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## The Rev. Irving E. Birdseye Named Presbyterian Pastor

The Rev. Irving Earl Birdseye of Syracuse, N. Y., will on Sunday, November 2, begin duties as pastor of the Hillsboro Presbyterian church, replacing Dr. S. W. DuBose who resigned recently to assume teaching duties at Davis-Elkins college in Elkins, W. Va.

The Rev. and Mrs. Birdseye were this week moving into the Presbyterian manse on Churton street.

He will hold regular services at the Presbyterian church Sunday. His wife is the former Mary Hughes Carmichael of Morristown, Tenn. They have been married two years, no children.

Following is a biographical sketch of the Rev. Birdseye:

Born in Syracuse, N. Y. Graduated from Blodgett Vocational high school, Syracuse, 1938. Received A.B. degree from Tusculum college, Greeneville, Tenn., 1943. Served a group of small rural churches while attending college.

Received S.T.B. degree from Union Theological Seminary, New York, N. Y., 1946. During three years in seminary, served as assistant pastor at the Eastchester Presbyterian church, New York, and as supply pastor of the First Presbyterian church, Oceanside, L. N., New York.

Licensed to preach by the Presbytery of Syracuse in April, 1945. Ordained by the same body in May, 1946. During summer of 1945, served as Director of Religious and Recreational Activities at the Holston Orphanage, Greeneville, Tenn.

Became member of Orange Presbytery, Synod of North Carolina, October, 1946, serving as Stated Supply to the Deep River Presbyterian Parish (Gulf, Goldston, Cummock, Farmville). Now completing work toward masters degree in the Department of Sociology with special emphasis on the rural church at the University of North Carolina. Will begin duties as pastor of the Hillsboro Presbyterian church on November 2, 1947.

## Fish Ponds Are Stocked With Bream

The following farmers in Orange county received fish for their farm fish ponds last week through the Soil Conservation Service: A. S. Blackwood and S. H. Basmight, Chapel Hill community; Ralph Hudgins and W. E. Berry, Mebane community; Gary W. Lloyd, Fredrick Miller and Brothers and Van Kenyon, Hillsboro community; Jeff Roberts, B. C. Corbett, Odie Wilson and G. C. Kennedy of the Cedar Grove community.

The Federal Fish and Wildlife Service furnished the fish for stocking these newly built ponds and personnel of the Neuse River Soil Conservation district, Orange county work unit, assisted these farmers in the building of their ponds by way of technical advice and in securing the fish.

Bream (the blue gill) are put in the ponds in the fall, and the bass will be put in next spring. With proper fertilizing, these ponds should provide fair fishing one year after the stocking.

## Thomas Assigned



Seth L. Thomas, above, former employee of The News, will be assigned to Jacksonville as state highway patrolman after he is sworn in at ceremonies in Raleigh Saturday.

Thomas last week completed the training course for future highway patrolmen in Chapel Hill, and said this week that he had been assigned to Jacksonville for further field training.

He is a graduate of Hillsboro high school and served overseas in the army during the second world war.



## Highway Men Are Honored At Meeting

Graham—Approximately 300 Fifth Division employees of the State Highway and Public Works commission assembled at prison camp 501 here Wednesday to hear a series of talks by highway officials and participate in the awarding of service buttons to 32 of their number.

Presenting the awards to the men, whose length of service with the highway commission ranged from five to 25 years, Chairman A. H. Graham lauded their efforts expended in the construction and maintenance of the North Carolina highway system, and declared that 1946 and 1947 had seen more and better road work accomplished than in any previous two-year period in the history of the state. Fifth Division Commissioner George W. Kane, Division Engineer T. A. Burton, Administrative Assistant W. H. Rogers Jr. and Highway Auditor Sam N. Smith were among officials who made informal remarks before the group.

