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## People, Spots In The News

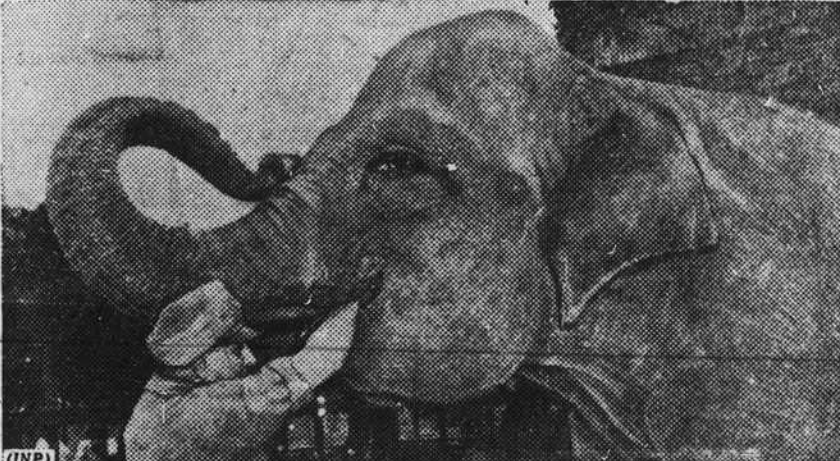


**HUGHES PERFORMS**—Government has formally accepted delivery of two XF-11 reconnaissance planes like that in which Howard Hughes is pictured here, and also of Hughes' Flying Boat, world's largest airplane, he revealed in Los Angeles. Only one Hughes plane remains undelivered.



**CATCHY CATCHER** is Corretta Thompson of Morehead City, N. C., as she displays 20-pound dolphin at the Gulf Stream edge.

**COTTON PICKIN' TIME** by the mechanical picker which is said to do the work of from 50 to 80 hand pickers in the cotton belt.



**STOP WORRYING—THEY'RE BOTH REPUBLICANS**—Jim Bevilacqua, Keeper at Highland Park Zoo in Pittsburgh, got his hand back after placing a big apple in his special pet's mouth.

## Farm And Home Week Red-Letter Days



Since its beginning 40 years ago, the biggest Farm and Home Week ever held is contemplated by John W. Goodman, secretary, and assistant director of the State College Extension Service as he goes over the events planned for August 25-29 with Director I. O. Schaub. Virtually every phase of farming and homemaking will be covered in activities on the State college campus, including exhibits, tours, demonstrations and lectures. List of prominent speakers includes Gen. Dwight D. Eisenhower, Miss Dorothy Thompson, Congressman Stephen Pace, Representative Harold D. Cooley, J. B. Hutson, Thomas J. Pearsall, Dr. T. B. Hutcheson, and others.

## Jim Crow Bus Seating Law Is Set For Trial In Superior Court Here

### School Lunches To Cost More Money This Year

Because of a decrease in the amount of money made available by the Republican dominated congress for school lunch rooms, parents in Orange county will pay more during the coming school year for lunches for their children than they did last year.

Actual cost of the lunches have not been set by Glenn T. Proffit, superintendent of schools, but it is known that the lunches will cost more money. Last year Orange county received from the federal government a total of \$16,744.59 for food. This amount was allocated to the county on the basis of nine cents per child per meal where milk was served; seven cents per child per meal where milk was not served; and two cents per child per meal where milk only was served.

During the coming school year the county will receive from the government money for food based on the scale of five cents where milk is served; three cents where no milk is served and two cents where milk only is served. Orange county last year received from the government a large amount of surplus commodities on which no monetary value has been placed.

The commodities received included the following: 215 bags of potatoes, 23 cases of pineapple, 20 cases of pears, 15 cases of beets, 40 bags of onions, 75 bags of cabbage, 31 bags of spinach, 35 cases of orange juice, 80 cases of tomato juice, 20 cases of cheese, 15 cases of peach jam, four cases of plum jam, eight cases of apricots, 17 cases of figs and 10 sacks of beets.

