on board the USS Skagit, an attack cargo ship, which has spent the past six months with the Pacific Fleet Amphibious Force in Japanese and Korean waters.

The ship, commanded by Captain George R. Over, USN, joined the Amphibious Force in April and since that time has been lifting supplies and equipment vital to our combat forces.

Vice Admiral I. N. Kiland, USN, commander Pacific Fleet Amphibious Force greeted the ship and her crew when she docked at the Naval Air Station, Coronado, Calif. Also on hand as part of a large "welcome home" committee was the Pacific Fleet Cruiser-Destroyer band and many friends and relatives.

#### Chas. H. Jenkins Opened Business Here Back In '38

#### Company Now Has Twenty-Five Able And Efficient Employees Here

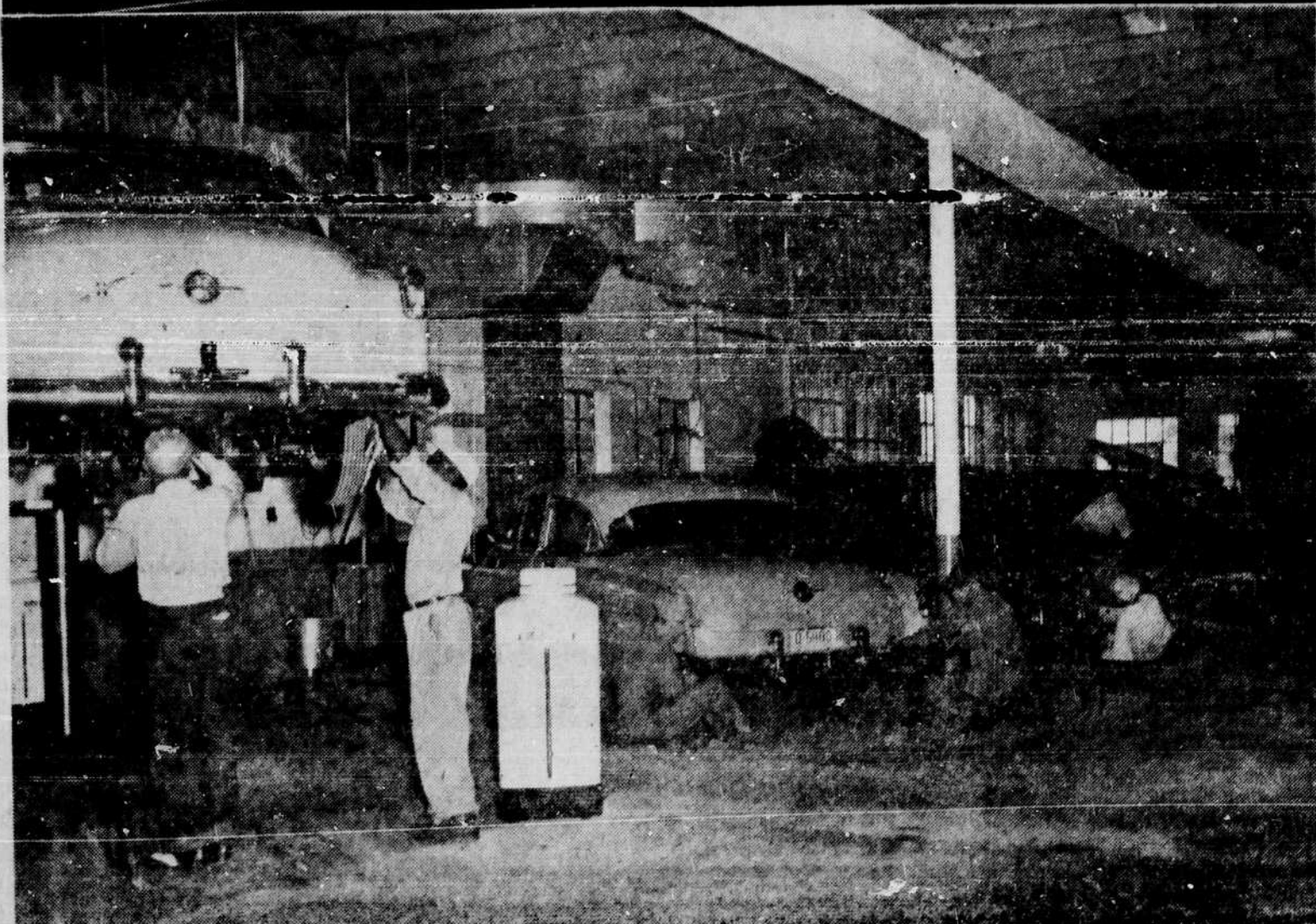
Organized by Mr. Chas. H. Jenkins in Aulander during August, 1912, the company bearing his name has enjoyed a phenomenal growth down through the years. Only one car was sold that first year, but within a short time business in the motorized world started expanding, and the firm rapidly stepped to the front as one of the big operators. In due time, the company expanded its operations to Ahsokie, Edenton, Windsor and then to Williamston. Opening for business here on January 10, 1938, the company, under the direction of James Bailey Peel, manager, maintained its

headquarters around a filling station, corner of Haughton and Railroad Streets. In June of the following year, the company moved into its new home on Washington Street. Just a few years later, the plant here was expanded to cope with a growing business, and now an extensive alteration and modernization program has just been completed.

When the company first opened for business here, it had only two employees. Manager Peel, who first went with the company in 1933, was transferred here to head the local business. He was joined by Clinton Whitaker. With them as a nucleus, the personnel has been increased to include twenty-five able and experienced employees, many of whom have been in the organization in various capacities for years. All were expertly trained, giving the company a courteous and efficient working organization.

Headed by Mr. Peel, the company personnel includes three able men in the sales division which is headed by Clarence Britton as sales manager. In addition to his duties as assistant manager, Rudolph Saunders supports the department as an expert salesman along with Haywood Mobley. Horace Ray heads an efficient

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