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41 Years Of Service Is Recognized



"BOO" COLLINS SMILES while "Miss" Mamie takes from an envelope the \$265 presented to her by the citizens of Hillsboro.

Hillsboro Expresses Thanks To "Miss" Mamie For Service

By MAE V. LARK

When representatives of the Morris Telephone Company came to Hillsboro in 1906 to offer telephone service to the town, they encountered difficulties. They couldn't rent a building downtown, for everyone was afraid that any structure housing the telephone equipment would stand too close to a chance of being destroyed by lightning.

The Morris officials couldn't have known how well they were to solve the problem when they approached Henry Murdock on the matter of installing the equipment in a room of his home on North Street, with the suggestion that it would create a job for his daughter, Mamie, which she could maintain in her own home. Not only did they secure headquarters, but also an operator who has served Hillsboro as the sole Morris representative ever since.

After assuming the position as operator in 1906, "Miss" Mamie worked the first three years for only \$15 a month, on duty 24 hours a day, with just enough time off to attend church on Sunday mornings and Sunday evenings. There were no telephones in Hillsboro at that time.

She continued her work after her marriage to W. A. Gordon. Her husband died in 1920 leaving three children, ages 10, 8, and 3 years. "Miss" Mamie disregarded all suggestions that she send her children to an orphanage. She was determined to rear them herself, and the fact that all three of them are college graduates is proof of her

success. Her two sons, Thomas and Jim, received their degrees at the University of North Carolina. Her daughter, Maria, now Mrs. Ed Barnes, of Hillsboro, graduated at Peace College. Thomas is a druggist in High Point, and Jim plans to go into business with an uncle in Charlotte.

The only serious illness that "Miss" Mamie has had during her 41 years of service was in 1934. She had an appendectomy and was hospitalized for 30 days. "Everyone else thought I was going to die," Miss Mamie said, "but I didn't think I would." The other members of her family judged their time and kept things in order at the switchboard during her illness.

"Miss" Mamie recalled that the longest period she had spent at the switchboard without sleep was 42 hours. On that occasion there were several deaths and cases of illness in town and calls were in for relatives all over the United States.

When we called on "Miss" Mamie Saturday afternoon for an interview she couldn't understand why she was receiving so much attention. "The people in Hillsboro seem to think I have done a good job," she said, "but I feel that I owe them any services I have rendered. If you want to say anything about me, please just tell the people how grateful I am to every one of them, not only for their most recent kindness, but for the thoughtfulness they have shown me ever since my husband died in 1920. I can't thank them all

individually for their favors, but I've appreciated every one of them.

When the new dial system was installed recently, "Miss" Mamie was relieved of the bulk of her duties, although she still serves as "information," sends out the monthly statements, and handles the details.

The idea of doing something for "Miss" Mamie originated with Miss Ida Lloyd, secretary in the school superintendent's office, who broached the subject to Charlie James, Boo Collins, and others in Hillsboro.

James mentioned the idea at a meeting of the Hillsboro Merchants Association, and the merchants immediately responded with several donations. When other citizens, subscribers to the old telephone system, heard about the plan, they also were immediately responsive. They wanted to show their appreciation to "Miss" Mamie for the many years she had served them. A sizeable sum of money was collected.

One citizen of the town recently remarked that during those years, "Miss" Mamie was the fire department, police department, ambulance caller, and doctor finder. She was relied upon to find almost anyone at any hour.

Ex-G.I.s tell stories of their calling home from California, New York and other places and about "Miss" Mamie's locating their parents at meetings, parties, church, or wherever they might be at the time.

Present Board To Seek Office In May Primary

The present three members of the Orange County Board of Commissioners Monday announced their intention to seek re-election to the board.

The Democratic primary is in May.

Collier Cobb Jr., of Chapel Hill, H. G. Laws of Hillsboro and Ben F. Wilson of near Mebane announced at the conclusion of the meeting Monday that they had filed for re-election.

John W. Umstead of Chapel Hill, State Representative, was the first to file for re-election this year.

Knife Wounds Bring Negro Instant Death

Arbie W. Parker, Negro, waived preliminary hearing in Orange County Recorder's Court Monday on a charge of slaying James Louis Ruffin, 21, Negro, in a free-for-all fight at a Negro roadhouse near Hillsboro Saturday night.

The murder was the third slaying in Orange County in the past several weeks.

Ruffin, Sheriff Sam Latta said, was stabbed in the throat and back and died within a few minutes.

John Henry Thompson, Negro, also suffered wounds in the fight and had to undergo hospital treatment.

Latta said the disturbance was created as an aftermath of a drinking party.

