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TENNESSEE IN WORLD WAR II

BIG POINTS

TENNESSEE DURING WORLD WAR II

- Preparations for War
- Response to attack at Pearl Harbor
- World War II maneuvers
- Entertaining the Troops
- The Home Front
- The Secret City
- African Americans
- READ article by Susan Gordon under “Content”



AS THE WAR BETWEEN GERMANY
AGAINST FRANCE, GREAT BRITAIN & THE
SOVIET UNION RAGED IN EUROPE
&
JAPAN WENT TO WAR WITH CHINA....

Tennesseans & Many Americans Began to Take Sides

DID ALL TENNESSEANS THINK THAT OUR
ENTRY INTO WORLD WAR II WAS
INEVITABLE?



FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

154 FIFTH AVENUE NORTH, NASHVILLE, TENN.

TENNESSEE PREPARES FOR WAR

Governor Prentice Cooper wanted to make sure that Tennessee was prepared if

CORRECTION TO WHAT I SAID IN CLASS: Governor Prentices Cooper was NOT BORN in Kentucky AS I SAID IN CLASS. It was his father that was born in Kentucky and sent to Webb School in Bell Buckle, not the Tennessee Governor Prentice Cooper. Governor Cooper was born in Bedford County (Shelbyville).

Both Mayor Cooper and Congressman Cooper's father and grandfather were named William Prentice Cooper.

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TENNESSEE DEFENSE COUNCIL - 1940



DECEMBER 7, 1941

**“A Day That Will Live in
Infamy”**

CAMP TYSON

PARIS, TENNESSEE

*The Nation's Barrage Balloon Training Center,
Was Erected*



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THE SECOND ARMY COMES TO TENNESSEE



M3 LIGHT TANK IN WAR GAMES IN MIDDLE TENNESSEE





Source:

<https://albertgoreresearchcenter.wordpress.com/2020/05/08/gore-center-will-launch-new-world-war-ii-digital-collection/>



Source:

<https://www.timesfreepress.com/news/opinion/columns/story/2018/jul/29/summers-robbins-camp-nabedford-forrest-world/475775/>



**Second Army Tennessee
Maneuvers. The Layout.**
Company F, 347th Inf Reg., 87th
Inf. Division, stands by for
inspection by the Commanding
General, Major General Percy
Clarkson. (8 May 43) Signal
Corps Photo: 164-007-43-
989 (Sgt. J. A. Grant)



Source: <https://tslablog.blogspot.com/2019/09/tennessee-maneuvers.html>

VULTEE AIRCRAFT PLANT



Source: <https://teva.contentdm.oclc.org/digital/collection/p15138coll18/id/65/>



WORLD WAR II

“The Greatest Generation”

TENNESSEANS BECOME SOLDIERS

- Fort Oglethorpe, Georgia & Camp Forrest
- Women – Women's Army Corps, WAVES, WAWSPS

MILITARY CAMPS

- Camp Campbell
- Camp Forrest
- Camp Tyson
- Millington Naval Base
- Stewart Army Air Field

TENNESSEE'S OWN DINAH SHORE



Source: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=iifO_z8OYfk



WAR BOND RALLY & CONCERT

In 1945, the recording of Dinah Shore and Benny Goodman performing “My Guy’s Come Back” was a Number 1 hit.

Minne Pearl and Roy Acuff performed at military bases.





THE HIGHEST GROSSING
MOVIE OF 1941

POW CAMPS



German POWs Salute The Nazi Flag

German prisoners of war salute the Nazi flag inside an POW camp (possibly Camp Crossville), Tennessee, mid 1943.