In addition to the allotment of commodities and the money based on the type and number of lunches served, the county also received a total of \$4,282.17 for equipment for the different lunchrooms in the county school system. According to Proffit, no money will be received this year for equipment unless some of the other counties in the state fail to use the money allocated to them. Then, that surplus would be channeled to the different counties for purchase of equipment. Proffit already has on file applications for \$6,000 for equipment in case any surplus money becomes available.

North Carolina school lunch program allotment for the coming nine months of school is \$2,241,509 or approximately one-half of the estimated needs. Amount to be allocated to Orange county has not yet been determined.

### Enfield Man Bids High On Auto

Jake Taylor of Route 2, Enfield, submitted the highest bid for the new 1947 Ford offered for sale by Hillsboro Post No. 85 of the American Legion, it was announced Wednesday morning by H. G. Coleman Jr., finance officer of the legion post.

Taylor's bid of \$1,906.50 topped the 12 other bids submitted. Four of the bids came from Hillsboro, two from Lexington, one each from Enfield, LaGrange, Louisburg, Mebane, Raleigh, Greensboro and Burlington.

### Says Legion Strongest U. S. Group

Speaking before one of the largest gatherings of legionnaires in Hillsboro in recent months, Roy L. McMillan, former commander of the North Carolina Department and former vice commander of the National American Legion, asserted in the high school auditorium here Tuesday night that the American Legion was the strongest, most powerful organization in the United States today.

The speaker appeared at a special meeting of the Hillsboro Post No. 85 of the American Legion designed to increase the spirit of the local post and to give men not members of the post an idea of the work of the Legion in North Carolina and United States.

Using as his topic, "The American Legion, Its Background, Its Program and Its Challenge," the former state commander, who is mentioned frequently as a candidate for governor of North Carolina, declared that the program of the Legion was the most extensive in the history of any organization. "The Legion's junior baseball program is easily worth the \$3 membership of a Legionnaire," he declared. He alluded also to the hospitalization, rehabilitation, and child welfare program of the Legion, calling attention to the Legion's outstanding work in those fields.

The Legion's challenge, the speaker declared, is to preserve the peace which its members fought to obtain in two great world conflicts. To preserve this peace, America needs to be strong. America needs to be prepared for any eventuality it may be called upon to face.

The program was arranged by Elmer Dowdy and Owen Robertson introduced the speaker.

### Red Cross Chapter Will Meet Tuesday

Carl C. Davis, chairman of the Hillsboro chapter of the American Red Cross, urges all those interested in the Red Cross to attend the meeting of the local chapter to be held at the Confederate Memorial Library on Tuesday night, August 19, at 8 o'clock.

The purpose of the meeting is the election of new officers. Miss Janet Cox of Rocky Mount, district supervisor, will be present.

### Motor Vehicle Registration Figures Given

Alamance county with 18,676 registered motor vehicles leads the six county area of Alamance, Caswell, Chatham, Durham, Person and Orange in motor vehicle registrations, according to a report from L. C. Rosser, commissioner of motor vehicle department in North Carolina. Durham ranks second with 18,549 while Orange, Person and Chatham counties, strangely enough, tied for third with 5,232 registrations. Caswell county has 3,657 vehicles registered.

A case expected to attract statewide attention is scheduled for next week's criminal term of Orange county superior court when four men are docketed for trial for violating the North Carolina bus seating statute.

The men, two from New York, one from Cincinnati, and one from Asheville, are scheduled for violating the statute on the night of April 13 at the Chapel Hill bus station.

The charge grew out of an incident which occurred when the four men, two Negroes and two white men, failed to observe the state bus seating rule of Negroes to the rear and white persons to the front of the bus.

