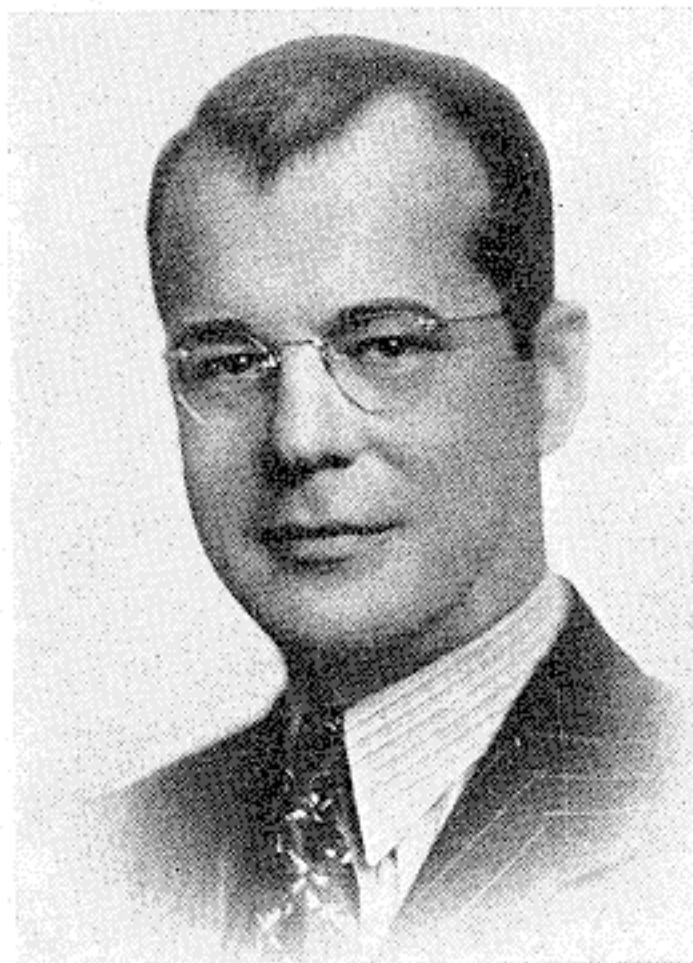


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Charlotte Defense Recreation Committee

235 SOUTH TRYON STREET

Charlotte, North Carolina

July 28, 1942
ONE MORE DAY TOWARD VICTORY

TO ALL VISITING SERVICE MEN:

The Charlotte Defense Recreation Committee wants to welcome you and express its delight that you have decided to spend some time in our "Friendly City".

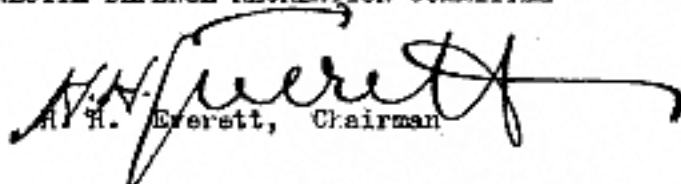
The Committee pledges its full cooperation and will do everything in its power to make your stay here comfortable and enjoyable. We want you to look back on your visit to Charlotte as a bright spot in a war torn world.

We offer for your pleasure; Dances - with our famed Victory Belles as your dancing partners. We offer you sleeping accommodations in our Mass Shelters, as well as week-end accommodations as guests in our "Friendly Homes". We have provided for your comfort, the following facilities; lounge rooms, reading and writing facilities, public drinking fountains and showers, located in the heart of our business section.

Stay as long as you can, and know when you leave that the Charlotte Defense Recreation Committee wants you to come back to see us soon.

YOURS FOR VICTORY

CHARLOTTE DEFENSE RECREATION COMMITTEE


H. R. Everett, Chairman

The Mecklenburg Declaration of Independence

Charlotte, North Carolina

May 20th 1775

Resolved — That whosoever directly or indirectly abets or in any way form or manner, countenances the invasion of our rights, as attempted by the Parliament of Great Britain, is an enemy to his country, to America, and the rights of man.

