



## \$422,000 Spent On County Roads

### Safety Award Presented To White Furniture Plant

Cherry Here  
For Ceremony;  
400 Attend

Officials and employees of Orange Furniture Craftsmen, a division of the White Furniture Company of Mebane, were honored here Tuesday afternoon by presentation of a Certificate of Safety Achievement by the State Department of Labor.

The award, which is the first in a series of such awards to be made in North Carolina to qualifying manufacturing plants, was made by Forrest H. Shuford, State Labor Commissioner, in presentation ceremonies in the high school auditorium featuring talks by Governor R. Gregg Cherry and Commissioner Shuford. Over 400 plant employees, plant officials, local civic officials, State officers and local people attended the event.

In presenting the award to J. Sam White, president of White Furniture Company, and Joe P. Privett, plant superintendent of the plant in Hillsboro, Commissioner Shuford commended the employees and management for rolling up "an outstanding record in the field of industrial safety."

Governor Cherry commended the employees and management for their record, citing the cooperation between the two which made the safety record possible. The management and employees of the plant made a perfect record of no lost-time accidents during both the first six months of 1945 and the first six months of 1946.

The Governor asserted that North Carolina was getting set for a great industrial expansion and that the record made by the Orange Furniture Craftsmen was an incentive for other plants.

Shuford explained that the Manpower Conservation Program being carried on by the State Labor Department, under which the safety award was given, is a continuation on a permanent, state-wide basis of the wartime activities of the National Committee for the Conservation of Manpower in War Industries.

Forty-three plants in North Carolina have qualified for the Certificate of Safety Achievement. Tuesday's presentation to the Orange Furniture Craftsmen was the first formal recognition given any of the plants. The certificate is signed by the Commissioner of Labor and the United States Secretary of Labor.

Distinguished personalities attending the exercises were Lewis P. Sorrell, deputy commissioner of labor; Glenn Peland, safety director; Erwin Mills; William Creel, safety inspector, N. C. Department of Labor; James M. Cobb, representative, U. S. Department of Labor; W. Kerr Scott, commissioner of agriculture; and James Webb, state senator from the 16th district of Orange and Alamance counties.

Following the presentation of the certificate, the people attending were the guests of White Furniture Company at a barbecue supper served in the high school cafeteria. A magician entertained in the school auditorium after supper.

### Although Many Repairs Made Grand Jury Finds Need Of More

In spite of the fact that Assistant Superintendent of Schools G. T. Profit submitted a three-page mimeograph report on the repairs made to the different schools in the county, the Grand Jury, making its report in the December term of superior court last week, made a long list of recommendations for further repairs to the schools in the county.

The Grand Jury reported: "Mr. Profit and Mr. Strayhorn from the Board of Education were asked to appear before the Grand Jury and explain what action had been taken to correct conditions reported by the last December and March Grand Jurors as existing in the County's schools. Mr. Profit submitted a mimeograph report. This indicates that considerable attention has been given to bettering conditions at the school. We wish to commend the Board of Education for the interest it is showing in providing for the needs of the schools as indicated by the members of the grand jury."

A study of Profit's report, shows that conditions have been improved at all the schools in the county. A copy of this report is now in the hands of THE NEWS and a special article on the schools in the county is being prepared by Mae V. Lark for the first issue of THE NEWS in 1947. This issue will appear on January 2.

The report of the Grand Jury continued: "Members of the Grand Jury were assigned to visit most of the schools in the county in an effort to determine whether any conditions exist which require immediate attention. The report as follows concerning them visits:

"When principals at many of the schools were interviewed concerning the needs of their schools, many of them reported that the Board of Education had recently taken steps to make and no doubt to make the schools better equipped."

Average of these schools, such as Oak, Murphy, Cool Springs, Dan's, S. Sunnyside and Hillsboro Negro."

Editor's Note: Additional needs of different schools in the county will be incorporated in the story to appear in the January 2 edition.

Excerpts from the report of the Grand Jury follows:

"The offices in the court house were visited and public officers in them were interrogated concerning the discharge of the duties assigned to them. The Grand Jury was satisfied that the assignments of the public officers were being faithfully carried out."

"The Grand Jury studied the reports of the Justices of Peace and found them to be in order. Recommendations made by the last Grand Jury concerning the limitation of authority being assumed by one Justice of Peace seem to have been followed."

"Visits were made to the county jail and to the prison camp and conditions in each seemed satisfactory."

"Patrolman T. P. Hofer, at the request of the Grand Jury, inspected during the week beginning December 2 all the county's school buses. (This report was carried in full in last week's issue of THE NEWS.)

"The Grand Jury urged Patrolman Hofer and Thomas to exercise close watch over the condition of the school buses all times and to keep off the roads any which are in unsatisfactory and unsafe operating condition. In addition, Mr. Profit of the board of education was advised of this action, and he indicated his intention of cooperating to the fullest extent."

