

Schools Are Open; Bad Roads Expected As Thawing Continues

With the reopening of schools Wednesday morning Orange county returned to near normalcy this week after "digging out" of the worst snow and ice storm to hit the vicinity in recent years.

School Superintendent Glenn Moffitt announced plans to resume school operations late Tuesday afternoon following an inspection tour of the Efland, Caldwell and Aycock districts and after studying reports of rural road conditions in other sections of the county. However, he expressed fear that roads might become worse with the thawing-out process of the next several days.

Last weekend's snow and sleet, which blew in from the northeast, reached depths of 6 to 9 inches in this vicinity. Although no official weather records are available in Hillsboro, Police Chief Tom Roberts reported measuring 6 inches of snowfall in the town. Chapel Hill reported an estimated 7 inches while Durham was blanketed with more than 9 inches.

Sheriff's office in Hillsboro Wednesday morning reported no accidents of any consequence reported to them during the week.

1947 Was Good Year For Swine Breeding In State

The North Carolina Swine Breeders' association conducted 16 purebred hog sales during 1947 and sold 354 hogs for \$36,257, according to Jack Kelley, extension swine specialist at State college.

Mr. Kelley stated that this was quite an increase over the 1946 sales when 136 hogs were sold for \$13,174.

The highest average received for purebred hogs during 1947 was obtained by breeders from Forsyth county when they consigned 11 hogs to the national sale at Centerville, Ind., the specialist said. These hogs sold for \$2,372, or an average of \$215.63 per head.

Plans for next year's sales have already been made, Mr. Kelley said, and the list of sales include the following: Berkshire Sale, Southern States Fair Ground at Charlotte, January 29; Duroc Sale, Worsley's Livestock Market at Rocky Mount, February 16; All Breed Sale, Benthall's Livestock Market, Rich Square, February 25; and All Breed Sale, Sawyer's Livestock Market, Elizabeth City, February 26.

Not only is the association planning these sales, Mr. Kelley said, but they have set up the following four-point program to be carried out this year: improve purebred hogs by production testing; use pasture to prevent worms and diseases; consign only outstanding hogs to purebred sale; and take part in county and district fat barrow shows.

Hillsboro P.T.A. Meets Tuesday; Eskridge Speaker

J. Dumont Eskridge, Hillsboro attorney and solicitor of the Orange county recorder's court, will be the speaker at the P.T.A. meeting in Hillsboro high school auditorium Tuesday night, February 10, at 7:30 o'clock, it was announced this week.

Eskridge will speak on the topic, "Are School Buildings Adequate," in addition to Eskridge's talk, a founder's day program will be given.

House-To-House Canvass Sunday

Chapel Hill—At the January 12 meeting in Town Hall, the Chapel Hill Community Council initiated plans for a Community Fund drive to raise money for six local organizations, namely: the Boy Scouts, the Girl Scouts, the white and Negro recreation centers, the Emergency Medical Care fund, and the Negro Day Care nursery school.

Mrs. U. T. Homes, president of the Community Council, appointed Mr. and Mrs. Paul Green co-chairmen of the drive.

Canvassers have been requested to meet at the Town Hall Thursday evening at 8 o'clock to make final plans for the house-to-house canvass to be made for the drive Sunday afternoon, February 8.

Mrs. Paul Green stated that they hoped to reach the goal of \$10,085, the amount requested by the six groups.

Exchange Club Play To Run For Two Nights

"Fun For You" is the name of a big variety show which is being sponsored by the Hillsboro Exchange club to raise funds for a wading pool at the Hillsboro community center, and which will be staged in the high school auditorium on Thursday and Friday evenings, February 12 and 13, at 8:13 p. m.

There are 10 scenes in this big stage show. They include impersonations of such popular radio programs as "The Quiz Kids," "Singing Commercial," "Barn Dance and Grand Old Opera Scene," "Dr. I. Q. Quiz Show," "Tom Breneman's Breakfast in Hollywood," and a patriotic number called "Treasury Star Parade."

In this home talent show, the audience has an opportunity to compete for silver dollars, orchid corsages, nylons, and many other valuable gifts which are awarded to those who give the correct answers in the quiz show and variety scene numbers in the production.

Change Necessary In Old Belt

Tobacco growers in the old belt realize this year more than ever before that they must change from the old line varieties to the broader leaved and thinner bodied cigarette type tobaccos.

The 400 variety produces good yields and of brighter cigarette tobacco than other varieties now being grown generally in the old belt and should be adopted by growers who do not have black shank disease in their soil. Four hundred ranked among the four top yielding varieties in a variety test conducted in the old belt in 1947. This variety ranked first among nine varieties in quantity of bright cigarette tobacco produced. Where black shank is not a problem, Yellow Special also has been found by a member of growers to produce good yields of quality tobacco.

