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Red Cross Drive Workers Begin Hillsboro Canvass

The local Red Cross campaign will get under way with the observance of March 10 as Red Cross Sunday. On March 11, volunteer solicitors will begin their canvass and it is hoped they will meet with ready and generous responses.

According to local representation, Red Cross budget estimates are pared to a minimum consistent with adequate service so that goals must be met if the work is to be carried on. The goal for Orange county is \$2,000.

As the canvassers are busy people, giving generously of their time to this work, it is suggested that contributors plan ahead what they are able to give and have their contributions ready when the worker calls, thus avoiding the necessity of a second or third visit.

Local school children have been active in helping to prepare materials for advertising purposes, and the local trip of Boy Scouts is lending its aid in carrying on a publicity campaign. Preparations are complete for a successful campaign, and workers are confidently expecting an over-subscribed quota this year.

X-Ray Unit To Move To Village

The Orange-Chatham-Person Health department x-ray unit will start operating in Chapel Hill at the health department March 13, continuing through March 20. Any resident of Orange county may have his chest x-rayed free of charge, and Dr. O. David Garvin, health officer, is urging that the people of Orange county take advantage of this service.

On March 13, the department will be open for x-rays from 9 until 12 in the morning and from 3 until 6 in the afternoon. From March 14 through March 20, the hours will be 9 until 12 in the morning and 1 until 4 in the afternoon. The operation takes only a few minutes, it being possible to make 100 x-rays an hour. Individuals being x-rayed will not have to remove clothing, fill out long records, or wait in line.

In 1944 there were eleven deaths from tuberculosis in Orange county, according to Dr. Garvin. He estimates that there are 88 active cases of the disease in the county at the present time. There are only 27 active cases on the health department record now. It is hoped that through this survey the active cases can be discovered and the diseased people placed under treatment. The earlier the disease is discovered the better the chances for recovery.

The x-ray program is being carried out in cooperation with the Tuberculosis Committee of Hillsboro and Chapel Hill.

Two Orange Farm Men Hold Parties

By R. L. Mohler
Ben Tripp of Mt. Carmel community, and Mrs. Sam Ray of White Cross community, invited their neighbors to their homes one evening last week for the purpose of discussing ways and means of conserving and improving their farms. Slides were shown on erosion and soil conservation by R. L. Mohler and Clyde V. Ferguson of the Soil Conservation Service located at Hillsboro.

A number of farmers of the Cedar Grove community are making plans to build fish ponds. Mr. Johnnie Phelps and Mr. Garland Phelps have made improvements on their ponds, and Mr. Jeta Roberts and Mr. Jule Allen are constructing new ponds. By properly stocking and fertilizing these ponds, these farmers plan to have good fishing right in the backyard.

The Soil Conservation Service is furnishing kudzu crowns and pine trees to several of the co-operating farmers of the county, and the personnel of the Orange County work unit is assisting with setting these out in the fields. Kudzu is being set on the farms of Dr. Foy Roberson, J. C. Taylor, on the Chapel Hill-Durham road, D. St. Pierre DuBose on the Chapel Hill-Raleigh road, and Claud Lynch of Lynch's store community. Dwight Ray of the Carrboro community is setting some pines on his farm, which is in the watershed of the Chapel Hill lake.

BUSINESS MEETING
F. E. Joyner, manager of the local REA office, and Z. C. Burton left Friday of last week to attend a meeting of the National Electrification Cooperatives Association in Buffalo, N. Y.

1946 Plans Discussed At FSA Meet

Orange County families who are purchasing their farms and homes through the facilities of the Bankhead-Jones Tenant Purchase section of the Farm Security Administration recently held their annual meeting in the local FSA office to review the progress made in 1945, discuss individual collective problems, and to plan for 1946.

This meeting was held in the form of a round-table discussion led by B. E. Strickland, County FSA Supervisor and Mrs. Julia C. Davis, Associate FSA Supervisor, and brought out some rather interesting facts. The average family applied 24 per cent of its gross income toward retirement of its land debt. This amounted to four annual installments or approximately \$700.00, a very good figure, according to Mr. Strickland. Had the family not been an owner, this amount would have been paid as rent. One family applied 55 per cent of its gross income to land payment. Such payments were made possible by the families carrying out good farm and home practices, as recommended by the Extension Service, Soil Conservation, FSA, AAA, and other agricultural agencies.

By continuing these practices, all families present pledged themselves to further reduce the amount of food and feed purchased and thereby absorb any apparent increase of living. Already the value of food produced on their farms is more than five and one-half times greater than the amount spent in buying food.

