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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.

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 Bridgion 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 rent was \$40 a month for a room without a private bath. The young lady was told that she would have to clean her room and wash the windows and that she would be required to make her bed every day. Furthermore, no late hours, as the owner objected. Without batting an eye, she added, "Of course, you realize that this is an exceptionally nice place, and with living space at a premium, we who have places to rent are in a position to charge just what we please."

Quite a few worthy citizens objected to having married people in their homes. One said, "Husbands and wives always want to cook in their rooms; they start by bringing in a box of crackers and end up cooking a seven-course dinner."

A very pleasant middle-aged woman said explosively, "A girl in my house, never! I take only boys. Girls are too much trouble... they want to stay in the bathroom all the time and they want to hang undies all over the bannisters."

One would-be landlady said apologetically that there was no private bath. She said, "You'd have to share the bath with ten other people, but we all manage to get a bath at least once a week." The prospective tenant declined, feeling that she couldn't even be certain of brushing her teeth once a day.

A very patriotic woman whose son was in the Navy refused to rent a room to the veteran and his wife upon finding that they did not attend church regularly. She stated emphatically that she preferred Christians in her home.

Another woman refused to rent the room on the grounds that the couple was "young." As she said, "So many young people dring these days. Why, not long ago I had two

Commissioners Postpone Action On Sunday Beer

The County Commissioners, meeting in the regular March session at the court house here Monday, decided to defer any positive action on the proposed restriction of Sunday beer sales. The board did direct county accountant G. W. Ray to contact Sheriff Latta and ask him to visit the establishments that have been the source of the complaints which brought up the discussion of a beer blue law. The sheriff was asked to inform these trouble spots to clean up or expect to find themselves unable to renew their licenses for the coming year.

It was the unanimous opinion of the board that stopping beer sales on Sunday would not remedy the existing conditions, and they felt the only cure for the complaints registered would be to close the violators seven days to the week.

Six of the petitions for new roads in the county were approved by the board and forwarded to the state highway commission for their consideration. The six approved were for a new road beginning at Charlie Rosemond's house, continuing north to Sam Latta's, making a right-angle turn west and rejoining the state maintained roads at the property of George Gilmore; another, beginning on Route 57 near J. R. Wilson's home place, running by Sam Riley's, Eugene Wagoner's and others and connecting with the state road at Harvey Gate's place; another, from Walnut Grove road at Mrs. Annie Allison's and running northeast to the Caldwell road near John Parker's farm; another, beginning at Josh Parker's on the Caldwell road and running north by the farm of D. B. Carey; another, from the farm of Josh Parker's, Mrs. Hanna Smith's and Mrs. Monroe Smith's connecting the Walnut Grove road and the Berry's Grove road; another, to begin on the Chapel Hill-Orange Church road near the airport and running North about two miles to Piney Mountain School; and the last, to run from highway 14 near Dwight Ray's home to highway 54 near Goldston Lumber Co.

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.

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.

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