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Chance Ousted In Favor Of Johnston At Meeting Tuesday

Mayor Candidate For Race Here Seeks Re-election

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William Chance was eliminated as the only candidate for mayor of Hillsboro at a mass meeting Tuesday night. Ben G. Johnston is the only candidate of the meeting and is running to succeed himself to the office he has held the past 12 years. The meeting was called to order at 8 p. m. Tuesday night. J. D. Eskridge was appointed temporary chairman. Gilbert W. ...

Mayor Ben G. Johnston was nominated at the mass meeting held at the courthouse Tuesday night to run to succeed himself in the office of mayor of Hillsboro. The other candidate, William Chance, was eliminated at the meeting by a vote of 24 to 6.

Human Relations Institute Began At Hill Last Night

Chapel Hill.—The biennial Human Relations Institute opened here Wednesday night by Dr. Edward Heimann of the new school for social research in New York City, speaking on "The Social Dynamics That Have Underlain the War." The institute has been arranged under the direction of Harry F. Comer, secretary of the Y.M.C.A., with both student and faculty committees working jointly. Sessions will continue through Tuesday, April 10, featuring public addresses by well known authorities. "The Prices of Peace" is the general theme, and it will be carried out through extensive exhibits and classroom discussions. The first seminar Wednesday night featured Dr. Heimann, Dr. William Starr Meyers, and Dr. Ervin P. Hexner. Wendell Berge, assistant attorney general, U. S. department of justice, was also featured on the program Wednesday night when he spoke on "Stabilization of Our National Economy." The speaker for Thursday night will be Morris Ernst, attorney for the American Civil Liberties Union. The topic of his address will be "The Problem of Prejudice." The 1945 Well lectures will be incorporated in the program of the institute and will be delivered by Senator James William Fulbright of Arkansas. His general topic is "America and World Organization," and he will give a series of lectures on Friday, Saturday and Sunday nights.

Clothing Drive For Chapel Hill Headed By W. D. Carmichael

By MARY HILL GASTON
Chapel Hill, April 4.—Chapel Hill directors of the United National Clothing Collection Drive met Tuesday night at the Carolina Inn to complete plans for the campaign to be conducted here and all over the United States during April. Due to a delay in shipment of necessary material from general headquarters, the group has been unable to begin work so far. Head of the local drive is W. D. Carmichael, Sr. Both Rotary and Kiwanis clubs have committees working with him. It is estimated by national officials in the drive that an average of five pounds of clothing must be collected from every man, woman and child in the United States to reach the national goal of 150,000,000 pounds. These officials have stated that over 125,000,000 people in Europe are in dire need of clothing, more than 30,000,000 of these being children. Clothing collected in this drive will go to these people. Because of military and civilian demand in the United States manufacture of clothing for these European sufferers cannot get underway for some time. Chapel Hill's drive, according to Chairman Carmichael, will be in full swing in a very short time, now that he and his committee have gotten to work.

Commissioners Favor School Building In Chapel Hill And Draw Jurors For Civil Court

Tom Henry To Run For Judge

Chapel Hill politics increased in interest this week when Tom Henry, local attorney, filed as a candidate for the office of judge of the recorder's court. H. A. Whitfield, the incumbent, and Paul Robertson, justice of the peace and notary public, are already in the race, bringing the total of candidates for the office of judge up to three. Henry is the son of the late Capt. D. D. Henry and grandson of the late Dr. Thomas A. Henry of New Bern. Following services in the Navy, he attended Staunton Military Academy and the University of North Carolina. He holds the degrees of A.B. and LL.B. Elected prosecuting attorney of the Chapel Hill Recorder's Court in 1941, Henry assisted in the solution of the Martin murder case last year when the body was recovered from Eastwood lake near Chapel Hill. Mayor R. W. Madry, who has filed for re-election, is so far without opposition.