Other Cases

Other cases in the Recorder's Court Monday were:

Walter A. Moses, speeding, \$5 and costs; Henry Davis, drunkenness, \$10 and costs; Henry Davis, drunk, \$5 and costs;

Sylvester Potrat, drunk, costs; Marshall G. Costner, drunk and disorderly, \$5 and costs; George H. Pheribo, drunk and disorderly, \$5 and costs;

W. S. Workman, driving drunk, not guilty; Willie L. Norman, not providing adequate support for minor child, two years suspended on payment of \$10 per week for child's care;

Richard Williams, larceny, placed on probation; Lonie Wells, drunk and disorderly, \$5 fine and costs; Jesse Dority, cursing on highway in presence of two people, continued;

Wilson Honeycutt, placed under bond of \$1,000 when solicitor indicated he would not be tried for first degree murder; Booker T. Parker, drunk and disorderly and assault on female, \$15 and costs.

Safe Driving Exhibition Is Presented

Chapel Hill—The local post of the American Legion sponsored a safe driving exhibition Tuesday afternoon on Cameron Avenue between Malette and Graham streets. The demonstration, arranged for high school boys and girls who are learning to drive, included the measurement of time between the application of brakes and stopping of the car and the distances required for stopping at various speeds.

Edward S. Adams, safety expert from the Farm Bureau Mutual Automobile Association in Columbus, Ohio, drove a specially equipped automobile for the tests.

A program was given at the high school preceding the demonstration with Mr. Adams giving the main address. Also on the speakers' platform were Mayor R. W. Madry, School Superintendent Charles Davis, City Manager Gilbert Ray, and Chief of Police W. T. Sloan.

Ag Department Is Inspected

The Vocational Department at Hillsboro High School, which is under the direction of Elmer R. Dowdy, was the object of a study recently by the Negro vocational state supervisor and a number of teachers from surrounding counties.

The department was inspected completely and many of the Negro teachers are expected to profit from the tour, according to S. B. Simmons, state supervisor, whose headquarters are at A. & T. College in Greensboro.

Milner Leaves For Tokyo As Royall Aide

Chapel Hill—Charles F. Milner, associate director of the University Extension Division and the audiovisual section of the Communication Center, has left Washington by plane for Tokyo where he will spend 90 days as a consultant to Kenneth Royall, Secretary of the Army, and a visiting expert with the Civil Affairs Military Government on the problem of audiovisual education in Japan. His appointment was announced Saturday by Chancellor R. B. House and R. M. Grumman of the extension division.

Milner will work in Tokyo in co-operation with Japanese educators and the Civil Information and Education section on a program for the extension and improvement of Japanese education by audio-visual aids. He left Washington, where he was making preparations for the job; the first of the week, and is expected back from Japan in June to teach at the first session of summer school.

Mixed Signals

The gremlin got us this week. On page two and 11 you will find what was supposed to have been a double page spread for Belk-Leggett in Durham.

Instead of getting the spread in the center section, the pressman got his signals mixed and placed the pages on the wrong press run.

Just remove the outside section of the paper and you'll have Belk-Leggett's ad looking at you correctly.

County Board To Sit As Review Group

A prominent in-formulation of atomic policies. He led the fight in the House for civilian control of the atomic energy program.

In announcing his desire to be elected to his sixth term in the House of Representatives, Durham expressed appreciation of the support given him during the past two years of his House service and said he feels that his "experience during these trying times has given him a broader and better knowledge of governmental affairs."

Anyone feeling that his assessment is out of line with that of other assessments in his vicinity has the opportunity of appearing before the board.

In the regular monthly meeting Monday the commissioners heard a number of road petitions and transacted several matters of routine business.

Cancels Court

Chapel Hill Recorder's Court was not held this week because of the illness of Judge Henry A. Whitfield. A double session will be held next week.

Durham Formally Files For House

Rep. Carl T. Durham of Chapel Hill last week formally announced that he will seek re-election to Congress from the Sixth North Carolina District, declaring that never before in its history has the country faced a more serious situation with major problems affecting "American ideals," and warning that "if our type of free society is to be preserved, business, labor, professional men and all of our society must be willing to work and sacrifice for the public interest."

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"The position which I have taken on issues are a matter of public record, and I have endeavored to serve the people of my district to the best of my ability during this grave period," he declared. A graduate pharmacist, Congressman Durham attended preparatory school in Alamance county before completing his education at the University of North Carolina. He is seventh ranking minority member of the Armed Services Committee of the House, and as a member of the joint Committee on Atomic Energy, has been

First Soil Conservation Field Day In N. C. Is Set At Schley March 17; Expect Hundreds

A Soil Conservation Field Day will be held on the farm of Milton A. Latta, Route 1, Hillsboro, on March 17. This field day is being sponsored by the Schley Grange with the assistance of all agricultural agencies in the county. This is the first demonstration of its kind to be held in North Carolina. Hundreds of people are expected to attend this field day from all over the state. A demonstration of this kind was held last year in Ohio in which over 50,000 people were present.

