

# R. B. Todd Resigns As Dairy Manager

R. B. Todd, manager of the Lattin Cooperative Dairy in Hillsboro since the start of production in 1944, has submitted his resignation to the board of directors, it was announced this week.

Todd submitted his resignation in order to take a rest and to undergo medical treatment, it was pointed out. He was a patient at the hospital Monday for a checkup and returned Tuesday for further treatment.

No successor has yet been named for the dairy which has grown since its start to a \$100,000 business for Hillsboro and Orange county.

Don S. Matheson, member of the board of directors, said that he had agreed to remain on the board until a successor could be named. "The board has several applications for the position," he said, "but it has not yet made a decision. An out-of-town man will more than likely be named for the position," he added.

At a recent meeting the board of directors of the cooperative adopted a resolution regretting "very much" the resignation of Todd. It was pointed out that he had made the cooperative an "excellent manager"; that under his leadership the cooperative had grown from its start in June, 1944 to a \$100,000 business. Todd was commended as having been "most efficient in his management" by the directors.



R. B. TODD

## 9-Year-Old Is Injured In Accident

Patricia Kenion, 9-year-old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Joe Mason Kenion, escaped serious injury when the school bus in which she was riding to the Hillsboro school skidded and slipped into a ditch near the Jack Workman farm Monday morning, G. A. Brown, school principal, reported.

Brown said the young daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Kenion required several stitches in her head where she was injured. Three other children were carried to the doctor suffering from shock, but they were not bodily injured, he said.

The school principal also said that this was the first time in 22 years that a child had been injured seriously enough to require medical treatment.

The accident occurred, Brown said, when the bus failed to make a curve at the bottom of a hill. It skidded on the curve and slipped into a ditch by the side of the road.

The driver of the bus was Ned Johnson who was substituting for the regular driver whose bus was in the shop for repairs.

"Ned was not familiar with the road," Brown pointed out, "and did not know there was a curve at the bottom of the hill."

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## School Lunch Prices To Increase March 3

R. H. Claytor, county superintendent of schools, announced Tuesday that beginning March 3, the price of lunches in all school lunchrooms in Orange county will be increased from 15 cents to 20 or 25 cents, depending upon the school.

This advance in price, he said, is necessitated by the fact that the amount of Federal aid is not as great as in the past. More schools than ever, he pointed out, are participating in the lunchroom program.

Last year, he said, 1,015 schools in North Carolina participated in the Federal school lunch program with a daily pupil participation of 211,609. The figure increased sharply this year, he said, with 1,233 schools and 289,520 pupils participating.

### MESSAGE TO PARENTS

Mr. Claytor sends the following message to the parents of school children in Orange county:

"For the past several years, the Federal government, through the State Department of Public Instruction, has paid 9 cents on every Type A meal served your child in the Orange county lunchrooms. This year we have received around \$2,000 per month, or a total of \$10,000.

"In addition to this financial assistance, the Marketing Division of the Department of Agriculture has given us potatoes, cabbage, spinach, beans, orange juice and other commodities valued at approximately \$1,000 and we are expecting further donations of foods from this department during the next few weeks.

"The above facts are given for the purpose of pointing out why we have been able to serve these meals at a cost of only 15 cents for each child.

"The Congress of the United States at the beginning of the 1946-1947 school year made an appropriation to North Carolina of approximately \$2,500,000 for the school lunch program. There has been a tremendous increase in the number of school over the state that have just recently established lunch rooms and are now participating in these funds. Therefore, with the increased participation, there will not be sufficient funds to finance the program after March 1, 1947.

"Beginning Monday morning, March 3, it will be necessary for us to charge 20 cents or 25 cents per lunch. I am very anxious that we maintain the same standards for our lunch rooms as we have had in the past. It is expected that sufficient appropriations will be made by the present Congress to enable us to go back to the 15 cent lunch at the beginning of next school year. It might be wise for you to inform our congressman, Carl T. Durham, House of Representatives, Washington, D. C., as to your views about this program and enlist his support in getting a supplement for the remainder of this year and an increased appropriation for next school year."

## Town Election Bill Placed In Hopper

## Weed Acreage In County Is Reduced

Orange county's tobacco acreage for 1947 will be 6,292.3 acres, based on estimates received from the office of A. K. McAdams in the farm building.

This is a reduction of 34.3 acres over the allotment of 6,323.3 acres for 1946, it was pointed out.

