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\$132,000 REA Loan Approved To Build Lines, Office, Storage

The Piedmont Electric Membership Corporation of Hillsboro has received approval of a new loan of \$132,000 from the Rural Electrification Administration, Carl T. Durham, member of Congress from the Sixth North Carolina District, has informed W. F. Shaw, president of the corporation. The new loan will be used in the construction of a new headquarters building and to take care of the efficiency in present building program because of increased material and construction prices, F. E. Joyner, manager of the cooperative, said this week.

No Polio Cases in Orange County Health Report

The Hillsboro office of the Orange County Health Department reported Tuesday that no cases of infantile paralysis has been reported in Orange County, despite the fact that Greensboro is experiencing a near-epidemic and polio cases reported on all sides of Orange County. An appeal was issued Tuesday from Greensboro for graduate nurses to assist in caring for the victims. "There are 59 victims in the polio hospital," the request said, "and the burden has become great for the present staff. We must have at least eight more nurses immediately." In disclosing that no cases had been reported in Orange County, a spokesman from the health office in Hillsboro said it was the hope of the department that no cases could be discovered within the borders of the county. In the past years a few cases of polio have been reported in Orange County with death resulting in at least one instance.

Exchange Club Pushing Plans for Band Show

Hillsboro Exchange Club is pushing its plans for staging the first annual music and band festival on the Occaneechee Speedway Monday, July 5, with 10 bands already tentatively committed to participate in the arrangements with other small high school bands in the state. An all-day program is being planned with bands, floats, Air Corps drill teams and Army equipment slated for display, officials of the club said this week. A program is now being prepared for the occasion featuring pictures and stories of the bands and the other exhibits planned for the day. High school bands which have already signified their intention to attend are: Mebane, Roxboro, Wolffield High, Va., Smithfield, Hokeville, Pittsboro, Robertsonville, Burlington High Junior Band, Emberton, and Hillsboro. Tentative arrangements have been made with the following schools: Asheboro, Salisbury, Washington, High Point, Nashville and Statesville.

Orange Chapel Memorial Group Meets June 20

The annual meeting of the Orange Chapel Memorial Association will be held Sunday, June 20. There will be two services for the occasion with lunch served on the grounds. These annual meetings are held as a memorial for those who have died during the year, and as a homecoming day. Geo. Carr, Burlington, judge of the sixth judicial district, will be speaker for the morning service. Both morning and afternoon services will feature special singing.

Two From Orange Get State Degrees

Two people from Orange County are listed among those receiving degrees at the commencement exercises held last week at State College in Raleigh. They are: Paul Eliot Green Jr., of Chapel Hill, master of science in electrical engineering; and Remus Smith Jr., of Hillsboro, general engineering.

To Complete Projects As a result of this loan, the co-op will be able to complete the 'H' project of 200 miles of line and 800 new members, complete the 'C' project of 14 miles and 25 members, the 'L' project consisting of a new sub-station, voltage regulators, oil circuit reclosers, new

J. R. Farlow Is Sworn In As New County Solicitor

James R. Farlow of Chapel Hill was sworn in as the new solicitor of the Orange County Recorder's Court Monday at the start of the day's session. The oath of office was administered by the clerk of court. Farlow was appointed last week by the Orange County Recorder's Court to replace J. Dumont Eskridge who resigned the position after serving for the first year of court. Cases tried Monday were: Willie Harward, public drunkenness, \$10 and costs; Albert Hughes, driving drunk, second offense, \$200 fine and costs, surrender driver's license; Dallas Moore, public drunkenness, \$15 fine and costs. Odie Bradsher, public drunkenness, \$10 and costs; Marvin Gorham, no driver's license, \$25 fine and costs; Homer Wheeler, larceny, six months suspended, placed on probation three years; Archie Warren, disorderly conduct, 90 days suspended; Rufus Brown Eaton, speeding, \$5 and costs; Henry Davis, inadequate support of minor children, not guilty; Harold P. Sykes, reckless driving, judgment continued.