New Subscribers To The News

The following list of Orange Countians have either subscribed to The News this week or renewed their old subscriptions. By putting their names among our growing list of subscribers, they have indicated that they find The News worth the small price to pay. If your name is not in this list and you are not already receiving The News every week, this is your invitation to join the family of News readers now. Hillsboro: D. T. Roberts, S. Strudwick, Mrs. Sam Crawford. Hillsboro, Route 2: John H. Armstrong, Mrs. John McDade, Mrs. W. H. Wagner. Chapel Hill: B. L. Smith, A. W. Hobbs, J. Maryon Saunders, D. D. Carroll. Chapel Hill, Route 1: G. W. Douglas, John M. Thompson. Chapel Hill, Route 2: I. W. Bishop, Simon Johnson. Care Postmaster, New York, N. Y.: Cpl. John H. Blackwood, W. G. Wrenn, Jr. T-5 Jasper D. Wilson, Richmond 19, Va.; L. J. Hogan, Route 1, Graham; G. C. Truesdale, University; R. H. Breeze, Hurdle Mills; Mrs. Anne L. Borden, Enid, Oklahoma; Miss Irma Blackwell, Cedar Grove.

Construction To Be Only Partial Now

The county commissioners favored plans for beginning construction of a high school building in Chapel Hill as presented to them when the board of education and Dr. R. E. Coker met with the commissioners last Monday. The commissioners also appointed G. W. Ray to serve another two years as county accountant, and the education board members appointed R. H. Claytor to the position of superintendent for another two years. The building, to be constructed as a replacement for the high school building destroyed by fire several years ago, will not be completed under present plans. Only one wing of the building will be built at this time, containing about twelve classrooms. The plans for the entire building in its completed form call for a much larger plant. Construction is to get underway as soon as houses now standing on the property can be sold and removed. R. H. Claytor, county superintendent, said it is hoped that the building can be started by June 1. It is supposed to be ready for the full opening of school, but Claytor said he felt they would be fortunate if they could occupy the building by Christmas. Miss Woodward Byars turned in her curb market report to the commissioners showing March receipts of \$3,665.54 which is \$1,504.09 more than was collected at the curb market the same month of last year. Crawford Breeze was paid \$6 for one pig killed by dogs and \$1.50 for one goat lost in the same manner. S. P. Lockhart was granted \$5 for one turkey hen killed by a dog which is said to belong to Henry Tapp. Thirty-six jurors were named by the board to serve during the May term of civil court to convene at the courthouse in Hillsboro Monday, May 14. Jurors chosen are: Hugh Strayhorn, Cedar Grove; N. W. Dollar, Oscar K. Rice, D. R. Brooks, John Williford, Zera Lee J. Temple Gobel, Jessie Sutt, D. A. Lowe, A. W. Hobbs, Paul Eubanks, C. B. Mayse, Howard R. Richie, Leonard J. Sparrow, Willie F. Riggsbee, Chapel Hill; Clyde F. Bradshaw, W. S. Eubanks, Clayton Roberts, Brantley Wagoner, Bernard K. Durham, Arlando L. Smith, James B. Andrews, Garland A. Cates, Bingham; D. T. Roberts, Dick Wrenn, J. H. Workman, Leroy Hall, Oscar W. Hefley, Hillsboro; R. Durwood Parker, Little River; P. A. Willett, Clarence Link, J. G. Garrard, Carl Walker, Eno; Walter Warren, Joseph W. Murray, F. L. Blake, Checks.

A New Officer With Marines At Chapel Hill

By "MIKE" MICHAEL
Chapel Hill, March 31.—Captain Preston S. Marchant, USMC, recently returned from the Pacific battlefronts, took over duties of Officer-in-Charge of the Marine detachment at the University of North Carolina last Saturday morning. In a formal ceremony of relief, the Captain took over the duties from Major James W. Marshall, who has been the commanding officer of the Marine trainees at the University since the Navy V-12 program first started. Captain Marchant, a native of Greenville, S. C., has just completed a 29-month tour of duty in the South and Central Pacific combat areas, which included Guadalcanal, Tulagi, the Bismarck Archipelago, and finally Guam, where the Captain saw much action with his anti-aircraft artillery battalion which went into the conquest of Guam as direct support of the infantry. Marchant experienced several narrow escapes during the fiercely contested fight to retake this strategic Pacific island, but he remained unharmed until four days before he was to be returned to the States for a rest under the rotation plan. Malaria struck then, and in the course of his treatment, he got an overdose of quinine which left him blinded. He was evacuated out and finally ended up in his native state at the Naval Hospital at Charleston, South Carolina. Upon recovery, the Captain was detailed to Washington, and from headquarters there he received orders to report here to the University to take charge of the leatherneck unit. Captain Marchant comes to his new post with his wife, the former Miss Dorothy Wild, also of Greenville, and the couple are now staying at the Carolina Inn in Chapel Hill.

