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Tom Brown

Those of us who saw and talked to Tom Brown on Sunday little dreamed that Monday morning would fail to find him at his accustomed place doing his usual duties at Coleman-Laws store in Hillsboro.

Little did we imagine that Monday would find us accounting the many fine deeds Tom had quietly done during his lifetime, remembering those little details which mirror a friend's life and work sharply and clearly in our minds.

Tom loved his home, his family and his work. He passed on while cutting the grass on his lawn before he left home for his day's work.

All of us will remember his spirit, his congenial, Christian philosophy of life for a long time.

The Bond Election

Never before in recent years have the divergent ends of Orange county expressed themselves as clearly as they did in the bond election vote last Tuesday. The refusal of the remainder of the county to see things with the same view as Chapel Hill... or should we write the refusal of Chapel Hill to view things with the same eye as the rest of the county... was clearly and pointedly made.

Several things stand out as a result of the bond election. A post-mortem view of an election never helps the winning nor the losing side. The winners are pleased. Their side has won. The losers are licked and a post-mortem can't change those vital votes that would have thrown the election the opposite way.

We believe that seven major reasons accounted for the defeat of the entire bond election. Those in no particular order of importance are: (1) not enough information released about how and where the school bond would be spent; (2) false information spread by the opponents to the issue; (3) fear of higher taxes; (4) lack of full information being released on new valuations; (5) fear of high cost of construction now; (6) little contact work done by the

supporters in the rural areas; (7) prejudice.

Forgetting for the time being the building of a county office building and the renovation of the present court house, one thing stands paramount in the results of the election. And that is this:

Hillsboro and Orange county rural citizens have refused to provide for a section of the county (which, incidentally, pays practically as much taxes as the remainder of the county put together) with the needed and necessary school buildings for the education of the youth of the county.

It's a sad commentary upon the voting intelligentsia of our citizens acting solely, we believe, on prejudice and personal hatred for a section which is outstripping the remainder of the county in accepting progress, to refuse them one of the most important earmarks of a progressive citizenry—adequate schooling.

A Threat To Ownership

One of the most worthy farm organizations in the country, the Farmers Home Administration, is about to be seriously wounded. This wounding will take place if the House Appropriations Committee's economy plan goes through. The House plans to cut out the entire authorization of \$35,000,000 for direct farm ownership loans and to reduce the FHA appropriations from \$90,000,000 to \$60,000,000. Other agencies will also be affected but FHA will be the hardest hit of the agricultural agencies.

And just what does this mean? It will mean that deserving farm families who can purchase farms only through FHA can not become farm owners. And many will find that their income will not provide them with adequate food, clothes and homes.

Farmers Home Administration is the only organization that loans to deserving farm families and then gives on-the-farm supervision. To give this supervision to each family, to help them to build and to show them ways of saving and earning, a unit of FHA is needed in every county to direct work in that county. To do this funds are needed. The House cuts would, of course, do away with these necessary funds.

There can be no question of the good that FHA has done. Observation has proved that farm families who have borrowed through this agency

are grateful. And they have much to be grateful for, because, through loans and direct supervision, they have raised their standards of living and become an asset instead of a liability to their neighborhood, county and state.

Since 1937 some 44,000 families have been assisted to attain ownership of farms. By April 30, 51,000 veteran applications for farm ownership were pending. If the proposed cut goes through these veterans will not be able to make home and farm purchases. They deserve a break.

In this county alone there are 200 families who are on the active list of the local FHA office. They are receiving production and subsistence loans. Twenty-six are buying farms on the time payment plan. They are given 40 years to pay for their farms. Five of them have already paid the entire sum in less than five years. When these 200 families applied for loans they showed that they wanted help and were willing to work to provide a better living for themselves and their families. They wanted financial aid but they also wanted advice as to the spending of that money. They wanted the advice of a farm specialist and that is what a Farmers-Home Administration agent is. It takes a well staffed office to carry on the work of supervising and loaning to 200 families in Alamance county. The cut would mean a reduction in FHA personnel to a point where one man would have to be responsible for perhaps several counties. One man cannot possibly do the work.

