

## Negroes Lead In Christmas Seal Sale Here

As the close of the Christmas seal drive comes in sight, final figures show the colored community to be strong behind the drive showing a total contribution of \$167.34 while all other sources worked by the Hillsboro association under the leadership of C. B. Parris contributed only \$187.63. The Hillsboro colored high school alone topped the white school with a total of \$142.84 while the white school turned in \$126.25.

C. B. Parris, chairman of the drive in the Hillsboro, and rural Orange area, commended A. L. Starback, principal of the colored high school, on the organization of a "Fifty Center Club." Each student who sold as much as fifty cents worth of seals was given a badge and named a "fifty center."

## Polio Drive Dates Set At January 14-31

The March of Dimes will begin January 14 in Orange county under the sponsorship of the Chapel Hill Rotary and Kiwanis clubs with W. T. Huntley, Jr. heading the 1945 polio campaign in this county.

The annual fund appeal is being conducted this year from January 14-31 in celebration of the President's Birthday and, as in the past, most of the funds will be used to combat polio in this state.

Pointing out that the 1944 epidemic of infantile paralysis was the second worst outbreak in the disease in the history of the United States, campaign officials emphasize the "need to reinforce our lines of defense against this insidious enemy of childhood."

Although North Carolina had one of its worst epidemics of infantile paralysis during the past year, the death rate from the disease was the lowest ever recorded, because funds to provide medical care and equipment were available.

Through November 21 of this year, 848 cases of infantile paralysis had been reported to the state board of health since before the epidemic last summer. Of this number 618 patients have received treatment at the Hickory Polio Emergency hospital, the Gastonia Orthopaedic hospital and the Charlotte Memorial. Four hundred and thirty-five were treated at Hickory.

Only 13 deaths were reported at these three hospitals, making the lowest death rate ever recorded for an infantile paralysis epidemic. Eighty-three per cent of the hospitalized cases reported will return to normal or near-normal health, as a result of early treatment. Seventeen per cent will remain some paralysis.

## S-Sgt. Franklin Gets Purple Heart

S-Sgt. Vaxtor L. Franklin, son of Mr. and Mrs. E. S. Franklin of Route 2, Rougemont, has been awarded the purple heart for wounds received in Italy November 3. Official reports indicate that Sergeant Franklin is improving in a hospital in Italy. He was also awarded the Silver Star for gallantry in action in North Africa, April 2, 1943. He entered the Army in March, 1939, and has been overseas 33 months.

## LT. HENDERSON WITH EIGHTH AIR FORCE

AN EIGHTH AIR FORCE LIBERATOR STATION, ENGLAND.—First Lieutenant Archibald Henderson, of Chapel Hill, former North Carolina athlete, is now serving with the Second Bombardment Division of the Eighth Air Force. Former rival with Colonel Ramsey D. Potts, of Memphis, Tenn., his group commander, for the "number one" spot on Coach Kenfield's high ranking tennis teams at Chapel Hill, Lt. Henderson has participated in 30 high altitude precision bombing attacks as a navigator on the B-24 Liberator, "Cooter," and has been awarded the Distinguished Flying Cross and the Air Medal with three Oak Leaf clusters.



## Claude Mahaffey Sees Fast PT Boat Action In Pacific

Advancing through a barrage of Nip ship and shore gunfire, an American 7th Fleet PT boat with Claude C. Mahaffey, Boatswain's Mate second class, USNR, of Hillsboro, aboard, made a direct hit on a large transport anchored in Ormoc Bay off Leyte Island in the Philippines on Nov. 29.

Mahaffey, son of Mr. and Mrs. D. B. Mahaffey, of Hillsboro, released one of the torpedoes the PT fired at the 7,000-ton enemy ship and then manned his heavy caliber machine gun during a running fight.

Both the attacked ship and enemy shore batteries opened up with 40 millimeter guns, and 75 millimeter shells from shore batteries were landing all around the little PT.

"It was a very bright night," Mahaffey says. "We could see the transports in the bay over a mile ahead. We moved into firing position and let go all our torpedoes."

"As we were pulling out of the bay we saw a large explosion." The Nips on the beach continued firing on the American PTs all the way out of the bay. When they were out of range, Jap float planes that had attempted to bomb them twice as they were approaching the targets resumed their attacks. "There were several near misses from 500 bombs," Mahaffey says. "No one was injured. We opened fire, and made a definite hit on one of the planes."

The young Hillsboro bluejacket has been in the Southwest Pacific for 12 months and has taken part in 35 combat patrols in the Philippines and New Guinea area. He enlisted in the Naval Reserve on Jan. 4, 1942, and received recruit training at Newport, R. I. He attended Hillsboro high school, and The Citadel, Charleston, S. C.