Where black shank is a problem, the grower should stick to Oxford-1 and follow a two or three year rotation. On severely infested soil, Oxford 3 will show more resistance to the black shank disease, though Oxford 3 is not of as good quality tobacco as Oxford 1. Some of the Vesta strains, having resistance to black shank, may be tried on a limited scale.

The 400 and Yellow Special grow with a yellow cast and must, therefore, be allowed to become well ripened before priming.

Proper topping and spacing tobacco have an important bearing on the production of bright cigarette tobacco. Growers must practice fairly high topping and space the tobacco in the row at 20 to not over 24 inches between hills. On strong land, some of the medium leaved varieties such as Oxford 26 should be spaced about 18 inches.

The fertilizer rate definitely affects the quality of tobacco. Growers who figure on increasing the fertilizer enough to produce as much tobacco on 28% less land as they grew in 1947 will do well to revise their plans. Fertile soil and where legumes, such as lespedeza, are grown in the rotation should be fertilized with a 2-10-6 at the rate of 800 to 1,000 pounds per acre. Some of the gray sandy soils may be fertilized with 1,000 to 1,200 pounds per acre of a 3-9-6 or 3-9-9 on potash deficient soil.

Four hundred and other varieties of tobacco seed are available from certified seed growers. See your county agent for details.

Church Circle Holds Meeting

Chapel Hill—The Walter Patten circle of the Methodist church met at the home of Mrs. Eugene Andrews on Monday afternoon. Mrs. R. M. Grumman and Mrs. Etta Grumman were hostesses for the Clyde Eubanks circle, and Mrs. W. E. Pell was co-hostess with Mrs. M. H. Stacy for the Laura Mangum circle at Mrs. Stacy's home. The Minnie Wilson circle met at Mrs. B. L. Smith's.

The Presbyterian church's circle No. 1 met at the home of Mrs. David Arthur Monday afternoon with Mrs. Paul Guthrie co-hostess. Circle No. 2 was entertained by Mrs. Richard Jente.



More than 2,000,000 members of the Boy Scouts of America will observe Boy Scout Week, Feb. 6th to 12th, marking the 38th anniversary of the organization. This year Boy Scouts are emphasizing conservation of food and natural resources, planting gardens, safety and fire prevention, home repairs and personal health check-up. Scouting promotes world peace through World Jamborees and practical help among 42 nations with 4,409,780 members. Through its World Friendship Fund of voluntary gifts the Boy Scouts of America helps Scouts overseas to rebuild their units. So far, more than 3,000 tons of equipment have been shipped. Above is the official poster marking the Scout birthday.

Full Program Is Arranged For REA Meeting Saturday

An estimated 1,000 members of the Piedmont Electric Membership corporation from six counties will converge upon Hillsboro Saturday morning for the ninth annual meeting of the group. The session will begin at 10 a. m. in the high school auditorium with President H. G. Laws presiding.

Dr. David S. Weaver, assistant director of extension service at State college in Raleigh, will deliver the principal address at the morning session before visitors from Orange, Durham, Granville, Alamance, Person and Caswell counties.

The meeting will adjourn at noon for barbecue and Brunswick stew. Dinner will be served by ladies of New Sharon, Methodist church.

Scheduled to speak at the afternoon session, which will get under way at 1:30 o'clock, is Avery C. Moore, representative of the national association of REA lines.

The election of officers and the drawing of prizes awarded by local merchants will comprise the remainder of the afternoon program with adjournment scheduled for 3:30 p. m.

The Piedmont corporation currently is serving 1,800 members with electricity over a network of 500 miles of lines in the six counties. However, long-range plans call for the corporation to serve 3,500 members with 1,080 miles of lines by 1952. Over 100 miles of lines have been built and 500 members have been added during the past year.



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Future Of Dairying In County Is Presented By Don Matheson

Don S. Matheson, Orange county farm agent, is a great booster for dairying in Orange county and it is with pleasure we present this week his ideas on the future of dairying in Orange county and more particularly during 1948.

WHAT ABOUT DAIRYING IN 1948?

By Don S. Matheson

One man's guess is about as good as another as to what 1948 has in store for dairy farmers. It is a well known fact that feed prices are good, but the milk price are most likely to remain so all of this year. It is also true that milk prices are good, but the milk price is not so favorable in its relation to feed prices as it was some few months ago. Feed prices and other items of expense that enter into the cost of producing milk fluctuate from day to day, but it is the custom, whether wise or not, for milk prices to remain constant for a period of months or even years. Our present milk prices were formulated when feed prices were much lower than they are today. In 1948, it will be one of the main problems of the milk producer to do all that he can to lower his feed cost. It should

be remembered that feed cost is about one-half of the total cost of producing milk.

