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## Red Cross Drive Plans Completed; Starts Off Today

With the selection of neighborhood leaders for the Negro division, final plans for the Red Cross drive have taken shape and Chairman Clarence Jones of the local chapter predicts greater co-operation and more enthusiastic response than ever before. This, he thinks, will be in large measure due to the close contact with the Red Cross experienced by hundreds of Orange county families who have received or seen their neighbors receive some type of help or service.

The Negro leaders include Mrs. Robert Wilson for West End, Mrs. In Jeffries, Brownsville; Mrs. Annie Mayo, chairman, and Mrs. Annie B. Clark, assistant chairman, school district; Mrs. Pauline Cullers, Baptist church area; Mrs. Ethel Goldsby, Riverside; Mrs. David Payne, Highway; Mrs. Ed Walker and Mrs. John Wells, Marshall.

Some insight into the service rendered by the local chapter of the Red Cross may be gained from summary of the Hillsboro cases for the past year. There were handled 106 family dependency benefits. Furlough verifications and programs dealing with illness and death were 88. Inquiries and welfare reports of men in service numbered 34 while there were 32 instances of such service rendered to families of servicemen. Loans were made on hospital bills, 5; consultation and guidance, 24; social history, 12; mustering-out pay, 5; dependency discharge, 8; prisoners of war, 5; veterans' disability claims, 1; insurance death claims, 5; dependency death claims, 5; veterans' burial benefits, 2; veterans' headstones for graves, 2.

## Pfc. Grady P. King Reported As Dead

Pfc. Grady P. King, son of Mr. and Mrs. John W. King of Route 3, Chapel Hill, and husband of the former Miss Ada Mae Perry of Hillsboro, who was previously reported missing in action in Luxembourg as of January 29, was killed in action on that date according to a recent report from the War Department.

Private King graduated from Orange Grove high school with the class of 1939. He entered the service at Fort Bragg in May, 1944, received his training at Camp S. C., and was sent overseas in November.

## Local Bowlers Win Two, Lose Close One

The local bowling alley was the scene of three better-than-average matches last week.

The highest scoring on record ever occurred in a match Friday night between the Hillsboro team and a Walnut Grove team led by John Hawkins. Hillsboro won by a score of 1544 to 1494. The lineup for Hillsboro was Sharpe, Turner, Perry, Scarce and Riley; for Walnut Grove: Daniels, Hawkins, Roberts, Crabtree and Stills.

On Wednesday night a Hillsboro team composed of L. L. Scarce, Pete Hicks, Fred Sharp, Army Strum and Toby Wrenn defeated Mebane team by the score of 1493 to 1430.

The Hillsboro girls' bowling team lost a heart-breaker to a Durham team brought here by Sam Holden from Center bowling alley. In a match that was close all the way through the visitors emerged with an advantage of 17 points, the final score being 1338 to 1321. Bowling for the local team were Edna Ellis, Helen Hornbuckle, Maxine Freeland, Beth Forrest and Faye Patterson.

## Wanted For Returned Veterans

Mrs. Mildred W. Collins, clerk of Orange county draft board No. 1, has received instructions to set up a complete file for all returning service men with a view to discharging the obligations of the elective service system in the rehabilitation of World War II veterans.

Mrs. Collins attended a recent meeting at Raleigh where the matter of securing veterans assistance and aiding them in the re-employment program was explained to representatives of 20 local boards of the section by Col. Thomas H. Upton and Captain Hartness of the state board.



Ben Husbands of the University of North Carolina spoke to the members of the Hillsboro Lions Club at their regular meeting last Thursday. The topic of his discussion centered around vocational rehabilitation and education of veterans of World War II under that phase of the G. I. Bill of Rights.

## Hillsboro Lions Meet At Tavern; Hear Ben Husbands

The Hillsboro Lions club held its regular Thursday meeting last week at Dud's Tavern, the first meeting of the group since the Masonic lodge fire that destroyed the previous meeting place of the club in that building.

John P. Ballard, who was in charge of the program, presented Ben Husbands of the University of North Carolina to the club. Husbands spoke to the club on the vocational rehabilitation and educational phase of the G. I. Bill of Rights, pointing out opportunities and advantages available to veterans of World War II who are eligible to receive benefits under the bill. At the close of his talk, he answered a number of questions from members of the club.

