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Important Results Foreseen From Development of New Type Grass in This County

By JEAN B. SPARGER
Chapel Hill.—Agriculture in the South may be revolutionized as a result of the successful production of Suiter's grass on the Mason farm in Orange County.
This possibility was revealed by Dr. Hugh H. Bennett, head of the Soil Conservation Service of the United States Department of Agriculture, who hailed the development of Suiter's grass as "the most important thing since the discovery of America."
Suiter's grass, which was discovered in Kentucky last year and brought to the Mason farm for experimentation and development, will "enable most Southeastern farmers to increase livestock production substantially and thereby achieve a more diversified agriculture," Dr. Bennett said.
The grass is known officially as "Kentucky 31" and will assure the development of important beef and dairy cattle industries in the Southeastern states of Virginia, North Carolina, South Carolina, Georgia, Kentucky and Tennessee, he said.
"Not only does Suiter's grass stop erosion more successfully and hold more rainfall than other grasses, but it stays green through winter and summer and is highly nutritious and palatable," Dr. Bennett explained. "Since cattle can graze on Suiter's grass the year around, the farmer does not have to meet the extra expense and trouble of maintaining mowing machines, hay stacks and silos."
The Soil Conservation Service bought one bushel of the grass from a Mr. Suiter, on whose farm in central Kentucky it was discovered last year, and brought it to a nursery at Mason farm for experimentation and production.
The Mason farm, which is on University of North Carolina property four miles from Chapel Hill on the Raleigh road, is one of 30 nurseries in the United States maintained by the Department of Agriculture for the purpose of increasing seed of new plants developed in the United States and introduced from other parts of the world.
The Mason farm was chosen for production of Suiter's grass because climatic conditions here more nearly approximate those in Kentucky where Suiter's grass was found, Dr. Bennett said.
Enough seed has been produced and distributed to grow five-acre plots in more than 600 counties in the Southeastern states, he said.

Former Stars To Play Game For Light Fund

Hillsboro.—Former football stars of the community will battle the 1948 high school team at the High School athletic field next Wednesday in a game being played in behalf of the fund campaign of local civic organizations to provide lights for the athletic field.
A representative of the sponsoring group said it was believed special arrangements would be made to permit student attendance and that a number of businesses had agreed to close during the afternoon to permit a greater attendance.
John Midgette will coach the all-stars who are expected to include Randolph Brown, Melvin Scott, Junior Clark, Joe Rosemond, Bobby Knight, Wayne Frederick, Jack Strayhorn, Frank Frederick and Alfred Smith.
Admission will be \$1 for adults and 25 cents for children.

Symphony Goal Not Yet Reached In Drive Here

Hillsboro.—The membership drive for the local chapter of the North Carolina Symphony Society is proceeding satisfactorily although the goal set at the outset of the campaign has not yet been reached, Mrs. E. M. Lockhart, president, said yesterday.
Members of the membership committee who may be contacted for cards include Mrs. R. O. Forrest, chairman; Mrs. H. W. Moore, Mrs. D. E. Forrest and Miss Elizabeth Collins.
Mrs. Lockhart pointed out that anyone may hear a Little Symphony concert. When the orchestra comes to Hillsboro this winter, the auditorium doors will be wide open to non-members and Symphony Society members alike. Non-members, however, will have to buy a ticket at the box office.
A Symphony Society member may attend every concert sponsored by the Society throughout the state.
"From a standpoint of personal interest," Mrs. Lockhart said, "the Symphony Society membership pays the subscriber dividends in pleasure and rare cultural experience; in a broader sense it pays even higher returns—the satisfaction of knowing that his membership is helping the state to a richer life and making possible the free concerts for school children."