University Women Meet On Saturday

Chapel Hill.—The executive board, composed of officers of the National Carolina Division of the American Association of University Women, will hold a one-day session at the Carolina Inn here Saturday, April 7, beginning at 11 o'clock, it was announced by Mrs. John B. McLeod, president of the Chapel Hill chapter. A business meeting will comprise the morning program, and, following a luncheon at 1 o'clock, there will be a short meeting early in the afternoon. Mrs. Reginald Kepler, president of the Durham branch of the AAUW, will be the principal speaker at the business session. Mrs. R. A. Herring of High Point, state president, will preside. Officers of branches in the following towns have been invited to attend: Asheville, Bryson City, Burlington, Charlotte, Durham, Greenville, Greensboro, High Point, Louisburg, Oxford, Raleigh and Shelby.

Lt. Clarence Dupree Smith, Holder Of Distinguished Flying Cross, Returns To Florida Following A 30-Day Leave

Merchants Met Here March 28

The Hillsboro Merchants Association met Wednesday night of last week at Dud's Tavern to agree on Wednesday afternoon closings during the summer months and accept a closing schedule for all merchants to abide by if the war in Europe should suddenly end. Beginning Wednesday, April 11, all stores in Hillsboro will close at 12:00 noon. Wednesday during the summer months with the exception of the drug stores. According to the schedule furnished the merchants, the store closings at the end of the war in Europe will be as follows: If the news comes on Sunday, all stores will be closed all day Monday. If it comes Monday, Tuesday or Wednesday before 12:00 noon, close the remainder of the day; after 12:00 noon, close remainder of the day and all of the next day. The end comes on Thursday, before 12:00 noon, close the remainder of the day; after 12:00, close until 12:00 noon Friday. The news coming on Friday or Saturday would make the stores close at 3:00 p. m. on Saturday and remain closed all day the following Monday. There were about fifteen merchants present at the dinner meeting.

Lt. (jg) Clarence Dupree Smith, USNR, is reporting to Florida for further orders, after a 30-day leave spent with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. L. Smith of Hillsboro, his wife's parents at Blackstone, Va., and a vast number of friends and relatives of Hillsboro and Raleigh. He has returned from a year in the Pacific area, during which he operated as a fighter pilot off an aircraft carrier with the Third and Fifth Fleets. Lt. Smith was awarded the Distinguished Flying Cross for his heroism and extraordinary achievement while participating in an aerial flight from a carrier base in the vicinity of the Philippine Islands. In the face of heavy anti-aircraft fire he pressed home a determined attack securing a direct hit on an enemy carrier inflicting serious damage to the vessel. His heroism and skill were at all times in keeping with the highest traditions of the United States Naval Service. He was presented the Gold Star in lieu of a second Distinguished Flying Cross for service rendered in the vicinity of Formosa. While engaged in a strike against enemy shipping, he pressed home an attack on an enemy destroyer escort, securing a direct hit. Sgt. Thomas Gordon Smith, brother of Lt. (jg) Smith, returned to Fort Myers, Fla., last week, after a 20-day furlough at home.

South Differs From North At Bowling Alley

James Freeland, proprietor of Fairview Bowling Alley, introduced a vivid reminder of racial distinction in the South when he knocked Lorenzo Thompson, negro, out cold and dragged him out of the bowling alley Tuesday night following Thompson's stubborn resistance to not being allowed to bowl and refusing to leave the alley upon Freeland's request. Freeland said Thompson entered the alley about 11:30 Tuesday night with his brother and a friend. Thompson, said to be partially intoxicated, told Freeland he wanted to bowl. Freeland said, "are you kidding?" to which Thompson answered "no" and began telling about how he was allowed to bowl "up north." Freeland said he told Thompson he would give him thirty seconds to get out and at the same time Thompson's brother and the friend were trying to get Thompson to leave. Thompson refused to leave the alley in accordance with Freeland's request, after which Freeland landed a solid right uppercut on his jaw. That was the only blow in the row. Thompson went down and when his head hit the concrete floor he was unconscious. Freeland dragged him outside, and Thompson's brother and buddy carried him to the doctor to get several stitches in his head. When the victim fell, a switchblade knife with the blade open fell out of his pocket. Freeland turned the knife over to Rainey Roberts, deputy sheriff. No charges have yet been brought against Thompson.