The purpose of the field day is to demonstrate, the conservation practices necessary on this farm to prevent erosion, improve the soil, and to utilize to the best advantage all the natural resources of the farm. The practices to be demonstrated will include the following: Filling of gullies and seeding to pasture, treatment of old stand of kudzu, establishing wild life borders, maintaining old terraces and building new ones,

establish strip crops with and without terraces, treating established stand of alfalfa, reseeding and treating old pasture, seeding new pasture, laying out tobacco rows by the string method, relocating pasture fences, harvesting mature timber, thinning young pines, seeding serotia for erosion control, building farm fish pond, clearing up and seeding of water ways.

Most of the machinery and equipment necessary for carrying out the above practices will be furnished by members of the Schley Grange and other local farmers. Members of the G. I. Agricultural Training program, vocational agricultural departments, Neuse River Soil Conservation District, Soil Conservation Service, Extension Service, Production and Marketing Administration, with specialists from the State and regional offices of these organizations will also assist in carrying out this program.

In addition to the Soil Conservation practices, other features on the program will include demonstrations of some of the latest farm equipment such as: electric hay driers, water systems, feed grinders, post hole diggers, dirt pan, bulldozers, jeeps, etc. There will also be a show of purebred Spotted Poland China hogs exhibited by Orange County 4-H Club members. Lunch will be available on the grounds. A short program including comments by outstanding agricultural leaders will be held during the lunch hour. Music for the occasion will be furnished by the Hillsboro High School Band.

This all day program should be of much interest to every farmer in this area. The program will get under way at 10 o'clock in the morning and continue until 2 o'clock in the afternoon.

On an average farm a five-year Soil Conservation program will be demonstrated in one day.

House To Speak In Hillsboro Sunday Night

R. B. HOUSE, above, will be the speaker at the meeting of the Hillsboro Laymen's League Sunday night at 7:30 in the high school auditorium. House's topic will be "The Job of the Layman." Special music will be given by the Hillsboro junior choir.

Locker Plans Are Dropped

Plans for freezer lockers for Chapel Hill and Hillsboro were dropped this week by the Farmers Mutual, Inc., when it returned \$15 deposits to all patrons who had made the deposits to insure the operation of a plant.

In a letter accompanying the checks for \$15, the Farmers Mutual, Inc., asserted that the cost of operation of a plant in the two towns would be excessive.

C. W. Tilson, manager of the mutual organization, said in the letter that a lot was "purchased at a reasonable rate on which a community locker plant could be built. We made a study of what it would cost to build and equip a practical plant and found that, to be unreasonably high if built."

Tilson said that applications made were being kept on file for future use when it seemed wise to construct the locker.

Talk To Be Given On Meat Buying And Cookery

Chapel Hill—The Nutrition Committee of the American Red Cross announces a lecture on "Making the Most of Meat," by Mrs. Virginia Moore, at the Chapel Hill Elementary School Auditorium on Wednesday, March 10. The lecture will be given in the afternoon at 3:15, and repeated that evening at 8:00.

Mrs. Moore is the Southern representative of Armour's Consumer Service Department, and a member of their Marie Gifford Test Kitchens, where research is carried on in developing new products, and testing recipes and menus.

The lecture will be illustrated by actual meat cuts, and will cover "buying for both quality and economy." Mrs. Moore will show the Marie Gifford film, "The Gentle Art of Meat Cookery," and will distribute free recipe booklets to all.

Twin Red Cross Drives Seek \$6,000 In Orange

Consolidation Of School Is Discussed

Plans were studied for consolidating Negro schools in the Cedar Grove section, and for the addition of three rooms to the overcrowded Hillsboro Negro school at the meeting of the Orange County School Board held Monday in the Board of Education office in Hillsboro.

The sale of the Cool Springs Negro school building, an unused two-room structure, was confirmed. The building is being sold to C. C. McClees of Durham for \$400.

The plan was also approved to hold school on the following Saturdays: March 13, March 20, April 3, April 17, and May 1, and on Easter Monday, to make up the time lost because of inclement weather.

If no more time is lost, Hillsboro, West Hillsboro, Murphy, Eliland, and Caldwell schools will close May 21. All others in Orange County school system except Carrboro and White Cross will close May 28. June 4 is the closing date for Carrboro and White Cross schools.

