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## ALL ORANGE SCHOOLS OPEN MONDAY; VACATION IS OVER

### Horrors Of Japanese Prison Camps Told Hillsboroans By Colonel Hardee

Colonel David L. Hardee of Durham, speaking in the Hillsboro school auditorium under sponsorship of the local Legion post Tuesday night, said that there has been no exaggeration in statements made about Jap treatment of American prisoners of war. Col. Hardee went through the well-nigh indescribable experience of being a slave of the Japanese for 34 months in the Philippines, an experience to which he says he would prefer death to repetition.

In describing his experiences in the "Death March" after the fall of Bataan, Col. Hardee told how he was captured with the remainder of the troops on April 9, 1942, how he spent 40 days at Camp O'Donnell, four months and three weeks at Cabanatuan, 19 months at the Davao Penal Colony and eight months in the hospital at Bilbilid where he was rescued by the advance of our forces on Feb. 19, 1945.

"The Japs owed us special food and special medicine after this devastating 'Death March' of some 10 to 125 miles, but all our pleas for them fell on deaf ears. The death rate became so tremendous that the Japs decided to move those of us who were well to Cabanatuan, but the move did little good because no additional foods and medicines were forthcoming.

"In the march, we saw people clubbed to death, bayoneted and shot because of their physical exhaustion; and I also saw an officer throw himself into a stream because he was suffering with arthritis and could not make the grade. Strange as it may seem, the Japs did not allow him to drown, but saved his life—anything to be obstinate.

"Beatings were entirely too frequent. I was struck three or four times by Jap privates, and I have not the remotest idea, other than pursuance of their policy of brutality, why I should have been struck, but the system of slapping and beating seems to have been the general means of maintaining discipline in the Jap Army. To prevent our escape, they forced us to work barefooted, often with bleeding feet or in wooden shoes of our own manufacture. It was not uncommon to see prisoners wearing the wooden shoes without soles and only a gee-string, and you could count the ribs on every prisoner as far as you could see him.

"We had charged against our pay every item that a civilized country would issue and afford to an officer. Food, lodging, clothes, library fees, hospital fees, and the like were the charges made without respect to value received. Such money that was left after all these charges were made was put in a Jap Army savings bank to our credit as an individual depositor, but we never saw the books, never saw the money and never expect to. My total prison pay was about 5,000 pesos, or about \$2,500 when I was rescued. We were compelled to sign for all these phony things, and the United States, at the peace table, will be confronted with all of these astronomical figures for the care of the prisoners of war, when as a matter of fact, very little value has ever been received.

After Col. Hardee's liberation from the Philippines, he was given extensive treatment at Walter Reed General Hospital. He has recovered 70 pounds of the weight he lost under the deliberate starvation routine of the Japanese.

### Drinking, Speeding Aired In J. P. Court

Judging by cases brought before Cicero Jones in magistrate court last week, driving too fast and drinking too much are the two most common causes for arrest in Hillsboro lately. Three local men were found guilty of drunkenness and two out-of-county women were tried for speeding.

Clarence C. Cates of West Hillsboro, was fined \$2 and costs for public drunkenness. Daniel Bryant, also of West Hillsboro, was charged \$2 and costs for drunk and disorderly conduct; Armon Davis, Hillsboro, tried for drunkenness, was found guilty, first offense, and charged with costs.

Mrs. Evelyn Transon, Winston-Salem, and Mrs. Freda James of Greensboro paid \$3 and costs each for speeding.

### Snavelly Labors On Labor Day To Whip Together UNC Squad

Chapel Hill—Labor Day was no holiday for the North Carolina football squad which began fall drills Monday for its stiff schedule, slated to open with a game against Georgia Tech here September 29. This was the first fall drill here for head coach Carl Snavelly, who was headman at Cornell 1936-1944, since he led Tar Heels to No. 8 in the national rankings back in 1934-35.