Roxboro Man Heads VFW Unit For 6th District

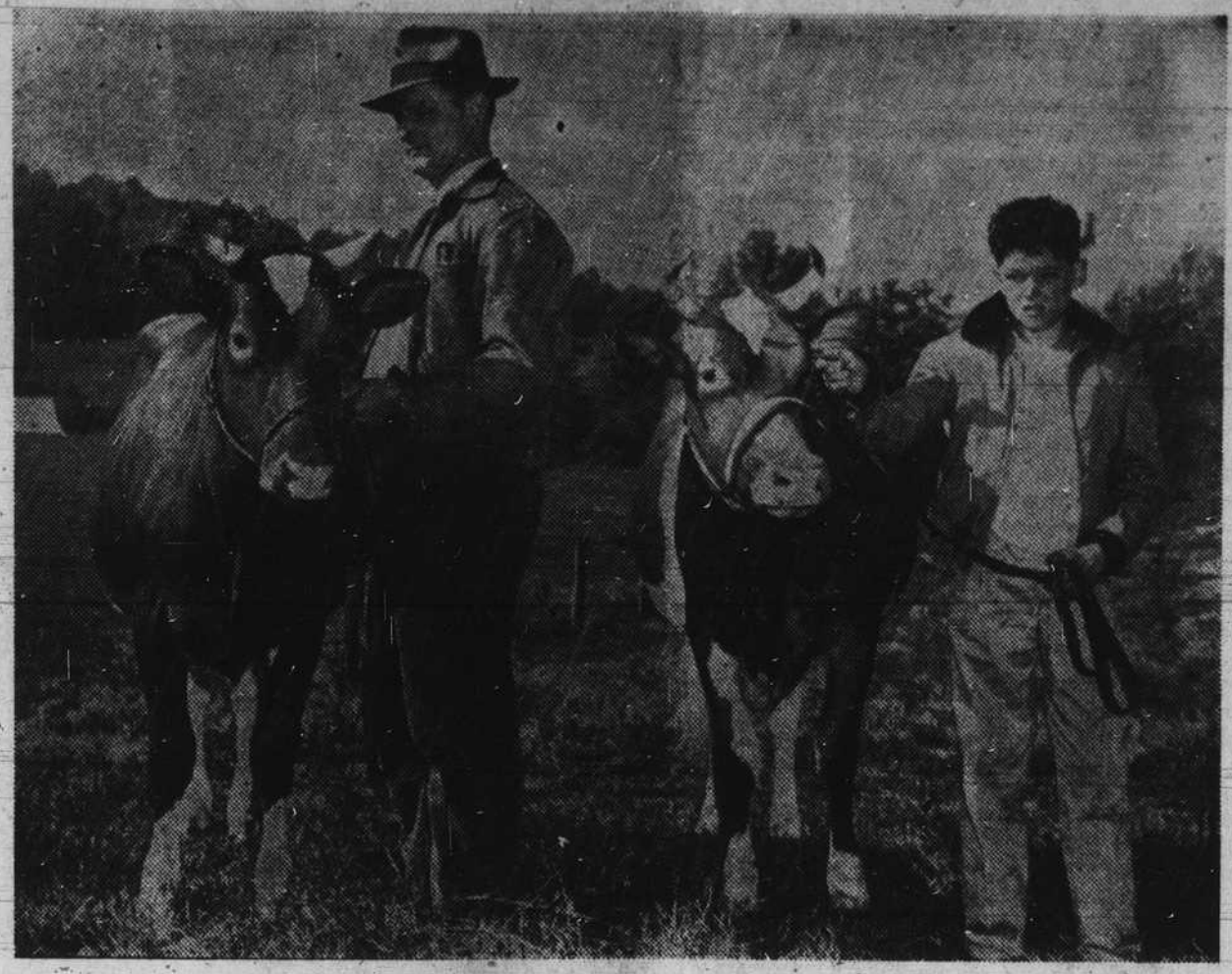
Hillsboro.—W. Gordon Carver of Roxboro has been elected commander of the newly reorganized Sixth District, Veterans of Foreign Wars. The district is composed of Durham, Person, Alamance, Orange, Caswell, Granville and Vance counties.
Also elected to serve the group are J. Bedford Gum of Burlington, senior vice commander; Jessie C. Bowen of Durham, junior vice commander; Joe D. Pridgen, Jr., of Durham, quartermaster; Donald Dorey of Roxboro, judge advocate; N. Philip Moseley of Henderson, surgeon; and Elwood N. Pearce of Burlington, chaplain.

HHS Band Performs At Game Saturday

Hillsboro.—The Hillsboro High School band was one of 15 North Carolina high school bands participating in half-time entertainment at the Duke-Wake Forest football game in Duke stadium last Saturday.

Teachers of NCEA to Meet
The officers and committee members of the Orange County unit of teachers of the NCEA will meet Thursday evening at 7:30 o'clock at the Hillsboro High School. The superintendent of schools and principals are asked to meet with them as advisory council to plan the work for the year.