Resolved — That we, the citizens of Mecklenburg county do hereby dissolve the political bands which have connected us with the mother country, and absolve ourselves from all allegiance to the British crown, abjuring all political connection with a nation that has wantonly trampled on our rights and liberties and inhumanly shed the innocent blood of Americans at Lexington.

Resolved — That we do hereby declare ourselves a free and independent people, that we are and of right ought to be, a sovereign and self-governing people under the power of God and the general Congress, to the maintenance of which independence we solemnly pledge to each other our mutual co-operation, our lives, our fortunes, and our most sacred honor.

Resolved — That we do hereby ordain and adopt as rules of conduct all and each of our former laws, and the crown of Great Britain cannot be considered hereafter as holding any rights, privileges, or immunities amongst us.

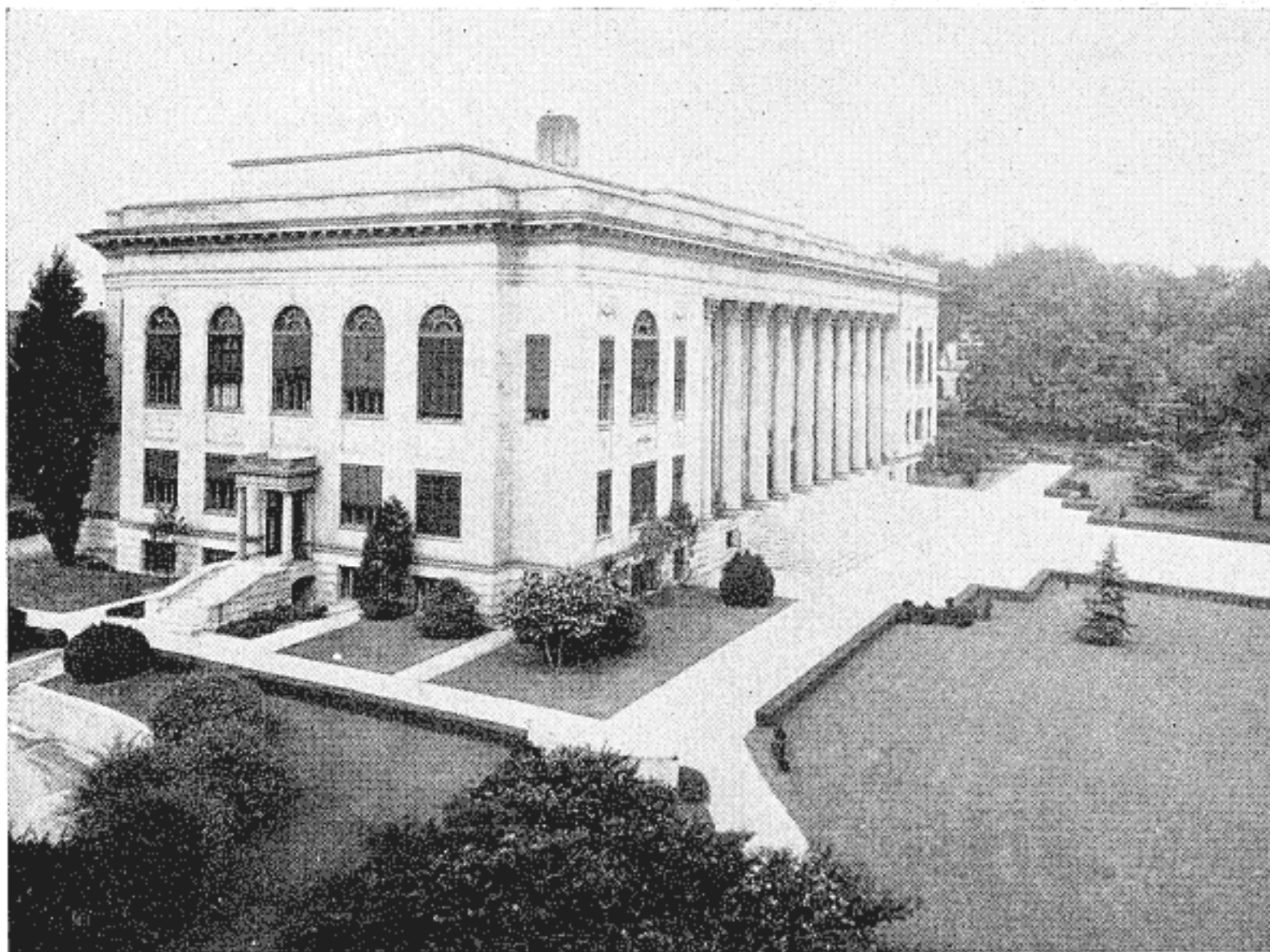
Resolved — That all officers, both civil and military in this county, be entitled to exercise the same powers and authorities as heretofore; that every member of this delegation shall henceforth be a civil officer, and exercise the powers of a justice of the peace, issue process, hear and determine controversies according to law, preserve peace, union and harmony in the county, and use every exertion to spread the love of liberty and of country, until a more general and better organized system of government be established.