Men receiving the service buttons were: 25 years—S. A. Campbell, Goss Cheek, C. E. McLeod, J. G. Royals and C. I. Walters; 20 years—J. H. Lunsford; 15 years—A. H. Borland, E. G. Bush, G. C. Denny, H. C. Foust, R. V. Graham, J. D. Gwynn, J. W. Hooper, C. E. Murphy, W. T. McKee, T. S. Wright, W. A. Pearson, J. A. Wrenn, W. R. Pearson, A. R. Pierce, J. W. Rainey, C. H. Scott, G. M. Shelton, C. B. Sumner, L. J. Whitt and J. H. Workman; and five years—Raymond Y. Allen, William A. Atkinson, Preston F. Page, Eugene L. Slaughter and B. T. Craig.

Following the presentation of awards, all persons present for the meeting were guests at a barbecue supper held on the prison camp grounds.

## District Head Visits Lions Club Here

District Governor Francis Walker addressed the Hillsboro Lions club last Thursday at a well-attended meeting of the club.

He stated that Lions International was now the largest civic organization in the world, having 6,218 clubs with 330,000 members in 19 countries of the world. He said these clubs last year entered into 35,000 separate activities for the betterment of their local communities.

He announced that Melvin Jones, founder of the International Lions club, would be present at the Durham club's 25th anniversary on November 18.

Mr. Walker closed his address by complimenting the local club for its active work with the blind and the Boy Scouts.

## Mutt Smith Is Still Missing

All information concerning the mysterious disappearance of Milton "Mutt" Smith, son of Mr. and Mrs. W. L. Smith of Hillsboro, has been turned over to the SBI.

Mr. Smith said Wednesday that nothing had been heard from his son since he disappeared after attending the state fair Friday, October 17.

## Half Of County's Tobacco Sold; Sales May Start Again Monday

### Orange Men Show Champ Bulls At Fair

At the recent N. C. state fair a bull belonging to Lewis Cheek, route 1, Chapel Hill, was declared senior champion and grand champion of the breed.

The bull, "Tell Peggy's Sonny Boy" was declared by the judge as being an outstanding example of quality and type sought after by promoters of the breed. This senior bull is the herd sire of the splendid Ayshire herd owned by Lemuel Cheek, route 1, Chapel Hill. Another junior yearling heifer, "Lemola Rio Rita" won third place in her class at the fair.

Hugh Wilson, route 3, Hillsboro, exhibited a junior yearling Ayshire bull, "Lemola Clipper's Sir Hector," which won third place in his division.

Both of these men are interested in building good herds of this breed in Orange county. The animals exhibited by them give promise of adding quality, high milk production and butterfat content to the herds they represent.

### News of Eno

By Mrs. Lloyd B. Halthcock

The W. M. S. of Mt. Herman Baptist church will meet with Mrs. H. C. Halthcock Thursday evening at 7:30 p. m.

The Rev. W. H. Rittenhouse Sr. is still confined to his home because of illness. His son, W. H. Rittenhouse Jr., delivered the sermon at Mt. Herman Sunday.

Grover Clayton, Joyce Hunt, G. D. Clayton Jr., Audrey Hunt, Oscar Lashmit, Royal Robinson, and Kenneth Clayton attended the Duke-Wake Forest game Saturday.

Misses Mary Jo Harris and Peggy Strayhorn attended a dance in Sanford Friday evening.

Mr. and Mrs. W. B. Halthcock and son, Tim, were visitors in Macon over the weekend.

Mrs. J. M. Harris has returned from Watts hospital, where she underwent an operation recently.

Misses Mary Jo Harris, Peggy Strayhorn and Natalie Simpson attended the formal dance Saturday evening at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Gilbert Craig.

Mr. and Mrs. R. P. Jacobs were the dinner guests of Mr. and Mrs. L. B. Halthcock Saturday evening.

Mrs. Fannie Pearl Fulcher, a member of the Needham-Broughton high school faculty, and Miss Carrie Odum of Raleigh visited Mrs. J. M. Harris Saturday afternoon.

Mr. and Mrs. J. F. Widener, Mr. and Mrs. E. F. Harris, Mrs. Tom Barbee and Maben Barbee visited Mr. and Mrs. G. D. Clayton Sunday evening.

