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Teachers Favor 5 Proposals

Public school talk in the Legislature at Raleigh has created keen interest throughout the state and at a meeting of Orange county teachers in the office of the county superintendent, R. H. Claytor, last Tuesday, unanimous endorsement of the five-point program set up by the United Forces for Education in North Carolina was heard.

Two new bills were introduced this week to raise the compulsory attendance law from 14 to 16, part of the five-point program set up; and to give teachers and principals nine-day sick leaves with pay and provide for the payment by the State of \$3 a day for substitute.

The statewide program that was heartily endorsed by Orange county's teachers last Tuesday includes the following proposals:

(1) To provide adequate salaries for teachers to enable schools to secure a supply of well qualified teachers and to meet the rising costs of living.

The proposed basic salary for beginning class "A" teachers is set at \$125 a month with increases up to \$200 for long service, and proportionate increases are asked for other teachers and school employees.

(2) To raise the compulsory attendance age from 14 to 16 and to provide adequate means of enforcing the law.

(3) To provide health and recreational facilities in the schools and give physical examinations to entering students, with corrective follow-up programs.

(4) To provide expanded facilities for vocational and special education, and make the training available to returning veterans as well and regular school children. Care, treatment and education of handicapped children is also proposed under this point.

(5) To employ principals for 10 months, giving them two weeks for organization before the opening of schools and two weeks after the closing date to prepare more adequate professional leadership for the schools.

T. A. Stanford Dies At Home In Richmond

Funeral services for Thomas A. Stanford, 67, vice-president of the Benjamin T. Crump Company in Richmond, Va., were held in Richmond last Saturday with burial following Sunday in the Bethlehem Presbyterian church in Orange county.

Stanford, formerly of Orange county, died at his home early last Thursday, January 18. Funeral services were conducted at the Joseph W. Bliley funeral home, with the Rev. E. C. Pedrick, rector of St. Thomas' Episcopal church officiating.

Pallbearers at the burial were Tom, Walter and Charlie Teer, James Andrews, James Snipes and James Lewis.

Stanford had been active in civic and church interests in Richmond for a number of years. He had been associated with the Benjamin T. Crump company for 38 years, entering the employ of the firm as salesman. He was a member of the Hermitage Club and was senior warden of St. Thomas Episcopal church.

He is survived by his wife, Mrs. Helen Cecil Stanford; a son, Thomas A. Stanford, Jr., of Richmond; a daughter, Miss Cecil Stanford, Monckton, Md.; and two sisters, Mrs. S. E. Teer of Orange county and Mrs. Carrie S. Walker of Burlington. He is the uncle of Walter W. Teer of Hillsboro.

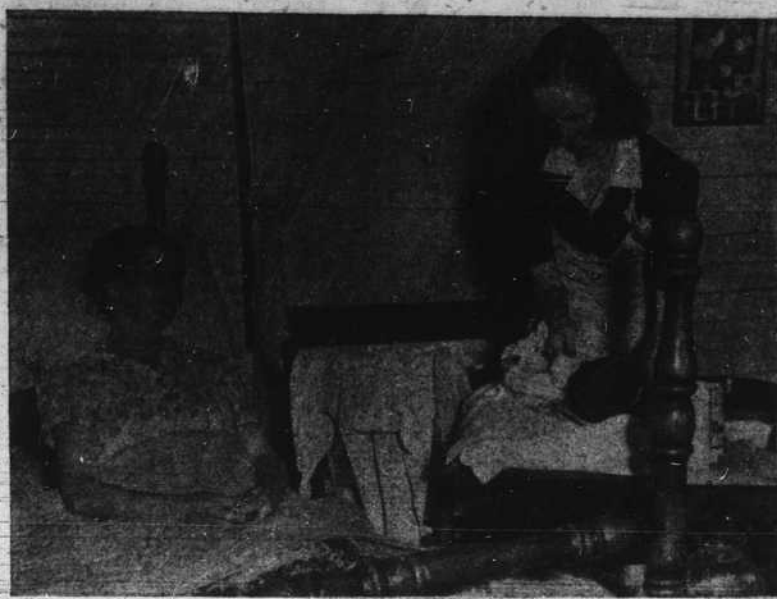
Lt. John Watters At Miami Beach

MIAMI BEACH, FLA., Jan. 24.—First Lieutenant John L. Watters of Chapel Hill has arrived at Army Air Forces Redistribution Station No. 2 in Miami Beach for reassignment processing after completing a tour of duty outside the continental United States.