Resolved — That a copy of these resolutions be transmitted by express to the President of the Continental Congress assembled in Philadelphia, to be laid before that body.

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Charlotte is famed as the place where the first Declaration of Independence was made on May 20, 1775.

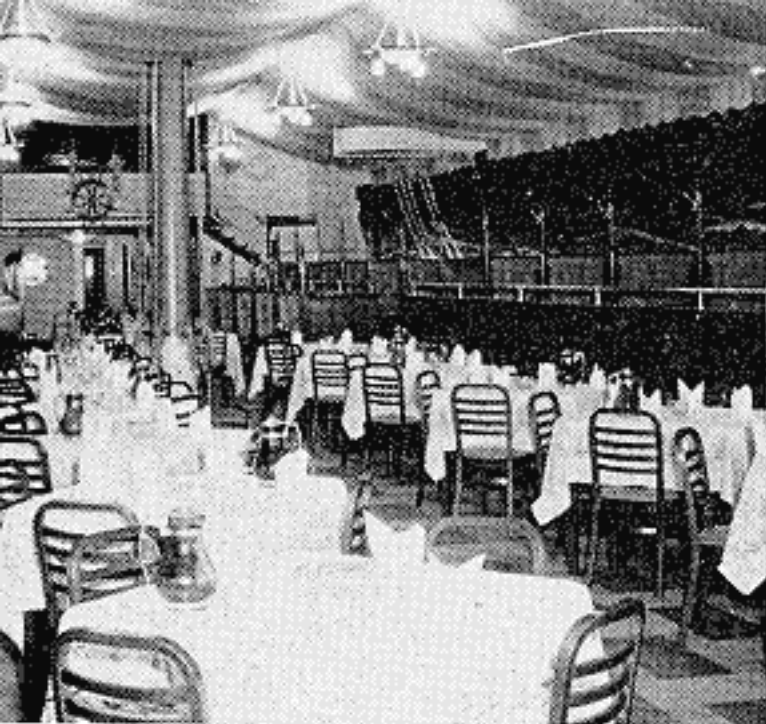




Mecklenburg County Courthouse

The first permanent settlers in Mecklenburg County came in 1748. The County was named for the birthplace of Queen Charlotte, the consort of King George III, of England. The early settlers were made up of Scotch-Irish from Pennsylvania and Virginia; Germans from the same section; and English, Scotch, Germans, Huguenots and Swiss from the South by way of Charleston.

In 1870 a log Courthouse was constructed at the point which is now the intersection of Trade and Tryon Streets. To this day, this intersection is called the Square from the fact that a small square surrounded the old Courthouse of 1870.



A Place to Eat

Be it a Cafe, Cafeteria, Restaurant, Coffee Shop or Lunch Room, Charlotte is prepared to serve both the finest meals and simple, clean lunches.

Radiating from the Square in every direction, fine eating establishments are available.

All places serving food are under the strict supervision of the Health Department and you may be assured that your food will be clean and wholesome.