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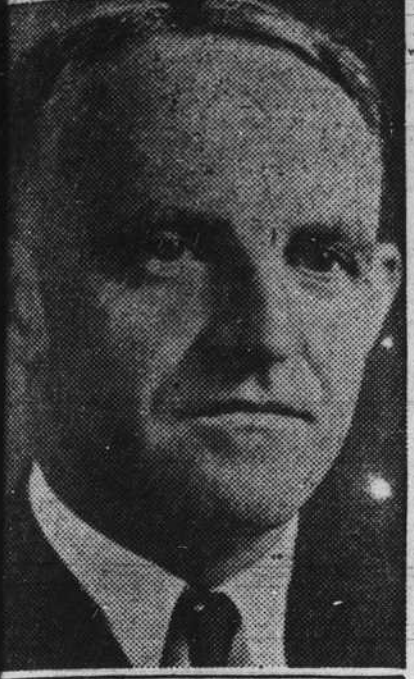
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Dr. Frank P. Graham Speaks At High School Sunday Night



DR. FRANK P. GRAHAM

Dr. Frank P. Graham, president of the Greater University of North Carolina, will speak in the auditorium of the Hillsboro high school at 7:30, Sunday evening, March 23. His topic will be "The Atomic Revolution Requires a Spiritual Revolution."

This meeting is being sponsored by the Laymen's League of Hillsboro, which is an inter-denominational organization with representatives from the Baptist, Methodist, Presbyterian and Episcopal churches of Hillsboro.

Music for the program will be provided by the junior choir of the Hillsboro Methodist church. This is the first talk of a series planned by the Laymen's League in which a number of prominent laymen in the state will be oriented in Hillsboro.

Buses Now Repaired, Jury Finds

All school buses in Orange county are in good mechanical condition, the Grand Jury reported late Tuesday afternoon in the March session of superior court, indicating that the buses reported in bad condition in the January report have been repaired.

In its report the Grand Jury further pointed out: "In our report during the January term of criminal court, we asked that heaters and defrosters be installed on all Orange county buses. We are going to continue to insist on these safety and health measures until materials are available and the necessary installations are made."

The Grand Jury also commended:

1. The county board of commissioners in recommending the establishment of a county court;
 2. The county officials for discharging their duties in a competent and trustworthy manner;
 3. The board of education for its work in making the repairs to the schools suggested in the last report.
- Members of the jury are: Grey Culbreth, chairman; and Robert C. Thompson, Doc Walker, Randolph Parker, W. R. Pearson, Charles S. Mace, W. A. Gordon, L. E. Jordan, J. B. Ray, T. W. Watkins, R. E. Scarlett, George D. Bennett, J. S. Morgan, W. J. Quakenbush, H. M. Perry, Reid Roberts, T. B. Creel, excused, and C. L. Glosson, excused because of sickness.

Chapel Hill, Hillsboro Are On State Garden Pilgrimage

Chapel Hill—Resumed following a six-year interruption by the war, the State Garden Pilgrimage will get underway March 20 in Rocky Mount and will end with the showing of Raleigh gardens May 1-2. Within that six weeks' period, private gardens and historic homes and public buildings in 15 communities will be open to visitors.

Sponsored by the Garden Club of North Carolina, Mrs. J. S. Mitchever, Raleigh, president, the pilgrimage is directed by Mrs. Roy Homewood, Chapel Hill, state chairman, assisted by a local tour chairman in each of the participating communities.

First stop on the pilgrimage in April will be Greensboro, where 20 gardens, running the gamut of new to long established, small to large, informal to formal, city estates to country gardens, will be open April 11-13, the dates corresponding to the visit of the national president for the board meeting of the Garden Club of North Carolina.

Concord will feature the farm house of Mrs. C. A. Cannon for its participation in the pilgrimage April 12. Pittsboro and Siler City share the date of April 15, and both places will open a large number of gardens. Wilson on the 15th will show eight gardens, many of them featuring azaleas. Chapel Hill and Hillsboro may both be visited, the former for a tour of many town and country gardens, the latter for a pilgrimage to historic private homes and public buildings.

Historic Cooleemee plantation and six gardens of the town will be included in the Lexington pilgrimage on April 17 and 18. Eleven of the historic private homes and public buildings for which New Bern is cherished by those who are interested in both antiquities and architecture will be opened for pilgrimage there on April 19 and 20.

Henderson and Elizabeth City share the date of April 22, the former to show six varied private gardens, the latter to include four historic homes and four modern homes and gardens.