"With further reference to the safety of school children riding county buses, the Grand Jury recommends that at the earliest possible time all county school buses be equipped with heaters and defrosters. The hazard of ice windshields is one which we are not willing to countenance, and the Grand Jury feels that arguments concerning costs carry no weight at all when they are stacked up against and are contrary to the safety of children. We respectfully ask the Board of Education to provide for the equipment in its next budget."

"The condition of the Grand Jury was called to the inadequate condition of the roads in the vicinity of Hillsboro and Carboro, and it voted to recommend that one of two things be done: (1) that the county furnish at least one additional deputy, or (2) that Chapel Hill and Carboro policemen be given the authority to act as deputies. Sheriff Latta was called in on the discussion, and he advised that action had been taken to make four or five Chapel Hill and Carboro policemen deputies. The Grand Jury commends this action."

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### Court Closes As 12 Cases Are Continued

Completing the business of the Orange county superior court for the calendar year, Judge Clawson L. Williams granted continuances in 12 cases last Thursday as a one week mixed criminal and civil term was brought to a close.

Cases disposed of last Wednesday and Thursday were: Ped Neville, whiskey for sale, six months on roads; Leroy Smith, breaking and entering, continued; Charles McBroom, driving drunk, continued; Cotton Phillips, driving drunk, \$150 fine and costs;

Alvin Godfrey and K. A. Beasley, larceny, Beasley not guilty, Godfrey, three years continued on good behavior and payment of costs;

Oscar Williams, assault with deadly weapon, continued; Elder Rich, arson, 25 years. Rich pleaded nolo contendere to setting fire to the Tankersley building at 175 Franklin street in Chapel Hill. The court asked that Rich be given a

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### No Paper Next Week

This is your last issue of THE NEWS this year.

The staff is taking off next week for its vacation period. All advertisers and correspondents are requested to remember this in preparation of their copy.

The next issue of THE NEWS will be January 2, 1947. Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!

### St. Matthews Pageant Set For Sunday

The Young Peoples Service League of the St. Matthews Episcopal church together with the children of the Sunday school will present the annual Christmas pageant of the Nativity in the church at 5 p.m. Sunday.

The pageant, which is built around Christmas hymns and carols, depicts four scenes (1) the Annunciation, (2) the announcement to the shepherds (3) the Manger Scene and (4) the coming of the wise men.

During the closing scene of the pageant, immediately following the presentation of the wise men's gifts, opportunity will be given for any of those in the congregation to bring gifts in the form of food (or) if preferred, money to buy food for immediate shipment overseas.

The cast of characters for the pageant is as follows: The Angel Gabriel, Alceas Horne; the Virgin Mary, Dary Horne; Joseph, James Webb, Jr.; the Three Wise Men, Beverly Webb, Robin Gilmore and Allen Walker.

Angels: Isabelle Masterton, Anne Roberts, Edna Lloyd, Jan Mitchell, Nellie Ruth Lloyd, Adrie Walker, Annie Mae Carden, Sudie Mae Dickey, Sally Ann Webb, Margaret Ray, Martha Ray, Kate Remy Webb, Patsy Martin, Peggy Feltner, Mildred Edmister, Gaby Walker, Sue Walker, Elizabeth Matheson and Betty Hayes, Shepherds: Billy Cheshire, B. N. Forrest, Buck Roberts, Hunter Dula, Paul Cameron Webb, Jimmy Parsley, Winfred Walker, John Dickey, Ted Ray, Frank Williams, Skippy Webb, L. C. Lloyd and Larry Lloyd.

The pageant will be under the direction of Miss Eva Gatling, assisted by Mrs. R. C. Masterton and Miss Annie Cameron with Mrs. J. C. Webb at the organ.

### J. E. Grasty, Jr. Wins Bag Of Feed

J. E. Grasty, Jr., of Durham, route 1, a senior 4-H club member of the Hillsboro high school, won a bag of protein supplement given by the Durham Farmers Mutual Exchange for putting the most gain on his baby beef calf for the month of November.

J. E.'s calf, "Eno," a purebred home grown Angus, weighed 579 pounds on November 1 and 709 pounds December 1, a total gain of 121 pounds. J. E. weighed his concentrates (ground grains and a protein supplement) each day.

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Ernest Patterson: "I resolve to be a better Orange county citizen in 1947, and believe I can keep that resolution 12 months."

Randolph Brown: "I never make any resolutions because I know I would never keep them."

Fuller Johns: "I resolve to help Helen cook breakfast every morning in 1947. I think I can stick to it as long as Wimpy kept his resolution not to eat hamburgers."

Vernon Jones: "I resolve to have more fun next year, and I know it will not be hard to do."