Jerry Stone Is Quoted In Article

A statement by Jerry B. Stone, accompanied by his picture, is included in the story on Duke University, appearing in the current issue of Cosmopolitan magazine. The article is one of a series by Cosmopolitan on colleges and universities in the United States.

Jerry is the son of Mr. and Mrs. J. T. Stone of Hillsboro and is a student at Duke University's School of Law, from which he will graduate in August.

According to Cosmopolitan, Jerry, president of the Young Democratic Club at Duke, thinks the United Nations has "too much theory and not enough practical power," but he has hopes for the Marshall plan which he feels will encourage Europe to readjust her own problems. He says "Russia is the worst hurdle to peace which our era faces."

Jerry was an active promoter of the Duke University Masonic Club, organized last year on the university campus. The club already presents a record of outstanding achievement.

After graduating from Hillsboro High School in the class of 1938, Jerry returned for a post graduate year, then enrolled at Duke, where the war interrupted his studies during his junior year. He served three years in the Army, 15 months of which he spent overseas.

The Stones are amused by the fact that he is still referred to in Hillsboro as "Little Jerry Stone." Jerry didn't really grow up until after he entered the Army, but now he is more than six feet tall.

Twin Red Cross drives in Orange County are seeking \$7,000 in contributions from the citizens of the county. The goal in Hillsboro and the northern section of the county is \$1,000, while in Chapel Hill the chapter is seeking \$6,000 with the help and aid of the southern section of the county.

Hillsboro Drive

The annual Red Cross roll call campaign for membership and for raising funds is under way in Orange County and will continue through March 14. Canvassers will visit the homes and business establishments, it has been announced by R. L. Mohler, 1948 Orange County Fund chairman.

The goal for Orange County Chapter has been set for \$1,000. The following people have been selected to make this canvass: Tom Bivins will be in charge of the drive for the town of Hillsboro, business district; Clarence Jones, for the residential section; Sidney Green for the Eno Cotton Mills in West Hillsboro; John W. Clayton, BelleVue Cotton Mill; Mrs. J. G. Goodwin and J. P. Privette, Orange Furniture Company; R. L. Stanback for the Negro schools and Negro citizens; Mrs. G. C. Truesdale, University Station and Duke Power Plant; Mrs. Roberts Riley, Eliland; Mrs. A. K. McAdams, Hebron and Cheeks Cross Roads; Mrs. Suidie B. Warren, Carr and Lynch's Store; Mrs. Harold Walker, Cedar Grove and Kennedy's Mill; Mrs. Giles Long, Long's Store; Mrs. N. N. Jordan, Crabtree's Store; Mrs. Harold Berry, Berry's Grove; Claud Gray, New Bethel; Mrs. Clyde Walker, Caldwell; Mrs. Charlie Mincey, Schley; Mrs. Henry Walker and Mrs. Clyde Roberts, St. Marys; Mrs. Edmond Taylor, Fairfield; Mrs. Claud Dunn, High Rock Road.

For contributions, see one of the persons listed above, or mail check payable to Orange County Chapter of American Red Cross, Care R. L. Mohler, 1948 Fund Chairman, or Carl Davis, Chapter Chairman.

Chapel Hill Plans

The Chapel Hill Chapter of the American Red Cross opened its campaign for membership and contributions on Monday, March 1, and hopes to complete it by the 8th. Its quota is \$6,000, of which \$3,690 will be kept for local use. The chairman of the drive is John P. Hazzard, and headquarters are at his Hazzard Motor Company, where Mrs. R. M. Grumman is in charge, assisted by Mrs. Hazzard. Other chairmen are: Business Section, Bernice Ward, assisted by J. D. Hazzard; residential section, Mrs. R. B. Fitch; rural section, G. B. Cline, assisted by C. K. McAdams; Negro section, Mrs. Norma Snipes; University employees, Fred Weaver; special gifts committee, W. D. Carmichael; student committee, William M. Shuford; Carrboro, J. R. Evans; publicity committee, Cornelia S. Love.

The captains of the residential section are Mrs. Clyde Carter, Mrs. Lloyd Roof, Mrs. Henry West, Mrs. Paul Shearin, Mrs. Y. Z. Cannon, Mrs. G. T. Schwenning, Mrs. U. T. Holmes, Mrs. E. C. Smith, Miss Sally Foard MacNider, Mrs. C. P. Hinshaw, Mrs. M. M. Timmins, Mrs. E. G. McGavren, Mrs. Miles Fitch, and Mrs. R. B. Vaughan.