Mrs. P. R. Caston's Father Succumbs In Bessemer City

Caleb Andrew Thornburg, 99, oldest Mason in North Carolina and the seventh oldest Mason in the world, the father of Mrs. P. R. Caston of Hillsboro, died at his home in Bessemer City Saturday night following an illness of several months. The Gastonia Gazette of June 14 carried the following story: Mr. Thornburg, a prominent retired business man and long a beloved citizen of this community, was born July 2, 1849, near what is now called Antioch Lutheran Church, three miles west of Dallas, and was the son of the late Joseph and Mary Ann Thornburg. He is survived by his wife, the former Eunice Jane Simmons, whom he married on August 18, 1869. Mr. and Mrs. Thornburg would have celebrated their 79th wedding anniversary this August, and were perhaps the oldest living married couple in the United States, there having been only three living couples in 1944 celebrating their 75th anniversary in nation-wide recognition of the Diamond Wedding Anniversary commemoration. Funeral services were held at 4 o'clock Monday afternoon at J. M. Odell Memorial Methodist Church with the pastor, Rev. A. Frank Phibbs, officiating. Besides his widow, Mr. Thornburg leaves one brother, J. Larkin Thornburg of Cherryville and the following children: Miss Iva Thornburg of the home, R. Lee Thornburg, well-known Bessemer City contractor, Carl A. Thornburg of Houston, Texas, Mrs. W. H. Holmes of Lowell, Mrs. A. R. Rhyne of Riano, and Mrs. P. R. Caston of Hillsboro. Preceding him in death were one daughter, Mrs. W. B. Anthony of Greenville, S. C.; one son, Raymond W. Thornburg of Bessemer City; and two children who died in infancy. He is also survived by 27 grandchildren; 23 great-grandchildren, and 23 great-great-grandchildren.

Farmers Dairy Plans Second Annual Picnic

The second annual dairyman's picnic of the Farmers Dairy Cooperative will be held at Hogan's Lake on Thursday, June 24, it was announced this week by G. B. Cline, manager of the cooperative. Beginning at 5 P. M., the picnicking will feature dairy cattle judging contests, milking contests for men and women, hog calling contest for the men, husband calling and competition for the women and and horseshoe pitching. A softball game will also be arranged for the boys and girls. Supper will be served at 7 P. M. Milk and ice cream will be served by the dairy. Those attending are requested to bring baskets of food, if possible.

Folk Festival Begins Friday

At 3 P. M. tomorrow 600 musicians and dancers will enter Kenant Stadium in Chapel Hill, dressed in colorful costumes, to dance, sing, and play the native folk songs of all regions of North Carolina. This will be the first Carolina Folk Festival. Bascom Lamar Lunsford is directing. A square dance contest, fiddling, clog dancing, and many other specialties of folklore will compose the program. There will be performances at 3 P. M. and 8 P. M. Friday and Saturday. Afternoon admission will cost 50 cents for adults, 25 cents for children. Evening performances will be priced at 75 cents for adults and 40 cents for children. 15-MINUTE BROADCAST Raleigh-Mutual Broadcasting System is planning to carry a 15-minute broadcast of the Carolina Folk Festival June 19, 6 to 6:15 P. M., Daylight Time.

feeder lines and to build a new office building and warehouse. Construction will be pushed as rapidly as materials and labor can be obtained. The co-op now has 550 miles of power lines which bring electric service to 1,850 rural consumers. Upon completion of its present building plans, the system will be increased to 900 miles of rural lines serving 3,000 consumers, the president said. "It is our purpose to see that rural electrification in our area keeps pace with its advance in other sections of the country," Mr. Shaw declared.

Area Coverage

"We're going ahead with plans to serve the greatest possible number of rural people in our area. We operate on an area coverage basis—in other words, we hope eventually to bring service to every rural resident who wants electricity instead of only to those in our more thickly settled communities." The Rural Electrification Act requires that REA loans be made on a self-liquidating basis, and the cooperative received approval of its new \$132,000 loan only after REA had completed a thorough study of the application. Since the Piedmont Electric Membership Corporation was organized in 1938, it has received \$1,326,000 in loan fund allocations from REA. The co-op is meeting payments on schedule and has paid REA a total of \$74,176.77 in principal on its loans with \$20,358.53 of this amount paid in advance of the date due.

Realtors' School Now In Session

The first Realtors' Institute of the North Carolina Association of Real Estate Boards began a seven-day session last Sunday in Chapel Hill under the direction of Clyde Hornaday, chairman of the association's education committee. Realtors from all parts of North Carolina are attending classes in salesmanship, real estate law, property management, financing, and appraising. Among the instructors for the Realtors' Institute is William A. Olsen of Chapel Hill, who will conduct a course in public speaking. John P. Ballard of Hillsboro is attending the school.