Participating for the first time this year, Wadesboro will open seven gardens, and the homes of two of the garden owners on April 23 and 24.

In conjunction with the pilgrimage to Raleigh on May 1 and 2, the Raleigh Garden Club will hold a flower show. The Governor's Mansion, the historic Andrew Johnson house and eight private gardens will be visited.

VISIT RALEIGH

The Hillsboro high school basketball team, both boys and girls, made a sight-seeing trip to Raleigh Thursday. Glenn Auman, coach, chaperoned the group.

THE NEWS Asks . . .

What do you think would be a good question for THE NEWS ASKS Column to ask?

Miss Loretta Brown, Hillsboro: "How would you like to see Hillsboro's streets washed occasionally?"

C. B. Parris, Hillsboro: "Do you always wait until March 15 to file your income tax return? If so, why?"

Kenneth Rosemond, Hillsboro: "Do you think the town should have a new gymnasium?"

Mrs. Wallace Williams, Hillsboro: "What is your favorite Sunday dinner?"

Peggy Mangum, Hillsboro: "What qualities do you think are most important in a school teacher?"

17 Days Left To Announce Candidacy

Seventeen days remain for persons interested in becoming candidates for mayor or commissioner in the Town of Hillsboro to file their intention with the town clerk, according to the new regulations for holding town elections approved by the General Assembly.

In a letter sent to all voters in Hillsboro, Mayor Ben Johnston pointed out that it was necessary for candidates for commissioners or mayor to file their candidacy on or before the first Monday in April which is this year April 7. Elections will be conducted on May 8.

Excerpts from the Mayor's letter follow: "This to advise that the Election Laws governing the Town Election have been changed by a bill passed in the 1947 Legislature and the following rules will govern the Town Election to be held May 8, 1947, and all Elections in future years, for the Election of Candidates for Mayor and five Commissioners.

"Any person desiring to become a Candidate for Mayor or Commissioner of the Town of Hillsboro shall on or before 12 o'clock noon of the first Monday in April preceding any election held thereunder file with the Town Clerk his declaration or her declaration of candidacy for election to any such office in such declaration shall state his or her name, age, place of residence, length of time a resident of the Town of Hillsboro and at the time of such filing pay to the Town of Hillsboro a fee of five dollars \$5.00.

"The General Election to be held on the first Tuesday after the first Monday in May.

"The Election shall be conducted as far as practicable in all things and in all details in accordance with the laws of the State of North Carolina.

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Eagle Scout



Bill Teer, 13-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. W. Walter Teer, of Hillsboro, was presented with the Eagle Scout Award at the March Court of Honor of Orange County. The award was presented by attorney Bonner D. Sawyer of Hillsboro.

New Phone Building Is Started Here

Workmen started this week laying brick for the new telephone building in Hillsboro which will house a dial system, replacing the old-style crank system now in use throughout the town.

Officials of the Morris Telephone Company announced last November their intention to install the dial system here and to construct the new building, all at an estimated cost of \$40,000.

The company also announced at that time that more telephones would be available after the dial system was installed.

Construction of the new building and the use of the dial system here, according to the company, will give Hillsboro the finest telephone service available anywhere.

Deaths

MRS. AMELIA C. WHITT

Mrs. Amelia C. Whitt, 85; died at the home of her daughter, Mrs. Isaac Owens, Friday night at 8 o'clock following illness of 10 years. She had been critically ill.

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Selection Of Jury To Try Breeze On Murder Charge Starts Today

Joe Howard Made Grange Youth Head

Joe N. Howard of Hillsboro, employee of Duke Power Company, has been named chairman of the Youth Committee of the North Carolina State Grange, Mrs. Harry B. Caldwell, Master of the Grange, has announced.

Howard is a graduate of State College and served as assistant farm agent in Orange county for eight years. He has done outstanding work among 4-H Clubs, Mrs. Caldwell said. "The State Grange is indeed fortunate in securing the services of Howard. We anticipate an outstanding year of accomplishments in youth activities," she declared.

Other members of the Youth Committee are Mrs. H. D. Robertson, Winston-Salem; L. R. Harrill, Raleigh; John Walter Farlow, Jr., High Point, and L. L. May, Raleigh.

Plans are now being made for a Summer camp, location to be announced later. The annual youth Winter conference also is being planned for December, it was announced.

