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# Million Dollar Bond Issue Voted

## Quantity Of Narcotics Missing After Robbery

FBI and SBI officers investigated the theft of a large quantity of narcotics from James Pharmacy in Hillsboro early Monday morning, but so far reports from officers have indicated that no clues have been uncovered pointing to the thief or thieves.

Charles James, proprietor of James Pharmacy, said that the break-in must have occurred between midnight Sunday and the time the store was opened by Allen Lloyd Monday morning. Lloyd, James said, filled a prescription about midnight Sunday and noted nothing missing from the pharmacy at that time.

Entrance was gained by breaking a rear window. The door on the box containing the dope taken was broken in order to take narcotics. Missing was an estimated 1,000 to 1,500 tablets of morphine, 300 to 400 tablets of pantapone, a derivative of opium, and one-half to a pint of tincture of opium. Three dollars was also taken from the cash register.

The amount of narcotics taken would be worth several hundreds of dollars in the dope market, James estimated.

Officers investigating the crime said that apparently the thief was seeking only narcotics, for nothing else—other than the \$3 in cash—was missing from the store.

## State School Head Speaks Here Thursday



Dr. Clyde R. Erwin, state superintendent of public instruction, will make the principal address at a banquet to be held in the Hillsboro school cafeteria Thursday night, April 17, honoring the Future Homemakers of America, the Future Farmers of America and the members of the Veterans farm training class at Hillsboro High school.

A number of invited guests, including the Orange county commissioners, school board and other county officers, will be present for the occasion.

The Hillsboro high school band under the direction of Jim Rittenhouse will also be present to furnish music for the banquet.

Tom Bivins of Hillsboro will act as toastmaster.

Milk and cream for the banquet will be supplied by the Latta Cooperative Dairy of Hillsboro and ice cream by the Farmers Dairy Cooperative of Chapel Hill.

Miss Helen Sorrell, teacher of home economics at Hillsboro school, will direct the serving of the meal.

## W. Hillsboro Civic Group Hears Reports

The planning committee of the West Hillsboro Civic Organization met at the home of Chester Riley on Thursday, April 10, to hear reports of the various committees and to work on the details for the community brunswick stew which will be held on May 3 at West Hillsboro school.

John Terrell who is heading up the DDT demonstrations reported that two demonstrations were given last week at the homes of Robert Cox and Gaston Chisenhall. This week a demonstration will be given at the home of Reldew Scarlett. DDT is available at Eno Mill and may be secured free from either Sidney Green or Mr. Terrell for spraying individual homes. A tank for spraying is also available.

The regular monthly meeting of

## Chapel Hill Bus Station Formally Opens Saturday; Cherry Makes Main Talk

Chapel Hill's new bus station, satisfying a long-standing need, will be formally opened on Saturday at 12 o'clock noon at its West Franklin street location.

Governor Gregg Cherry will be the principal speaker at a special ceremony arranged in connection with the opening. Other speakers will include Dr. Frank P. Graham, president of the University of North Carolina; R. W. Maddry, mayor of Chapel Hill; and president Hoffman of the Carolina Coach Company.

Shortly after construction on the new bus station began on February 2, 1946, it was discovered that seven underground springs were undermining the entire set-up. Although brought under control by the use of a main pipe line, the

springs still caused a delay of over two months on the project. Scarcity of materials and labor have also caused the opening of the new bus station to be much later than the original plans which called for completion by November 15, 1946.

The structure has an exterior of brick veneer and is of Colonial design, in keeping with a request of the Chapel Hill town planning board that all new business construction on Franklin street follow Colonial design.

The old bus station on Columbia street has been considered inadequate for several years, and it is reported that it will be torn down upon opening of the new station.

## String Burning Event At Scout Rally



Shown here is the top-scoring Black Arrow Patrol of Troop 9 pictured as the members were winning the string burning event in the fire-making contest at the Chapel Hill Boy Scout Rally last Saturday. The string has just burned through, and one end of it may be seen at the far right attached to the pole. The Scout on the left is Charles Best and on the right is Ronald Shearin, who is leader of the Patrol. Other Scouts look on with eager interest.

## Revival Speaker



The Rev. J. F. Kernodle, pastor of the Pentecostal Holiness church, West Hillsboro, will conduct a revival at the Mebane Pilgrim church from April 18 through April 27. Services will be held each evening at 7:30 with Sunday morning services scheduled at 11 a. m. The pastor of the Mebane Pilgrim church is the Rev. J. R. Catlett.

## Chapel Hill Troop 9 Wins Scout Rally Held Saturday

By Robert L. Brooks

Competitive excitement reached a high peak here last Saturday when the Scouts of Chapel Hill held their annual all-day Rally with Patrols in Troops 9 and 39 entering the Scoutcraft contests.

The two troops proved to be rather well matched when final scores were tallied, which placed Troop 9 on top with 53.5 points and Troop 39 in a close second with 49.5 points. The winning Patrol was the Black Arrow of Troop 9 with 26 points; runnerup was the Fox of 39 totaling 24 points.