If the House as a group could but visit one of the many families who received a loan for a farm, there would be no delay in reversing the House action, if the House could see the shack that the family had lived in for so many years and then look at the clean, painted house with plenty of light and fresh air and a well kept yard, fruit trees and a chicken house. The first thing the lady of the family would show would be her rows and rows of canned vegetables and meats that she put up with the help of the FHA agent. Mr. Farmer would want the House to see his barn, his pigs and cows. He had one pig before, now he has three. He had one cow and now he has two. His family is well fed and he manages to sell meat and some milk and butter. His loan will be paid off next year.

Farmers Home Administration deserves to live. It has proved its worth. Alamance citizens cannot afford to let it slowly die for lack of funds. When one Alamance farmer becomes a farm owner he becomes a better citizen and the county and all in the county reap the benefits.

—The Alamance News, Graham

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

This column does not necessarily reflect the views or opinions of this newspaper.

To The Editor:

Thirteen miles of a winding highway separate Chapel Hill and Hillsboro. Those few miles could as well be thirty hundred. The differences in opinion about educational opportunities are so outstanding.

At present, the Chapel Hill townspeople would be happy to find themselves far enough away to put them in a county with more progressive attitudes towards school systems.

Too many Hillsboro people feel that the other town would be getting more than its share if the county should complete the Chapel Hill high school.

What would be the reaction if the situation were reversed? Would Chapel Hill blithely ignore Hillsboro's need with such thoughtless remarks as "We built ours; let them do the same" or "My taxes are high enough now without adding more" or "Now is no time for building"?

Tearing these statements down, one finds that Hillsboro did not pay for its entire school; the county took over the debt. Taxes would jump 12 cents—a small increase when compared with the

aid it would give to school children.

The argument that this is no time to build has only one answer. Children need to be taught now, not two, five or ten years from now.

What will be gained by waiting for prices to drop if young people are refused the opportunity to learn when they are ready for instruction?

Unfortunately, some people are opposed to any issue involving a tax increase; they are doubly opposed if it helps their neighbors. Either selfishness, greed or lack of foresight keeps them from seeing what their votes will mean in the future when they are no longer here to amend or defend their actions.

How will Hillsboro parents face their children and admit they deliberately took one big educational opportunity from the youth of Chapel Hill?

A Hillsboro Mother

By The News

If there were any superstitious Orange countians before last Friday, the thirteenth, there are probably none now, because it was early in the day that those who for several weeks had been watching their gardens suffer from the lack of rain, saw the answer to their prayers. The rain was not only welcomed by the farmers and small-scale gardeners, but by everyone else whose disposition had suffered from the intense heat of the previous week.

However, Saturday, the fourteenth proved to be a belated "Friday, 13th," at least in the Eno community. Lightning knocked out the lights in at least three houses, and James Bailenger, the indispensable electrician in the community, was busy until late in the evening restoring order in the homes of Mr. and Mrs. Tom

Lloyd, Mr. and Mrs. Herbert Halthcock, and in mine.

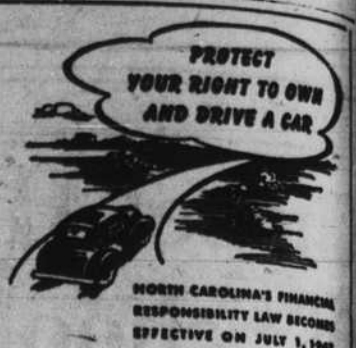
Also, on Saturday afternoon, a car was driven off the highway into a ditch by a truck which was passing when it shouldn't have been. Still another driver was forced to fix a flat in the hardest shower of the afternoon.

As if this were not enough for one afternoon, Mrs. Hauer Tapp reports that the light fixture in her living room fell, for no reason at all, and smashed to pieces. Perhaps the unlucky number isn't 13 after all.

PICNIC SEASON

The picnic season opened at Eno Sunday afternoon when approximately 200 of the community gathered in the recreation park for a supper of barbecue, cole slaw, cornbread and soft drinks. A barbecue pit, picnic tables, and benches have been built in the park, which was built last summer, in a grove of pine trees near the Duke Power plant. The residents of the community enjoyed many outings last year,

including brunswick stew, fish fries, and ice cream parties and everyone's looking forward to many community gatherings this summer.



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