Among Winners At Hillsboro Dairy Show



Showmanship Winner B. F. Spencer, Left, of Orange County, and David Ladd, Durham County, Winner of Best Honors.



W. H. Meacham, Chatham County, with Blue (left) and Red Ribbon Registered Jersey Heifers, shown immediately above, was also among the winners at this first combined show and sale for dairy heifers ever held in the state. The event was October 29.

County Awaits Verdict on Schley Grange As Winner of Contest to Name Top Group

Hillsboro.—Members of the Schley community and Orange County as a whole await next Wednesday's announcement of the winner in the National Grange Community Service Contest, to be announced from Portland, Me.
The Orange County grange, North Carolina champion, was visited Saturday by the judges and announcement of the winner will be made over an NBC hookup between 12:15 and 12:30 p. m. First prize is a \$15,000 fully equipped grange hall for the winning community, or some other award of comparable value if the winner doesn't need a hall.
The judges, who flew to the Durham-Raleigh airport by special plane to inspect the Schley activities, included:
William Pearson, master of the Minnesota State Grange; Homer Shride, former master of the Missouri State Grange; William Dripps, farm director of the National Broadcasting Company; and Dean McNeal, director of business analysis for Pillsbury Mills.
While giving no clue as to his final decision or that of his fellow judges, William Drpps said he was "impressed by the well rounded program" of Schley Grange. "Many Granges," he said, "emphasize one project. This Grange seems to have a well rounded program in their projects, covering soil conservation, home and church beautification, telephone service, and youth center. These people have done an outstanding job of rural cooperation."
The judges and their party were met at the airport by a reception committee including State Grange Master Harry B. Caldwell and former State Grange Master Mrs. Caldwell; Fred T. Reitzel, master of Schley Grange; and other local Grange and agricultural leaders.
The group passed through Duke campus on its motorcade to the Schley community. There, the first stop was at the home of Schley

Grange Master Fred Reitzel, where E. J. Condon tried Reitzel's new phone, one of eight recently installed in a cooperative effort by the local Grange and telephone company.
When the project is finished, within the next few months, it will cover about 18 miles, and connect most of the homes in the area. Under the project Grangers agreed to obtain rights of way, and provide and place telephone poles in return for installation of wires and phones by the telephone company.
Second stop of the inspection tour was Mars Hill Church, where a beautification project had been put into effect.
Third stop was at Milton A. Latta farm, scene, last March, of the state's biggest soil conservation field day. There judges climbed into waiting jeeps and toured the 195-acre dairy and tobacco farm, taking special interest in the large farm pond.
From the Latta farm the party motored to nearby Schley Grange Hall, and there feasted on immense servings of barbecue, bruns-

wick stew, cole slaw, and a wide choice of pies.
With Grange Master Reitzel presiding, the judges heard from Grangers who had directed or helped in the various projects.
They heard G. O. Reitzel explain how the cooperative telephone project had come about to give phone service in an area where such service ordinarily would be was not so much in the prizes as phone company.
They heard U. S. Soil Conservation Service Representative R. L. Mohler testify that the conservation practices installed on the Latta farm have benefited the whole community by encouraging other farmers to follow similar techniques.
They heard County Farm Agent Don Matheson tell how every Grange family had entered the home beautification contest, which offers pure-bred livestock as prizes.
The tour ended a five-day sojourn in seven states, where other Grange projects were examined. The other states with finalists in the contest are: Nebraska, Indiana, Massachusetts, New York, New Jersey and South Carolina.

Methodist Ministerial Changes At Three Orange County Churches

Hillsboro.—The list of appointments as made at the tenth annual session of the North Carolina Methodist Conference held in Greenville finds all Orange County ministers returning to their churches for another year, except two.
Appointments are made for one year.
New ministers to this county are the Rev. M. E. Tyson at Carrboro, the Rev. H. B. Lewis at Cedar Grove, and the Rev. D. K. Christenberry, Jr., at Orange Circuit.

They succeeded the Rev. J. L. Joyce, who was appointed a student at the University of North Carolina, the Rev. J. B. Hurley, who was transferred to Littleton, and the Rev. T. M. Lea, who retired, respectively.
Methodist pastors returning included the Rev. Charles S. Hubbard to Hillsboro, the Rev. H. G. Ruark to Chapel Hill, the Rev. T. B. Hough to Mebane.
The Rev. Robert L. Nicks, son of Mrs. S. F. Nicks of Hillsboro, was returned to the churches of Burlington Circuit, where he served during the past year.