Medical examinations and classification interviews at this post, pioneer of several redistribution stations operated by the AAF personnel Distribution Command for AAF returnee officers and enlisted men, will determine his new assignment.

Lieutenant Watters was a P-40 pilot during ten months in the Aleutians. He is the son of Mrs. Sarah T. Watters, Chapel Hill. His wife, Elizabeth R. Watters, resides at Santa Monica, Calif.

This Week's Orange Woman



Evelyn Davis Public Health Nurse In County Since June

Miss Evelyn Davis, public health nurse for Chapel Hill, is an example of the ideal public health nurse.

Born in Burlington and a graduate of Wilson high school near Graham, Miss Davis spent three years at the Roanoke, Va., Hospital Training School and emerged a full-fledged, registered nurse.

During the next eight years she was supervisor at the Roanoke Hospital Training School, assistant head nurse on a medical ward in the New Haven, Conn., Hospital, head nurse at Bradford junior college at Bradford, Mass., and of Phillips Academy, Andover, Mass. Then she came south and did private nursing for two years before becoming head nurse of the Moore County hospital in Pinehurst and, later, head nurse at Asheville's Mission hospital.

With all this experience and training behind her, Miss Davis studied public health nursing at the Richmond, Va., Professional Institute of William and Mary College and shortly after completing her course there accepted her first public health nursing job in Rowan county. Three months later she was transferred to Pittsboro, Chatham county, where she stayed 3 years until she was moved to Roxboro, Person county, where she gained valuable public health nursing experience with that county's rural delivery service (with midwives and doctors, not the Post Office Department!). Since June, 1944, she has been public health nurse in Chapel Hill, with headquarters at the district health office covering a territory of approximately 168 square miles.

Southerlands To Be Moved To Jones County Next Month

O. P. (Duke) Southerland, soil conservationist in Orange county with his office in Hillsboro, received notice last Saturday that he is being transferred to another position at Trenton in Jones county. The transfer will take place about the first of February.

Southerland has been working here with the Neuse River Soil Conservation Service for one and a half years. He has been working with H. E. Singletary, who will remain in the Hillsboro office.

Receiving training in agricultural engineering at Duke University and State College, Southerland spent seven years as a draftsman and engineer with the conservation service, and has been working in the field as a soil conservationist the past four years. He came to Orange county from Gastonia, and prior to that time, he worked as a conservationist in various parts of the state.

Mrs. Southerland, now employed in the Farm Security Administration office in Hillsboro, will be transferred to the F.S.A. office in Wendell.

Weather Slows Dairy Building

R. B. Todd, manager of the Latta Cooperative Dairy in Hillsboro, said this week that although adverse weather conditions had slowed up the progress of the building, he still expects to have the business open and operating here by April 1.

Construction of the plant has been coming along as well as could be expected in the face of unfavorable weather conditions, and the foundation and walls are now high enough that the concrete floor can be poured as soon as the rain and cold wave let up.

Opening on the first of April will be possible only if conditions will permit construction of the building and if the necessary machinery and equipment arrive here by that time.

Since the organization of the cooperative, Todd has been working in the Long Meadow Dairy plant in Durham to become familiar with the operation and management of such a plant in Hillsboro.

The "Red" Signal

Gilbert W. Ray, county accountant, issued fair warning to all taxpayers in Orange county to list their personal property before the closing of the specified listing time on January 31.

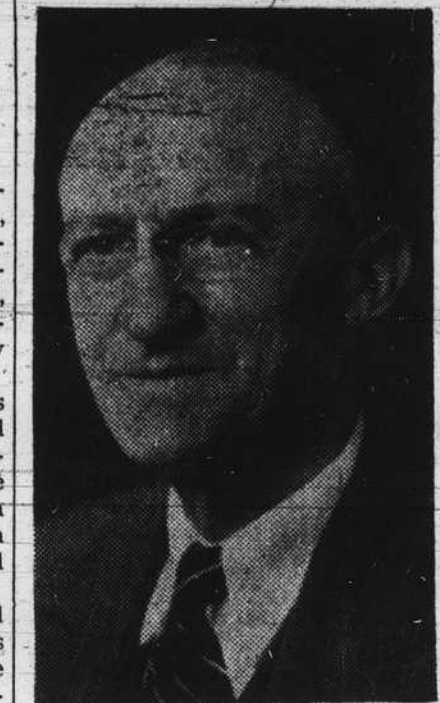
All tax listers will close their books January 31 and all late taxpayers will be penalized for late listing.