Where an abundance of good hay and silage are available, it will be the part of wisdom to cut the amount of grain feed to the minimum. This will cause the cows to consume more roughage and thus derive more nutrients from this source. Cows that are fed a heavy grain ration will not consume the amount of hay, silage and pasture that would be the most economical. Far too much of our milk is produced from high priced concentrates. Unless concentrate consumption is lowered and more nutrients secured from roughages, 1948 has in store lower net profits for dairymen.

In many cases resorting to more simple grain mixtures will lower feed costs, and result in the production of just as much milk or even more. If a good source of carbohydrate, such as home grown corn and a good source of protein, such as cottonseed meal are available, a home-made mixture composed largely of those two things supplemented with such other grains as may be available will give good results and lower the cost of the grain ration. It would seem wise to plan for

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Commissioners Adopt Plan For Evaluating Automobiles

The Orange county commissioners, meeting Monday in their regular monthly session, drew a jury list for the March term of Superior court; adopted a procedure for evaluating automobiles for tax purposes, and heard a report of progress on the paint job now under way at the county jail. Chairman Collier Cobb presided.

Used car values quoted in the annual edition of Red Book of the National Used Car Market Report, Inc., previously had served as a basis for automobile tax valuation in Orange county. However, a survey of the 1948 Red Book disclosed that the recent inflationary trend had pushed used car prices 5 to 22 per cent higher than last year for the same model automobiles. In view of this increase the commissioners decided to base tax valuations on figures contained in last year's Red Book.

County Accountant Ira Ward reported to the commissioners that satisfactory progress is being made on the jail paint job. A considerable saving may be realized since the work is being performed by prison labor.

The list of 44 names drawn for jury duty from the seven townships follows:

Hillsboro—Lindsay M. Lloyd, Sidney Green, Lonnie E. Dickey, Robin M. Williams, W. B. Coleman and D. Curtis Rhew.

Chapel Hill—C. B. Mayse, R. D. Roscoe, Homer R. Topp, Mrs. Obie Davis, Albert Poe, L. B. Collins and R. L. Fowler.

Cedar Grove—Henry Tate, Dallas H. Brooks, R. M. Anderson, C. L. Byrd, John A. Parker, Jule C. Long, R. L. Wilson, Sherman E. Long, J. Tom Tate, Ernest Tate, D. J. Oliver, J. L. Roberts and Gordon Anderson.

Eno—O. H. Cook, E. T. Blakeley, W. O. Parrish, W. T. Riggsbee, C. R. Miller and Beatrice Umstead.

Bingham—Settle Crawford, L. C. Cooper, Sr., Strowd Long and C. W. Stanford.

Little River—William McChelani Hunt, S. N. Riley, David Robinson, Henry T. Robinson and Lloyd T. Hopkins.

Cheeks—Chester W. Thompson, J. E. Taylor and W. G. Smith.

Overseas Relief Drive Scheduled For This Sunday

The Hillsboro Overseas Relief house-to-house canvass will be held this Sunday afternoon from 2 to 3 p. m. The drive was cancelled last Sunday because of the weather but every effort will be made this Sunday to cover Hillsboro, West Hillsboro, Fairview and the homes along the Durham road and St. Mary's road. Trucks manned by the Lions club, Exchange club, the Girl Scouts and the Boy Scouts will leave from the court house at 2 p. m. and visit every home in the town.

Affray Charge Brings Fine Of \$50, Costs

Chapel Hill—William Lattimore and Bruce Baldwin, Negroes, were found guilty by Judge H. A. Whitfield in the recorder's court on February 3 of participating in an affray where deadly weapons, pistols and knives, were used. They were fined \$50 plus costs and sentence to three months confinement in the Orange county jail to be assigned to work on the roads of the state. The sentence was suspended for three years on good behavior.

James Nunn, Negro, driving under the influence of alcohol, fined \$100 and costs.

Walter Lee Bynum and Bruce Baldwin, Negroes, carrying concealed weapons, both fined \$50 and costs. Baldwin's sentence of six months on the road and Bynum's sentence of three months on the road suspended for two years on condition that neither shall be found in Chapel Hill or Carrboro during the two-year period.

Walter McCauley, Negro, drunk, \$25 and costs.

James Farrington, Negro, operation of motor vehicle while in possession of altered driver's license, \$50 and costs, six months sentence suspended for two years on condition that he does not operate a vehicle on N. C. highways for the two-year period.