Requests For Allotments Due January

All eligible producers interested in applying for a new grower flue-cured or burley tobacco allotment for 1945 should file their request at the Orange county AAA office prior to February 1, according to J. S. Compton, chairman, Orange county AAA committee.

The announcement by the War Food Administration that marketing quotas will apply on these two types of tobacco for the marketing year 1945-46 specified that five per cent of the national marketing quota would be made available for establishing new allotments.

To be eligible for such an allotment either the farm operator or the person growing the tobacco must be living on the farm and largely dependent on the farm for his livelihood.

## Orange Farmers Show Increase In Production During The Past Year

According to Don S. Matheson, county agent, the farmers of Orange county showed decided increase and improvement in production during 1944. The following is a summary of activities and results for the year on Orange county farms:

4,360 acres of tobacco made approximately 4,360,000 pounds and sold for an estimated \$1,962,000.

Commercial dairy products, including grade C milk, sold for more than one-half million dollars.

Dairy cows were increased from 5,000 to 5,680.

Chickens raised in the county were increased from 400,000 to 500,000, approximately 180,000 being laying hens.

Two cooperative milk marketing organizations have been formed with plans to build two modern milk plants, one in Chapel Hill and the other one in Hillsboro.

488 boys enrolled in 4-H Club work. Approximately 150 of these boys produced enough food to feed a fighter for a year.

4-H Club boys showed 25 dairy animals at two Junior Cattle Shows winning a total of 17 blue ribbons and 25 red ribbons plus \$361.25 in premiums.

Demonstrations with the new wilt resistant tobacco variety just released by the Experiment Station proved 90 to 100 per cent effective in controlling wilt. Every farm in the county known to have wilt has been provided with wilt resistant seed for 1945. These resistant plants will save tobacco farmers in the county from \$50,000 to \$100,000 annually.

Farmers have invested a substantial amount of their income in War Bonds. Intensive campaigns have been conducted by neighborhood leaders in each War Loan

drive. Our county has exceeded its quota each time.

By cooperating with the AAA program, farmers have received 4,000 tons of lime, eight carloads of superphosphate, and 10,000 pounds of Austrian winter peas. They have been able to purchase at cost for feeding livestock 17,000 bushels of feed wheat and 480 tons of cotton seed meal.

The exchange of farm labor, the working overtime of every member of the family, and custom work by farmers owning tractor machinery have enabled high production with much less than normal amount of labor.

Orange county farmers did their share in the Farmers' Exchange annual volume of business amounting to \$3,936,148. The livestock market in Hillsboro sold \$285,000 worth of farm animals. The Curb Market in Chapel Hill did a \$30,000 volume of business.

Two Efland Teams Win Over Mebane

Efland boys and girls beat Mebane high school in two basketball games Friday night in the Mebane gymnasium. Both games were hard-fought and good sportsmanship was shown by both sides.

The Efland girls topped their opponents by a 38 to 28 score. Efland boys shot 17 points and Mebane boys tossed in 11.

The lineup for the girls is as follows:

Efland: Nichols, Ward, Linder, Lloyd, Jones, Trimm; Mebane: Williamson, Bowen, Gattis, Scott, Lynch, Graves.

The boys' lineup is as follows:

Efland: Nichols, McAdams, Berry, Efland, Brady; Mebane: Lynch, Sykes, Bowen, Miller, Scott.

## This Week's ORANGE And UNIVERSITY MEN

William Henry Walker  
William Henry Walker, manager of Walker Brothers Mill in Hillsboro, has been a resident of Orange county one year less than three score and ten.

Well known among Orange countians, as would any man who has carried a rural mail route 35 years, he has been managing the mill since 1941.

Born in the northern part of the county January 20, 1876, he is the son of the late R. J. and Margaret Walker. He married Lorena Reynolds from South Carolina January 30, 1906, and reared a family of five girls: Lucille Strayhorn and Ethel Whetstone, Hillsboro; Hazel Strayhorn, University; Miriam Alfred, Lee county; and Iris Walker, at home. He also has six grandchildren.

Among his brothers are H. J. and Charles M. Walker of Hillsboro; T. E. Walker, Burlington; and J. E. Walker, Orange county. He has one sister, Mrs. D. R. Taylor of Hillsboro, Route 2.

He carried mail on an Orange county rural route 35 years from 1906 until 1941 when he retired and took over the job of managing the mill. He was at one time president of the Farmers and Merchants Bank in Hillsboro.

William Howard Plemmons  
If your son wants to go to the University of North Carolina, do not be surprised if he gets a letter saying all the girls' dormitories are full.

That actually happened to one hopefully prospective university student when he sent in his application to enter the university too late and William Howard Plemmons, admissions officer and acting registrar, got letters mixed up. With his usual tact and diplomacy, Mr. Plemmons straightened him out, however.

