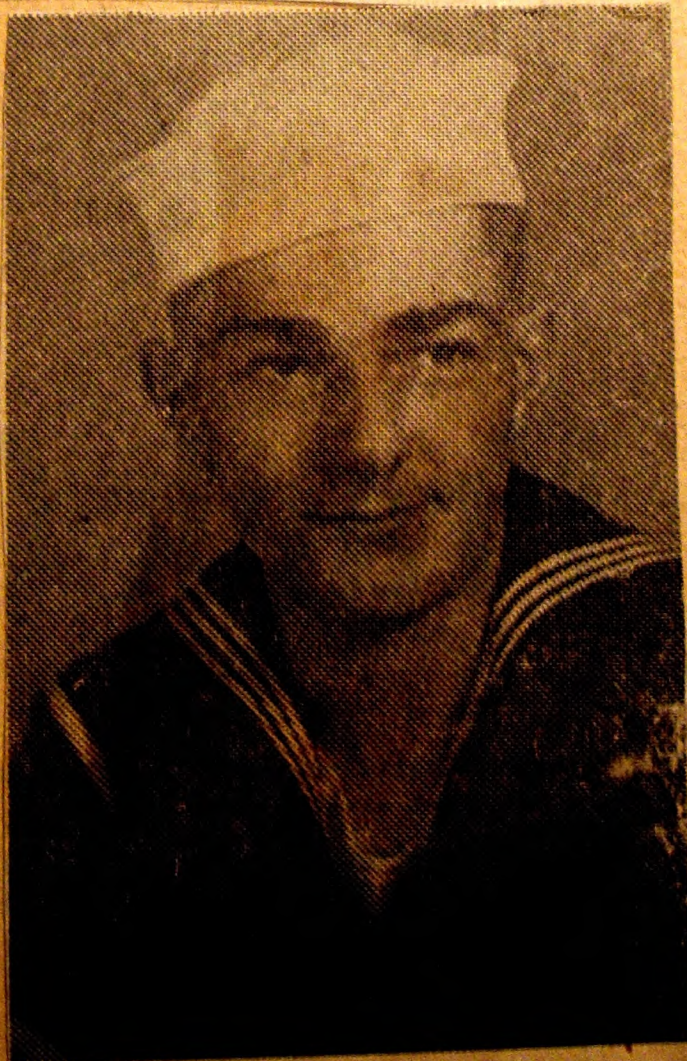




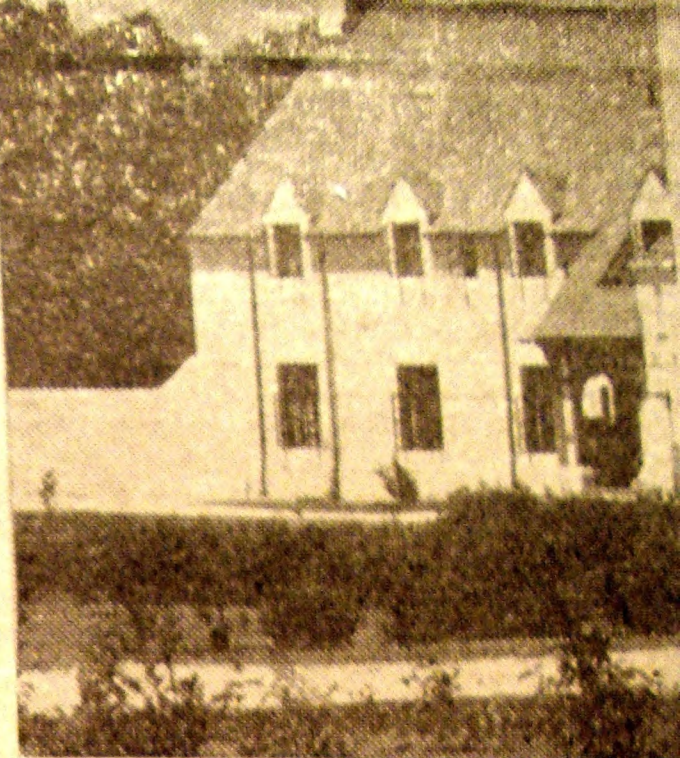
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The bill establishing the State Reformatory for Women was passed in 1927. However, no action was taken on the part of the women until 1929 when the late Governor Emmerson took office. One of the first acts of the Advisory Board appointed by Governor Emmerson was the selection of a suitable location. Many pieces of property were examined but for one reason or another they could not meet the requirements. However, in the early Spring of 1929 the present site, consisting of one hundred sixty acres, located two miles west of Dwight, was purchased.

The actual construction work was started on July 5, 1929, and on November 24, 1930, the Institution received its first commitments. Miss Hazard and Miss Eyer reported for duty April 10, 1930. Through the courtesy of Colonel Frank L. Smith we were given an office in the First National Bank, remaining there until adequate space could be made for us on the Institution grounds. Our population at first grew very slowly so slowly in fact there were times when we wondered if the courts were really going to accept us. We had supposed there would be a gre