Photo: Ed Clark./Time & Life Pictures/Getty Images Jun 01, 1943



Pilot Cornelia Fort

WAR DEPARTMENT FERRYING DIVISION, AIR TRANSPORT COMMAND NEW CASTLE ARMY AIR BASE WILMINGTON, DEL.		No. <u>5-71</u> Date Issued <u>9/12/42</u>	
This is to certify that <u>Cornelia C. Fort</u> whose signature, photograph and description appears hereon is a civilian pilot employed by the Ferrying Division, Air Transport Command.		Signature of Pilot <u>Cornelia Fort</u> Date Issued <u>9/12/42</u> Adjutant _____	
Date of Birth <u>2/5/19</u> Color Eyes <u>Blue</u> Color Hair <u>Blonde</u> Weight <u>145</u> Height <u>5' 10"</u>			
The holder of this identification is authorized to fly the following types of aircraft.		<u>Robert Baker</u> Rank <u>Colonel, A. C.</u> Commanding Officer 2nd Ferrying Group, F. D., A. T. C.	
Note: The civilian pilot who holds this card will not be paid or re-employed by the F. D., A. T. C. without presentation of this identification.		WARBIRDS	

Source:

<http://warbirdsnews.com/warbirds-news/wwii-events/interstate-cadet.html>



Cornelia Fort's Interstate Cadet and one of the Tora Tora 'Zeros' replicating the moment on December 7th, 1941 when she came under attack from the Imperial Japanese Navy. The replica Zeke was based until recently with the CAF Dixie Wing near Atlanta, Georgia, but has recently been purchased by Greg Anders. It is expected to fly with Fort's Cadet at air shows across the USA. (Photo by Lyle Jansma) Source: <http://warbirdsnews.com/warbirds-news/wwii-events/interstate-cadet.html>

WHAT WAS GOING ON IN ANDERSON COUNTY? RURAL TENNESSEE, 1941



Albert Einstein
Old Grove Rd.
Nassau Point
Peconic, Long Island

August 2nd, 1939

F.D. Roosevelt,
President of the United States,
White House
Washington, D.C.

Sir:

Some recent work by E. Fermi and L. Szilard, which has been communicated to me in manuscript, leads me to expect that the element uranium may be turned into a new and important source of energy in the immediate future. Certain aspects of the situation which has arisen seem to call for watchfulness and, if necessary, quick action on the part of the Administration. I believe therefore that it is my duty to bring to your attention the following facts and recommendations:

In the course of the last four months it has been made probable - through the work of Joliot in France as well as Fermi and Szilard in America - that it may become possible to set up a nuclear chain reaction in a large mass of uranium, by which vast amounts of power and large quantities of new radium-like elements would be generated. Now it appears almost certain that this could be achieved in the immediate future.

This new phenomenon would also lead to the construction of bombs, and it is conceivable - though much less certain - that extremely powerful bombs of a new type may thus be constructed. A single bomb of this type, carried by boat and exploded in a port, might very well destroy the whole port together with some of the surrounding territory. However, such bombs might very well prove to be too heavy for transportation by air.

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The United States has only very poor ores of uranium in moderate quantities. There is some good ore in Canada and the former Czechoslovakia, while the most important source of uranium is Belgian Congo.

In view of this situation you may think it desirable to have some permanent contact maintained between the Administration and the group of physicists working on chain reactions in America. One possible way of achieving this might be for you to entrust with this task a person who has your confidence and who could perhaps serve in an unofficial capacity. His task might comprise the following:

a) to approach Government Departments, keep them informed of the further development, and put forward recommendations for Government action, giving particular attention to the problem of securing a supply of uranium ore for the United States;

b) to speed up the experimental work, which is at present being carried on within the limits of the budgets of University laboratories, by providing funds, if such funds be required, through his contacts with private persons who are willing to make contributions for this cause, and perhaps also by obtaining the co-operation of industrial laboratories which have the necessary equipment.

I understand that Germany has actually stopped the sale of uranium from the Czechoslovakian mines which she has taken over. That she should have taken such early action might perhaps be understood on the ground that the son of the German Under-Secretary of State, von Weizsäcker, is attached to the Kaiser-Wilhelm-Institut in Berlin where some of the American work on uranium is now being repeated.