Clarence D. Jones, president, said the group will continue meeting at Dud's Tavern at the regular time until further notice.

## Men and Women In the Service

Capt. E. E. ERICSON, son of Dr. E. E. Ericson of Chapel Hill, who has been reported missing in action and later as a prisoner of the Japanese, is now at prison camp No. 1 in Tokyo.

A postal card dated July 10, 1944, received by Dr. Ericson, was the first word from his son since December, 1943—saying that he was feeling very fine and was looking forward to good times after reunion.

Pvt. WILLIAM BATEMAN of West Hillsboro is home on a 15-day furlough.

Sgt. LLOYD NOELL, marine corps, has returned to Camp Pendleton, Calif., after spending an eight-day furlough with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. F. Y. Noell. He spent nine months in the South Pacific and has been back in the States for the past fifteen months.

DAVID E. PATTERSON, JR. has been promoted to the rank of corporal sometime during the month of February. His wife is the former Miss Josephine Kenion.

Pfc. WESTON LLOYD, son of Mr. and Mrs. Jeter C. Lloyd, Chapel Hill, Route 1, has left the hospital in England where he spent some time, and is now in France where he is stationed with a postal unit near Paris. He has visited both Paris and London while in Europe.

2nd Lt. MAUDE T. BROWN is spending a five-day leave with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. L. Brown, Sr. She has been in the army nurse corps for approximately nine months. Prior to entering the service she was state deputy nurse for the office of civilian defense for the state of North Carolina.

Maj. JAMES GORDON arrived home Sunday with his family to spend three days here with his mother, Mrs. Mamie Gordon. He will return to his camp in Texas, but his family is to remain here for a while.

Cpl. RAYMOND RIDDLE is spending a 12-day leave with his mother, Mrs. J. C. Riddle of West Hillsboro. He has been in the service for three years and is now stationed at Augusta, Fla., with the infantry.

## "UNCLE FRED" AND "AUNT FANNIE" END HALF CENTURY OF DAIRYING

By Lucille Cathey  
Chapel Hill, Feb. 15.—After selling milk to the local people for more than a half century, the Sparrows ("Uncle Fred" and "Aunt Fannie"), on Hillsboro street, are having to buy their own milk. The neighbors are at the same time lamenting over having to buy canned cream, and all because the Sparrows have sold their twenty cows and have gone out of the dairy business.

Fred Sparrow, owner of the dairy, is still a very active man even with the 78 years of living. He hated to give up his dairy work and was very reluctant to part with his cows. His family had been trying for years to get him to go out of business, but it took a war to do the job. For this can be marked up as another effect of the manpower shortage. Mr. Sparrow could not get hands to help him with the work, so he could do nothing but sell out.

The herd, consisting of Holsteins, Guernseys, and Jerseys, was auctioned off at a sale on Friday, February 2. The cows, which were giving over five gallons of milk each per day, went at prices that ranged all the way from \$65 to \$210. Not to be outdone, Mr. Spar-

row bought himself two mules at the same sale. He probably thinks they'll be better for work than his two fiery red horses, "Trigger" and "Dynamite," and cause less consternation among the chickens which his daughter says he's proposing to raise. (He can't quit that active, outdoor life.) Even though he's been working the greater part of his life, he is eager to start something new. He also plans to buy himself a family cow this summer—and we're wondering if he'll stop with the one.

White-haired and smiling at 76, Aunt Fannie Sparrow, who has been confined to her chair by paralysis, tells how she and her husband started out in the dairy business after they were married (they celebrated their golden wedding anniversary last December). Their first home was several miles out of town on what is now known as the "Old Mill Place." At that time Mr. Sparrow owned only seven cows, and ran a grist mill, a sawmill, and a cotton gin on the side. About twenty years later the Sparrows built the large frame house on Hillsboro street in which they still live.

Mrs. Sparrow sitting in a rocking chair. (Continued on page 2)

## Only Two Justices Jailed For Assault On Wife And Child

Failure of June Harris of Chapel Hill, whose name was written in on the county ballot last November for justice of the peace of his township, to present himself before the clerk of superior court to take the oath of office within the prescribed 30 days after the term for which he was elected began has given rise to inquiry as to how many justices of the peace Orange county has.

