

Business of the Week



Albert Willard is getting one of Tooter Dodge's professional haircuts from the Hotel Barber Shop.

Shop retains historical atmosphere

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As Cumberland County continues to grow and expand into Hoke County, new residents have taken the opportunity to move into Hoke County — perhaps as a peaceful getaway from the busy life of Fayetteville. As things continue to change, at least a few things remain the same — like the Hotel Barber Shop.

A part of the bottom floor of the Raeford Hotel has always been the home of a barber shop, said Tooter Dodge, the present shop owner. She said she believes it has been there more than 50 years, but she's not sure because she has personally only been in the area since she bought the business in April, 1990.

Before Dodge bought the barber shop, the owner was Stanley Koonce. Dodge said, "Koonce was the barber here for about 50 years." He was in his 80s when he sold

the business to retire.

"He's healthy," said Dodge "it was just time to retire."

When Koonce sold the business, he left all the original furniture, so the atmosphere of the shop is still a small town barber shop, an atmosphere that attracted Dodge to the shop.

Dodge said she is glad to have found a business in a small town. After living in big cities all over the world, Dodge said she likes the small town atmosphere.

"Here you know everybody. You know all about their wives and family," said Dodge.

Perhaps Dodge has made some close friends, something she didn't have when traveling all over the world with her husband, who was in the military.

Now that her husband is retired, Dodge said she likes being settled in a small town. She said she has been in the Hotel Barber Shop for more than six years now and doesn't

plan to go anywhere unless they tear down the old hotel building. If so, Dodge said she will just pack up her stuff and move.

For now, Dodge is content with giving just haircuts. She does cuts for men, women and children. She takes walk-ins only, no appointments. The good part about getting a haircut from Dodge is she is fast and good.

"She's a good barber. You can't find many these days," said Albert Willard, one of her customers.

Other customers agreed with Willard. Most of the time, her customers never have to wait but a few minutes. They can come in on a break from work and get a haircut in 10 or 15 minutes at most.

The next time you need a cut, try Dodge at 108 Central Ave. or call her at 875-7876. The shop is open Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. and on Saturday from 8 a.m. to noon. She is closed on Wednesday.

State seeks World War I photos

The North Carolina Division of Archives and History is interested in interviewing World War I veterans as part of an oral history program that will eventually encompass veterans of all 20th-century conflicts.

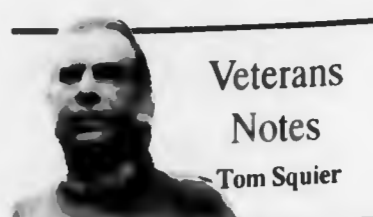
Of the more than 86,767 Tar Heel veterans of World War I, it is estimated that no more than two-tenths of 1 percent are still alive.

Those approximately 150 living World War I veterans are scattered across the state. Other than the critical restraint of time — given the advanced age of these veterans — the biggest obstacle facing the project is identifying and locating the handful of Tar Heel World War I veterans still living.

In conjunction with the oral history project, the archives is seeking to copy photographs of World War I veterans in uniform. Persons having such photographs may donate or loan either negatives or print copies to the Archives.

Arrangements will be made to have the photograph copied free of charge by professional staff photographers, for which the lender will be given a complimentary print of the copied photograph.

If you know of a pre-1920 veteran who you feel is a good oral interview candidate, or if you are in possession of a photograph of such a veteran, please contact the project coordinator, Ston H. Harrington, III, at (919) 733-3952 or by mail at the N.C. State Archives, 109 E. Jones St., Raleigh, NC 27601-2807.



Veterans Notes
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and applied a complete policy of nondiscrimination in its employment practices," says employment manager William L. Ricks. "However, we wish to reiterate this policy and advise all that we are an 'Equal Opportunity Employer' as required by Executive Order 11246, Section 503 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973, the Vietnam-Era Veteran's Readjustment Assistance Act of 1994 and the Americans with Disabilities Act."

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DOD seeks service members

The Department of Defense (DOD) is seeking to identify former service members who received a less than fully honorable administrative discharge from the inactive reserve.

Pursuant to a class action lawsuit and subsequent agreement, discharge upgrades may now be provided to all former service members who received "general," "undesirable" or "under honorable conditions" discharges, while in the inactive reserve, after April 19,

1971; and that discharge has not already been upgraded.

Other than fully honorable administrative discharges were sometimes awarded for civilian misconduct which was not service related or impairing. The class action lawsuit was instituted to correct this situation. The DOD requests individuals affected contact the National Veterans Legal Services Program (NVLSP) at P.O. Box 53445, Washington, D.C. 20009.

The NVLSP is a private, non-profit veterans service organization associated with the attorneys who brought the class action and any correspondence with them is treated confidential.

Women soldier study

The first full-scale national health study of women Vietnam-era veterans is now underway and will continue through 1997.

Under a VA contract, researchers from Klemm Analysis Group Inc. will conduct confidential telephone interviews asking selected women veterans about their military experiences, job history, medical and pregnancy history, and lifestyle. Those interviews will take approximately 40 minutes and will help researchers learn more about the relationship between military service and reproductive health. Participation is voluntary and participants will be asked to authorize release of some medical records to supplement collected data.

For information, call Klemm's toll free number, 1-800-255-5244, and ask to speak with the Manager of the Women Vietnam-era Veterans Health Study.

Sprint seeks veterans

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Graduation Day
Several students graduated from the nursing assistant program at Sandhills Community College Thursday. Pictured left to right (front) Carolyn Johnson, Shanda Hancock, Hazel Cobb, (middle) Geraldene Freeman, Phyllis Murphy, Linda Simmons, Belinda Peterkin, (back) Sondra Jackson and Jessica Hart. Not pictured is Charles Johnson.

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