Orange Presidential Vote Proves Largest In History As Final Returns Counted

No Ceremonies To Mark Armistice Event Here Today

No formal ceremonies marking the observance of Armistice Day will be held in Hillsboro today.
The American Legion with the assistance of the Boy Scouts will display flags throughout the business district but in contrast to other years, no parades, speeches or other events are scheduled.

Piedmont Area Music Groups Meet In Mebane

Mebane.—Junior and Juvenile Clubs of the Piedmont District met in Mebane last week in the First Methodist Church with the local club as hostess.
Miss Georgia Smith of Greensboro, Junior chairman, Miss Dorothy Barrier of Winston-Salem, Junior vice chairman, and Miss Vivian Miller of High Point, Junior secretary, presided over the meeting, assisted by Mrs. Charles S. Wilkins of Greensboro, Piedmont District Junior counselor.
The principal address during the afternoon was made by Mrs. Carl McMurray of Marion, State Junior counselor, during which she urged the children to take part in all phases of the club work and explained to them some of the scholarships being offered by the Federation.

Reports were given by the presidents of the Junior Clubs on activities of the group. Hymn-singing by the group was directed by Mrs. Gene Gosnell with accompaniments by various children and the story of each hymn given. A musical program featuring winners in the festival was presented.
The following officers of the Senior Clubs were present: Mrs. Charles Wilkins of Greensboro, Piedmont District Junior counselor, Mrs. Carl McMurray of Marion, State Junior counselor, Mrs. Lloyd Home of Greensboro, National Festival committee woman, Mrs. M. L. Board of Greensboro, newly elected Piedmont District director, Mrs. Herbert Coble of Burlington, second vice president of the N. C. Federation of Music Clubs.
The meeting was followed by a tea in the Kiwanis Hall.

Barbecue Friday For County Corn Contest Winners

Hillsboro.—Winners of the county corn contest will be honored at a barbecue to be held at Camp New Hope tomorrow night at 7 o'clock.
The contest, sponsored by the Bank of Chapel Hill, attracted 50 farmers over the county. The farmer producing the most corn per acre in the county will be given a \$100 savings bond, and each township winner will receive \$5 in cash.
Dr. Frank H. Jeter, agricultural editor with the Extension Service at State College, will present the prizes.

PTA Will Meet Tuesday Night

Hillsboro.—The Hillsboro P.T.A. will meet Tuesday evening, November 16, at 7:30 p. m. in the high school auditorium.
Mrs. J. W. Richmond will be in charge of the program, which will feature a panel discussion on "The Characteristics of an Ideal School Program." Dr. Gordon Blackwell of Chapel Hill will lead the discussion. Others participating will be the Rev. Irving E. Birdseye, Dumont Eskridge, Glenn T. Proffitt, Don Matheson, Miss Nan Bunn and James Webb.

PTA EXECUTIVE BOARD
Hillsboro.—The executive board of the Hillsboro Parent Teacher association will meet Tuesday afternoon at 3 o'clock at the high school agricultural building, according to an announcement yesterday by Mrs. Clarence Jones, president.

Hillsboro.—Last week's Democratic sweep of the nation had its counterpart in Orange County as citizens polled the largest vote for President in history.

Final tabulations gave a total of 5,843 votes cast for the presidential candidates, Harry S. Truman, of course, receiving the lion's share with 3,523. Thomas E. Dewey, the GOP standard bearer, received 1,813 in the county's precincts and J. Strom Thurmond, the Dixiecrat, 362.

Other Democratic candidates for state, district and county offices won huge majorities as indicated by the unofficial figures published last week immediately following the voting.

One Republican candidate, C. H. Sparrow of Chapel Hill for constable, defeated his Democratic opponent, who was not listed on the ticket, Frank Madry. Sparrow won 1,016 votes. Madry received 1,001 write-in votes for the office and, according to election observers, approximately 50 other indications of support by citizens who wrote in his name but failed to make the necessary X in the preference column as required.