Negro Farmer Is First Orange Countian To Purchase Home Through Farm Security Loan

This Week's UNIVERSITY MAN

GEO. COFFIN TAYLOR

George Coffin Taylor was born in Charleston, S. C., March 26, 1877. In due time he grew to manhood and on April 18, 1911, married Ellen Elmore Taylor. In more due time Eliza (Mrs. Martin Shockley of Charlton College, Minn.) and Mrs. Howard Manning, living at present in Chapel Hill with her small son while her husband is with the Army in California, and Edmund Rhett, at present an army captain who for



Dr. George Coffin Taylor.

the last two years has been serving as a surgeon with the Roosevelt hospital attached to General Patch's army overseas.

Eliza has two children, a boy and a girl, giving him a grand total of three grandchildren to bless his declining years should they catch up with him, which is extremely doubtful.

The trouble with this Taylor man is that he is interested in too many things; for instance, learning. He has accumulated, among other things, four degrees: an A. B. and Litt. D. at the University of South Carolina (at different times, by the way); an M. A. at Harvard; and a Ph. D. at the University of Chicago. Not content with this cursory contact with education, he went so far as to act successively (and successfully, for that matter) as instructor, assistant professor and finally professor and head of the Department of English at the University of Colorado during the years 1890-1909.

The call of the wild, relatively speaking—sounded in his ear in 1909 and he became a tiller of the soil, defined in certain publications as an agriculturalist, but translated locally as a farmer. From farming he turned to the practice of law in Columbia, S. C., but even so didn't escape from the world of higher learning entirely as he became a trustee of the city schools of Columbia in 1913 and served in that capacity until 1925, when he left South Carolina to join the faculty of the University of North Carolina as associate professor of English. Two years later he became a professor, and since 1934, has been Kenan professor, the professorship he holds at present.

He is a member of the Chi Psi, Phi Beta Kappa and Gimgoul fraternities and of such organizations as the Modern Language (Continued on page 6)

Press Institute Annual Meeting

The 20th annual North Carolina Newspaper Institute will be held in Chapel Hill Friday and Saturday of this week. The program opens Thursday night with a talk by a recently returned foreign correspondent of the United Press. The program will be given in Gerrard Hall on the university campus. Group meetings and a luncheon session, all in the Inn, take up the daytime program for Friday.

The institute will close with a banquet program at Duke University Friday night. A representative of the Associated Press will speak, and Governor Gregg Chery will make awards of prizes to prize winning weekly and semi-weekly newspapers.

ONE CANDLE

The News has one candle on its birthday cake this week and it is mighty proud of that one flicker. The flame on the end of the candle is just a pilot light to the fire that shall some day burn if we, through the years to come, receive the cooperation and the warm reception that has been extended us by Orange Countians both at home and abroad in this one short year.

Our start was with a little paper printed 150 miles away and you gave us support and had faith in our promise to establish a worthwhile newspaper with the printing and office at home. You have encouraged us to hold our heads above the water and keep the candle burning for one year. We are trying not to burn that candle at both ends, but, with your faith and continued cooperation, kindle that candle into a far-reaching beacon that will shine on credits due Orange county and record through the years the memorable deeds of her people.

Commissions For Blue Star Brigadiers

The women's division of the Orange County War Finance Committee sponsored a luncheon at the Carolina Inn at Chapel Hill, Saturday, January 20, in honor of the women who qualified for commissions in the Blue Star Brigade of the Sixth War Loan.

Recognition was based on the number of persons to whom the Brigadiers sold bonds and the highest rank. County General, was attained by Mrs. Paulette E. Rosettes, who sold bonds to eighty-four people in the National Munitions Corporation at Carrboro. Other women representing the corporation were Mrs. Leona Howell, Miss Ava Thrift, Mrs. Janie Clark, Mrs. Ruth Williams and Mrs. Emma Blake. All of these women had outstanding records and received commissions.

Chapel Hill women who received commissions were: Mesdames Gladys Angel Beard, Mary M. Bailey, Gwendolyn Duffey, Edith K. Ingwersen, Marguerite M. Judson, Alga Leavitt, Reba H. Lineberger, Blanche S. Mattox, Jean B. Newman, Maud H. Rosenau, Colby Sampson, Mary G. Whitfield, and Bessie Roberson Woolen.