Racial tension reached a high point, in some quarters of Chapel Hill and Carrboro as a result of the incident, and several charges were made of taxi drivers beating up Negroes. Several other incidents were alleged in which Dr. Charles E. Jones, pastor of the Presbyterian church in Chapel Hill, played a role.

Should the case come to trial as docketed, it is expected to have a far-reaching effect on the bus seating regulations in the state.

The men facing trial are Andrew S. Johnson, 21-year-old Negro of Cincinnati; Bayard Rustin, 32-year-old Negro of New York; Igal Roodenko, white man of New York and Joseph A. Felmont, white man of Asheville.

Charlie (Spook) Cotton, Negro of Carrboro, is scheduled for trial on a charge of murder. He is alleged to have killed Louise Farrington, Negro, of Carrboro on May 17.

Other cases are: George H. Gibbs, driving drunk; Cathlene Trice, two charges of forgery; T. R. Murray, reckless driving;

Charlie A. Brown, driving drunk; Lonie Freeland, driving drunk;

John Smith, speeding; Willie Ashley, breaking and entering; Rufus A. Moore, driving drunk; M. P. Ward, driving drunk;

Louise Farrington illegal possession of whiskey for sale; Robert Mitchell, larceny; Edward Griffith, driving drunk;

Utis Farrish, bastardy; Jim Willis Sr., assault with deadly weapon and robbery; L. C. (Bud-die) Medlin, assault with deadly weapon;

Hobart Ollis, larceny; Julius Buck Jones, breaking and entering; Jerry DePriest, reckless driving; Wade Higgs, reckless driving; Martin Watkins, affray; Willie Pitts and Charlie Brookshire, larceny; Joseph R. Daniels and Joe R. Daniels, fraud;

Colonel Millikan, bigamy; Henry Thomas Jenkins, breaking and entering and larceny; Spurgeon Blaylock, assault with intent to kill;

Raymond Jones, housebreaking and larceny; James Alston, assault with deadly weapon with intent to kill; James Alston, breaking and entering and larceny and damage to property;

Robert L. Rogers, three charges breaking, entering and larceny; John T. Johnston, reckless driving; John W. Jefferies, driving drunk;

Leroy Smith, breaking, entering; Howard Duncan, manslaughter; John E. Simon, breaking and entering; Raymond C. Lloyd, driving drunk; Wesley, breaking and entering and larceny and a second charge of larceny only;

Jake French, assault on a female with a deadly weapon; J. C. Carr, driving drunk; Charlie Mc-Broom, driving drunk; John A. Qualls, larceny; Jesse C. Mangum, driving drunk; Johnnie W. Walker and Henrietta Walker, immoral conduct; Edgar Rice, murder; and Elton Crotts, driving drunk.

Following next week's criminal term a civil term is scheduled for the following week. Judge Walter J. Bone of Nashville will be the presiding judge.

### West Hill Man Claims Quartet Robbed Him Of \$135

Charlie Williams of West Hillsboro has notified Durham police that Thursday night he was picked up at the edge of Durham by a man and three women who were traveling in a car bearing Georgia license plates and was later held up at pistol point and robbed of his wallet which contained \$135 in cash.

The alleged victim explained that after he was allowed to board the machine the crowd rode to Raleigh, then back to Hillsboro where the robbery occurred. After he was relieved of his money, the automobile headed back toward Durham, he said.

### 4-H Picnic Saturday At Hogan's

The annual county wide 4-H picnic will be held Saturday, August 16, at Hogan's Lake near Calvander.

This year's event will feature a health pageant, at which time the county Kings and Queens of Health will be crowned and a dress revue for the girls at which the county winner will be selected to represent the county in the district contest. In addition there will be games and swimming.

All 4-H club members are urged to come with a well filled basket and bring their parents and friends with them. The program will get underway around 10 o'clock Saturday morning with softball, horse-shoe pitching, swimming, etc. After lunch, the health pageant and dress revue will be given. Another feature of entertainment will be a bingo party.

