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ASSOCIATION WILL AID IN FINANCING ORANGE FARMERS

Organized under Leadership of
Don Matheson; Will Have Its
Headquarters in Hillsboro

NO CONFLICT WITH BANKS

The Orange County Production Credit Association, with headquarters in Hillsboro, has been organized under the leadership of County Farm Agent Don Matheson. Its function will be to aid the farmers of Orange to finance the production of crops and livestock.

Production credit associations are organized and conducted under the terms of the Farm Credit Act of 1933. They are the branches of the Production Credit Corporation in each Federal Reserve District. The one here in Orange is to have a capital of \$65,000.

This new scheme takes the place of the old seed loan.

Farm agents of Orange, Alamance, Durham, Chatham, Person, and Caswell—met in Mr. Matheson's office in Hillsboro last Friday to discuss the establishment of associations. The money advanced by the Government in seed loans, in these six counties, amounted last year to about \$300,000, and this affords a measure of the probable demand for financial aid.

Worthy farmers of the county who can show sufficient collateral in livestock or crop mortgages may obtain loans from the association in Hillsboro. Every borrower has to subscribe to the stock of the association 5 per cent of the amount of the loan made to him, and the subscription may be paid from the proceeds of the loan.

The money for the loan is advanced by the Federal Intermediate Credit Bank in Columbia, S. C. Since the association must depend upon rediscounting farmers' notes with the bank, the notes must meet the bank's

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Pickin' Pansies

This Pastime Made Possible by Long
Spell of Warm Weather

"Everybody's pickin' pansies but me," said Mrs. Summerlin a bit plaintively the other day as she peered down at the turf by her front wall and found no blooms there. But by this time probably she too has her spots of color in the yard, for the warm sunshine, defying the calendar, has been bringing flowers into blossom all over the village.

Nature, well knowing that Miss Josie Pritchard is a high light in the Garden Club and is not to be neglected, has been particularly lavish with her. She has phlox, both the woods and the Drummond varieties, and white and purple alyssum, and the gay red-and-yellow gailardias.

One of the proudest possessors of pansies is Mrs. R. J. Mebane. They are blooming profusely by the doorstep of the south porch.

A white narcissus at the former MacRae home, opposite the Episcopal church, charms the passers-by.

Violets bloom in the Mangum yard, and no doubt in many others.

The Weekly Will Skip Two Issues

According to custom, the *Chapel Hill Weekly* will suspend publication for two weeks in the holiday season. It will not be published on either December 29th or January 5th. The next issue will appear on January 12th.

Episcopalians Troubled by Wasps

Wasps still infest the Episcopal church.

Rev. Alfred S. Lawrence and the vestrymen have tried their best to get rid of these obnoxious little beasts, but so far in vain. It seems that the wasps have their nests in hiding places far up under the roof of the tall Gothic edifice, and nobody has been able to get at and destroy these nests.

"A pair of wasps were on the floor around my feet all the time," a woman member of the congregation told the editor of this paper when she came out of the church last Sunday morning, "and I was paying so much attention to them, wondering if the next minute they were going to crawl up my legs, that I couldn't put my thoughts on the sermon."

Advice upon how to solve the problem has been sought from scientists in the University; from P. L. Burch, the head of the building service department, who is supposed to possess the capabilities of an expert insecticide along with all his other

accomplishments; and from numerous pew-holders who have been annoyed by the buzzing, the crawling, and the menacing swoops of the wasps.

One Episcopalian, in a somewhat irritated mood after she had come out of church one Sunday, remarked to a friend: "It looked for a while as if we might be rid of those wasps, but they were swarming again today. I've been thinking that when Lent comes maybe they might be counted as one of our penances, in place of some other."

Somebody has expressed curiosity as to why wasps inhabit the Episcopal and not the other churches in the village. Maybe there is something about the Gothic type of building, with its shadowy recesses, that is more congenial to them than the simpler Colonial interiors. Maybe they find here a greater security in quartering and bringing up their families. Another possible explanation of their loyalty to the Episcopal church is the proximity of the Arboretum, which is the source of a constant and abundant food supply.

Adequate Enrollment

A hundred and fifty of the members of the University faculty and office staff, the number required for the operation of the plan of the Hospital Care Association, had signed up Monday morning, and Dwight Snyder, secretary of the association, said he expected many more applications to be filed before the end of the year.