The answer is two—Paul H. Robertson of Chapel Hill and Cicero M. Jones of Hillsboro—and both of these were commissioned by the governor of North Carolina. Nobody seems to care to run for office although every township is entitled to one or more justices, and nobody seems to care to take the trouble to ask Orange's representatives in the legislature to include him in the omnibus bill for appointment by the general assembly.

In connection with the writing-in of June Harris' name on the November ballot it is also noted that J. Ralph Weaver of Chapel Hill has not qualified as county surveyor either. Mr. Weaver's name was pencilled in on a few ballots by his neighbors, who were perfectly willing that he, a Republican, should be returned as elected to an office no Democrat desired; but he hasn't taken the oath.

Which perhaps matters not at all. He'll probably do all the surveying he would have done and the result will be just as legal.

## Lt. Kenion Loses Foot In Germany

Lt. Alonzo Kenion, whose serious wounding the war department reported in a telegram to his mother, Mrs. A. W. Kenion Friday night, is being hospitalized at New York. He stepped on a mine in Germany on February 3, after having returned to action January 25 following a former wound to his left foot.

This foot the blast of the mine blew off, Alonzo told his mother in a telephone call from New York Saturday morning. A hand which was also injured is healing, he said, and he promises to report again on his condition after reaching the hospital.

## RURAL CARRIERS GIVE BUFFET SUPPER

Rural letter carriers and substitutes of Hillsboro, Efland and Cedar Grove entertained the carriers of Chapel Hill Wednesday night of last week at a buffet supper in the high school cafeteria. Following the supper there was a brief business meeting of both carriers and auxiliary; but under the direction of Mrs. Herman Strayhorn the group soon got busy with games and contests and enjoyed themselves variously.

In attendance from Chapel Hill were Mr. and Mrs. Bernice Ward, Mr. and Mrs. Floyd Turnage, Mr. and Mrs. Garland Kirkland and Mr. and Mrs. Jack Hogan. From Efland came Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Dunn and from Cedar Grove Mr. and Mrs. R. D. Hughes, Mr. and Mrs. J. S. Compton, Miss Mildred Finley and Thomas C. Ellis. Representing Hillsboro were Mr. and Mrs. E. C. Lither, Mr. and Mrs. H. H. Strayhorn, Mr. and Mrs. Chandler Cates, Mr. and Mrs. Roger Wilson, Mr. and Mrs. C. M. Walker, Mrs. Lucy Lloyd and Miss Helen Caston.

## High School Girl Floors Her Teacher

Lola Mae Mincey, 16-year-old, ninth-grade student of the Hillsboro high school, has been suspended indefinitely following an altercation with Miss Mary Susan Robertson of the high school faculty on Tuesday morning which in some aspects more nearly resembled assault and battery.

Reports have it that Lola Mae was something like five minutes late reporting for work—not a surprising thing in itself, for she had been tardy on other occasions. Miss Robertson reprimanded her; the reproof was not accepted with contrition or even cheerfully. Then, after some discussion of the pupil's lack of co-operation, the teacher is said to have intimated that she would like to slap the student.

"Why don't you?" came the query.

Miss Robertson did.

And Lola Mae slapped (or punched) back with such enthusiasm as to floor her instructor. Naturally the incident has caused considerable comment. Young Miss Mincey, it seems, comes of fighting stock, anyhow on her mother's side. There has never been made a suggestion that the Robertson family characteristics did not contain considerable follow-through.

Principal Brown yesterday had come to no conclusion as to action beyond that of sending Lola Mae home for a few days while the situation cools sufficiently for a more extended investigation. He politely and cheerfully responded to such questions as The News pounded and they were few because your local paper is not trying to make a sensation out of what it concedes is the liveliest bit of school news turned up this term.

## This Week's WOMAN OF ORANGE

(Mrs.) Eva Kate Burks

When (Mrs.) Eva Kate Burks of 150 East Rosemary street, Chapel Hill, retires (which she says is going to be soon), she plans to write a book based on experiences she has undergone while serving between 50 and 75 University students each day for the past nine and one-half years in her boarding house.

According to Mrs. Burks, of all the experiences she has had, the most enjoyable and most rewarding have been her serving special meals at various times to athletes of the University and the knowledge that she has helped numerous students (her student help) to get a college education.

Mrs. Burks was born in Roseboro in 1890, the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. G. W. Bullard, attended Mrs. Wright's private school in Ingold and Meredith College, Raleigh, married P. B. Burks in 1909 in Lynchburg, Va., and with the exception of a few months spent doing home demonstration work, remained "just a housewife" until she started her boarding house.