### Progress Made During 1946 More Than Past 14 Years; Many Obstacles Overcome

By MAE V. LARK

A total of \$422,000 was spent for repairs on Orange county roads this year, according to Collier Cobb, Jr., chairman of the Orange county board of commissioners. In addition to general repair of the worst roads throughout the county, the money has been used to hard surface 12.1 miles, and to place crushed stone on 92 miles of county roads.

The progress made in 1946 can be seen by comparing figures with those of previous years. From 1931 through 1945, 9.3 miles were hard surfaced. This year's figure, 12.1 miles, exceeds that of the previous entire period of 14 years.

### Chapel Hill Girl Gains In Contest

Durham.—The original field of several hundred participants in the Good Health Association's statewide high school oratorical contest has been narrowed to eight students—four boys and four girls, it was announced this week.

The eight finalists, adjudged winners in third round eliminations at four places last week, are:

Woman's College, Greensboro: Elizabeth Morrison of Chapel Hill, representing Orange county; and Harvey Adams of Farmer, representing Randolph county.

East Carolina Teachers College, Greenville: Alton Hill, RFD Kingston, representing Lenoir county; and Dorothy Raynor, Ahoskie, representing Hertford county.

Asheville schools office: W. L. Pearson, Jr., of Asheville, representing Buncombe county; and Theresa Alley of Waynesville, representing Haywood county.

Flora Macdonald College, Red Springs: James Brown III, representing Wayne county; and Clara June Ward, both of Wilmington, representing New Hanover county.

15,000 Tons Stone

In addition to native Orange county stone, 15,000 tons of commercial stone have been used. This is the equivalent of 250 railroad cars of stone loaded 60 tons to the car.

The miles of road have been paved, and drainage systems have been fixed throughout the county.

"We realize that we have accomplished a great deal," Mr. Walters stated, "But there have been headaches. Until recently we were unable to get new equipment. That which we had was five years old, and five years is a lifetime for road equipment. It has been almost impossible to find labor. The roads have never been in worse condition than they were last winter when we had to work seven days a week throughout January and February, hating stone and removing snow and ice."

In addition to the work already completed, many more plans have been made for general repairs to be done during the rest of this winter. Two hundred more railroad cars, or 12,000 tons, of commercial stone have been ordered and will be used throughout the county on arrival.

### Pageant Set At Mt. Zion Christmas Eve

A pageant, "Follow the Star," will be presented at the Mt. Zion Congregational Christian Church on Tuesday evening (Christmas Eve), December 24, at 7 o'clock.

This pageant brings a picture of the Nativity before the eyes of youth and makes it a little more dear and better understood.

The characters are Mary of Today, Hazel Tate; Joseph of Today, R. B. Poole; the Innkeeper, Carl Douglas; Monk; Mary, Mother of Jesus, Colleen Atkins;

Joseph, Sammy George; the Angel Gabriel, Ruby Tate; Angels, Mildred McCulloch, Julia Allison and Polly Rogers; Kings, Herman Tate, Bobby Woods and A. T. George; Shepherds, Colon Monk, Billy Tate and John Knox Woods.

Soloist, Mrs. Stanfield.

The church choir will furnish the music for the program.

The pageant is being directed by Mrs. C. H. Pender of Cedar Grove. Everyone is cordially invited to attend this program.

CHRISTMAS PROGRAM AT BETHEL CHURCH

The Young People of the Bethel church will present a play, "The Songs of Christmas," at 7:30 o'clock Saturday evening, December 21. The children will also participate in the program and there will be a Christmas tree and treat. "Yes, Santa Claus will be there, and certainly he will bring plenty of fun for all," an announcement said.

### County Corn Yield Raised 75,000 Bushels In One Year

By Don S. Matheson  
Farm Agent

It has been conservatively estimated that the yield of corn has been increased five bushels per acre in Orange county this year. On the 15,000 acres planted the increase would amount to 75,000 bushels of corn, which, at \$1.50 per bushel, would amount to an increase of \$112,500 in the value of the crop. Many farmers more than doubled the old county yield of 20 bushels per acre. Since harvesting and measuring their corn crop, there have been at least 20 farmers who have reported producing 50 bushels or more per acre on their entire crop.

The good results obtained can be attributed to favorable weather conditions, and the adoption of recommended Experiment Station practices by a large number of farmers. This rapid trend toward the use of better corn practices, namely, hybrid seed, shallow and early cultivation, heavy application of nitrogen when corn is knee high, and increased organic matter, is largely the result of the concerted and planned program by farm and business organizations working cooperatively. The Bank of Chapel Hill made possible the county-wide corn growing contest by offering \$100 in prizes to the winners. John W. Umstead furnished enough hybrid seed corn for each 4-H Club grower to plant one-half of his prize acres to an adapted hybrid. All the county farm agencies stressed the simple steps in obtaining better yields. In the corn growing contest, 26 farmers completed their projects and averaged 76.6 bushels per acre. Joe Wilson, the winner, led with 92.4 bushels. J. R. Whitfield came second with 88 bushels and Raymond Weaver was third with 86.6 bushels. Incidentally, after all of Raymond Weaver's crop was measured, he averaged 70 bushels on his entire corn crop.