T.A. FATHER'S NIGHT NEXT TUESDAY EVENING

The Hillsboro Parent-Teacher Association will hold annual Fathers' Night Tuesday night of next week at 8 p. m. in the high school auditorium with Dr. H. W. Moore and Hubert Turner in charge of the program. Mrs. H. Mickey from Duke, who has been holding the Saturday tap dancing classes in Hillsboro for the younger children, will present a group of dances displaying local talent. All parents are urged to attend this meeting.

Red Cross War Fund Is Over 5,000 Dollars

Mrs. Allen Whitaker, chairman of the war fund drive for the Orange County Red Cross chapter, revealed this week that the quota of \$4,000 has been over-subscribed by \$1,252.49, bringing the total amount of money donated to the cause by the end of March to \$5,242.49. Orange county, comprising all the county except Chapel Hill and Bingham townships, was among the first counties in North Carolina to be on the honor roll for reaching its goal early in the month of March. In expressing gratitude to the workers and contributors in the drive, Mrs. Whitaker said, "I want to thank each one that had any part in making the campaign a success. I am sure our Orange County boys will appreciate our county when they read of the success of the drive in The News. The merchants have been most helpful with their window space. Mrs. R. B. Hayes, our treasurer, and Miss Annie Cameron, our publicity chairman, have worked faithfully and untiringly."

THE LIBRARY

Library Hours: 12 to 6 Daily; 2 to 6 on Saturday
The following is the schedule for the Bookmobile during the remainder of April:
Monday, April 9—Efland school, 10:30 a. m.; First Baptist church, Carboro, 12 noon; Mrs. Walter Crabtree, Smith's Level, 1:15 p. m.
Tuesday, April 10—Elizabeth Kirkland, Rt. 3, Chapel Hill, 10 a. m.; Murphy school, 10:45 a. m.; the Glenn community, 12 noon; Wilson Van Vyncht, Duke power plant, 12:30 p. m.; Laura Watkins, New Sharron, 1:30 p. m.; Caldwell school, 2 p. m.

HEALTH DEPARTMENT IS TRAINING CENTER

Chapel Hill, April 2.—The District health department has been selected as a field training center for six students from the school of public health at the University of North Carolina. The students are Miss Louise Buckley of Chestview, Fla., Miss Mildred Spahr of Washington and Columbus, Miss., and Mrs. Sarah Hall of Chapel Hill, public health nurses; Mrs. Louise L. Spell of Chapel Hill, Mrs. Leona de Mare East of Springfield, Ill., and Miss Maria Zalduendo of Rio Piedras, Puerto Rico, health educators. They will be under the supervision of Miss Agnes Bove, supervising nurse, and Miss Elizabeth Lovell, health educator.

Robert Blackwood Has Fifty Missions

15th AAF in Italy.—1st Lt. Robert L. Blackwood, son of Mr. and Mrs. W. M. Blackwood, Route 2, Chapel Hill, recently tallied his 50th combat mission in Europe. He is a bombardier on a 15th AAF B-24 Liberator plane, based in Italy. A three-sport star at Chapel Hill high school, Blackwood joined the USAAF in November, 1942. He won his wings at Victorville, Calif., on April 1, 1944, and has been stationed in Italy since last August. His decorations include the Air Medal with three bronze oak leaf clusters.