The Tar Heels had a turnout of approximately 50 candidates on Monday, these about equally divided between Navy trainees and civilians, and all but a few were freshmen and sophomores. The only six lettermen to appear were Ed Golding, Ed Twohey, and Del Leatherman, guards; Arthur Collins, tackle and Bill Voris and Don Clayton, backs.

Golding is the only man who has played a full college season as a regular. Among the new linemen who showed promise this summer were Charles Ellison, Ed Mead and Bob Cox, ends, and Ted Hazelwood,

Stan Marczyk and Leonard Szafarny, tackles. The backs included Bill Walker, Tom Gorman, Jonnie Colones, Bob Oliphant, and Joe Curtis. The only returning G. I. so far is Don Clayton, the "one-man track team" from Fayetteville, who won his letter as a reserve here in 1943 and who was in the Army Air Corps for a year before his discharge.

"We have a lot to do before we face Tech's Orange Bowl outfit," Coach Snavelly observed, "and we will need to make every minute count if we are to make a creditable showing since Georgia Tech is being generally ranked the No. 1 club in Dixie."

### Frank Vincent Stars In West Hillsboro Uproar

A rooting, tooting stone-throwing, bullet-slinging fracas that had the ear marks of a near riot shook West Hillsboro Sunday night. Frank Vincent, star performer in the drama, has been released from arrest under a \$1,000 bond and is now waiting a hearing on both this case and an assault charge brought against him Aug. 26.

Sunday night, about the time church was over, colored man Whitted started into his father-in-law's, Graham Long's, house to see about his three children who were staying with their grandparents that evening. Whitted's wife had been buried a week before and he left the children with Graham Long frequently since the death of their mother. Just as Whitted was going into the house, Frank Vincent and several companions came along. Vincent had been drinking heavily. He demanded that Whitted stay out of the house, then hit the colored man. Whitted turned around and knocked Vincent down, then went on into the house.

Vincent and, supposedly, some of the boys with him, began to pelt the house with rocks. This type of missile failed to have the desired effect, and so Vincent went down the street to his house for a shotgun.

Just what happened after Vincent started using the gun is not clear to anyone; even the spectators, who had become numerous by this time, disagree. Some say that another of the boys with Vincent had a pistol. All agree that Vincent alternated between rock-slinging and indiscriminate shooting at the Long house. Whitted's friends, and even his younger son were fighting Vincent's gang. Colored men pitched battle against white men, and in the mix-up, white men and colored men were fighting among themselves.

When "The Law" arrived, they found Long's house sieved with bullet holes. Two cars parked near by had holes in them made by a pistol, not by Vincent's shotgun, which points to the fact that someone besides Vincent was involved in the shooting.

Sunday a week ago Vincent was involved in a fight on the highway between Mebane and Efland. A hearing on the charge of assaulting and beating Cecil and Hassel Kembrey will be held Sept. 17 for Vincent to determine his innocence or guilt in that day's activities.

### JR. OUAM BARBECUE

Davie Council No. 52, Jr. OUAM will give a barbecue Tuesday night August 14, at 7:30 in the Carrboro Firemen's Hut. This barbecue will climax the drive for funds to establish student loan funds at the Junior Order orphanage in Lexington. All Jr. OUAM members are urged to be present.

The student loan fund, sponsored by state and national organizations of the Jr. OUAM, purposes to assist students of the orphanage in further education after graduation from the home.

### C.A.P. Reaps \$165 As Cut In Carnival

The local Civil Air Patrol cleared \$165.49 after paying expenses in their 15 per cent cut of A. B. & B. Shows take. Total received, counting \$75 which the carnival managers gave them gratis, was \$252.49. County tax, grounds rent, cleaning of grounds and miscellaneous items took away \$87 of this amount, leaving \$165.49 to be used in buying equipment and taking other steps for improvement of the CAP unit here.

Money has been going out from the CAP fund during the summer, \$90 being spent to send three cadets to Army air bases and \$75 going for an air marker which was placed atop A. S. Mitchell Hardware and Furniture Company. This marker is lettered in 6 x 10 figures which give the altitude, latitude, longitude and true north for plane pilots to see.