Sam and Julia Graves of Rt. 3, Mebane, N. C., reached their first major goal when Mr. Strickland presented them their cancelled deed of trust, which was held by the government as security for a loan received in 1939 to purchase and improve a farm. By repaying the full amount in such a short time, they saved \$2,737.45 in interest over what would have been necessary to retire the loan in the 40 years allowable by the terms of their contract, which carried a three per cent interest rate. At the same time, they have maintained very comfortable standards of living.

Mr. John P. Ballard, formerly connected with FSA in Orange County, spoke a word of praise to the group and stressed soil conservation and improvement upon the farms to which they now "have a legal right that can be passed on to the children."

Mr. E. P. Barnes, Assistant Farm Agent, presented plans for a county-wide corn growing contest during 1946, with prizes offered to the growers making the largest yield on one acre. Mr. Barnes stated that the ultimate goal was to produce twice the amount of corn on the same number of acres now planted in Orange County.

According to Mr. Strickland, Tenant Purchase loans can now be made to veterans of World War II, who are otherwise qualified, in excess of the limit imposed in each county by the Tarver Amendment. The limiting factors applying to veterans are appraisal value and earning capacity of the farm, but in no case to exceed \$12,000.

County Council Meets In Triple "A" Building

The County Council of Home Demonstration Clubs met in Hillsboro Wednesday afternoon of last week with Mrs. Clarence Cole of Chapel Hill and the Smith-Level Home Demonstration Club, presiding. A regular business session was held. Twenty-three county home demonstration representatives were present.

Members present were: Carrboro: Mrs. B. M. Upchurch and Mrs. H. C. Riggsbee; Calvander: Mrs. Lemuel Cheek, Mrs. Burroughs Hogan and Mrs. John H. Cates; Efland: Mrs. John Efland, Mrs. M. P. Efland; Fairfield: Mrs. Victor Walters and Mrs. J. L. Scott; Gravelly Hill: Mrs. T. O. Penuder; New Hope: Mrs. Alexander Kirkefreland and Miss Elizabeth Kirkefreland; Mt. Carmel: Mrs. S. C. Hundley; Schley: Mrs. C. F. Wilkerson and Mrs. W. W. Wilson; Smith Level: Mrs. Clarence Cole, Mrs. Paul Long; Stroud Hill: Mrs. W. M. Crook; Mrs. W. O. Ray; Tram Road: Mrs. T. H. Yates, Mrs. E. A. Brady.

Following is the schedule of county home demonstration club meetings for March 12-15:

Tuesday, 2:30 pm., Orange Grove, (Continued on page 2)

Schools To Closed By Next June 5

The county Board of Education in its regular meeting here Monday of this week discussed routine matters. They announced that Saturday classes would continue for the rest of this school year, and the school term would last one week to 10 days longer this year in an effort to make up the time lost during the bad-road period this winter. The schools will all close between June 1 and June 5, board members announced.

Negro Breaks Into Basement Of Dr. Forrest

Easter Williams, young Negro man of Efland, who broke into the home of Dr. Efland Forrest Sunday morning, is being held in the local jail on a charge of first degree burglary, according to Sheriff S. T. Latta.

Williams, who has worked for a number of years for Carl Forrest of Efland, both at his home and at the store, is reported to have lifted out the screen and, with a brick, knocked out the pane of one of the basement windows of Dr. Forrest's home, entered the basement and to have eaten portions of a jar of sauerkraut stored there.

Deputy Sheriff Odell Clayton made the arrest when he and Sam Allison found the Negro in the basement after answering Dr. Forrest's call at 2 a. m. Williams is scheduled to appear at the March 18 term of superior court.

West Hill News

Mrs. Robert Bridgon of Savannah, Ga., is visiting her mother, Mrs. J. S. Mangum, this week.

Mrs. Grey Neighbors gave a shower for Mrs. Oscar Neighbors at her home Saturday night.

Mr. and Mrs. Earl Carruthers of Burlington were weekend guests of Mr. and Mrs. Tom Shue.

Miss Vivian Squires spent the weekend in Danville.

"Grandpa" Allen is reported to be seriously ill at his home in West Hillsboro.

Miss Betty Sue Stutts is visiting with friends in Burlington this week.

Mr. and Mrs. Alex Taylor are now making their home in Burlington.

Mr. and Mrs. Jones of Jacksonville spent last weekend with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. Kennedy of West Hillsboro.

Renters Sign Life Away

Needless to say, housing remains one of the nations most critical problems. Everyday the news is filled with reports of Wilson Wyatt's plan for 2,700,000 new low cost homes, with Henry J. Kaiser's plan for building pre-fabricated houses. It is a problem that is constantly brought to the attention of the public, the Orange County public included. With the influx of veterans on the University campus, the problem in Chapel Hill becomes more and more pressing. Some local residents have been kind in sharing their homes; others...