The estimated 1947 acreage does not include any allotment for new growers and for adjustments, McAdams pointed out. Additional allotments will be received for new growers and adjustments, where they are authorized.

McAdams said that in a series of farm meetings held last week 60 percent of the farm plans in the county were signed and that the remainder would be signed in the next few weeks.

## Carrboro Mills To Increase Wages

Carrboro Woolen Mills has announced that upon reopening there will be a general upward revision in wage rates averaging 10 percent.

Bill establishing election procedures for the town of Hillsboro has been introduced in the State Senate by James Webb of Hillsboro, senator representing Orange and Alamance counties.

The town board of commissioners at a meeting in January authorized Attorney Dumont Eskridge to draw up the ordinance and requested Senator Webb to introduce the measure.

The proposed measure sets up the procedure to be used in electing five members of the town board of commissioners and the mayor in biennial elections.

According to the Institute of Government's Bulletin of Local Legislation the measure provides the following:

"To amend the charter of the town of Hillsboro, North Carolina, so as to provide for the general election of elective municipal officials." (Secs. 1 and 2: would provide for holding biennial elections for a mayor and 5 commissioners of Hillsboro, beginning on the Tuesday after the 1st Monday in May, 1947. Those elected would take office on 1st Monday in June subsequent to election. Would provide that elections shall be conducted in accordance with the general election laws of the State unless provided otherwise by this Act. Sec. 3: would require candidates to ratify town clerk and pay \$5 fee on or before noon of 1st Monday in April preceding election. Sec. 4: deals with preparation of ballots. Sec. 5: would require Town Commissioners at least 30 days before the election, to select

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## Roof Destroyed On C. R. Weaver House In Village

Fire of an undetermined origin destroyed the roof of the home of C. R. Weaver, 137 East Rosemary Lane, Chapel Hill, about 11:45 Monday morning, and rendered considerable damage to the interior of the house.

The Weavers were not at home

Even a fireman is capable of becoming excited at times.

Several of the boys who helped to remove the furniture from the Weaver home in Chapel Hill while its roof burned Monday reported that while everyone else was straining to remove the heaviest pieces of furniture, one of the firemen rushed in, picked up a box of Kleenex, and rushed out.

at the time of the fire, and the entire roof was ablaze when firemen reached the scene. In a matter of minutes the blaze was brought under control and all the furniture with only slight damages removed from the house.

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## Board Discusses Court House Renovation At Special Meeting

## Work Slated On 2 Roads Near Hillsboro

Two roads in Orange county are scheduled for treatment according to plans announced by Chairman A. H. Graham of the North Carolina Highway and Public Works Commission.

Contracts will be let on February 25 in Raleigh for 68 miles of roadwork involving an estimated cost of \$2,660,000 and two projects in Orange county are included in the group.

One of the two projects involves part of a highway in Orange and Person counties, but the other, according to the announcement, is totally in Orange county.

As described by the State Highway and Public Works Commission the roads are:

Orange-Person — Grading, surfacing and structures of 5.77 miles from a point approximately 10 miles east of Hillsboro northeast to highway 501 in Person county;

Orange — Grading and surfacing 7.0 miles on a county road from the junction with highway 70 west of highway 751 to the junction with highway 70 east of Hillsboro. (This is the commonly called "old Durham highway.")

## Applications Already Made For Contest

A number of Orange county farm families have already made their applications in the Home Beautification contest being sponsored by the Hillsboro Branch of the Durham Bank and Trust Company. The bank is offering \$100 savings bond; \$25. savings bond; and \$10 cash prize respectively for the top three winners in the contest.

There is no entrance fee or no restrictions other than at least 90 percent of the family income must be derived from the farm. Pictures showing the scenes before improvements get started are all-

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## Familiar Sight In Village Is Rebbie And Mrs. Jordon

By Frank Sellig, Jr.  
Chapel Hill—"It is really a matter of opinion," laughed diminutive Mrs. A. M. Jordon, when asked whether she took Rebel, her massive Newfoundland, for a walk or whether he took her. "Actually he is quite gentle and extremely obedient, and in spite of the fact that I am a very small person while he is a very large dog, he minds me well; so you might say that I lead him, whether it looks that way or not."