Yours very truly,

A. Einstein
(Albert Einstein)




GENERAL LESLIE
R. GROVES
DIRECTED THE
MANHATTAN
PROJECT

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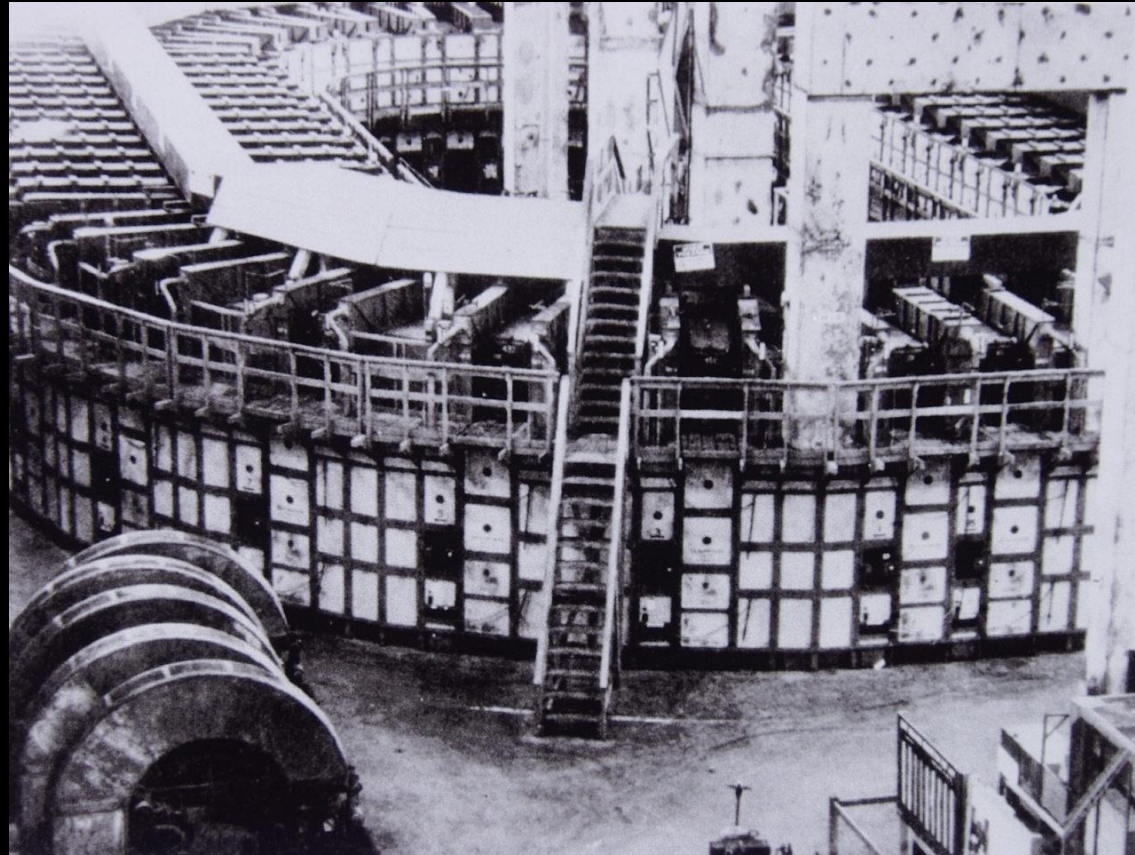
WHY.... TENNESSEE?

- Scientists needed to find fuel, for the reactors, which meant using uranium (U-235) or plutonium (Pu-238), the only suitable substances known by 1942. Project leaders did not know how quickly or how much of each they could produce, so they decided to produce both at the same time.
- Three methods existed for extracting U-235: an electromagnetic process, gaseous diffusion and thermal diffusion. Oak Ridge crews built a plant for each method. The electromagnetic process at the facility, called Y-12, was the most promising.

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- University of Chicago Laboratory.
 - Oak Ridge, Tennessee
 - Hanford, Washington Engineering Works produced plutonium.
 - Los Alamos, New Mexico (Bruce Oppenheimer directed the Los Alamos research.)