The plan is now in full effect because when an applicant for membership in the association paid his registration fee of \$1 he became, thereby, entitled to insurance from December 15. The regular term begins January 1.

The monthly fee, which is deducted from the member's salary at the University business office and sent direct to the association, ranges from \$1 a month for a single man or woman to \$3 a month for a man with a wife and five or more children. This is for the service that includes a private room; for the semi-private room, the range is from 85 cents to \$2.65.

The service embraces room and meals, use of operating and delivery room, nursing care, routine laboratory work, surgical dressings, anesthetics, x-ray, and ordinary drugs and medicines. It does not cover doctors' fees.

Library Privileges Exchanged

Arrangements have been made whereby the students at either the University of North Carolina or Duke University may borrow books from the library of the other institution.

Henderson to Speak

Archibald Henderson will address the Mathematics Society at Harvard in the last week in December.

A Candle-Light Service

There will be a Christmas Candle-Light Service at 5 o'clock Sunday at the Methodist Church. Members of the Baptist and Presbyterian churches' choirs will take part in the singing. The program is under the direction of Mrs. Irene Fussler and Rev. H. S. Houk. The public is cordially invited.

Rev. Albea Godbold, having returned from Mississippi where he was called on account of the death of his father, will preach at the morning services.

Sunday school will open at 9:45 A.M. with a special Christmas program in the primary department to which adults are invited.

A Surprise for Mrs. Graham

Alice Neal, the cook at the President's House, called several of Mrs. Frank Graham's friends on the telephone Wednesday and told them to come around at 5 o'clock yesterday; and to keep it quiet, for this was to be a surprise party. "It's Miss Marian's birthday," said Alice. "People went on a lot about Mr. Frank's birthday, but nobody seems to be sayin' anything about hers. So I just decided to bake her a cake and have some of her friends in."

CHRISTMAS GIFT SUBSCRIPTIONS

Orders for Christmas Gift subscriptions may be telephoned to No. 3781 at any time today (Friday) until 5 P.M. and tomorrow (Saturday) until 12 noon. Payment may be made later. New subscriptions are offered at \$1 for the year. Renewals of gift subscriptions are at the regular price, \$1.50. A gift card, bearing the name of the giver, is sent to the recipient.

Chapel Hill Chaff

The trapping of fur-bearing animals has never been talked about as an occupation that flourishes in these parts, and so I was considerably surprised one day this week to hear of two Negroes, near Chapel Hill, who had cleared a considerable sum last year from the sale of skins of muskrats, minks, squirrels, rabbits, and coons.

These brothers, named Mitchell, are bachelors now in middle age. The farm which they inherited and on which they have passed their lives is about four miles out on the old Raleigh road just beyond the place of W. C. Coker's (long ago the property of Emerson, father of the late bromo seltzer king) that is sometimes called "the goat farm."

The Mitchells came into the village to call on Mr. Coker Tuesday. They said they had a chance to buy two calves which they wanted to raise into a team of oxen. The calves were about to be slaughtered for veal, but if the brothers could get ten dollars... They were happy when they left the Coker office.

The brothers, one of whom is half a cripple, have the quiet and friendly manners, rather diffident, observed in so many

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Court House Project

Improvements in and Near Building
under Direction of H. D. Carter

Improvements in and around the court house, all embraced in the description, "court house project," are being made under the direction of H. D. Carter, who is the Hillsboro assistant of the C.W.A.'s county administrator, George H. Lawrence.

The demolition of the old jail is nearly finished, and some of the flagstones from its walls are being laid upon the paths in the court house yard. The county's garage building nearby is being remodeled, and a shed to protect school busses is under construction.

The court house itself is to be painted inside and out. This is something that has been sorely needed a long time.

Some highway work by C.W.A. forces is in progress in Hillsboro. The shoulders of state highway No. 10 within the town limits are under repair, and about three miles of streets are being leveled and graveled.

Glorious Weather in the Village

As to weather this has been a glorious fall in Chapel Hill. December's record entitles it to be included in the fall season.