Eddie Ballenger spent the weekend visiting his grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Tom Johnson in Durham.

Miss Mary Ellen Williams, who is attending Elon college, spent the weekend with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. M. E. Williams.

**PARTY HONORS THREE WHO HAD BIRTHDAYS**

On Friday night, Mrs. Vernon Truesdale and Mrs. G. C. Truesdale entertained at a Pollyanna party in the home for the latter.

Card games and contests were enjoyed by the group, with prizes going to Mrs. H. C. Halthcock, Mrs. J. M. Harris and Miss Carolyn Jean Talley.

At the conclusion of the games, gifts which had been brought by the "Pollyannas" were distributed among the guests by Carolyn Jean Talley.

The party was also given in recognition of the October birthdays of Mrs. L. B. Halthcock, Mrs. L. H. Cox and Carolyn Jean Talley.

The guests were invited into the dining room. The table was covered with a lace cloth. Crystal candelabra held green burning tapers. At one end was placed a two-tiered birthday cake. Mrs. L. B. Halthcock cut and served the cake. Refreshments of ice cream, angel food cake, and coffee were served to Mrs. H. V. Stafford, Mrs. L. H. Cox, Mrs. T. E. Lloyd, Mrs. Paul McKee, Mrs. W. F. Lark, Mrs. Jack Van Vynck, Mrs. Walter Simpson, Mrs. W. B. Halthcock, Mrs. L. B. Halthcock, Mrs. A. D. Clayton, Mrs. J. E. Ballenger, Mrs. W. T. Talley, Mrs. H. C. Halthcock, Miss Carolyn Jean Talley and the hostesses, Mrs. G. C. Truesdale and Mrs. Vernon Truesdale.

Efforts were kept alive Wednesday that the flue-cured tobacco markets in North Carolina and Virginia would re-open on Monday following a four-day shutdown because of the withdrawal of all British buyers from the market.

The withdrawal of the buyers struck a death blow at the tobacco crop in Orange county with only 50 per cent of an estimated 5,000,000 pounds marketed.

Don S. Matheson, who released the figures, said that last year Orange county marketed 5,778,249 pounds of tobacco. "Based on this figure," he said, "there would be at least two and a half million pounds yet to be marketed."

He added: "Leaders in government, industry and farm organizations are working together to try to keep the market stabilized. The government, through the Stabilization corporation, is prepared to provide a floor price at 90 per cent of parity. The newly organized Tobacco Associates, with J. B. Hutson as president, is working to divert tobacco that ordinarily goes to Britain to other foreign countries."

Approval by Secretary of Agriculture Clinton P. Anderson of a government loan proposal whereby British buyers will continue to buy leaf brought hopes for the reopening of sales on Monday.

Fred Royster of Henderson, president of the Bright Belt Warehousemen's association and chairman of the marketing committee, said that in all probability the markets would reopen Monday.

Most tobacco men expressed the belief that the brief sales holiday would have a healthy effect on prices. Confidence was expressed that prices will rise to the level existing prior to the British ban announcement.

## Farm Bureau Seeks 1,000 In Orange

With approximately 500 members already signed up in the Orange county farm bureau, the membership committee is entering the final weeks of the drive to secure Orange county's quota of 1,000 members before the deadline, November 15.

In view of the present crisis on tobacco, Orange county farmers are well aware of the necessity of maintaining strong farm organizations to look after the interest of all farmers.

Every farmer not yet signed up should see the committeeman in his community and sign up right away.

The following men are on the membership committee: R. C. Compton, John Cates, Zeb Burton, John Williams, G. F. Linder, G. D. McAdams, Jim Monk, Clyde Roberts, Harold Walker, J. M. Dickey, J. C. Jordan, L. J. Rogers, A. J. Pope, Joe Dickey, Jack Hogan, J. S. Dark, W. G. Carruthers, John H. Brown, W. L. Miller, Jeff Atwater, John Hawkins, Clyde T. Roberts, J. L. Phelps and John McDade.