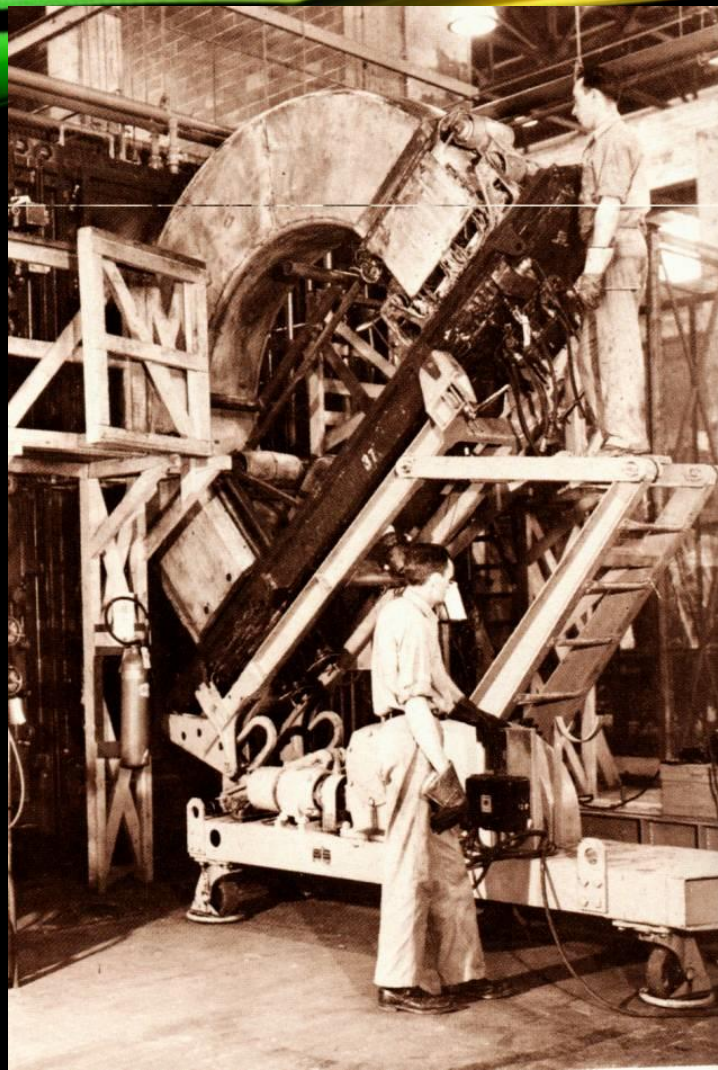
OAK RIDGE – U-235 SEPARATION



www.atomicheritage.org/oakridge.htm



Control panels and operators for calutrons at Oak Ridge. The operators, mostly women, worked in shifts covering 24 hours a day.