The wife of one veteran has agreed to hold up the mirror, so that Chapel Hillians may see themselves as others see them. The young lady, who for obvious reasons wishes to remain anonymous, was living in a cozy little apartment here last June when her husband returned from overseas unexpectedly. Unfortunately, her lease expired on July 1. Between classes and cooking for her husband, she telephoned, she insists, 200 people in Chapel Hill. She canvassed the streets, house by house. She found a room just in time, after many interesting and harrowing experiences.

One elderly woman, she confided, wanted four months rent in advance for a lovely little house in a secluded spot. The rent was over \$60 a month! Furthermore, the tenants must keep the yard in excellent condition, and pay for it in addition to the rent. Most of the closet space would be filled with the owner's belongings. And, although the lease was for four months, she might return before that time.

Another local resident with a room for rent asked first if the prospective lodger belonged to the DAR or any similar organization, and could present references. The

Three Fires In Week Make For Busy Time

Volunteer firemen, according to chief George Gilmore, were kept on the go Monday and Tuesday. Calls to three fires were answered.

The first fire occurred at 4 p. m. Monday when the woods around Brodie Carr's store caught fire and burned some nearby sheds and woods. Considerable damage is reported to have been done.

The Richmond Motor Car Company was the scene of the second fire Monday. Firemen answered a call there at 8 p. m. The fire is said to have broken out between the filling station and garage, but no damage was reported.

Last and most destructive of the three fires occurred Tuesday at 6 a. m. when Fred Cates' barn burned, killing one calf. Mr. Cates estimated that \$1,000 worth of damage was caused. As yet there are no clues as to the origin of this fire.

In line with these calls, a fire prevention demonstration was put on at Hillsboro high school Tuesday by Chief Frank Bennett of the Durham department. Present at this meeting were Mr. Gilmore, and volunteer firemen Chandler Cates, Marshall Cates, Jr., Carl Davis and Leonard Rosemond. The program was sponsored by Mrs. Latta, a teacher in the school.

THE NEWS WANTS A PRINTER WITH THE ORANGE FLAVOR

If there is an ex-serviceman in Orange county, or one who was born here, interested in learning the printing trade and linotype operating, THE NEWS can use him; in fact, the paper is seeking such a person.

Good wages paid while learning and permanent position is awaiting the learner who wants to stick out the apprenticeship period.

Don't get excited about this offer unless you intend making Hillsboro your home.

Lions Cooperate In Health Drive

Members of the Lions Club of Hillsboro voted 100 per cent cooperation in the local health drive this week at a meeting last Thursday afternoon.

Dr. O. David Garvin of the Chapel Hill district health office, spoke to the group stressing the importance of the x-ray in detecting tuberculosis in the early stages and in singling out other abnormalities. At the conclusion of his talk, Lions club members voted to have x-rays made this week while the survey is being conducted at the Agriculture building across the street from the high school.

Commissioners Postpone Action On Sunday Beer

Judge Whitfield Hears Negro Driver On Three Charges Here

Chapel Hill.—Prayer for judgment was continued for two years in the case of Alton Patterson, local Negro, charged with reckless driving, assault, and injury to two persons in the Tuesday session of recorder's court. Judge Henry Whitfield, in continuing the judgment, ordered a cash bond of \$300 held for payment of doctor bills in the case.

The charges grew out of an accident in Carrboro on December 15 when Patterson's automobile struck two Negroes, James Norwood and Daniel Austin, breaking both men's legs.

Attending court on crutches, they testified they were walking west on West Franklin street in the vicinity of the Negro theatre when the defendant left the street and struck them with his automobile, sending them to the hospital.

The defendant testified another automobile, parked along that section of the street, had darted in front of him, causing him to swerve to the left of the highway. He testified, however, that the two negroes were walking in the street.

Other cases were disposed of as follows:

Tommy Alderman, Negro, drunkenness, costs.

George Baldwin, Negro, drunkenness, 30 days on roads suspended for 12 months upon condition of good behavior and costs.

Percy Baker, Negro, drunkenness, one-half costs.

Charlie Forester, Negro, drunkenness, costs.

Myrtle Caldwell, Negro, drunkenness, 30 days on roads, suspended for one year on condition of good behavior, and costs.

Sam Maynard, drunkenness, \$-0 and costs.

Fernando Tucker, student, drunkenness, \$5 and costs.

William McCauley, speeding, one month on roads, suspended one year, not to operate a motor vehicle for three months, and costs.

Junior Brown, Negro, abandonment and non-support. Ordered to pay \$5 a week for support of child and pay hospital bill.

Lonnie Terry, speeding, costs.

WORLD DAY PRAYER SERVICE TO BE HALF HOUR EARLIER

Last week it was reported to THE NEWS that the World Day Prayer service will be held at the Hillsboro Presbyterian church Friday, March 8, at 4 p. m. It has been announced this week that the starting time of the service will be 3:30 p. m. instead of four.