## Orange County Grange Backs Food Saving

At a meeting of the Orange County Pomona Grange held at the American Legion hut in Hillsboro, the President's food conservation program was endorsed and Orange county farmers asked to do all they could to cooperate with it.

The advisability of having poultryless days when there seems to be a surplus of poultry and eggs was questioned and the Grange recommended that the President's food committee study the statistics offered them by the Department of Agriculture.

G. O. Reitzel was re-elected master of the organization and Manly Snipes of Orange Grove community is the new overseer. Other officers are as follows: Lecturer, Mrs. Clyde Roberts; secretary, Christine Cates; treasurer, Miss Martha Lloyd; steward, Aubrey McLennon; assistant steward, Richard Roberts; lady assistant steward, Mrs. R. L. Mohler; chaplain, W. A. Davies; gatekeeper, Don S. Matheson; Pomona, Mrs. Winston Strayhorn; Ceres, Mrs. Harold Walker; flora, Jesse Ward; executive committee, Fred Reitzel, J. R. Pulley, W. T. Roberts.

## Associate Editor



Appointment of Mrs. Mae V. Lark as associate editor of The News of Orange County is announced this week by J. Roy Parker, president of The News, Inc., and Harry D. Hollingsworth, editor of The News.

Mrs. Lark in September completed one year of work with The News and has served in several capacities during that period.

She is a graduate of Hillsboro high school and studied at Duke university. She is a resident of the Eno section of Orange county.

## Cedar Grove

Aycock high school will hold its annual Halloween carnival Friday night. The program will consist of Halloween stunts under the direction of Mrs. Tom Dula. Other attractions will be two contests, the "Ugly Man" contest and a baby contest.

The contestants for the "ugly man" are as follows with sponsors: Dewey Blackwell, third grade; William Dorsett, fourth grade; James Wade, fifth grade; Jimmy Winslow, sixth grade; Burch Compton, seventh grade; Herman Tate, eighth grade; Harris Pope, ninth grade; Tom Dula, tenth grade; Luther Boone, eleventh grade; E. F. Cude, twelfth grade.

Contestants for the baby contest are: second grade, Jane Wells; third grade, Bill Allen; fourth grade, Judy Walters; fifth grade, Betsy Ann Wright; seventh grade, Tommy Compton; eighth grade, Larry Rogers; ninth grade, Matt Ransom; tenth grade, Kathy Walker; eleventh grade, Joyce Oliver; twelfth, Brenda Phelps.

Other attractions will be side shows, fishing, fortune-telling and movies, and refreshments will be sold.

Everyone is cordially invited to attend and share in the fun of Halloween.

The Woman's Missionary society of the Methodist church conducted a program on the "College Advance" during the Sunday School hour Sunday a. m. Miss Avett, the Orange county Bible teacher, talked on work at Scarritt college.

Born to Mr. and Mrs. Curtis Nichols at Watts hospital October 10, a son, Curtis Ausborne.

Born to Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Rountree at Duke hospital, October 24, a son.

The community has been saddened by the death of the Rev. J. C. Williams. Mr. Williams was pastor of the Cedar Grove Methodist church for four years. He was transferred to the Fremont charge three years ago. The Rev. and Mrs. Williams have a large number of friends in this community all of whom regret to hear of Mr. Williams sudden passing last Sunday morning.