Play Starts In Hillsboro Softball

Play was started in the Hillsboro Softball League Tuesday afternoon, continuing Wednesday and winds up its first week of scheduled games this afternoon when the Eno Owls meet the Methodist Church in the third game of the week. Pushed by the efforts of the Hillsboro Exchange Club, the league has been organized with six teams participating, thereby giving each team the opportunity of playing one game a week on the high school athletic field. A board of directors has been set up with a member coming from each of the six teams. By-laws have been adopted and a schedule arranged for three games a week until August 28. Because a number of firms and individuals expect to take their summer vacations during the week of July 4, no games have been scheduled for that week. Members of the board of directors are: James Webb, Eno Cards; Sidney Green, Eno Owls; G. A. Brown, Methodist Church; H. Broadwell, Exchange Club; Dr. D. E. Forrest, American Legion; and Joseph P. Privette, White Furniture. Webb is chairman of the board. By-laws are as follows: The Community Softball League has been organized for the purpose of giving organized recreation with an opportunity for the participants to indulge in a competitive athletic program. 1. All games to be 7 innings unless tied at the end of regulation 7 innings. 2. All games to begin at 5:30 P. M. on the High School Athletic Field. 3. Each team to furnish one umpire and one scorekeeper, umpires alternate calling strikes and balls. 4. No player can represent more than one team in the league. 5. A roster of 18 players must be presented to the chairman of the board of directors not later than July 15, 1948. 6. Responsibility of conduct of players must be assumed by the manager. 7. In case of postponed game the game must be played upon mutual agreement between managers of teams involved. 8. Any team not having 10 men at game time may begin the game with 9 men but no less. If less than nine men, the game must be forfeited. 9. It is agreed to use 10 men per team. 10. The team on top at end of regular season play team in third place best three out of five game series with second place team and fourth place team playing same procedure as first and third place teams. The winners of above series meet in a three best out of five game series for the trophy. Schedule The schedule for the season including today's game is: June 17—Eno Owls vs. Methodist Church. June 22—White Furniture vs. Eno Owls. June 23—Exchange Club vs. Methodist Church. June 24—Eno Cards vs. American Legion. June 29—Eno Cards vs. White Furniture. June 30—American Legion vs. Methodist Church. July 1—Exchange Club vs. Eno Owls. July 13—Exchange Club vs. White Furniture. July 14—Eno Cards vs. Eno Owls. July 15—American Legion vs. Methodist Church. July 20—Eno Cards vs. Methodist Church. July 21—Exchange Club vs. American Legion. July 22—White Furniture Company vs. Eno Owls. July 27—American Legion vs. Eno Owls. July 28—White Furniture Company vs. Methodist Church. July 29—Exchange Club vs. Eno Cards. August 3—Exchange Club vs. White Furniture Company. August 4—Eno Cards vs. Methodist Church. August 5—American Legion vs. Eno Cards. August 10—Eno Cards vs. Eno Owls. August 11—Exchange Club vs. American Legion. August 12—White Furniture Company vs. Methodist Church. August 17—White Furniture Company vs. American Legion. August 18—Eno Cards vs. Methodist Church. August 19—Exchange Club vs. Eno Owls. August 24—Exchange Club vs. Methodist Church. August 25—American Legion vs.

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220 Belle-Vue Mill Employees Are Presented Pins For Service

A total of 220 employees, representing 3,443 years of service, received service pins at an awarding ceremony held Saturday evening in the Hillsboro High School auditorium for the employees of the Belle-Vue Manufacturing Company of Hillsboro. The service pins were presented by L. E. Beard of Hillsboro, president and treasurer of the corporation, and John K. Whitaker, chairman of the board of directors and president of Hesslein and Company, owners and selling agents of Belle-Vue Manufacturing Company. Prior to the awarding of the pins to the 220 employees, Malcolm E. Campbell, dean of School of Textiles, North Carolina State College, delivered an address in which he pointed out the progress of textile manufacturing since its beginning. Following the award of service pins, a barbecue and fried chicken dinner was served in the high school gymnasium to the employees of Belle-Vue and invited guests from Hillsboro.