Born in Buncombe county near Asheville in 1904, son of Mrs. A. M. Buckner and the late Nelson Plemmons, Mr. Plemmons received his education in the Buncombe county schools, his M. A. degree at Wake Forest College, his M. A. at Duke University, and his Ph. D. from the University of North Carolina.

Mr. Plemmons was married in 1931 to Miss Elizabeth Sparrow of Wilmington.

He taught and coached in Hall Fletcher junior high school in W. Asheville, taught and was faculty manager of athletics in Lee H. Edwards senior high school in Asheville, was in the grocery business from 1933-35, was principal of Leicester high school, and principal of Lee H. Edwards senior high school in Asheville for five years; at the end of which time in 1941 he came to the University to finish work on his Ph. D.

He has been admissions officer for a year and a half and acting registrar for eight months.

He and Mrs. Plemmons now reside at D-2 Graham Court Apartments. He is a Baptist and belongs to the Rotary club.

Mr. Plemmons has two brothers and one half-brother: Ralph Plemmons of Asheville, now overseas; Donald Plemmons, a druggist in Asheville; and Harry Buckner of Asheville, now in an overseas hospital.

## National Munitions Wins Fourth Star

Carrboro, Jan. 10.—A fourth renewal of the Army Navy "E" award plus a new flag with four stars has been awarded to the National Munitions Corporation plant in Carrboro, according to word received by officials here from Adm. C. C. Bloch, USN (Ret.), chairman of the Navy Board of Production Awards.

Paying tribute to the workers in the Carrboro plant, Admiral Bloch said: "Each and every man and woman of Plant No. 5 is to be heartily congratulated for the splendid production record that has been established and maintained since the time that the original Army-Navy 'E' was granted. The determined support of all is required to back up our courageous men on the battle fronts."

"In view of your excellent record, the Army and Navy have decided that your company may retain the flag for a year before being considered for the next renewal."

In addition to their excellent production record, the workers at the Carrboro plant went over their quota in the Sixth War Loan drive by buying \$57,206.25 worth of bonds. Their quota was \$52,500 and the drive was held during November and December.

## Hillsboro High School Opens Lunchroom; Serves 400 Meals Daily Under Federal Program



15th AAF in Italy.—An AAF photographer who sought Sgt. John Joseph Keller, Jr., of Chapel Hill for the conventional "promotion pic" (he has just been advanced from corporal in the command section of the 15th Air Force Flying Fortress wing headquarters in Italy), found him being inoculated by Sgt. Robert W. Sheehan, Jr., of Pittsburgh, Pa. The effectiveness of regular immunization against typhus, typhoid, smallpox, tetanus and cholera is demonstrated, according to army medical authorities, by the almost imperceptible number of cases of these diseases occurring among military personnel, even when stationed in war-battered, disease-ridden areas overseas.

## Sgt. Keller Follows Dad In Army Life

15th AAF in Italy.—While following in his father's footsteps, John Joseph Keller, Jr., of Chapel Hill wears the paternal chevrons.

The 23-year-old member of the 15th Air Force Flying Fortress wing headquarters command section, just promoted to sergeant, is the son of Mr. and Mrs. John Joseph Keller of Chapel Hill.

The elder Keller, also a sergeant and widely known to Tar Heel alumni as "Sarge," retired in 1927 after 26 years service, including periods in the Philippines, the Boxer rebellion in China and, with the Fourth Field Artillery, in France in 1918.

Mrs. Keller, the former Miss Frances McGee of Louisville, Ky., was an army nurse in France in World War I and now has reserve status.

In addition to his parents, nine other forebears of Sgt. Keller of the 15th Air Force have served the nation in uniform.

A graduate of Chapel Hill high school, where he was a letterman in basketball, football and tennis, Sgt. Keller was supplies-storekeeper for the University of North Carolina Athletic Association and the U. S. Naval Pre-Flight School, Chapel Hill.

Having arrived on Christmas Eve, 1942, in Casablanca, Morocco, he wears the European-African-Middle Eastern campaign ribbon with four battle participation stars.

## Credit Association Meeting January 27

At a recent meeting of the board of directors of the Graham Production Credit Association it was decided that the association will hold its 11th annual meeting in the courthouse at Graham January 27 at 11 o'clock, according to J. C. Moore, secretary-treasurer of the association.

Two directors will be elected at this meeting and, as usual, an instructive program has been arranged. C. T. Hall, president of the association, will be in charge.

A report of the financial status of the association, as well as facts concerning its activities during the past year, will be presented by Moore.

## 22 White Men Go For Exam January 18th

Twenty-two white registrants of the Orange county draft board will be forwarded to Fort Bragg January 18 for preinduction physical examinations, according to Mildred W. Collins, chief clerk of the board.