Mrs. Lynch Is Postmaster

Mr. S. Strudwick, formerly postmaster of the Hillsboro office, was officially retired from that position Friday, March 1. Mrs. Cora L. Lynch, who has been acting as clerk in charge during Mr. Strudwick's term of partial retirement, has been appointed active postmaster.

Mr. Strudwick and Mrs. Lynch began their terms of service with the Hillsboro post office simultaneously July 1934. Mr. Strudwick, whose work has been termed "very efficient" by his co-workers, requested that he be retired February 28 of this year due to "failing eyesight."

Dr. Cummings Will Speak To Local Farmers

Dr. W. C. Cummings, head of the Farm Crops Department at State College, will have charge of a meeting to promote better corn yields, March 18, 2 p. m., at the Agricultural Building in Hillsboro.

Dr. Cummings will discuss the Experiment Stations recommendations as to the best hybrid seed corn, the amount of fertilizer to use, and the best methods of cultivating corn. He will illustrate his lecture by the use of slides.

There is a lot of interest in increasing the yield of corn because our average per acre is only about 20 bushels. The Bank of Chapel Hill has offered \$100 in prizes to the farmers who raise the most corn per acre in the county. Already a number of farmers have indicated their desire to enter this contest, which is open to any farm man, woman or child in the county.

Several farmers have asked us to list in the paper again the strains of hybrid corn tried out by the Experiment Station and approved for this section. They are as follows: WHITE—NC T20, Tenn. 10, Tenn. 15, NC 1111, Woods V120; YELLOW—NC 1032, NC 1028, NC T23, NC T12, NC T1, NC T11, Funks G714, Funks G717, Woods S210, AUS 282, Funks G135, NC T1, NC T11.

Some of these hybrids have already been sold out, so it is a good idea to go to your seed store right away and see if you can get enough to try out a few acres.

Publicity Gives Our Tom Ellis World Fame

Cedar Grove—Just to prove Ralph Waldo Emerson was eternally right about building mouse traps, the world, including Australia, S. A., Canada and every state in the United States, beat 6,000 paths to Tom Ellis' door at this Orange County crossroads over the past weekend. Or perhaps it just proves the power of the press. Five days after the appearance in Saturday Evening Post of a little piece about Tom and his dollar-a-week bookkeeping business written by Carl Sink of the State Advertising Division, Ellis had received over 6,000 letters and telegrams, a large steel filing cabinet, 3 ft. wide and 4 ft. high stuffed full, with more coming, already having to return \$300 sent in for lessons.

Most of the letters wanted "in" on the business which requires a dollar bill attached to weekly bookkeeping page reports, for Ellis has taught his system to almost 600 cohorts throughout the Nation. But some of the writers were insistent that they get exclusive territory, offering substantial sums for rights in entire states. One man wired that Tom should come to New York, all expenses paid, to discuss an international organization.

But Tom, he just keeps on building mouse-traps. To be specific, he just continues to keep up with his bookkeeping business and to catch up on the 1,400 income tax reports he is behind to his regular clients before the March 15 deadline. The best he can do is to promise to consider all offers by May 1, figuring he'll still be a month behind in his bookkeeping when the income tax rush is over.

March of Dimes Show Nets \$31

At a locally sponsored "March of Dimes" show and dance, held Saturday night at Hillsboro high school, \$31.25 was collected toward the Infantile Paralysis fund. A minstrel show was presented in which C. L. Brown played the part of "Rastus"; Clevo Wilson, "Rufus." Mrs. Wilson was featured in a tap dance, as was Miss Betty May Hinsler. Mr. Wilson, Sr., provided the fiddling for the square dancing; I. J. Wilson played the guitar; Bill Wilder, the electric guitar; Robert Tyson, the electric Hawaiian guitar, and Nathan Halton was the vocalist. Other special music was rendered by the Christian Four Quartette, and the high school orchestra played music for round dancing.

In view of the success of this program, Mr. Brown says that a series of round and square dances will be started beginning this Saturday night at 8 o'clock in the high school.

CEDAR GROVE BOY RECEIVES RECOGNITION

The American Guernsey Cattle Club has awarded Joe Woods Compton, son of Mr. R. C. Compton of Cedar Grove, a handsome certificate, stating that his calf had won the county 4-H Club Guernsey championship. This pure bred Guernsey heifer, which is now about a year old, was bought from J. E. Latta of the Schley community. Joe raised the calf and fitted and trained it and took it to the Junior Calf Show in Lexington where it won a blue ribbon in competition with Guernsey calves from all over the state.

4-Fs TAKE NOTICE

All men in this county classified as 4F are asked by Miss Faye Jones, clerk of the Orange county draft board, to notify the local board of their present addresses immediately. This request is made in line with the scheduled reexamination and reclassification of all 4Fs from March 28 through April.