

150th Birthday

The University of North Carolina has been doing business for 150 years, today. When it first opened its doors in 1776...

In this respect, the University, hailed by outsiders as the intellectual and cultural center of the South, has grown tremendously. But in one vital respect it has not changed a whit.

The University has known its growth to maturity under the expression of more than any other single factor it has served to lift North Carolina high above the Southern level.

For it is not by sheer accident that Tar Heels pour money into their schools, hospitals and public welfare. There are men and women behind them, throughout their history.

Its spirit has been a leaven in the state, influencing it in its recognition and solution of economic and social problems, and even its very thinking.

Home-Made Enigma

Americans who regard the future with a fishy stare and have every reason to do so—like to look upon Britain as a Sphinx, and upon her foreign policy as an inscrutable mystery.

The British haven't suddenly decided to abandon the historic policy of free trade and turn toward government monopolies and state controls.

And that is reflected today in the over and over. Britain wants government control of half the world's cocoa (the U. S. uses almost half of all cocoa produced) so she can make certain of continued control, so she can avoid reverting to pre-war market conditions.

This is not an unnatural state of affairs. Britain has long since moved in this direction, and by following this course she protects her own interests.

How Many Of Who?

IT is my unpleasant duty to report, that the Williams family is apparently dying out.

When to one whose name is not Williams, this seems sad. Yet the figures are inescapable. Today when our total population exceeds one hundred and thirty millions, there are no more than 274,249 Williams.

Table with 2 columns: Name, Number. Lists various Williams family members and their counts.

cutthroat competition for natural resources. The government-sponsored monopolies. It recalls all too vividly the days after the last war when a British pool in virtually complete control of the crude rubber supply, boosted the price from eight cents to \$1.22 per pound.

Hickory's Great Work

The announced transfer of infantile paralysis patients from Hickory's emergency hospital to our Memorial Hospital will mean a permanent addition to the local institution though it will not be permanently used for the care of polio patients.

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It took the Senate nine minutes, the House seventeen. And in those few moments the campaign to reduce taxes—especially corporation taxes—gave up the ghost.

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Comes Now The Business Of Lowering The Spigot

WASHINGTON The British modestly admit their paratroop landings in Greece last fall constituted a great military achievement, but never on the scene somewhat cynical about it—especially Pat Frank of the Overseas News Agency, Sid Feder of Associated Press and John Cabot Smith of the New York Herald Tribune.

Vandenberg Speaks For All

By Marquis Childs

WASHINGTON SENATOR VANDENBERG has performed a major public and private service in his speech on foreign policy. Reasoned, impetuous, what he was at the same time a pledge of America's determination to participate in maintaining the peace and a warning that power politics is not obsolete.

Above all, it is a clear renunciation of the isolationism on which the Senator has been so long and so stoutly a statesman and not a politician who said:

The Senator Wakes Up

By Samuel Grafton

NEW YORK thing. Mr. Vandenberg's proposal comes right out of the war. It is a peace proposal, but it is not a peace proposal; it is a peace proposal.

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"Sorority sister or no sorority sister, I'm serving notice on her that she's got to cut impressing my dates with her talent!"

People's Platform

Editors, The News: My attention has been called to a letter in the People's Platform from Raymond S. Presson, a veteran World War II, Monroe, regarding the removal of the Rapid Treatment Center from Charlotte to Camp Sutton.

Unfortunately, Mr. Presson has been misinformed. It has been proposed that the Charlotte Rapid Treatment Center be moved, not to the buildings now used as temporary hospital facilities for men in training at Camp Sutton, but to huts at present occupied by military police. Furthermore, wounded overseas veterans are not treated at Camp Sutton. In our opinion, the cost of converting these temporary barracks into a permanent, adequately-equipped hospital, to give an average of 200 patients, and other expenses, would largely offset any saving in rent.

How About Smokes for Vets?

Editors, The News: In beginning to wonder if the people of America are being honest with themselves, I see lots of letters to make me believe otherwise.

Now, about the cigarette-smoking. I think cigarettes should be rationed. Cigarettes are a luxury and so is Government whiskey, but it is rationed so that everyone can have his share of the ration. In Charlotte, it is relatively unimportant.

As one who has served in World War I and in this country and overseas, as a patient and in combat, the writer agrees with Mr. Presson that the people should not receive the best possible medical care. On the other hand, the Public Health Department should not be satisfied with "half-way" measures, even for "good syphilitic citizens."

Halting The Nazis

By Hal Boyle

WITH THE U. S. SECOND INFANTRY DIVISION, BATTLE CHARLES E. THOMAS, who fought for three and one-half days without sleep—both as a tank commander and as an infantryman—said "I just worked up to the point where I didn't want to 'out' but I had to."

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