

Graduation Dance For Cadets Tonight At Clinton Armory

A class of eighty cadets, E-1 and E-2, is graduating this week from the Army Air Forces 39th College Training detachment at Presbyterian college and soon these prospective air crew members will be shipped elsewhere to prepare for more specialized training as pilots, bombardiers or navigators.

At the classification center to which the young cadets will go within the next few days, they will be divided into three groups, each cadet being classified according to his qualifications, aptitudes and abilities.

This evening at the armory the cadets will be guests at a graduation dance. The program will open with the first dance at 2100, receiving line at 2115, and entertainment at 2200. The following program has been arranged:

I—Piano medley—C-C McElroy, W. Vocal selections—C-C Segner, G. II—Skit—C-Cs Liebrock, A. R., Jordan, J. D., Mann, F., Lappin, P. L. III—String Time—C-Cs Lawhead, R. A., Krohn, H. J. Grand march—2300. Buffet supper—2310. Dancing. Music by Camp Croft dance band. Cadet Candidate Gunnar Johnson will be master of ceremonies.

SAY, "I SAW IT IN THE CHRONICLE." THANK YOU.

DR. WHITAKER DIES HERE YESTERDAY

Dr. Lemuel Whitaker, 85, died suddenly yesterday afternoon at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Hugh Holman. He had been in declining health for the past several years and his death was not unexpected. Funeral arrangements had not been completed last night when The Chronicle went to press. However, a service will be held here today and the body will be taken to Bridgeton, N. J., for interment.

Dr. Whitaker, an intimate friend of the family of Mrs. Holman in Ocala, Fla., had lived here with the Holmans for four years.

Dr. Whitaker was born November 22, 1857, in Bridgeton. He was an educator of note, receiving both his bachelor's and master's degrees from Columbia university, New York, and his doctor of philosophy degree in English from the University of Pennsylvania. For forty years he was principal of a boys high school in Philadelphia.

He retired from teaching about fifteen years ago and lived in Ocala for ten years before coming to Clinton.

New Air Raid Warning Signals Announced By Defense Council

H. D. Payne, commander of the Civilian Defense council, today announces new regulations concerning blackouts, which deal principally with air raid warning signals to be given in the future.

It is noted that use of the fire siren has been eliminated in sounding the alarm for blackouts and the "wild cat" whistle at the Clinton Cotton mills will be used hereafter. Signals used heretofore at Lydia Mill and Goldville will be continued.

There will be three separate and distinct signals. The first will be the "alert"; the second, total blackout; and third, all clear.

Following is the announcement as made by Commander Payne:

"Beginning with the next air raid signal, the alarm will be that of the wild cat whistle at the Clinton Cotton mills and the sounding of the alarm system at Lydia mill and Goldville.

"When the first alarm is given the street lights will be extinguished and also all other lights visible from the air. Automobile lights are to be reduced to dim-out, and traffic may continue until the second alarm is sounded, which means a total blackout.

"When the total blackout is in effect, all traffic must stop and pull to curb except emergency vehicles. Pedestrians must take shelter at the nearest shelter to be found.

"The all clear signal will be the turning on of street lights and five short blasts of the regular mill whistle at the Clinton Mills.

"Each home should put this notice in a place where it can be seen at all times, so residents will not forget the signals.

"H. D. PAYNE, Commander Civilian Defense."

THE NATIONAL SCENE As Washington Sees It

Special to The Chronicle.

Washington, Aug. 3.—The wave of optimism which spread over our country following our success in Africa and then in Italy has been inflated to such an extent by the ousting of Mussolini that our war leaders are plainly worried. Reports from all sections of the country indicate that the American people think the war is in the bag and many, who should know better, are sitting back waiting for our armies to do the final mopping up within the next few weeks.

The effects of this over-optimism are obvious on all domestic fronts. Civilian defense organizations are letting their activities drift. Motorists, who have been trying to conserve their worn tires for the duration are taking a chance on getting new tires soon. Enforcement of the ban on pleasure driving in the East is breaking down completely. All over the country people are taking the attitude that the crisis has passed and we will soon be back to normal.

In Washington, where the present power of our enemies is known, there is no such optimism. Our war leaders do think victory is fairly certain, but they have no illusions about the size of the job which must still be done before the Axis can be brought to unconditional surrender. They also realize that the job will be slower and more costly if the American people permit any letup.