A familiar sight on Chapel Hill streets, Mrs. Jordon and Rebel, usually on a chain, are now accustomed to being approached by interested pedestrians. Rebel pa-

## THE NEWS Asks . . .

What is your favorite comic strip?

Mrs. W. F. Poythress, Chapel Hill: "Little Orphan Annie, because it carries good moral lessons for the children."

Mrs. V. F. Keck, Hillsboro: "They're all my favorites, but I think Joe Palooka is most interesting at present. We're anxious to see when Joe will find Ann."

Nettie Strum, West Hillsboro: "Little Henry, because he is such a typical little boy."

John Kirkland, Jr., Route 2, Chapel Hill: "Little Henry, because it is true to life."

Mrs. Mary J. Laws, Route 3, Hillsboro: "Sad Sack is my favorite, because he really is such a sad sack."

Ruth Blackwelder, Hillsboro: "Joe Palooka, because of the suspense it creates."

Bill Lloyd, Carrboro: "Sometimes one, sometimes another is my favorite. At present, I enjoy L'I Abner most."

Mrs. Donald Wright, Hillsboro: "Bringing Up Father." It keeps me wondering what Maggie will do next."

N. D. Crabtree, Hillsboro: "The Lone Ranger?"

## Training School To Be Conducted At Stock Market

A training school on the clipping fitting and showing of baby beef calves will be held at the Livestock Market in Hillsboro Wednesday, February 26. Extension Agents and Vocational Agricultural teachers from Granville, Person, Durham, Chatham and Alamance counties will attend the school.

L. I. Case, extension animal husbandryman from State College, will demonstrate the proper methods of clipping, fitting, and showing baby beef calves. This school has been arranged primarily for the leaders in the various counties who in turn will demonstrate to their club members the proper methods of fitting and showing the animals; however, all persons interested in these baby beef projects are urged to attend the meetings.

Definite steps towards renovation of the century-old Orange county court house and the construction of an office building to house the overflow of county officials were made at a special meeting of the Orange county board of commissioners Monday morning.

The meeting was attended by all members of the board: Collier Cobb, Jr., of Chapel Hill; H. G. Laws of Hurdle Mills; and Ben F. Wilson of near Mebane; Dumont Eskridge of Hillsboro, county attorney; Sheriff Sam T. Latta, Clerk of Court Edwin Lynch; Register of Deeds Ed Laws; County Accountant G. W. Ray; and Attorney, L. J. Phipps of Crapel Hill.

The commissioners called in the county officials and Attorney Phipps in order for them to hear the report and discussion of H. Raymond Weeks, Durham architect, who is drawing the plans for the renovation of the historic court house.

Weeks pointed out that the renovation would be made without marring the outside lines of the court house. Extra space could be provided in the building, the architect told the group, by excavating a basement under the entire building and rearranging the court room to provide more seating space, jury rooms, conference rooms, judge's chambers and other conveniences of a modern court room.

Heat is also to be placed in the court house.

Present indication for the renovation of the court house do not indicate space in the building for the office of the county accountant or the tax collector.

These offices would be placed in a separate office building which would also house the health department, the welfare department, the school superintendent's office and any other county officials.

At the meeting Monday with several changes in his proposed plans and is to report to the commissioners at their regular monthly meeting on March 3 with a new set of drawings showing the revisions.

## Esther Cheek Is Crowned Beauty Queen

Miss Esther Cheek of Chapel Hill was crowned Beauty Queen at the Valentine Ball, sponsored by the junior class of Chapel Hill high school, last Friday night at the school Tin Can.

Voting for the queen and her court took place earlier in the week. Each class selected two girls to run in the finals. The girls selected were: Senior, Jackie Merritt and Esther Cheek; juniors, Dot Hogan and Madeline Jennings; sophomores, Jane Cate and Dana Phipps; and freshman, Beth Lloyd and Clara Jo Riggsbee.

Pictures were taken of the girls free of charge by Wooten-Moulton Studios, and were placed in the Varsity "Soda Sellar" with accompanying voting boxes. Votes were one cent each. Esther Cheek, of the senior class received the largest number of votes.

The pennies received were used to finance the dance. Figures were not available on the amount of money taken in.

## Mouse Leaves Money To Pay For Damages

Did you ever hear of a conscientious mouse?

James Harrington of Route 2, Hillsboro, recently returned a table model radio which he had purchased several days previously from Smith's Furniture with the statement that the radio just wouldn't play.