Half A Million Spent

Pointing out what Hesslein and Company found when it purchased Belle-Vue Manufacturing Co. in 1945, what has already been done to improve the mill and what was planned in the future, Mr. Whitaker in a speech following dinner asserted that the parent company had invested on improvements in two years "close to a half a million dollars and in two years we have increased production nearly 70 per cent without increasing the running time. "As most of you know, Hesslein and Company bought the Belle-Vue Manufacturing mill about three years ago. And what did we find?" the speaker asked. "A mill old in years but young in heart, a mill founded some 50 years ago and always growing, one that for some 25 years has never failed to make a profit and provide a living—scantily as it may have been in hard times—for its employees. "We found a mill that had and has a great many very fine, devoted and loyal people working in it, many of whose steady years of service are being recognized by the service pin being awarded tonight." Mr. Whitaker pointed out, however, that like all individuals the mill had some weak spots, so our doctors, or engineers recommended that it be given a blood transfusion of good, hard American dollars. That is where we (the Hesslein Company) came in. Improvements Listed "You all know what has happened since. You know of the fine new boiler plant we have, the great chimney which helps make it efficient. You know of the latest new opening and picking machines that have been bought and installed to make cleaner and better running work, of all the brand new cards that have been put in to get more production without a third shift run, of the slubbers and new drawing frames and of the added spinning frames that are running so well. But, best of all, you know of the beautiful new lighting system, and of the white tiled washrooms which we believe equal those of any mill in the country. Third Shift Seen "Altogether we have spent on improvements here in the past two years close to a half a million dollars. Just as soon as business will justify it and more good people will come to work here we want to start up a third shift, which will increase production another 40 per cent. "But I want to see many more improvements—we need some new equipment in the dyehouse, some improvements on our spinning frames and looms. We are going to have new spooling and warping this summer and this will give you weavers better warps. Most of all, when material and labor shortages will permit, I want to see running hot and cold water and bathrooms in every one of our village houses, better streets and sidewalks in our village, more company houses and I think it would be a fine thing to have a complete first aid room right at the mill." Guests of Belle-Vue for the occasion were: George W. Walker, treasurer of Hesslein and Company; J. G. Gordon, charge of sales; G. W. Johnson, vice president and general manager of Plymouth Manufacturing Company, McCall, S. C.; L. Hall, general superintendent, Plymouth Mfg. Co.; and Mr. Wilson, personnel and recreation director of Plymouth Mfg. Co. A number of Hillsboro citizens were also present for the ceremony and the supper. The service pins awarded the employees pictured a shuttle crossing a check pattern. On the bottom of the pin is inscribed Belle-Vue Manufacturing Company with a small shield on which the years of service are printed. Barbecue and fried chicken dinner was served by the ladies of the New Sharon Methodist Church. Oscar G. Parsley, who was chairman of the committee for arrangements for the banquet, has served Belle-Vue for the past 25 years as secretary and superintendent. Those who received service pins and their years of service were:

Five Year Group Shepherd Baine, James L. Beaver, Donnie Burgess, Marian Y. Cates, Paul C. Dickey, Hugh H. Dodson, Samuel L. Faucette, William T. Jerrell, Willie D. Jones, Lewis M. Kennedy, Anderson Morrow, James J. Obie, Fred Ray, Allie H. Riley, Anna F. Riley, Lula J. Riley, Roxie D. Smith, Charles B. Stanley, William J. Thompson, Walter G. Wrenn Jr., Mary Bateman, Lonnie Baldwin, Alice Hunt, Tommie Pritchette. Six Year Group Roy W. Evans, Eure M. Faucette, Robbie P. Hayes, Emma-Belle Hastings, Irwin Johnson, Clarence J. Jones, George A. Jones, Harrison P. Martin, Dallas Ray, John H. Ray, Walter G. Raynor, Olden H. Riley, Steve Riley, Margaret K. Allison. Seven Year Group Marvin W. Dickey, Owen C. Hicks, Willie Ida Jackson, Laura R. McLean, Homer Phillips, Tom Walker, Lonnie E. Dickey. Eight Year Group George Webster, Annie Andrews, Isaac Brown, Bernice H. Craven, Fred W. Cates, Knox Mayo, Calvin L. Scarlett. Nine Year Group John A. Jackson, Daisey W. Hayes, Archie C. McLean, John W. Moore, Robert L. Wilson, George B. Bennett, Nellie Dickey. Ten Year Group Edmond Baine, Melissa J. Carroll, Herman J. Craven, Mary E. Dunnagan, Georgia C. Lane, Eunice A. Roberts, Ellis V. Scarlett, Ervin W. Scarlett, George T. Tapp, Elizabeth H. Taylor, Pauline Wrenn, Clarence E. Williams, Anderson S. Morrow. Eleven Year Group Samuel H. Andrews, James W. Harder, Emma D. Mann, Alma D. Scott, Charlie Carden. Twelve Year Group Mary Moore Andrews, Lessie L. Cates, Ruth S. Crabtree, James O. Harward, Mary E. Sparrow, Winifred C. Squires, Melvin Strum, E. Banks Terrell, Maude C. Tucker, Bessie Womble, Thomas W. Womble, Paul D. Scarborough. Thirteen Year Group Ernest M. Dickey, Hubert P. Jones, Lelia Jones. Fourteen Year Group Eddie C. Faucette, Dudley A. Hastings, Emma D. Riley, Melvin H. Riley, Roland N. Riley, William A. Shambley, Gertrude H. Terrell, Paul R. Hayes. Fifteen Year Group Lillie H. Duncan, Charles E. Fitzgerald, Elsie L. Knight, Emma G. Luquire, Lessie A. Martin, Florence S. Mayes, Ernest R. McCauley, Flossie C. Ray, Lillie M. Roberson, Nellie C. Scarlett, Lonnie Womble, Mary R. Wheeler, Otha M. Wheeler. Sixteen Year Group Mina E. Davis, Blandena P. Harward, Omie R. Stutts, Hettie R. Taylor, Mary H. Vick, Mandy S. Wheeler, Robert D. Gattis. Seventeen Year Group Hollie A. Gates, W. Harvey Hall, Goldie D. Harward, Cleveland W. Hicks, Calvin L. Kenyon, Henry Lane, Ruby W. McCauley, J. Hiawatha Phillips, Edward O. Riley, George L. Robertson, Leonard L. Scarce, Herbert L. Tucker, Maggie J. Tudor, Ervin E. Tudor, Elbert Wagner, Pharoah J. Walker, Lucy Arrington. Eighteen Year Group L. E. Beard, William H. Carroll, William Otto Luquire, Weldon L. Riley, Myrtle W. Scarlett, Feta L. Terrell, Lillian W. Howerton. Nineteen Year Group Clyde C. Collins, Clarence C. Cates, George M. Farrell, Clyde P. Scott, Paul T. Wagner, Sadie Taylor, General W. Newman. Twenty Year Group Charles B. Blackwelder, Mittie S. Gattis, Ruby L. Hocutt, Martha F. Lloyd, Luna Pugh, Pearl C. Scarlett, Jennie B. Strum, Jessie C. Phillips, Pearl H. Riley, James Pippin. Twenty-One Year Group Rufus Bowles, E. Mack Carr, Lillie H. Piner, Bunn F. Riley, Chester Riley, Reldue E. Scarlette, Flora B. Carroll. Twenty-Two Year Group Arlie M. Keck, Homer A. Riley, Iva J. Phillips, Seymour Richardson, Louis C. Scarlett, Ernest W. Bateman. Twenty-Three Year Group Hubert R. Carr, James M. Oakley, A. Roscoe Piner, Theodore R.

Presbyterian And Methodist Churches Hold Church School

The Hillsboro Methodist and Presbyterian Churches are holding a joint vacation church school this week. The program began Monday morning under the direction of Mrs. Alma Whitaker at the Methodist Church. Over 70 pupils enrolled and were assigned to four departments, with Mrs. John Bell and Mrs. Ross Porter teaching the beginners' class, Mrs. Wilson Cole and Miss Nell Walker the primary group, Mrs. Harold Latta and Mrs. J. W. Dickson the juniors, and the Rev. Irving E. Birdseye and Miss Betsy Forrest the intermediates. Misses Phyllis Forrest, Patsy Teer, Sydna Fryer, Sue Fryer, Joyce Brown, and Mrs. Harry Hollingsworth are assisting with the program. A commencement program will be held Sunday, June 20, at 11 A. M. at the Presbyterian Church.

Merchants Vote To Purchase Flags

With only 10 members in attendance, the Hillsboro Merchants Association voted last Wednesday night to purchase 40 flags to be displayed on the streets on patriotic holidays and other occasions. B. F. Gordon Jr., said this week that the flags had been ordered and it was the hope of the committee that they would arrive in time for the July 4 holiday and the first annual Hillsboro band festival on July 5. It was also voted to close all stores on July 5.

Graham Receives Honorary Degree

Frank P. Graham, president of the University of North Carolina, received the honorary degree of Doctor of Laws from Dartmouth College at the Dartmouth commencement exercises June 13 at which Dr. Graham gave the principal address. Seven other honorary degrees have been conferred on Dr. Graham, those being from Columbia University, Catawba College, Birmingham-Southern College, Davidson College, Duke University, William and Mary, and Temple University.