There have been a few chill and gloomy days, but very few; hardly half a dozen, I should say, since September. Days of bright sunshine have followed one another in a steady procession. A nip in the air a good part of the last five or six weeks, but often, around the middle of the day, a genuine semi-tropical balm.

People grumbled about the drought in the early part of the season; and well they might, for it was bad. Recently rains have come to remove this cause of complaint.

I am accustomed to measure the merit of the weather by its effect upon tennis. I play tennis twice a week with three professors, upon a regular schedule,

Citizens Enter a Protest Against Proposed Layout

Christmas Tree Tonight

Community Celebration Begins with
Procession of Carolers

The Community Christmas Tree celebration will be held this (Friday) evening—not, as was announced last week, tomorrow. The change was made in order that Mrs. Lawson and the other officers of the King's Daughters might have ample time to prepare for the distribution before Christmas Day, among the destitute people in and around Chapel Hill, of the gifts that are brought to the tree.

Children who are to march in the parade of carolers are asked to report at the Presbyterian church promptly at 5:15. The women singers who are to lead the parade will assemble at the Episcopal church at 5 o'clock to put on their vestments.

The singers will begin their march from the Presbyterian church, up the street to the brilliantly illuminated tree in front of the Methodist church, at 5:30. A boy bearing a lighted star will lead; then will come the vested women's choir; and after them will come the children. All the women and children will carry lighted candles and will sing carols as they go.

Every child is asked to bring some gift for the poor.

The Party at the Inn

A Community Gathering on Christmas
Night; Music, Dancing, Games

There will be a party at the Carolina Inn on Christmas night.

In the last few years Christmas parties at the Inn have been given by Mrs. Martin, but this one is to be a community affair. It will begin about half past seven o'clock, and around nine or ten coffee and sandwiches and ice-cream and cake will be served.

As people come in at the door they will chip in 25 cents apiece.

This gathering is for young and old. Carols will be sung. Games will be played. There will be music and dancing in the ballroom. And probably the entire company will march into the supper room, as it did last year, by candle-light.

A committee of women are making the arrangements.

They Consider It Unfair That
Their Streets Are Left Out
of Hard-Surfacing Scheme

MAY BE RE-EXAMINATION

Some of the citizens whose homes are on Glenburnie road, Tenney circle, and the eastern-most blocks of Rosemary lane and North street, appeared before the board of aldermen at the meeting last week to protest against the proposed plan of the street improvements to be made with money from the Civil Works Administration—if and when the money is obtained.

The fault that these citizens found with the plan was that, while it provided for the hard-surfacing of most of the dirt streets in the village, it ignored Rosemary lane and North street from Glenburnie to Boundary, the block of Glenburnie running down from the Koch place to W. C. Coker's corner, and Tenney circle.

Another objection that has been advanced against the plan is that it does not provide for hard-surfacing Pickard lane from Franklin street to Rosemary lane.

So far the project has not been officially approved by C.W.A. headquarters in Raleigh. The layout prepared by the aldermen's committee is tentative, and there is ample time for it to be re-examined.

An application to the C.W.A. for aid in a project of this sort states the total number of square yards to be surfaced, the amount of labor required in terms of man-hours, and the amount of material required, and presents an estimate of the total cost. The C.W.A. does not demand to pass upon all the details of the improvement; it leaves these to the community. Thus, if this project is approved, the Chapel Hill town government may decide for itself what streets shall be hard-surfaced.

Baby 'Possum Captured

Infant Murderer Taken by Manning
in the Venable Hen-House

Loud squawking from the hen-house caused Miss Louise Venable, one evening this week, to go out and see what the trouble was. She counted five hens; that was the correct number. She looked all about and could find no reason for the noise. The stone which had been placed against the door on the outside was still there, indicating that nobody had tried to enter.

The next evening the squawking broke out again, but it was much louder this time. Miss Louise was not at home. Mrs. Venable sent for her nephew across the street, John Manning. When he arrived upon the scene one of the hens was on the floor with a hole in its throat, dying. Crouching in a corner was a baby 'possum, so small that one could hardly believe that already it had set out upon a career of murder. Yet there was the evidence. John grabbed the 'possum and took it into the house and gave it to the servant.

Mrs. F. P. Venable and Miss Louise Venable will spend Christmas in Raleigh with Mrs. Louis Sutton.