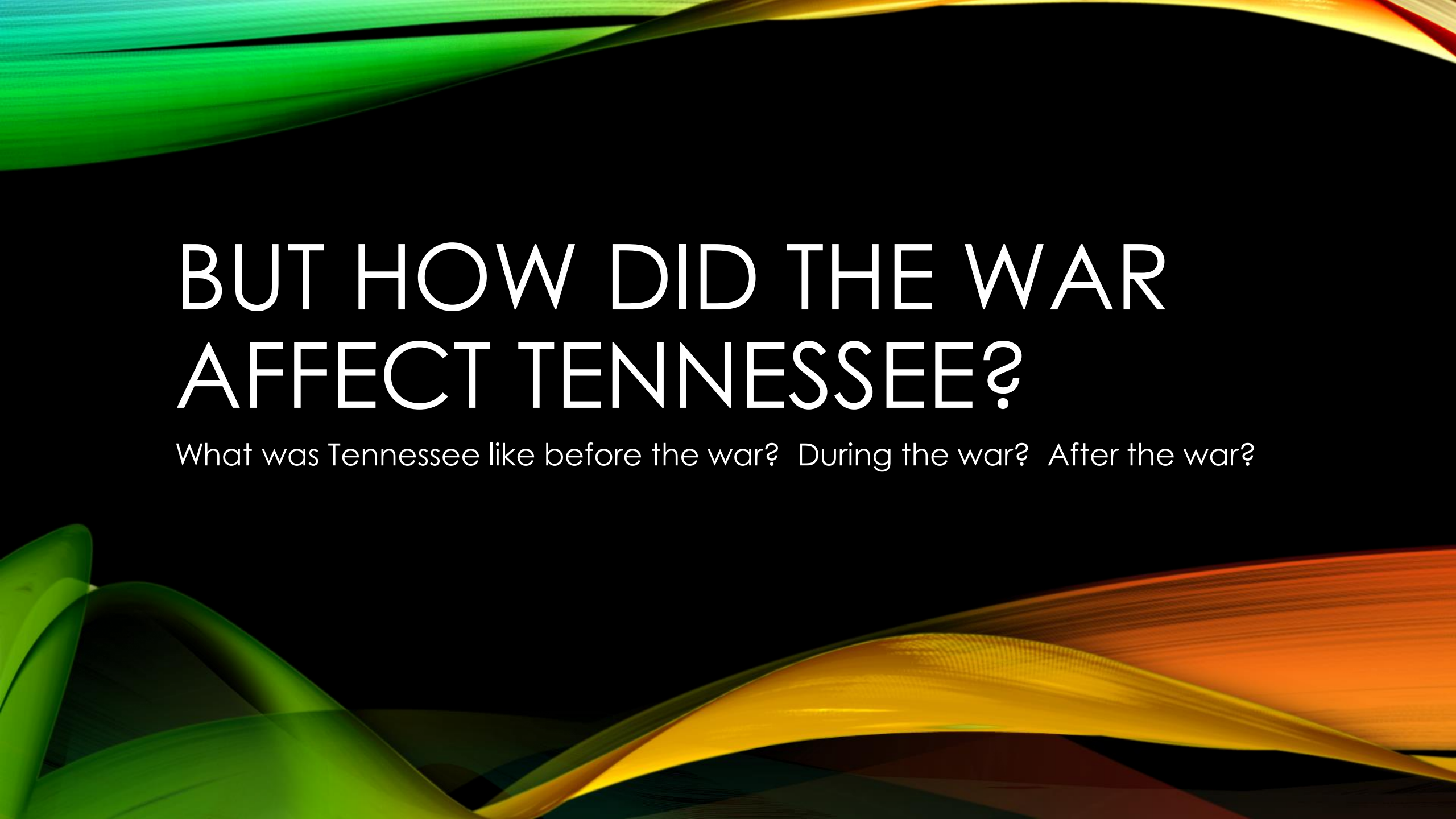
The "C" shaped alpha calutron tank, together with its emitters and collectors on the lower-edge door, was removed in a special "drydock" from the magnet for recovery of uranium-235.

THE DAY OAK RIDGE LEARNED THE WAR WAS OVER



WHAT CHANGES WILL COME TO TENNESSEE AFTER THE WAR?

- Will African Americans in Tennessee continue to have second-class citizenship?
- Will Boss Crump continue to control Tennessee politics?



BUT HOW DID THE WAR AFFECT TENNESSEE?

What was Tennessee like before the war? During the war? After the war?

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JIM NANCE MCCORD, 1945-1949



WHAT WILL BE THE FIRST MAJOR POLITICAL ISSUE AFTER THE WAR?

- How will we pay for all the services that the people of Tennessee expect the state government to provide?
- Governor McCord's answer?
- A state sales tax - 1947



GORDON BROWNING

BOSS CRUMP WITH MEMPHIS MAYOR WAT OVERTON (THE PICTURES TELL THE STORY.)



Sources: <https://knoxfocus.com/columnist/watkins-overton-mr-crumps-mayor/>

And <http://www.applet-magic.com/crump.htm>

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