Weeks of careful preparation were climaxed at 11 a. m. when the events got underway. Morning activities included three tests of fire building technique.

First was the making of fire with flint and steel. Each troop entered one team of four Scouts who each made a fire by striking the flint and steel together to produce sparks. The Black Arrow of 9 won by completing their series of four fires in the record time of two minutes and twenty seconds—an average of 35 seconds for each fire. Second class scout Dean West of this Patrol produced his fire in 10 seconds—an all-time

low. In the fire by friction event, the stick rubber from both troops failed to produce flames.

The Black Arrow of 9 won again in the string burning contest (See picture). By the more conventional method of using no more than two matches, this patrol built their fire to burn a string suspended 30 inches above the ground.

Ending up the morning activities was a three-legged race, in which pair of scouts tied their legs together and raced 100 yards hobbling along on their improvised three legs. Tenderfoot scouts Billy Thompson and Frank Meadows of troop 9 came in first with scouts Stan Peele and Bob Linker of troop 39 close behind them.

After lunch events led off with Semaphore signaling in which the Black Arrow of 9 again placed first.

Troop 39 started coming from behind to close the 22-8 score gap between the two troops with the first aid event, which the Fox Patrol won. In all of the succeeding five events this troop placed first, but this high scoring was not enough to pass troop 9 in final to-

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## 10 Of 13 Orange County Bills Approved By N. C. Legislature

A review of local bills affecting Orange County and the towns within the county show that 13 were introduced in the General Assembly with 10 of the 13 being ratified by the Assembly before it adjourned.

Courts and police officer jurisdiction in the county were affected by four of the bills introduced; elections in Hillsboro by one bill; county officers by two of the measures; and regulation of carnivals, profanity on highways, remission of taxes by the county and the town of Hillsboro, county bonds, Chapel Hill extension and Chapel Hill recreation tax were affected by the remaining six bills introduced.

A county recorder's court to take some of the work off the Superior court was authorized by the General Assembly in one of the first local measures presented. The court, ordered to start on May 5 by the commissioners in their meeting last week, will meet once a week in Hillsboro with L. J. Phipps of Chapel Hill as judge and Dumont Eskridge of Hillsboro as solicitor.

A bill ordering that when requests are made for jury trials in the Chapel Hill recorder's court the case automatically be sent to the superior court was not ratified

by the House, being postponed indefinitely on March 7. Jury trials are not authorized in the county recorder's court under the provisions of the bill as adopted by the General Assembly.

Extension of Chapel Hill and Carrboro police jurisdiction to the area embraced by Chapel Hill was sought in a measure introduced by Representative John Umstead, but it was later withdrawn in favor of a bill fixing their jurisdiction to the area embraced under the jurisdiction of the Chapel Hill recorder's court.

Supported and suggested by the Hillsboro Merchants Association, which later gained the support of groups in Chapel Hill and Carrboro, a bill was passed limiting the appearance of carnivals and road shows in Orange county to 24-hour period.

Procedure for holding election of town officers in Hillsboro was set up by the Assembly in an election bill adopted. Filing of candidates for this first election has already been completed and the election is scheduled for May 6.

Extension of town limits in Chapel Hill was sought in a bill introduced by Representative Umstead at the request of the town board of aldermen. The measure died on April 1 when it was reported unfavorably by the House committee.

Passed on April 5, however, was a measure providing a special tax in Chapel Hill to be used in the development of a town recreation program.

County officials benefitted by a salary raising bill approved. Office of county treasurer, however, was abolished by a bill passed and the work of the treasurer turned over to the accountant.

Authorization for Orange county to issue bonds for the construction of office building and schools in the county was given in a bill ratified on April 2.

Already law in practically every county in the State, use of profanity on the highways of Orange county was outlawed.

After appealing to the town of Hillsboro commissioners and the county commissioners seeking to escape payment of back taxes on the Hines Harris property, the Hillsboro Post of the American Legion was finally able, through the consent of the town and county, to have introduced and approved by the General Assembly a bill calling for remission of the back taxes up to 50 percent of the principal and interest. Nothing in the bill makes it mandatory that the town or county should remit the taxes, but only makes it possible and legal for them to do so if they desire.

## People's Approval Before End Of May Is Board's Desire

Orange county board of commissioners—meeting in joint session with the board of education—Tuesday night voted to submit to the local government commission and then to the registered voters in Orange county a one million dollar bond issue.

## Band Concert Here Sunday

Campaign to pay for the band uniforms recently purchased by the high school band will be launched Sunday afternoon at 3 p. m. when the band will give a concert on the court house square in Hillsboro.

## THE NEWS Asks . . .

Do you feel that your mistakes are usually your own fault?

Mrs. J. B. Fleming, Route 1, Mebane: "Yes, usually, because I am hasty in word and deed, and slow or unwilling to profit by the experiences of others."