Orange County was one of 29 of 88 reporting counties who supported affirmatively the proposed constitutional amendment to raise the pay of legislators. On the basis of returns now available the proposition was defeated in the state as a whole and the chances of any substantial change from the returns from the 12 unreported counties is slight. Orange voters also approved Amendment No. 4 for determining the results of special elections by majority vote but opposed the other two regarding debt limitation and increasing the amount of taxes which may be levied on property.

Final tabulations of the county vote gave the following totals:
For Senator: J. Melville Broughton, 4,158; John A. Wilkinson, 1,232; William T. Brown, 128.
For Governor: W. Kerr Scott, 4,638; George M. Fritchard, 959; Mary Price, 114.

For Lieutenant Governor: H. P. Taylor, 4,210; Kyle Hayes, 990; Kenneth Harris, 119.
For Secretary of State: Thad Eure, 4,247; James S. Dockery, 957.
For State Auditor: Henry L. Bridges, 4,130; M. V. Hickman, 993.
For State Treasurer: Brandon P. Hodges, 4,129; Ben L. Spence, 1,018.

For Attorney General: Harry McMullan, 4,170; Herbert F. Seawell, Jr., 995; C. O. Pearson, 120.
For Superintendent of Public Instruction: Clyde A. Erwin, 4,182; Buford T. Henderson, 998.
For Commissioner of Agriculture: L. Y. Ballentine, 4,137; Watt H. Gragg, 993; John W. Stubbs, 119.
For Commissioner of Insurance: William P. Hodges, 4,141; Deems H. Clifton, 990.

For Commissioner of Labor: Forrest H. Shuford, 4,161; M. K. Harrill, 986.
For Associate Justice Supreme Court: Sam J. Ervin, Jr., 4,135; Robert H. McNeill, 997.
For Congressman: Carl Durham, 4,266; Ralph O. Smith, 1,078; M. H. Ross, 148.

For Senator, 16th District: James Webb, 4,190; John F. Crawford, 1,187.
For House of Representatives: John W. Umstead, Jr., 4,083; Max Weaver, 1,277; Doris Friedland, 135.
For County Commissioners: Collier Cobb, Jr., 3,965; Ben F. Wilson, 4,019; H. G. Laws, 3,959; D. L. McBane, 1,344; W. S. Hunt, 1,332; Ruffin Pendergraph, 1,235.

Vernon Gates Gets Valuable Player Award

Hillsboro.—Vernon Gates of Hillsboro High School was presented the theater's "most valuable player" award at ceremonies held Monday night at the Gem Theater.
Gates, who played left end on this year's football team, was voted the season's most valuable player at a poll conducted by the members of the team.
Presentation was made by Hosea Rodgers, University of North Carolina star, who was introduced by Dumont Eskridge, local attorney, who was master of ceremonies. Art Weiner, star end on the Tar Heel team, was also a guest of the theater and spoke briefly during the brief program.
Charlie "Choo Choo" Justice, who was scheduled to make the presentation, was prevented from appearing by confinement to the University infirmary.

Election Date Set For Farm Vote In County

Hillsboro.—Elections to select county committeemen of the Production Marketing Administration (formerly the AAA) will be held on Thursday, December 2, according to an announcement by J. S. Compton, Orange County chairman of the P.M.A.
The delegates elected on December 2 will meet at the county agricultural building the following day to select the county committeemen. Voting places will be announced at a later date.
Orange County farmers are being urged to consider carefully those proposed for these important jobs of administering the various farm programs of 1949.

Rotary Governor Visits Chapel Hill

Chapel Hill.—Sherwood L. Roberson of Robersonville, district governor of the Rotary Club, paid his annual official visit to the Chapel Hill Rotary Club Wednesday evening at the regular meeting in the Inn. Mr. Roberson was the principal speaker.
Chairmen of all the Chapel Hill Rotary committees met with the district governor at the home of J. B. Johns, president, prior to the general meeting.

Halloween Program Nets \$622 Profit

Hillsboro.—The Hillsboro P.T.A. and the Hillsboro High School Junior class netted a profit of \$311 each from the Halloween carnival held in the high school auditorium October 29.
CHRISTMAS BAZAAR
Hillsboro.—The Parish Guild of St. Matthew's Church will hold its annual Christmas bazaar in the dining room of the Colonial Inn in Hillsboro on the afternoon of Monday, November 22, from 3 to 6.