As for civilian defense, Mayor La Guardia of New York has intimated that he thinks there is a good chance of air-raids on New York, or other parts of this country, between now and Thanksgiving. And James M. Landis, director of civilian defense, is not only stressing the need for keeping all such organizations on the alert, but is also emphasizing the importance of making these organizations permanent so they can be used for civilian emergencies after the war.

As for rubber, William M. Jeffers, our nation's rubber director here, says the nation's supply of usable tires is dwindling rapidly and that there isn't much chance of having many synthetic tires until mid-1944. He pointed out that our tire supply will reach the lowest point in history in September and that no one should permit tires to become worn out beyond the recapping stage.

As for gasoline, although the situation has been greatly confused by contradictory announcements by various Washington officials, the facts seem to indicate that any increased use of gasoline in the East will reduce the supply going to our armed forces or will enhance the shortage of heating oil available for next winter.

It is feared by some officials here that the encouraging news we have had lately will make the going harder in the campaign to decrease the rate of absenteeism in factories and will slow up the drive, soon to get under way, to get millions of women to take essential jobs. The treasury fears that the good news may also retard the sale of war bonds at a time when a drive for the greatest sale of government bonds in history is being planned for September.

War leaders here consider it natural that our victories are arousing the people to a point where they are eager for the kill, but they are pointing out that the final victory is not yet within easy reach and the time it will take to bring it about will depend, to a large extent, on the people's willingness to keep fighting on the home front.

A Private Citizen Speaks His Mind Spectator Comments On Men and Things

Weatherman, you have poured out heat as though we had no fuel scarcity; and you have poured out water as though you never heard of water bills. Farmers are spared water bills, but town residents know all about them. True it is that the average town family probably spends more money every month for "bottled" and "fountain drinks" than for water, but the water bill seems bigger. Deep down within us is the feeling that water should be free. We inherit the idea from those hardy old ancestors who drew a bucket of cold water from a deep well whenever they were thirsty. Town people enjoy no other public service equal to that of abundant water, chemically treated. That is why we have so little typhoid fever nowadays. In the United States you can drink all the water you want in any town. You will be safe, for our water is "treated." No other country of my knowledge offers so much at so little cost to the individual consumer.

I was afraid to drink the water in most other countries. In one country I bought a keg of distilled water every day. It was brought to me slung over the back of a little burro. Incidentally, in all my time in South America, I ate canned butter, American canned butter, from California.

When the war is over, and our great industries engage again in the production of the gadgets and conveniences of peace-time consumption, this nation will offer us an abundance and variety which we can hardly imagine today. America has always been the glorious land of freedom and abundance; the war has brought about many new things which we shall enjoy during the great days to come. If you want to know how superbly great this country is, leave it for a few years.

It is worth adding, however, that we who live here, who enjoy all the good things of America, should develop as men and women commensurately with the multiplicity of new things we shall enjoy.

Mrs. Roosevelt, who, to say the least, is energetic and vocal, is frequently cited and quoted by the colored papers. Says one editorially:

"In an article in The New Threshold, organ of the United States Student Assembly, Mrs. Franklin D. Roosevelt added four more freedoms to the quartet listed by her illustrious husband.

"Her article entitled 'Abolish Jim Crow,' is one of the best expressions we have seen in some time by an American white person on what democracy ought to mean in the United States instead of the travesty we have.

"On the Negro problem, Mrs. Roosevelt forthrightly discusses the question of racial intermingling, pointing out that through the ages no force or law has been able to stop it, and observing that 'We should not have so many different shades of color in this country today. If this were not so. This is a question, therefore, that I think we have to leave to individuals, not only all over the United States, but all over the world, to handle.'

"To Mrs. Roosevelt, an equal chance for men all over the world must mean an equal chance for all men here, and that unless we know that everyone here has that chance, 'we fight for nothing of value.'

"That is exactly the position of The Pittsburgh Courier, the 'Double V' movement, and of every intelligent American not blinded by color prejudice who loves his country and wants to see it survive."

Mr. and Mrs. Roosevelt are Democrats, Northern Democrats, and world-reformers. The Nazarene toiled with patience and indulgence to move men's hearts; the Roosevelts, with all the zeal and mischief of arrogant ignorance, merely stir up trouble.