Mrs. Lucy Morris, Chapel Hill: "Yes, I do think my mistakes are my own fault."

Paul M. Crabtree, Carrboro: "Most of them are my fault, but some are not. I think the greater portion of anyone's mistakes is his own fault."

Bill Harrell, Durham, "Not always, but the majority of them are, due to the lack of insight."

Mrs. Cora Harralson, Ruffin: "Yes, they are."

## Jim Crow Law To Be Tested On April 29

Two white men and two Negro men are scheduled for trial April 29 in Chapel Hill Recorder's court on charges of disorderly conduct growing out of a disturbance at the bus station Sunday afternoon when two Negroes refused to move from the front of the bus to vacant seats in the rear.

Chapel Hill police said a white man and a Negro man boarded a Raleigh-Charlotte bus and took a third seat from the front, although there were vacant seats in the rear.

When the driver, Ned O. Leonard, of the Carolina Coach Company, who swore out the warrants asked the Negro to move to the rear and he refused, the driver called in the police and preferred charges. Tickets were held to out of State points, Leonard said.

As soon as the Negro was ejected, another white man and a Negro man moved from the rear and occupied seats together near the front of the bus, police said.

The two white men in each instance resisted the efforts of the officers to eject the Negroes and were charged with interfering with an officer in performance of his duty as well as disorderly conduct.

The men arrested gave their names and vocations as Igal Roodenko, white, horticulturist, New York City; Joseph A. Felment, 25, white, lecturer, Asheville; Bayard Ruston, Negro, 32, educator, New York City; and Andrew S. Johnson, 21, Negro, lecturer, Cincinnati.

Police said that no sooner had the arrests been made than two white men, apparently traveling with the Negroes, for the purpose of making a test case, put up bond. One said he was a lawyer and gave the name of George M. Houser, no address; and the other, who furnished bond, gave the name of James Peck, no address.

Police said that soon after the arrests, the Rev. Charles M. Jones, pastor of the Presbyterian church in Chapel Hill, took the Negroes and the white men to his home, saying he was doing so to protect them from possible violence. Shortly afterwards, Rev. Jones telephoned police that he had received a telephone call threatening the burning of his home unless the men involved left his house soon. At the suggestion of police, the Rev. Jones sent the men out of town.

If approved—and tentative, unofficial approval has already been given by the local government commission—the one million dollar issue—largest ever to be suggested for the county—would be used in school construction work in Chapel Hill and in the county school system, in renovating the present century-old court house and in the construction of a new office building to house present county officials now using rented office space.

## VOTE BEFORE MAY 31

Tentative plans now call for the bond issue vote to be held in the county within the next six weeks—which would place the tentative deadline on May 31. Actual voting day will be set at a later meeting of the county commissioners this month after bond attorneys in New York provide the commissioners with the necessary information and resolutions to be adopted.

County Attorney Dumont Eskridge at the special meeting Tuesday night indicated that plans for holding the bond election within the next six weeks would depend largely on how fast the New York bond attorneys acted. "Everything will be done here to push the election as fast as possible," he said.

NOT ENOUGH In approving a bond election for one million dollars, the commissioners recognized the fact that it would not make available enough money to do everything needed for all the schools in the county and would miss by a considerable sum the nearly one million dollars requested by the Chapel Hill PTA for completion of the present school building now under construction and for other school construction work requested by the PTA. At the April regular meeting of the commissioners and the board of education, representatives of the Chapel Hill PTA presented requests for repairs and school needs and equipment totaling nearly one million dollars.

"We know that this amount won't do an adequate job in either Chapel Hill or in the remainder of the schools in the county," Board of Commissioners Chairman Collier Cobb, Jr., pointed out, "but under the law we are permitted to issue bonds for five percent of the total property valuation for school needs. We have gone our limit in approving the one million dollar bond issue."

TOTAL EARMARKED The board earmarked \$235,000 for construction of an office building in Hillsboro and for renovation of the present court house. The remaining \$765,000 was allocated for school construction, 50 percent being allowed for Chapel Hill school system and the other 50 percent for school needs in the county.

The amount approved for school construction plus the total debt already owed for school needs in the county will approximately equal the five percent bond issue maximum allowable under present state laws.

The meeting Tuesday night was the second special meeting held by the two boards in the past week to discuss the bond issue. Last Friday night the boards met and authorized G. W. Ray, county accountant, and Cobb to sound out the local government commission on the possibility of its approving a million and quarter dollar bond issue. After Cobb and Ray had reported the local government commission was not receptive to approving the first suggested figure, the board then approved the million dollar figure—suggested and unofficially approved by the commission.

## Age Knows No Barriers

Eugene G. Daniels, 57, of Hurdle Mills and Verna Weaver, 18, also of Hurdle Mills, were issued a marriage license this week in the office of register of deeds in Hillsboro.

Clerk in the office said that Daniels had been married before, but had been a widower for the past several years.