C. B. Parris, commander of the Hillsboro squadron, reports that attendance to CAP weekly Wednesday night meetings during the summer has varied, sometimes as many as fifty attending and sometimes less than half that amount present. G. A. Brown, executive officer of the squad and usual teacher of navigation, has been away for the summer. In his absence, Parris and his son, Charles Parris, Jr., have had the whole teaching load with code, meteorology and some navigation coming under their duties.

### White Cross

Mr. and Mrs. Herman Ward of Washington, D. C. are spending this week with Mr. and Mrs. F. M. Ward.

Pvt. John Durham spent last week with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. C. R. Durham. Pvt. Durham is stationed at Georgia.

Mr. and Mrs. Green Davis of Richmond, Va., spent last week with Mrs. Cora Davis.

Miss Jesse Ward spent several days with her grandparents last week.

Mr. and Mrs. C. E. Durham, W. M. Perkins, Mrs. Lester Lloyd, Mr. and Mrs. Ollie Morgan, Mrs. Ervin Simpson spent last week end in Richmond, Va., with Mr. and Mrs. B. E. Sykes.

Miss Edna Andrews of Durham spent her vacation last week with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Tom Andrews.

H. C. Lloyd and Tom Andrews are spending this week end at Wrightsville beach.

Mrs. D. J. Leigh and Miss Georgia Andrews are spending a few days at Myrtle Beach.

Mr. and Mrs. W. P. Edwards have returned from New Jersey where Mr. Edwards has been working. They are spending a few days with his mother, Mrs. C. D. Edwards.

### Navy Cross Wearer, Cdr. Woollen Comes Home On Leave From Pacific



Lt. Commander William S. Woollen, USNR, of 311 East Franklin St., Chapel Hill, has returned from the Pacific where he piloted a carrier-based Wildcat fighter plane on 27 combat missions with the Navy's Composite Squadron 96.

Hairline bombing and strafing missions over hard-won Okinawa formed a part of the every-day life aboard the trim support carrier which flies of Composite 96 called home for 84 fighting days. Specializing in the close support of ground troops, these pilots and aircrewmembers were called on time and again to obliterate Jap installations, located at times only 200 yards ahead of the troops.

Six enemy planes, encountered in the course of these operations, were shot down—four of them by a quartet of Composite 96 airmen on a single mission.

Lt. Cdr. Woollen, wearer of the Navy Cross for heroic action in the Coral Sea and at Midway, is the son of Mrs. Charles T. Woollen, of the East Franklin Street address. He is married to the former Lylal C. Boice, of Rocky Mount and they have two sons, William, Jr., 3, and Edmund, 1.

### Legion Has Good Fair

Chapel Hill—The Legion Fair got underway Monday night out on the Airport Road, nine rides and 15 shows, not to mention approximately 40 concessions, holding forth with all the glamor of the carnival. A censoring committee composed of Legion members was at work to see that no shows smacking of lewdness stayed open. At 10:30 "The Great Zucchini, the Human Cannon Ball" went whizzing out of a cannon for a 200-foot soar over two ferris wheels.

Monday afternoon, cadets from the Pre-Flight school took advantage of Labor Day liberty to watch the carnival set up. There were curious small boys and curious grown boys, all bowing to the magnetism that a carnival holds. There was a good crowd Monday night, and business boomed in the following nights as crowds increased. The Legion percentage of receipts is good, and there is every indication that Legion funds will be greatly augmented when the carnival closes Saturday night.

Wednesday afternoon a special children's matinee, all rides \$ .10 including federal tax, was staged. Another matinee is scheduled for Saturday afternoon. There are two free acts each night, beginning around 11:00 o'clock.

Ralph Decker, fair manager, was with another outfit two years ago and cooperated with the Legion then in a similar, though smaller carnival. The Joseph J. Kirkwood Shows of this year are a step in enlargement of Legion-sponsored entertainment. The Legion plans to initiate Orange county into the functioning of a county fair next year and to set up the fair as an annual event with exhibits of farm produce, stock showings and other exhibits that go into the making of a real fair.