Registrants to be examined on the 18th are: Clifford Leigh Peasley, Vernon Royal Bivins, Craven Holloway, Henry Harrison Dawkins, Thomas Alfred Wilson, James Albert Sparrow, William Lester Parker, Clayton Tillman Cook, Leary Edward Wilson, Franklin Bane Efland.

Roy Hubert Edwards, George Junior Hicks, John Smith, Robert Julian Gannada, Rufus Leroy Andrews, William Haywood Brown, Horace Lee Ward, Peter Eugene Hexner, Malcolm Worth Cole, Bobby L. Van Vynck, Leon-Lewis Gordon, Jack Harvel Conklin.

## MRS. CLAUDIA SIMMONS BACK AT SCHOOL WORK

Chapel Hill, Jan. 10.—Among those returning to the Chapel Hill high school when it reopened January 3 was Mrs. Claudia Simmons who spent last fall visiting her two sons out west. She is now teaching the combined fourth and fifth grade classes.

## This Week's POPULAR OPINION IN CHAPEL HILL

By Sherman Lazarus

Question of the week: Are you in favor of one year of peace time compulsory military training?

1st Sgt. Waldislaw Dezak, 24 years in service of U. S. Marine Corps: "I am strongly in favor of it, because it will give my boy a good-military education. Not only that, it will give him training and teaching in all points that he'll want to know, keep him on the right step. I hope he'll be able to follow in my footsteps."

Mrs. J. L. Sutton, Sutton's drug store: "Yes, I think we need to be prepared. We've been letting ourselves in for a lot of trouble by being unprepared. In the formative year, military discipline is good for young people."

Jimmy Wallace, U.N.C. law student: "I'm not in favor of it. One reason I'm against it is I don't believe compulsory military training will result in anything but a competitive international race towards militaristic preparedness

## Six County Schools Using New Plan

The Hillsboro high school lunch room, operating under the federal child feeding program, was opened to the students last week and is serving a "class A" meal to an average of 400 students each day at a cost of only ten cents to the student.

The move to bring school lunch rooms under the federal child feeding program got under way early last fall with Carrboro leading the county, opening during the month of September. The program has grown through the county to the extent that six out of the nine white schools in the county are serving "class A" lunches under the program and one colored school is operating under the same plan. Two colored schools are serving the "class C" lunch.

Mrs. Bertha Klegg is dietician of the lunch room in Hillsboro with Miss Alice Anderson assisting her. The lunch room is located on the east side of the new extension of the building next to the cannery. New stores, refrigerator, and dish washing apparatus have been purchased and installed to bring the lunch room up to standards required by the federal program to receive federal aid.

To qualify under the federal child feeding program, the school must secure its own lunch room and equipment necessary to meet the required standards. The county commissioners are granting \$3,000 to the establishment of the lunch room here. Under the child feeding program, the government pays nine cents for every "class A" meal served, making the cost to each student here only ten cents for a well balanced meal consisting of three vegetables, a meat or meat substitute, bread, fruit and milk. The child pays for his meal upon entering the lunchroom and may have more than one serving without cost.

The program is so designed that underprivileged children are not left out. If a student is unable to pay ten cents for his meal, he is granted free meals. Meal tickets are issued to the students to avoid any distinction of the free meals.

White schools in the county now operating under the child feeding program are Hillsboro, West Hillsboro, Efland, Caldwell, Murphey, and Carrboro. Aycock is making plans to enter the program. White Cross and Orange Grove are not participating. The Gravelly Hill colored school is serving "class A" lunches, and the Hillsboro and Ridge Road colored schools are serving "class C" lunches.

## Orange Servicemen Receive Discharges

Following is a list of honorable discharges granted during the month of December and the first of January, and filed in the register of deeds office.

Albert J. Hudson, Chapel Hill, December 7; William O. Hastings, Hillsboro, December 18; Paul Lee, Hillsboro, December 17; Mangum B. Toler, Hillsboro, January 2; John Archie Jackson, West Hillsboro, December 27; Coston H. Berry, Hurdle Mills, December 22; and James R. Cobb, colored, Chapel Hill, January 3.

and subsequent imperialism.

Walter James, instructor in the Physical Education department: "If the program could be planned so as to give educative and military services to those affected, I would definitely be in favor of it."

Anne Overholt, U.N.C. graduate student: "Yes, I think the discipline and the military teaching would tend to make clear in the minds of youth the freedom we brag about, of which we have no conception."

Pfc. Arthur Newlander, Army medical student: "Yes, I believe in compulsory military training. First of all for the physical well being of the individual, present as well as future life, and secondly that we should keep ourselves prepared to prevent such events as the present world situation has created."

Gene Johnstone, Naval V-12er: "One year of military training would keep a trained reserve ready in case of war. It would also improve the physical condition of the men."