Mrs. R. O. Everett, regional chairman, was a guest of honor and a speaker at the luncheon. She congratulated the women of Orange county on the splendid work they were doing and said she was most impressed by the fact that every one present represented an organization or a committee that was doing active work in the women's organization of the county.

Congratulatory messages were also received from Mrs. Karl Bishopric, State Chairman, Mrs. J. S. Mitchener, vice-chairman, Allison James, state executive manager, W. E. Thompson, county chairman of men's division, and J. Maryon Saunders, chairman of the Sixth War Loan for Orange county.

Mrs. Gill Dies In Durham Hospital

Mrs. Bertha Wilson Gill, 51, of Mebane, Rt. 2, died Thursday, December 11 in Duke hospital following a heart attack the day before. Funeral services were held the following Sunday, January 14, at the Hawfields Presbyterian church and burial followed in the church cemetery.

Mrs. Gill is survived by her husband, J. S. Gill; two daughters, Mrs. Henry Webster of the Hawfields community and Mrs. Marion Buckner of the home; her mother, Mrs. Henry Wilson; five brothers, W. W., B. F., H. A., Jr., and J. B. Wilson, all of Mebane, Rt. 2, and J. C. Wilson of Graham.

Mrs. Gill was a member of the Grange, having joined when it was first organized in the county. She was a member of the Hawfields Presbyterian church where the funeral was held. The funeral services were conducted by her pastor, Rev. N. N. Fleming, assisted by Rev. E. H. Measmer, pastor of the Hebron Methodist church, and Rev. T. B. Hough of the Mebane Methodist church.

John Parker Pays Up In Six Years

John Arch Parker (46), colored, of Hillsboro, Route 2, was given a deed of trust to his 145 acre farm last Saturday, winning for him the distinction of being the first man in Orange county to purchase and pay for a farm under the Bankhead-Jones Farm-Tenant Act through the Farm Security Administration.

The deed of trust, marked "paid in full," was given to him last Saturday afternoon at his farm by Robert E. Hughes, chairman of the Orange county FSA committee in the presence of other members of the committee, T. M. Riley and Marvin Phelps, and John P. Ballard, supervisor of the FSA office in Hillsboro.

Parker was also the first colored man in Orange county to obtain a loan through the FSA, borrowing \$3,915 August 5, 1938, to be paid in 40 years. Under the variable payment agreement in which the borrower agrees to pay a landlord's share, or one-fourth of his total earnings during the year, he paid for his farm in six years. All payments to meet the obligations of the mortgage were obtained from Parker's crop income with the exception of \$1,500 which he paid as the result of a timber sale.

The Bankhead-Jones Farm-Tenant Act is designed to help only the lowest income bracket of farmers, who have previously been dependent on farming for their livelihood and who cannot negotiate loans either through private sources or other government agencies, to become farm owners. Prior to the negotiation of the loan, Parker farmed three years for Bill Toler of Orange county. At the time the loan was made, he owned two mules, two cows, 20 chickens, a walking plow, and a two-horse plow. Since obtaining the loan besides paying for the entire farm in six years, he has bought a rake, mowing machine, new wagon and a disc harrow.

He also has 150 chickens and says he has more and better livestock. His family, including 5 children, has also become more home dependent.

Parker was on welfare until about 1934 when he began to get subsistence loans through the FSA. In 1938 he was granted the loan to purchase a farm and home on the basis of his past record, and began doing diversified farming under the farm planning program and kept an accurate record book of his achievements. Ballard and Parker kept the most accurate record book in the county last year.

When asked what word of advice he would give to any tenant or share cropper, Parker said he would advise them to buy as soon as they could and to go in for diversified farming.

Martin Sentenced To Twenty Years

Edward Jewett Martin, 24-year-old Charlotte Chemist, drew a 20-year sentence after a trial in a Booneville, Mo., court, for the murder of his grandmother, Mrs. Edward M. Jewett, and the throwing of her body in Eastwood Lake near Chapel Hill last May.

After Martin's arrest in Durham last Spring, and the discovery of Mrs. Jewett's body in the lake, many far-fetched tales and solutions to the crime were offered, and the public kept eyes and ears peeled for a possible hearing of the case in Durham and, perhaps, even in Orange county. But it was established by authorities that the crime was not committed in this state and the trial would have to be held elsewhere.