## CARRBORO

### RONNY LACKEY CELEBRATES SEVENTH BIRTHDAY

Ronny Lackey, son of Mr. and Mrs. Wilson Lackey was seven years old last Wednesday. His mother gave him a birthday party and 15 young guests were present. After enjoying games and very interesting contests, the boys and girls were invited into the dining room where a beautiful cake with seven candles was the center of attraction. Master Ronny received many useful and attractive birthday gifts. Ice cream and cake was served the guests.

### R. B. STUDEBAKERS ATTEND FISHER REUNION

Mr. and Mrs. R. B. Studebaker attended a reunion of the Fisher families in Fayetteville last Sunday where members of the fisher families came from far and near. Relatives were present from Jacksonville, Fla., Green Cove Springs, Fla., and Trenton, Fla., as well as from all over North Carolina.

### SON BORN TO BOWMANS

Mr. and Mrs. Whitt Bowman announce the birth of a son, George Atlas, August 19, in Watts Hospital, Durham.

### REV. AND MRS. QUEEN SPEND WEEK AWAY FROM HOME

Rev. V. E. Queen, pastor of the Methodist church, conducted revival services all last week in Star Methodist church, a church on the Biscoe Charge near Aberdeen.

Mrs. Queen accompanied her house guest, Miss Hazel Cobb, on Miss Cobb's return trip to Roanoke Rapids last week. After spending a few days there, Mrs. Queen went on to Nashville for a short visit with her parents, Rev. and Mrs. D. M. Sharpe.

### ALDERMEN ENTERTAINED

Mayor and Mrs. I. A. West, entertained the town aldermen, their wives, chief R. H. Mills and Mrs. Mills, town manager, W. E. Williams and Mrs. Williams last Friday evening in the Fireman's Cabin near the village. There were 15 present. Chicken stew was served to the hungry guests.

### J. W. CLARK MOVES BACK INTO CARRBORO

J. W. Clark, who sold his home out on the Hillsboro highway several months ago to Mrs. Herbert Lloyd, moved back to his home near Carrboro last Friday.

Mr. Clark had his home here completely renovated and much improved before moving in last week.

### T. D. HARDEE

Sgt. Dan Pickett, U.S.M.C., is here on furlough from his Marine base near Kingston. He is with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. P. Pickett.

Atwell Parsons, F-1c of the Navy, was on leave here from Monday until Wednesday of last week with his sister, Mrs. Wilson Lackey. Parsons has just returned from active duty at Guam and Saipan in the Mariannas.

Pfc. Sidney Barker has been spending several days furlough here with his wife and young son Rudy. He is now stationed in Niagara, N. Y.

Sgt. Julian Braxton, who has been spending an extended furlough here after almost a year in a German prison camp, left last Saturday to report for new duties in Miami, Fla.

Sgt. Nello Johnson who has been with the army in England for 18 months is here on furlough with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Talmage Johnson.

### PERSONALS

Miss Nancy Squires left last Saturday to attend a business school in Greensboro.

Mrs. Hettie Neville visited Mr. and Mrs. Winder Neville, and Mr. and Mrs. Lewis Sparrow in Wilmington last week. Jake Neville and Mr. and Mrs. Lloyd Ward went with her and spent the week end in Wilmington.

Horace Ward and Miss Evelyn Ward of Chadbourn have been visiting Mrs. Clara Blake for several days.

Mr. and Mrs. N. G. Davis of Scottsville, Va., spent the last week end here with Mr. and Mrs. T. F. Davis and family. The two families have been visiting relatives in Graham.

Mrs. T. F. Sims and family of (Continued on page 6)

### Early Death Comes To Bernice Dodson

Chapel Hill—Funeral services were held Friday morning at 11 o'clock at Cane Creek Baptist church for Bernice Dodson, 27, who died Wednesday afternoon after an illness of several months. The church pastor was assisted by the Rev. S. F. Nicks.