Mrs. Burks has four children: O-C P. B. Burks, Jr., Fort Benning, Ga., Edward C. Burks, specialist in gunnery, St. Mary's Rifle flight school, St. Mary's, Calif., Mrs. E. R. Blore, Akron, Ohio, and Mrs. L. H. Crumpler, Raleigh; two grandchildren, Carol and Leonard Crumpler; eight brothers: Lt. Comdr. W. B. Bullard, South Pacific, Dr. T. P. Bullard, Brenham, Texas, C. F. Bullard, Rocky Mount, H. A. and G. O. Bullard, Hayne, F. M. Bullard, Windsor, H. J. Bullard, Richmond, Va., and Clarence Bullard, Roseboro; and one sister, Nellie Bullard, Autreyville.

Mrs. Burks belongs to the Methodist church and is a Democrat.

## SCHOOL BUS OVERTURNS ON SLICK ROAD

A slick road is held responsible for the overturning of a bus loaded with pupils of the Murphey school last Thursday. The accident occurred on the old Durham highway, a couple of miles south of the school. A couple of boys received slight cuts on their foreheads, it appears from unofficial reports which give Victor Griffin of the local high school as driver.

Apologies of the condition of the roads traveled by the county's ageing buses, County Superintendent Claytor seems fairly content with the delay of the three new busses which were to have come from the Thomas Body company of High Point. He admits that he would hate to put new vehicles out on the roads in their present condition.

Nobody having anything to do with the transportation of pupils expects perfection from the road system, but it is hoped that one result from the legislative appropriation secured by John Umstead for county-road betterment will be the provision of enough gravel to fill the worst holes on the school routes.

## County Officers' Pay Raised; Bonus For All Employees

### Thanks!

This week the staff of THE NEWS is grateful to O. J. Coffin, head of the University Journalism department, for his assistance in getting out this issue of the paper in the absence of J. Roy Parker who is on vacation in Ahooskie and Editor Harry S. Large who is confined to his bed by an attack of flu.

### Around Orange WITH THE HOME AGENT

#### PRESSURE COOKER CLINIC

A pressure cooker clinic will be sponsored by the State College Extension Service, Raleigh, March 2, in the County Extension Service office in Durham. The people in Orange county needing this service are invited to take advantage of it. It will be conducted similarly to the one in Hillsboro last spring with one exception, and that is that all pressure cookers must be cleaned before they are taken to the clinic. This cleaning must include removing the petcock, and cleaning thoroughly with vinegar or cleaning fluid, steel wool, or a very coarse cloth will help to get all the metal to be bright and clean.

Pressure cooker owners may leave their cookers in the Home Agent's office in Hillsboro on or before February 28. They may take them to Durham if it is more convenient.

#### H. D. CLUBS

Home Demonstration clubs of Orange county had their February demonstration the subject: "Selecting patterns or garments in relation to one's figure." This was given by the club clothing leader in the absence of the home demonstration agent. Very good reports came from these meetings. The club women have had as much fun as at a party measuring each other for patterns. They have also had fun deciding on good lines for the plump women and for the tall, thin type and even for the too small and insignificant ones. Producing an optical illusion will be old stuff to them after this.

Clubs that met last week were: Orange Grove H. D. met with Mrs. Hugh Wilson. Miss May Crawford and Mrs. H. M. Perry, clothing leaders, gave the demonstration. White Cross H. D. met with Mrs. Fannie Andrews. Mrs. Andrews, clothing leader, gave the demonstration. Tram Road H. D. met with Mrs. Lillie Watters. Mrs. J. B. Yates, clothing leader, gave the demonstration.

#### MARINE DAN PICKETT OF CARRBORO PROMOTED

Cherry Point, Feb. 18.—Marine Staff Sergeant Dan C. Pickett, son of Mrs. Ellie C. Pickett of Carrboro, has been promoted from sergeant to his present rank at this Marine corps air station here.

Staff Sergeant Pickett is on duty at Cherry Point with a guard detachment. He was employed by the University at Chapel Hill before enlisting in the corps June 1943.

### New Subscribers To The News

New additions and renewals to the growing family of subscribers to THE NEWS:

Hillsboro: Clifton Roberson, O. G. Parsley, Mrs. Randolph Brown, Mrs. E. R. Dowdy, Miss Annie Cameron.