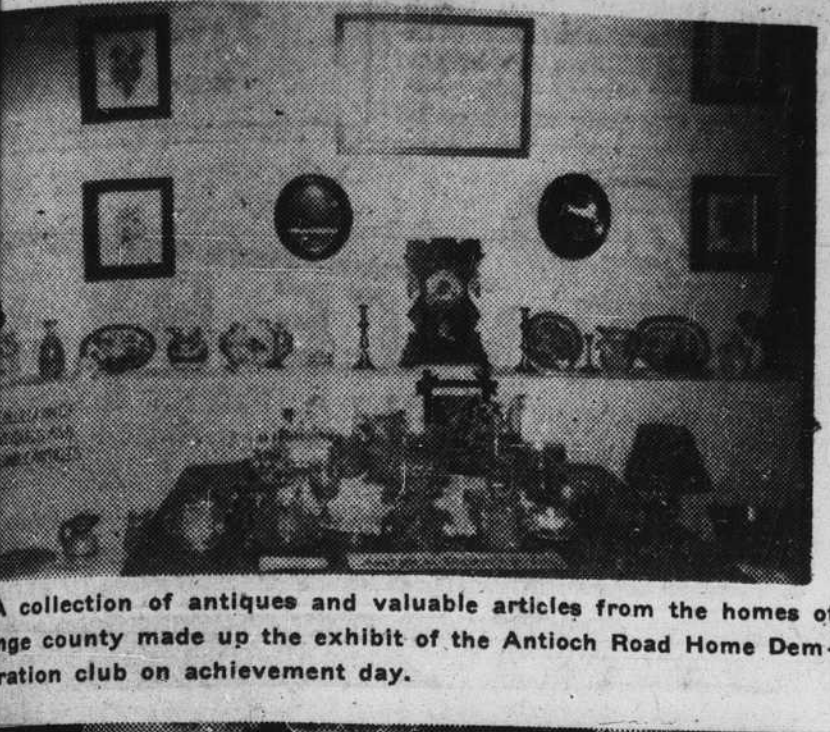
Mr. and Mrs. Billy Finley and Miss Mildred Finley went to see "Gone with the Wind" in Durham Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. C. H. Pender spent Sunday at Natural Bridge and other points of interest in the Blue Ridge mountains in Virginia.

Mrs. Z. C. Burton is a patient in Duke hospital.

Mrs. E. C. Compton has returned to her duties in the Aycock lunch room after having been ill for the past two or three weeks.

A large number of relatives and friends from this community attended the funeral of "Jim" Smith in Gibsonville last Sunday. Mr. Smith died suddenly Saturday morning. He was the husband of the former Miss Nannie Lee Compton of this community.



Recreation Center exhibited by the Schley club at annual meeting of county home demonstration clubs. Figures in the exhibit were made from clothespins.

## ED Speaker Points Out Education Divergencies and Effect On County

## Harvest Festival Held

The New Hope Harvest festival was held Wednesday afternoon and night at the New Hope Grange located at the rear of the New Hope Presbyterian church.

Principal speaker for the event was Commissioner of Agriculture Kerr Scott.

Fred Leaper of radio station WPTF in Raleigh was master of ceremonies and the program featured talks by Don S. Matheson, county farm agent, John W. Woodman of the extension service headquarters in Raleigh, and R. W. Brady, mayor of Chapel Hill.

At the dinner meeting Wednesday night the Rev. George Pickard pronounced the invocation and Harry Caldwell, assisted by Mrs. Caldwell, acted as toastmaster.

## Permits Not Revoked When Test Failed

If an applicant fails to pass the state-required examination for a driver's license, he is entitled to another examination and his present license is not revoked, it was explained this week by Highway Patrolman T. P. Hofer.

Several people have been informed that their driver's license was revoked if they fail to pass the tests. "This is a mistaken impression," he said. "A man is entitled to study up on the parts of the tests he fails and to take another examination before January 1, 1948."

However, if a man whose license is supposed to be renewed before January 1 fails to do so, it is automatically revoked and he must pass the test before he can legally drive in the state.

Persons whose last names begin with either A or B are required under state law to secure a new driver's license before January 1.

## FORMER PASTOR HERE SUNDAY

The Rev. S. W. Oldham, former pastor at the Hillsboro Baptist church, will conduct regular Sunday morning services at the church Sunday, November 2, it was announced this week. The Rev. Mr. Oldham was pastor of the church 15 to 20 years ago.

## COUNTY BOARDS MEET MONDAY

Regular monthly meetings of the Orange county board of commissioners, the school board and the welfare board are scheduled for Monday, November 3.