Mr. Dodson is survived by his wife, Mrs. Mildred Grinstead Dodson; one daughter, Rosine Dodson; his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Millie Dodson, Hillsboro, Rt. 3; one sister, Mrs. Sadie Carey, Hurdle (Continued on page 5)

### Four Teachers Still Lacking, Caldwell Principal Included

### Miss Byars Quits Home Agent Post



Miss Woodward Byars, Orange home demonstration agent since 1939, handed in her resignation Monday to the county commissioners. Miss Kathryn Highsmith, assistant home demonstration agent in Durham county for the past year, was elected by the commissioners to take Miss Byars' place. Miss Byars is going to the University of Indiana where she will serve as assistant dietitian, helping plan new buildings and training student interneers. She has put her four room house, located just outside of Chapel Hill, up for sale and is leaving right away for Indiana.

Miss Highsmith comes to Orange with a year's teaching experience in home economics at the Smithfield high school in addition to her year as Durham county assistant home agent behind her. She is a graduate of Flora McDonald college where she received a B. S. degree in home economics. Her home is in Burgaw, a small town near Wilmington.

### Carrboro Sergeant Wins Bronze Star

Staff Sergeant Sterling C. Sykes, husband of Hazel Pendergrass Sykes of Carrboro has been awarded the Bronze Star Medal in recognition of outstanding performance of military duty. S-Sgt. Sykes is the son of Mr. J. L. Sykes of 921 Washington Street, Durham, and is a graduate of the Chapel Hill high school. He is now with the 292nd Engineer Combat Battalion of General Simpson's Ninth Army in Antwerp, Belgium.

His citation reads: "For outstanding performance beyond the call of duty in operating against the enemy from Jan 1 to May 9, 1945, this medal is presented. The leadership of Sgt. Sykes constituted materially to the success of his platoon and his company in the operation from the Rhur to the Rhine and thence to the Elbe River." Mrs. Sterling Sykes is now residing at the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Pendergrass, in Carrboro.

### 2 Chapel Hill Men In Tokyo Bay Fleet

Two Chapel Hill servicemen are aboard battleships now in Tokyo Bay. C. J. Simpson, Jr., grandson of Uncle Bud Weaver, is one of the Marines on the battleship Missouri, ship named after President Truman's home state and site of the treaty's signing. Creighton E. Humphreys, quartermaster, third class, USNR, husband of Mrs. Nancy Leigh Humphreys of 301 Pritchard Ave. and son of Kenan House Mother, Mrs. Edna Humphreys, is aboard the USS North Carolina.

Under the operational control of Admiral William F. Halsey, USN, commander of the third fleet, the North Carolina, the Missouri and 10 other battleships, 17 aircraft carriers, five escort carriers, 20 cruisers and more than 290 other U. S. ships are assembled in Tokyo Bay to carry out the first stages of the occupation of the Japanese home islands.

### BACK FROM WASHINGTON

Mrs. Bill I. Suitt and daughters, Miss Mary Elizabeth and Billie Suitt returned home Sunday from Washington, D. C. where they spent last week sightseeing in the Capitol City. Miss Mary Elizabeth Suitt joined her mother and sister there as she was returning from New York where she had spent the summer studying at Columbia University.

Every school in the county will open Monday, September 11. Caldwell school lacked a principal and two teachers yesterday, but R. H. Claytor, county superintendent of schools, reported that every effort was being made to fill these vacancies and that some emergency staff would in all probability be ready to take over on Monday if permanent teachers had not been secured by that time. Chapel Hill's superintendent, C. W. Davis, was still looking Tuesday for a ninth grade mathematics and science teacher. When all positions are filled, there will be a total of 73 teachers in the county schools and 25 in the Chapel Hill system.