The jury convicted Martin of second-degree murder, turning a deaf ear to pleas for an insanity or a manslaughter verdict from the defense, and Mrs. Jewett's "favorite" grandson was sent to prison for 20 years.

Health On The Air

"Communities Awake!" is a new radio program which will be heard every Saturday afternoon at 6 o'clock over WDCN, jointly sponsored by the Orange-Person-Chatham district health department and the department of health education of the School of Public Health, University of North Carolina. All scripts will be prepared by health education students. Chapel Hill grade school children will participate in the program this Saturday.

This Week's POPULAR OPINION IN CHAPEL HILL

By Sherman Lazarus

Question of the week: What is your favorite recreation?"

Olive Ann Burns, Carolina student: "I'm interested in too many things to say one in particular. There's swimming, playmaking, horsebacking, singing, painting, writing, reading, plain old study, movies, and there are always men, which are good for a number of things."

Vin Cassidy, Marine V-12er, veteran of Guadalcanal and the Solomons: "For recreation I take full advantage of all Chapel Hill has to offer; I sleep."

Foster Fitz-Simons, stage designer of the Carolina Playmakers: "I don't know where work leaves off and recreation per se begins in my life, but when I have such an extraordinary thing as

nothing to do, I like to sleep, which is, up to now, not often enough."

Lt. W. F. Bennett, USNR, Pre-Flight school "For recreation I like to take pictures. I have a collection of several hundred color slides taken during my travels up and down the eastern part of the U. S.; I also develop and print some of the black and white pictures I take."

W. H. Hipps, Jr., UNC student: "Reading, listening to the radio, going to the movies, and talking. The last one is most important."

Jim Dillard, NROTC: "To tell the truth I don't get around to a lot of recreation, but when I do, I go to the movies, or spend a little of my time down at Danziger's or the Portheole."

M. R. Alexander, University News Bureau: "Playing bridge and seeing or hearing Gilbert and Sullivan operettas."

Cedar Grove's Tom Ellis Is 'Figger' Man For The State And Nation's Small Business

Once Was Pianist For 'Cyclone Mac,' Noted Evangelizer

Cedar Grove, as everybody knows, is a small community. But, "a better mousetrap" has been made there by one of its sons, and the world is accordingly making a beaten path to its door—via the U. S. mails, in most instances.

The mousetrap, in this case, is the Ellis Business Service, originated by Tom Ellis and copyrighted in October, 1943, under the name "Dollar-a-Week" double entry bookkeeping service. This is not a fly-by-night enterprise by any means, but a going concern with hundreds of customers in 47 of these 48 United States, as well as in Cuba, Puerto Rico and Canada.

Mr. Ellis has figured out an ingenious way of keeping books, in Cedar Grove, for hundreds of business men all over the state and nation. All these men do is fill out a simple form (known to the Ellis Business Service as Form J) each week and mail it to Cedar Grove. Mr. Ellis and his office force do the rest. At the end of each month a complete financial report is mailed to every customer, and at the end of the year two absolutely accurate photostatic copies of income tax data are stapled to the proper income tax return forms and sent to the customer for his signature. The original data is kept in the Cedar Grove



files. That's all there is to it. It is like a good dream come true to countless farmers, grocers, cafe and lunchroom operators and other owners of small businesses.

There are three girls who do all this work, under the supervision of Mr. Ellis: Miss Virginia Wells, who is in charge of the general office records and correspondence; Miss Elizabeth Limer, head bookkeeper, who is responsible for corrections, adjustments, journal postings, ledger maintenance, trial balances and profit and loss statements; and Miss Bertha Holmes, who does all the photostatic work.

All three are Cedar Grove girls, personally chosen and trained by Mr. Ellis. He says proudly that he can leave the office for several months at a time and things run smoothly during his absence as when he is there. They really

"know their stuff" and it is a rare thing for one of them to encounter a problem she has to ask him to solve.

The idea of the "Dollar-a-Week" double-entry bookkeeping service is not new, but Mr. Ellis is the first to devise a system simple enough to work in actual practice.

He learned most of what he knows about accounting, he says, from his experience as liquidation auditor for the North Carolina superior courts. But, he has plenty of other experience in the accounting and tax fields, as credit manager for a large Detroit concern, auditor for a major tobacco company, bank examiner and district finance officer for the government.

He did veer from pure accounting long enough, from 1917 to 1920, to work as advertising sales-

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