Last year, in spite of threatening rain, over 200 club members and friends attended the picnic and it is expected that a much larger crowd will be on hand this year.

### County Board Ends Work On Revaluation

Orange county board of commissioners, Monday night in a special session completed the work of the board of equalization and review after more than 10 days of riding over the county investigating complaints raised by taxpayers.

By completing the work the board closed the door on the revaluation of property started early in the year by a board of three men who looked over practically every piece of property in the county during the time it was making the re-assessment on the taxable property.

The commissioners hailed the re-assessment as one of the best pieces of work done in Orange county in many years and were not hesitant in pointing out that without the revaluation the county's tax rate would have jumped considerably for the present fiscal year.

The commissioners asserted that before the revaluation many pieces of property were valued for taxation at a few hundred of dollars while in actual sales the property was bringing tremendous prices.

## REA Here Making Plans To Extend Electricity To 1,500 More Farms

The Piedmont Electric Membership corporation with headquarters in Hillsboro plans to extend within the next few months electric service to 100 new outlets—most of them on farms—and eventually will add 1,500 other customers at the completion of its long-range planning program, H. G. Laws of Hurdle Mills, president of the association, announced this week.

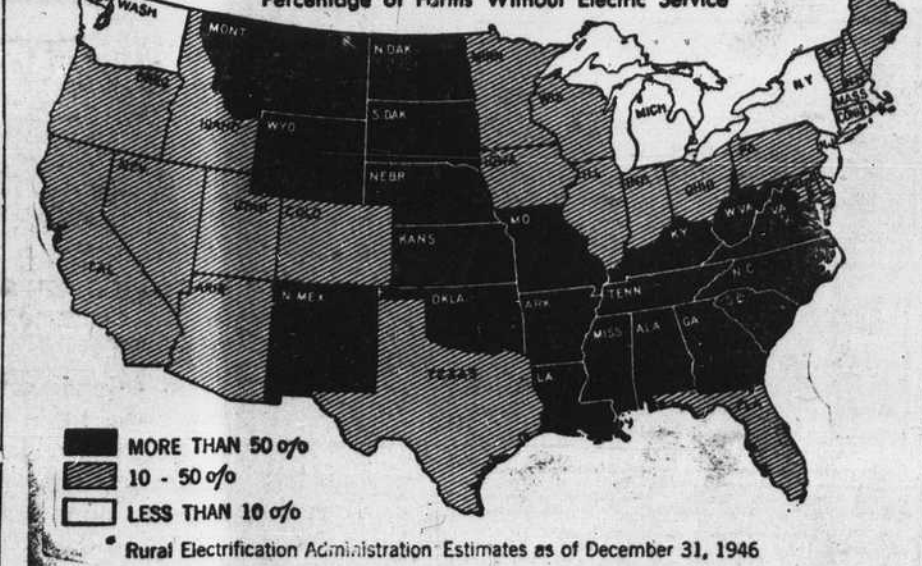
North Carolina still has 146,204 farms without electric service, according to a report just sent by REA to the Piedmont Electric Membership corporation, Hillsboro, President H. G. Laws of Hurdle Mills, announced.

About 2,500,000 of the nation's farms still do not have service, according to the figures received by President Laws. Great progress has been made, however, during the past 12 years, when the percentage of farms with electricity increased from 10.9 in 1935 to 57.4 as of the first of this year. In North Carolina, the figure has risen from 3.2% in 1935 to 4.9% now, Mr. Laws said.

Mr. Laws reported that the cooperative, organized in 1938 and financed with loans from the Rural Electrification Administration, now has 500 miles of line serving 1,600 consumers in Orange, Durham, Person, Alamance, Caswell, and Granville counties.