This Week's WAR NEWS IN BRIEF

By C. H. Wickenburg, Jr., USMCR
With peace rumors filling the air as robot bombs once did, and with the most heartening news yet received during this war from both Europe and the Pacific, it has been difficult for the American public to keep abreast of the lightning-like developments in the war. So rapidly has been the Allied advance into the Ruhr industrial basin—each report placing one of the nine Allied armies 20 to 40 miles nearer Berlin—it has been exceedingly difficult for newspaper editors to decide which was the most important news. In Europe the battle moved so quickly away from the Rhine river that press headquarters located there was in two days far to the rear of the front lines. The overall picture is bright with progress. The first organized German resistance since the drive began was encountered at Paderborn in the Kassel area at the northern end of the front. Reports make it clear that this is the Hun's "last stand." Field Marshal Montgomery's armies were threatening the entrapment of all the Germans still in Holland. EUROPEAN The greatest push in military history, in size and intensity, mounted during the week to heights inconceivable. With one Allied army after the other hurdling the Rhine, the Germans reeled back from the first push-throughs and continued their retreat toward defeat as our gains up to 40 miles were reported daily. At first appearances, all the Allied forces seemed headed for terror stricken Berlin which neutral sources reported near bedlam. By Sunday the objectives of our armed might appeared clearer. Instead of stabbing at Berlin, the plan seems to be to carve the Vaterland into little pieces. Pincer tactics on large and small scales, engulfing prisoners by the thousands, were used all along the flexible front. At the southern end of the front the U. S. Seventh Army crossed the Main and Neckar rivers; Mannheim fell and Frankfurt was cleared. By Monday the Germans reported the Seventh 37 miles northwest of Stuttgart in the Bruchsal area, and within 45 miles of Nuremberg. To the north of the Seventh Army the Third Army achieved the most sensational gains of the attack. For the first five days under a security blackout their whereabouts were only guesswork. Before the blackout they were reported 40 miles east of the Rhine. Monday they were reported to have reached Kassel, and Fulda. Both are important highway junctions.

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Four Orange Boys Shelling German Hamburg Positions

Pfc. LeRoy Cheek, Rt. 1, Efland, and Pfc. John K. Walker, Cpl. William H. Walker, and Cpl. Earl J. Latta, all of Route 1, Hillsboro, members of the 989th Field Artillery Battalion, were among those who took part in shelling German positions near Hamburg, Germany, when American troops in General Jacob L. Devers' 6th Army went in for the kill. The field artillery piece they were helping to man was set up just behind a forward observation post and pounded away at railway yards in Hamburg. In 215 consecutive days' combat, the 989th has fired more than 35,000 rounds of ammunition. Its 55-mm guns capable of effectively hurling 95-pound shells 10,500 yards, specialize in long-range harassing and destruction missions, blasting bridges, fortresses, and enemy gun positions out of reach of other artillery.

DR. BAILEY WITH HEALTH DEPARTMENT

Chapel Hill, April 3.—Dr. W. B. Bailey, major in the U. S. Public Health Service, joined the district health department on March 14 for three weeks of observation of the health program before being assigned to a health department in North Carolina where his service will be loaned by the Federal department. Dr. Bailey has been with the U. S. Public Health Service for three and one-half years serving in Virginia and West Virginia. Before coming here he was with the health department in Norfolk county, Virginia.

Deaths

Mrs. George H. Squires
Mrs. George H. Squires, 54, died at her home in Efland Sunday night after a brief illness. She is survived by her husband; three daughters, Mrs. Warren Holmes and Mrs. H. W. Sykes, Efland, and Mrs. A. V. Neems, Hillsboro; three sons, Nelson and Carl Edward, of the home, and York Squires, with the army overseas; five sisters, Mrs. J. F. Jones and Mrs. G. W. Holmes of Efland, Mrs. G. W. Dodson, Mrs. G. A. Dodson, and Mrs. C. A. Williams, all of Mebane, and two brothers, J. H. Howard and E. J. Howard of Efland. Funeral services were conducted at the Chestnut Ridge Methodist church Tuesday afternoon at 5 o'clock. The body was carried to the church one hour prior to the service and remained in state until the service. Interment was in the church cemetery.

FLUOROSCOPE CLINIC

On April 10 a fluoroscope clinic will be held at Sunnyside school. School children will be examined during the morning and adults in the afternoon. An attempt has been made to contact every person in the area to come and be examined.

HOTTEST MARCH SINCE 1878, SAYS WEATHERMAN

March, which came in and went out like a lamb and thereby upset the calculations of weather prophets, produced the warmest March weather North Carolina has witnessed since back in 1878. The average temperature for the month was 62 degrees, or 11 degrees higher than the all-time average for the month.