Lonnie DeGraffenreid, Negro, Orange county resident, no driver's license, \$10 and costs.

William E. Spurlin, parking on sidewalk and failing to bring in citation, costs.

Allen H. Moore, parking on sidewalk and failing to bring in citation, costs.

George W. Campbell, Negro, Winston-Salem resident, speeding, costs.

Betty Burnett, Negro, drunk, \$5.

Woodrow Mathey, drunk, \$5 and costs.

W. S. Dodson, resident of Maryland, drunk, costs.

Joseph D. Williams, Winston-Salem resident, no driver's license, no pros.

Edward Hopkins, no driver's license, no pros.

New Drug Store Opens For Business

Chapel Hill—Sloan's Drug Store, opened Tuesday afternoon and welcomed all townpeople to come in and look around at the modern interior and the varied display of merchandise. The new store is located on the corner of Franklin and Columbia streets in the building formerly occupied by Penders.

W. L. Sloan, owner of the drug store, and Mrs. Marshall Brewer are the pharmacists in the prescription department. Joseph Sloan, W. L.'s brother, and James Peace of Siler City are salesmen in the store, which has a soda fountain, candies, toiletries and gift assortments.

Fesler Will Head A.A.U.P. Chapter

Chapel Hill—James W. Fesler, professor of political science, was elected president of the Chapel Hill chapter of the American Association of University Professors at the chapter meeting Thursday evening in Gerrard Hall.

Samuel B. Knight of the chemistry department was chosen vice president and B. L. Ullman, professor of literature and classical languages, secretary-treasurer.

John N. Couch, botanist, and John P. Gillin, professor of anthropology, will serve on the executive committee.

Teaching Article To Be Reprinted In N. Hampshire

An article entitled "Teaching I Did Stick," written by Mrs. Lucille Noel Dula of Hillsboro, will be reprinted in an early issue of the New Hampshire Education Magazine. This article was featured in the January issue of the North Carolina Education Magazine.

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Raleigh—Committees from the state education commission will visit schools in Orange county on February 6, during a statewide study of North Carolina's public school system.

Information gathered in the survey will be used in compiling a report to the 1949 General Assembly, with possible recommendations for changes and improvements in the education program.

This section of North Carolina has been selected by the commission as one of the special study areas in the survey of the entire educational system of the state. School officials are cooperating with the commission in the study and will make their entire facilities available to visiting committee members.

Dr. H. F. Alves of the University of Florida, general consultant to the area of organization and administration and finance, will be in charge of the Orange county visits. His group will study transportation and school plants as well as organization and administration and finance.

The visiting committees are among 15 groups working with the state education commission. The commission was appointed by the governor following authorization by the 1947 General Assembly. A. Grady Rankin of Gastonia is chairman and W. H. Flemmons of Chapel Hill, executive secretary.

Community Council Is Talk Topic

Chapel Hill—Kevin S. Lanier, director of university student aid and central records office, spoke at the January 27 Kivwanis club meeting on the recent movement in Chapel Hill in organizing a Community Council. The council will be composed of representatives of the 60-odd clubs and organizations in Chapel Hill, and its objective will be to spot problems and bring them to the attention of the clubs on general community interest, to solve these problems and mobilize the efforts to solve them.

Lanier stated that in the absence of an organized Community Chest, the new Community Council, under the presidency of Mrs. U. T. Holmes, is lending its efforts to raise the 1947-1948 budget for the following activities: Boy and Girl Scouts, the Recreation Centers, Day Care Nursery and Emergency Medical Care.

Other serious community problems should be tackled at once, said Lanier. Among these are sewage disposal, the perennial parking problem, the school building situation, street maintenance, a Community Center and organized supervised recreation for the youth of Chapel Hill.

St. Mary's Grange Postpones Meeting

The Pomona Grange meeting planned for February 5 at St. Mary's has been postponed because of weather conditions. It has been announced by Henry S. Walker, master of the St. Mary's Grange.

Just A Case Of Getting Wrong Auto

Chapel Hill—William A. McKnight, Spanish professor, was as startled as he was pleased to see the car which he had believed stolen in the safe keeping of the Hazzard Motor company. Mr. McKnight's mother-in-law had parked the car in one of the campus parking lots on a snowy night last week. A few hours later, it had disappeared. The police were immediately notified and given the license number.

The next day Mr. McKnight was cruising around town when he spotted the very car at the Hazzard Motor company. When the tale was unraveled, it appeared that Hazzard had not turned detective, but only answered a call of distress from some snow-bound car owner. They just brought in the wrong car, that's all.