"Our construction program has gone ahead much slower than we had expected," Mr. Laws said. "Nevertheless, we added 400 families to our lines, during the past 12 months. We are building new lines just as fast as we can accumulate materials, men

Unlighted Rural Areas Show Electrification Job Ahead



and money to do the work. A year ago we had about 1,000 applicants for service, and now we have 1,600. Our principal difficulty at present is getting transformers, wire, meters, etc. We have ordered large quantities of line materials but deliveries are slow. The manufacturers promise delivery in 1948 on orders placed now. But so long as any rural family in this area cannot have electricity, our construction program cannot be considered finished. So long as North Carolina has 146,204 farms without electricity, we still have a long way to go."

Mr. Laws emphasized that the Piedmont Cooperative is an independent local business, controlled by local people. It has borrowed

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## 885 Farmers, 102,750 Acres In Orange County Benefitted By Soil Conservation Work

Farmer-supervisors of the Neuse River Soil Conservation District this week joined the supervisors of 1,900 other districts throughout the nation in observing two major events in soil and water conservation history.

First is the tenth anniversary of soil conservation districts; second is the reaching of the billion-acre mark in soil conservation district organization.

"The nation's first soil conservation district was created by landowners in North Carolina August 4, 1937," said Chairman Henry Hogan of the local district. That district is the Brown Creek Soil Conservation District which includes the farm where Dr. Hugh H. Bennett, now chief of the Soil Conservation Service, was born and reared.

Chairman Hogan said that the soil conservation district movement has made much faster progress than the pioneers in soil and water conservation first thought possible.

"We had no idea, when the first districts were being organized by farmers, that in 10 years we would have districts covering a billion acres," he said. "I believe that here is proof that landowners, when given an opportunity, will take the leadership in solving their own soil and water conservation problems. Each district is organized by farmers and controlled by them under authority of a state law."

Farmers in Orange county voted to organize the Neuse River Soil Conservation District. Since that time, soil conservation service technicians assigned to the district have assisted 885 farmers to plan and begin applying complete farm soil and water conservation programs on 102,750 acres.

### 4-H Club Week Is Scheduled

Annual 4-H club week will be held at N. C. State college, Raleigh, during the week of August 8. The morning periods will be devoted to assemblies and classroom instructions. The afternoon will be given over largely to tours, team demonstrations, games and swimming. Evenings will be devoted to singing, folk games, and other types of recreation. All 4-H club members over 14 years of age who may be interested in attending this event should immediately contact the local farm home agent.

## THE NEWS Asks . . .

What so-called luxury item in your home would you find it hardest to get along without?

Mrs. Lantham Latta, Hillsboro: "The refrigerator. It is hard to imagine how inconvenient it would be not to have one."

Kenneth Rosemond, Hillsboro: "The radio. When I'm sitting around taking it easy, I like to have the entertainment the radio provides."

Will Beard, Hillsboro: "The electric stove, because I have to fry my eggs for breakfast every morning."

Miss Marjorie Cole, Hillsboro: "The newspaper. It's the first thing I look for in the morning."

Rev. E. D. Young, Greensboro: "The refrigerator, because we have become so accustomed to having it that it can hardly be called a luxury now."

Mrs. C. L. Nelson, Hillsboro: "Having had a taste of the inconvenience of getting along without my electric iron, I know that it must be the most important so-called luxury item to me."

### Jeanette Miller At Red Cross Meeting

Miss Jeanette Miller of Hillsboro is representing the Orange county chapter of the Junior Red Cross at a 10-day meeting being held at Lake Jackson, near Covington, Ga., from July 12 through July 22.

Approximately 200 Junior Red Cross members from several Southern states are attending the conference and will be taught first aid, life saving, and home nursing.

### ATTEND CONFERENCE

Carrboro—Mrs. R. B. Studenbaker and Mrs. Jesse West attended a two-day conference in Raleigh last week on "Education for Responsible Parenthood," sponsored by the state P.-T. A. The conference was held Tuesday and Wednesday in the state laboratory of hygiene.