Plans Made To Stress Seal Drive

A total of 1,500 citizens of Orange county are this week receiving letters from the Orange county chapter committee of the North Carolina League for Crippled Children asking their support of the Easter seal campaign.

The campaign in Orange county is being directed by G. T. Proffit, assistant superintendent of schools, of Hillsboro, Dr. J. B. Riggsbee of Chapel Hill, co-chairman, and Kenneth Putham, treasurer, of Chapel Hill.

The letter points out that the league provides medical and educational services to crippled children regardless of how the child becomes crippled; but that it has neither funds, facilities, nor staff to carry out the program.

How the requests for the league's services can be met depends upon the generosity of its contributors, the letter states.

Orange county chapter is striving to raise \$1,500 in the campaign.

STORES TO CLOSE EASTER MONDAY

Chapel Hill stores will be closed on Monday, April 7, in observance of Easter Monday, it was announced this week.

Residents of Cedar Grove, Little River, Cheeks Omitted In Venire

Selection of jury to try John Henry Breeze, confessed attacker of Mrs. Agnes Wilkerson, aged Orange county woman, on a charge of first degree murder, is scheduled to start Thursday morning in Orange county superior court.

Judge Luther Hamilton, judge presiding, Tuesday ordered a special venire of 50 men drawn. He specified that no residents of Cedar Grove, Little River or Cheeks townships be drawn in the venire.

Schools End Year May 26 And June 4

Schools in Orange county will close on two dates this year, it was announced this week, with the Chapel Hill, Carrboro and White Cross schools ending the year on Wednesday, June 4, while the other schools in the county will close for the summer vacation on Monday, May 26.

No plans have yet been announced for the graduating exercises in the county's high schools.

It was pointed out this week that the graduation classes would be the first to be graduated under the State supported 12 years of schooling.

Last year, there were no classes and the year before the graduating classes had only, in most cases, completed 11 years of school.

If weather conditions or sickness in any of the schools don't close the schools, the announced dates will be the end of the school year. Extra time will be added to the year if any of the schools should lose any schools days between now and the end of the term, it was asserted.

Syphilis Cure Is Given 295 From Orange

Chapel Hill—Remarkable progress is being made in the rapid treatment centers in Durham and Charlotte in the cure of syphilis, Dr. Ralph B. Hogan, surgeon in the United States Public Health Service, in charge of the two centers, said in a talk to the Chapel Hill Rotarians at their meeting this week.

The program was arranged by Dr. Gaston Rogers of the Orange County Health Department who presented the speaker.

More than 23,000 cases of syphilis have been treated in the two centers since the program was started the latter part of 1943, and

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"Oyez, Oyez, Oyez," Deep-Voiced Moody Durham Cries At Weekly Sessions Of Recorder's Court As He Completes 18 Years Of Service As Clerk

By Kit Coleman

Chapel Hill—"Oyez! Oyez! Oyez!"—how familiar are those words sturred almost beyond recognition by Moody W. Durham, court clerk, to those attending voluntarily or involuntarily the weekly sessions of the Chapel Hill Recorder's court.

To many, Moody Durham is the robust, deep-voiced, elderly clerk, who opens and closes court and collects the money. But to those who know his duties, he is a vital and important figure in court life. He is the man with the records.

"I have to process papers, make warrant recordings," said Durham in explaining his responsibilities as court recorder, "make a monthly financial report to the Motor Vehicle Department and to the town, and report on disposition of cases pending on the police blotter."

"I also make a statistical report and report on the final disposition of all cases in court to the Attorney General's office," he added, "make a monthly report on the amount of taxes collected on each individual, keep statistical files set up in numerical and alphabetical reference on all defendants tried in court, and keep a report on applicants for governmental jobs. It has to be accurate."

18 YEARS SERVICE

Excepting a short period of six months, Durham has been behind the clerk's desk for 18 years and has seen a number of judges—five

in all—come and go. Moody Durham is one of the old timers who has seen Chapel Hill grow and change. He came here first as a student in 1903.

"Chapel Hill was a great deal different then," he said. "It was a village of unpaved, muddy streets. Why, in front of the place where Berman's Department Store is located now was the sign 'No Fishing.' Anyone crossing the street had to walk on a special mound rising above the mud."

ONE-MAN FORCE

The police force was a one-man affair, he said. The job made him a jack of all trades and he even put the village to bed at 12 o'clock when he blew out the oil lamps.

Durham was born in Chatham county some sixty odd years ago. After two years at the University in Chapel Hill, he took a traveling position for the Reynolds Tobacco Company and remained with them for 14 years.