Claytor secured the services of Mr. and Mrs. Edward Campbell last week. Mr. Campbell to fill the principalship at Efland and Mrs. Campbell to teach mathematics in the Hillsboro high school. Campbell taught in Durham county last year. The Campbells will continue to live out from Hillsboro on the old Durham road and commute to their respective jobs.

Teaching staffs for the different schools as they now stand are as follows: Chapel Hill, high school—C. W. Davis, superintendent; Miss Ida Gardner, English; Mrs. Helen Macion, history and social studies; Mrs. Lalange James, English and social studies, ninth grade; Miss Janice Jones, mathematics; Miss Catherine Henford, Spanish and Latin; Miss Margaret Lewis, home economics; Mrs. Earl Dittmars, commercial; Lawrence Pittman, science; Miss Elizabeth Maynard, French; math and science teacher, ninth grade, still to be filled.

### COUNTY TEACHERS MEET WILL BE HELD TOMORROW

All the county school teachers, with the exception of Chapel Hill's faculty which operates under a separate system, will meet Friday with County Superintendent R. H. Claytor. White teachers will come together at 10:00 o'clock Friday morning in the Hillsboro school auditorium. Colored teachers are to meet at 3:30 in the colored school building. Organization of a county-wide school masters' club and an Orange county unit of North Carolina Education Association will be considered at the meetings.

Chapel Hill elementary—Miss Mildred Mooneyhan, principal; Miss Lettie Glass, 1; Miss Dorothy McMillan, 1 and 2; Mrs. Kate Sanders, 2; Mrs. Linda McIntosh, 3; Miss Ida Oettinger, 3; Mrs. Isabelle McLeod, 4; Mrs. Minnie Garner, 4 and 5; Mrs. Claudia Simmons, 5; Mrs. Mary Bailey, 6; Miss Mae Blackwelder, 7; Miss Elizabeth Seawell, 8; Mrs. Elizabeth Plemmons, 8; Sidney Holmes, librarian and Mrs. Adeline McCall, public school music.

Hillsboro—G. A. Brown, principal, Mrs. E. T. Campbell, Mrs. Gilbert Craig, Mrs. J. E. Latta, Mrs. Beth Forrest, George Harwood, Mrs. Mable Gordon, Miss Helen Sorrell, Mrs. Martha Mincey, Mrs. Alice Eakes, Mrs. T. W. Crabtree, Mrs. W. P. Andrews, Mrs. R. H. Claytor, Miss Rosa Cole, Miss Estelle Brown, Mrs. Margaret Allison, Mrs. Mary Leigh Webb, Mrs. Mamie Ray, Miss Rebecca Linder, Miss Maude McCauley, Miss Ruth Crawford, Mrs. D. E. Patterson and Miss Annie Cameron.

West Hillsboro—Mrs. Margaret Richmond, principal, Mrs. Lillian Smith, Mrs. Dorothy Cole, Miss Moyle Umstead, Mrs. Ollie Brown and Miss Mattie Blackwood.

Orange Grove—Mrs. Mary Dodson, principal, and Mrs. Luther Sharpe.

### PRINCIPALS MET LAST WEDNESDAY

All county schools were represented, with the exception of Caldwell, by their respective principals in an administrative conference last Wednesday morning. No principal has been secured so far for the Caldwell school.

These school heads decided to reorganize the county schoolmasters' club, to hold county-wide teachers meeting throughout the year and stressed the importance of reviving the PTA now that gasoline has been released from the ration list.

Operation of the 11 school lunchrooms was considered. There are lunchrooms in the Hillsboro, Efland, Caldwell, Carrboro, West Hillsboro, Murphy and Aycock white schools, Aycock and four colored schools, Hillsboro, Ridge Road, Gravelly Hill and Sartin, will have lunchrooms for the children.

Murphy—Mrs. J. M. Harris, principal, Mrs. Erna Link and Mrs. Myrtle Walker. Efland—E. T. Campbell, principal, Mrs. Myra Bradley, Mrs. Grace Singletary, Mrs. Lucile Strayhorn. (Continued on page 2)