Our newspapers are continuing to speak out about the Northern Democrats and their breach of trust with us of the South. Our friend, Editor King of Aiken, has his editorial page talking to us with the flaming zeal of an evangelist. This is the second consecutive week that Brother King has taken the bull by the horns. Hear the Aiken Standard and Review: "As we see it, under the New Deal administration, the South has not only been treated like a red-headed stepchild, but has been labelled 'National Economic Problem No. 1.' We have been handed a raw deal, as part of the New Deal, and in the name of the Democratic party."

Not only does Editor King publish two editorials on the New Deal, but he uses as a third editorial a straight-from-the-shoulder article from the Laurens Advertiser. Says our Laurens contemporary: "Many who were Republicans are now members of what is called the Democratic party; while many who were Democrats are now members of what is called the Republican party. And there are thousands and thousands of others who

don't know what they are now."

The Greenwood papers—The Index-Journal and The Plain Dealer—are presenting political matters very candidly. And why shouldn't all of us be up in arms? The Democratic party is precious to us because it was the party of our fathers. We stand where our fathers stood, and we should not allow the Democratic party of the South to be further betrayed and exploited by political spooks of the North, calling themselves Democrats. The South has both rights and principles worth defending against the social theorists and political opportunists calling themselves Democrats (of the North). We hold fast to some traditions and will not turn our backs on our fathers because of political pap or soft-soaping.

Is Democracy merely a league of office-holders and political aspirants? Or, is it in truth a party of principle, irrespective of jobs and favors?

Mrs. Othella Gossett Passes At Home

Mrs. Othella Bishop Gossett, 65, died Friday afternoon at her home in Cross Anchor after several months' illness. She was a native of Laurens county but had made her home in Spartanburg county for the past 50 years. She was a member of Yarbrough's Chapel Methodist church.

Her husband, L. B. Gossett, died seven years ago. She is survived by two sons, Alvin and General Lee; three daughters, Mrs. Oscar Patterson, Mrs. Orin Hembree and Miss Lucile Gossett; also one brother, P. B.

Bishop; two sisters, Mrs. Ed Willard and Mrs. J. C. Owens. Funeral services were held Saturday afternoon at 4 o'clock at Yarbrough's Chapel Methodist church, Rev. Denver Lee in charge, assisted by Rev. J. G. Hipp and Rev. Dean. Interment was in the church cemetery. The following served as pallbearers: Trevett Lamb, Luther Willard, Porter Watson, Hubert Lamb, Tom Stevens and Hugh Willard.

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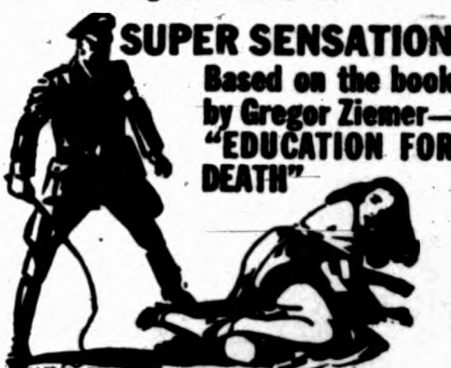
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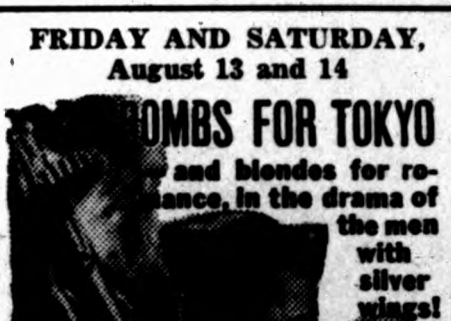
WEDNESDAY and THURSDAY, August 11 and 12

"DIXIE DUGAN"
With JAMES ELLISON, CHARLIE RUGGLES, LOIS ANDREWS.
Feature begins 2:00, 4:17, 6:34, 8:51.

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With BILL ELLIOTT, GEORGE "Gabby" HAYES, ANNE JEFFREYS and IAN KEITH.
Feature Begins:
Friday: 2:00, 4:14, 7:00, 9:14.
Saturday: 1:47, 4:09, 6:31, 8:53.

"GHOSTS ON THE LOOSE"
Starring The EAST SIDE KIDS with BELA LUGOSI, RIC VALLIN and AVA GARDNER.
Feature Begins:
Friday: 2:54, 5:08, 7:54, 10:08.
Saturday: 2:48, 5:10, 7:52, 9:54.

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