In 1917 he returned to his college town to live and began a car service between Chapel Hill and Durham. "There were no buses then," he explained.

On being asked why he chose to live in Chapel Hill he said he came on business and just stayed. "The milk was better, the water was better, and the atmosphere was better," he added jokingly.

middle of Columbia Street at the intersection of Rosemary. Court was held at that time in the old Pickwick Theatre and later in the Wetback Building. When the new courthouse was built Durham took over the recorder's desk there.

When asked if his job demanded daily appearance, he smiled, "Every day except in hunting season."

HUNTING, FISHING ENTHUSIAST

During the fall when not in the courthouse, Durham can probably be found on his farm in Chatham county turkey hunting. He is a member of the Riverside Club composed of 11 hunters who often join him on his farm—the old home place—for a bit of sport. In the spring Durham occasionally slips away from his daily duties to fish in the Haw River which flows through his farm.

Durham said he has kept his farm because it is his family home rather than as a financial asset. "I have a few fruit trees though," he said, "and am now putting in some wheat and oats. There is some water power undeveloped there too."

Aside from being court clerk, Durham has a personal real estate business and owns a great deal of property in and around Chapel Hill.

In civic affairs he has served on the Board of Alderman and for 16 years was a member of the Or-

ange County Board of Education.

RATIONING OFFICIAL

During the war he was the top man at the rationing board. "We had fine cooperation," he said, "and fine volunteer help. Naturally some people were disgruntled when they didn't get what they thought they would like to have."

Durham remarked that the regulations were always the deciding factors and not personal feelings, but that some expected exceptions. He even said he felt at times the regulations permitted people to get more than they were entitled to, but it was a "cut and dried affair."

"It was hard to get tires, sugar, meat, typewriters and bicycles. People often had more points than food. This led to undercurrent dealings. I don't think the south had the black market operations the north did though," he added.

Even with priority, he said, the rationing board couldn't get a typewriter and had to borrow two from the University until the government finally got one.

The "proud grandfather" twinkle comes into Durham's eye when he speaks of his only grandson who bears his sire name, Worth Durham Banner, born Nov. 26, 1946. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. J. Worth Banner, Mrs. Banner being the former Virginia Durham. They are now living in Chapel Hill, where he is a member of the language department at the university and is studying for his doctor's degree.

Red Cross Drive Is Still On

Collections by the Orange county chapter of the American Red Cross this week had reached the sum of \$600, according to a report from John P. Ballard, campaign director.

Goal of the drive is \$1,000. Last week the Chapel Hill chapter reported that its goal of \$4,400 had been oversubscribed by \$900 and that more was being expected.

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that he would plead not guilty to the first degree murder charge. The Grand Jury had earlier in the day brought in a true bill for first degree murder against him.

Breeze has confessed to officers of the Orange county sheriff's department that he entered the home of Mrs. Wilkerson on February 19 and allegedly assaulted her with a stick of wood; tossed her upon her bed and set fire to the room.

Mrs. Wilkerson was discovered by a neighbor who had made an appointment with her. The aged woman was carried to the hospital in Burlington where she died on March 11.

TWO MURDER TRIALS

The trial of Breeze is the first of two first-degree murder trials scheduled for this term. Grand Jury also brought in a true bill of first-degree murder against Edgar Rice, Negro, charging him with shooting Charlie Vaughn on January 26.

Other cases handled Tuesday were:

Wilbert Walker, guilty to forcible trespass, six months suspended for three years; Warsaw W. Braswell, manslaughter, not a true bill.

Owen Hastings, abandonment and non-support, 15 months suspended on condition he pay Mrs. Hastings \$75 by March 31, \$17.50 in addition, and \$17.50 each month thereafter.

Mandell Purifoy, guilty of manslaughter, 7 to 10 years; John A. Qualls, larceny; Johnnie W. Walker and Henrietta Walker, immoral conduct; Howard Duncan, manslaughter; Jim Wills, Sr., assault with deadly weapon and robbery, all continued;

H. M. Perry, permit another to drive his automobile while intoxicated; Oscar Williams, assault with deadly weapon; Jeppie Mae Duke, possession of whiskey for sale, all not pressed with leave.

MONDAY'S SESSION

Orange county superior court opened Monday morning at 10 o'clock in Orange county's century old court house in Hillsboro with Judge Luther Hamilton of Beaufort presiding. The court faced one of the largest dockets in many terms with a total of 85 cases scheduled for trial.

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