Hillsboro, Route 2: W. G. Carruthers, Estelle Jones.

Hillsboro, Route 3: Mrs. Laura Snipes.

Chapel Hill: Paul W. Wager, W. E. Rosenstengel, W. E. Caldwell, George Coffin Taylor.

Chapel Hill, Route 2: John H. Cate.

Chapel Hill, Route 3: V. L. Pendergraft.

Carrboro: L. D. Hearn.

Hurdle Mills, Route 1: J. F. Miller, Eugene Walker, W. Frank Hawkins, Coy M. Hall, Sam Cates.

Efland, Route 1: J. T. Brownling.

Pvt. Rufus Poteat, West Roxbury, Mass.; T. Sgt. McCure Bivins, Care Postmaster, New York; Mrs. David McLemore, Route 1, Parkersburg.

If you receive a sample copy of THE NEWS this week, it is your invitation to join the growing list of readers.

## Umstead Pay Bills Now Law; He's Still Plenty Busy

Bills introduced into the general assembly by Representative John W. Umstead, Jr., of Chapel Hill to provide war bonuses and salary increases for officers and employees of Orange county have passed both house and senate, have been ratified and are now the law.

The new salaries of county officers, which become effective the first Monday in December 1946, are as follows: clerk of superior court, \$3,000; sheriff, \$3,300; register of deeds, \$2,500. Provision is made in this same bill for the board of county commissioners to determine the salaries of deputy clerk and deputy register of deeds.

Bonuses provided are: For those with annual salaries up to \$900, \$10 a month; \$901 to \$2,000, \$15; \$2,001 to \$2,500, \$16; \$2,501 to \$3,000, \$17; over \$3,000, \$18. These are effective as of January 1, 1945, and are to be paid as long as the bonus payments on account of the war are paid to state employees.

Representative Umstead also has in the process of passage—and they may be law by the time you read this—bills amending the general statutes and public-local laws of the state so as to make applicable to Orange county the acts permitting counties and municipalities to levy taxes for the purpose of creating retirement systems for employees without a vote of the people and authorizing the issuance of school building bonds and the levy of taxes for the payment of interest and principal thereof.

No report on Mr. Umstead's legislative operations would be complete, however, without reference to the fact that with the aid of Governor Cherry he has succeeded in placing in the appropriations bill a clause setting apart \$5,000,000 a year for improvement of county roads—the sort of roads which make up the most of Orange county's farm-to-market mileage.

He is also plenty busy just now with the state's medical aid program which took the form of a bill before the legislature this week.

## Billy Collins As "Beater-Up"

Pvt. Billy Collins of Hillsboro is receiving honorable mention of the Associated Press as a member of what is known as "Uncle Bud's Beat-Ups," a reconnaissance company of the 17th Airborne division of the United States army now operating in Luxembourg. The Bud referred to is Maj. Gen. William M. Miles; but Billy is more directly under command of Captain Dudley A. Hill of Amarillo, Tex., and has been going places with Lieut. John Bradford, an Arkansan.

But here's Thoburn Wiant of the Associated Press to tell you about Billy and a characteristic "Beat-Up" escapade:

"Lieut. John Bradford of Lonoke, Ark., is one of the typical beat-ups. He once asked the division's operations officer whether he could have a couple of hours off because he had 'something to do.' His request was granted and Bradford took off with three volunteers, Sgt. Everett Burke of Cambridge, Mass., and Pvt. Billie Collins of Hillsboro, N. C., in the direction of a town which the Germans were still holding.

"The quartet entered the town under cover of darkness and made so much noise that the krauts probably thought they were facing at least one whole company. At any rate, the beat-ups took several prisoners, wounded two others and saw 40 more Nazi soldiers running away from them."

## Lions Organize Carrboro Club

The Carrboro Lions club was organized last week with 25 members joining the organization at the first meeting of interested Carrboro men and a delegation of Durham Lions.

Officers were elected at the organization meeting with Rev. V. E. Queen, pastor of the Carrboro Methodist church, being elected president of the club and Roy Riggsbee secretary.

H. E. Gwin, president of the Durham Lions club, headed the delegation which assisted in the organization of the club. The new club will hold dinner meetings of the second and fourth Thursday nights of every month.