Remus Smith sent the radio to Wayne McDade to find the trouble. Upon looking inside the radio, McDade said: "This is the first time I have ever known a mouse to leave money to pay for damages done."

A mouse, who had torn up the speaker, had taken a one-dollar bill and two quarters into the radio through a small hole.

Harrington, who had laid the money on the table beside the radio before going to bed one night, had a mouse in the next morning, but didn't know what had happened to it.

## Chapel Hill Chapter Plans Red Cross Fund Campaign

Chapel Hill—The local organization for the Fund Campaign for the American Red Cross has been completed, and plans are being laid to conduct the drive during the week of March 1-8.

As previously announced, the fund chairman is Captain E. E. Hazlett. Under him are eleven division chairmen, who will supervise the work of their own groups. The residential unit, probably the largest subdivision, will be under the direction of Mrs. R. J. M. Hobbs. The business district will be covered by E. R. Oakley, with Thomas Williams as his deputy. Carrboro will be handled as a separate unit under the guidance of Mrs. Winslow E. Williams, and the rural sections will be solicited by workers under Floyd Turnage.

The student division will be handled by E. York, president of the men's inter-dormitory council, while Fred Weaver, Dean of men, will direct the campaign in the campus offices. Mrs. Hubert Robinson will again supervise the negro division. The theatre division

will be, as usual, under the direction of E. C. Smith, while Mrs. A. P. Hudson is chairman of the headquarters division.

A new division has been set up this year to cover the mushrooming growth of veterans' housing, and this is headed by Mrs. J. B. (Sue) Hunt. W. D. Carmichael, chairman of the chapter, will again be in charge of the advance gifts division, and Miss Cornelia Love, assisted by Louis M. Connor, Jr., is handling the publicity.

"There is still a need for volunteer workers. If anyone can give the time to assist the cause, good use can be made of his services. Please get in touch with the appropriate division chairman," Captain Hazlett announced.

"The emphasis this year will be placed on complete coverage of the area under the Chapter's jurisdiction and an effort will be made to give each adult citizen the opportunity to become a member of the Red Cross. A subscription of

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## Old-Belt Sales Highest Ever, But Average Prices Tumble

Volume of sales for the 1946 crop of Old Belt flue-cured tobacco was the largest ever recorded but the general average was lower than the previous year's. This is reported by the United States, North Carolina and Virginia Departments of Agriculture. Gross sales totaled 334,900,983 pounds averaging \$43.36 per hundred—an increase of 35.4 million pounds over the 1945 crop but a decline of 70 cents in average. In spite of the decrease in average, the gain in volume was large enough to result in the crop having the highest value of any one in history.

Marketing of the crop was featured by a much noticeable stronger demand during the first six weeks of sales than throughout the remaining ten weeks. The former period saw the weekly general average rise from \$46.66 to \$51.21 per hundred pounds. A substantial drop took place the seventh week, which was in early November and the decline was constant for the rest of the season.

The lowest weekly average was \$32.43 for the fifteenth week of sales. Much disappointment was expressed over the considerably lower prices toward the latter part of the season.

Prices by grades were under the foregoing season for common to fair qualities, but good to choice fair qualities showed advances. Detobaccos ranged from \$1.00 to \$18.28—creases ranged from \$1.00 to \$14.00.

The 1946 crop was heavier bodied than the prior year's and was not as desirable for cigarette manufacture. More lemon, red and green tobaccos were in evidence and less orange. The percentage of good to choice qualities increased whereas common to fair grades showed a corresponding decline. Leaf was marketed in much smaller quantities during the preceding season while the ration of cutters, lugs, smoking leaf, and nondescript was smaller. Quality of the crop in the Virginia area of

the belt was far superior to that part grown in the North Carolina section. Common to good leaf and fair and good qualities of cutters and lugs made up the bulk of sales.

All markets opened September 23. November 11, Armistice Day, was observed as a holiday and sales were suspended November 28 and 29 because of Thanksgiving. A long period of inactivity followed, as the markets did not reopen until January 2 because of the coal strike. Practically all markets closed during the last two weeks in January and the season ended February 7 when final sales were held at Winston-Salem.

The sale of the crop this season was again governed by certain regulations. At the start of the season sales were limited to 400 baskets per hour with a restriction of 5 hours or 2000 lots per day per set of buyers. However, this was changed at various times because of extremely heavy volume, small-

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