The Bank of Chapel Hill is going into contest in 1947 and the county agents are very anxious to have as many entries as possible.

### Seal Drive Still On In Orange

Receipts from the sales of Christmas seals in the drive being sponsored by the Hillsboro Lions Club have increased to \$222.50, it was announced this week.

Anyone who has not yet purchased any seals or who desires to make a contribution to the fund should see or write the Rev. Charles S. Hubbard, Hillsboro.

A similar drive is being conducted in the Chapel Hill-Carboro section of Orange county and is being headed by Robert Varley. Contributions from people living in that section may be addressed to Varley in Chapel Hill.

All proceeds from the sales will be turned to the fight against tuberculosis.

DISCONTINUED

Dearborn, Mich.—The Ford Motor Company will discontinue manufacture of tractors for Harry Ferguson, Inc.

### Local Choir Well Received In Rendition Of "Holy City"

The Hillsboro high school auditorium was filled to its capacity Sunday night for the Hillsboro Community Choir's rendition of "The Holy City" by A. R. Gaul.

Following the performance, praise was heaped upon the members of the choir for the masterful performance they gave of Gaul's deeply religious masterpiece.

Guest soloist was Dr. Furman G. McLarty of Durham, formerly of Hillsboro, who rendered two solos. Other soloists were Mrs. Charles S. Hubbard, Mrs. J. W. Dickson and John Lockhart.

The choir was under the direction of Mrs. Clarence D. Jones who was assisted by Mrs. E. M. Lockhart, Mrs. J. N. Howard was at the piano.

A trio was sung by Mrs. Hubbard, Mrs. Ben Johnston and Miss Jeanne Turner. Mrs. N. G. Barbour and Mrs. J. W. Richmond rendered a duet.

Incidental soloists were Miss Nancy Lloyd, Mrs. Lloyd, the Rev. Charles S. Hubbard, Mrs. Taylor Charles S. Hubbard, G. Riley, Hubert M. Turner, Sydney Green, Bert M. Turner, C. Rittenhouse, Ross Porter and J. C. Rittenhouse.

The choir is composed of the following sopranos—Mrs. Nancy G. Barbour, Miss Annie Cameron, Mrs. Sam Crawford, Mrs. Hubbard, Davis, Mrs. Charles S. Hubbard, Miss Rebecca Turner, Mrs. Allen Lloyd, Mrs. G. W. Lloyd, Miss Nancy Lloyd, Mrs. H. W. Moore, Mrs. G. C. McBane, Mrs. J. C.

Rittenhouse, Mrs. J. L. Rosemond, Mrs. Bryan N. Roberts, Miss Mary Spurgeon, Mrs. Herman Strayhorn, Mrs. O. L. Thomas, and Mrs. Alton Williams.

Altos—Mrs. Taylor Bivins, Miss Elizabeth Collins, Mrs. J. W. Dickson, Mrs. Ben Johnston, Mrs. E. M. Lockhart, Mrs. J. W. Richmond, Mrs. Herbert G. Riley, Mrs. Seth L. Thomas and Miss Jeanne Turner.

Tenors—Elmer Dowdy, Sydney Green, the Rev. Charles S. Hubbard, Vance Martin, Dr. Furman G. McLarty, J. B. Midgett and J. L. Rosemond.

Basses—John Lockhart, Ross Porter, J. C. Rittenhouse, Dr. H. W. Moore, Gilbert W. Ray and

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### W. Hill Party For Children Is Dec. 19

Christmas party for the children of West Hillsboro will be given Thursday night, December 19, instead of December 12, as was announced in last week's issue.

The party will be held at the West Hillsboro school under the sponsorship of the West Hillsboro Civic Organization.

### C. B. Parris Heads Lodge As Master

Charles B. Parris of Hillsboro was elected Master of the Eagle Lodge No. 19 A.F. & A.M. at a meeting held last Friday night.

Other officers named were: John P. Ballard, senior warden; A. R. Williams, junior warden; Garland Miller, treasurer; and C. M. Walker, secretary.

Walker was reelected secretary for the 12th time.

Installation of the new officers will be made at the next meeting, December 27.

It was also announced that T. C. Ellis of Cedar Grove received the 25 year Masonic pin for his father, A. A. Ellis, at a meeting held two weeks ago. The pin was authorized for A. A. Ellis prior to his death.