

Cole Resigns Inspector Job; Code Under Fire

Hillsboro.—Arthur C. Cole has resigned as county electrical inspector and asked to be relieved of his duties on January 31. Cole's resignation was received officially Monday by the Board of County Commissioners. Cole gave the pressure of private business and his inability to give the position the time required as the reasons for his resignation.

The board took no action on the resignation but immediately began search for a successor, who can qualify for the position. Remuneration is on a fee basis. Several persons are under official consideration by the board and a committee was named to investigate possible appointees, who will be asked to pass a state examination for electrical inspectors upon appointment to the county post. Many persons in the county who could qualify are disqualified by reason of engaging in the business of electrical contracting.

Even as Cole's resignation was being considered, although there was no apparent connection, the county's ordinance setting up the office of inspector and requiring permits for electrical construction came in for bitter criticism from one petitioner, Larry Coleman of the northern section of the county, who charged that as result of the requirements of the code, electrical contractors in Orange County are charging exorbitant prices for work and have taken advantage of the situation created by the proviso that all electrical wiring must be done by holders for electrical contractor's licenses.

Coleman said complaints were widespread in his section of the county and indicated that electrical installation rates are much cheaper in Alamance County where, according to him, no such requirements are in force.

No action was taken on Coleman's complaint by the commissioners. Chairman Collier Cobb, Jr., speaking for the board, advised that the ordinance was promulgated as a protection to the citizens of the county and told Coleman that nothing in the code prevented him from securing an electrical contractor from outside the county if he could get the job done cheaper.

Coleman described himself as a veteran, who desired to do a small personal wiring job on a house which he eventually intended to abandon and therefore did not wish to incur an expensive installation.

Preliminary Hearing Waived By Broughmon

Hillsboro.—Joseph Broughmon, charged with the murder of his 16-year-old "step-son," Avery McGraw, near Hillsboro on December 28, waived preliminary hearing in Recorder's Court yesterday and was bound over to the next term of Superior Court without privilege of bond.

Officers said Broughmon had told five different stories regarding the affair since the buckshot-peppered body of the boy was found under a tree from which he was shot while allegedly climbing for a squirrel. The pair was on a hunting trip at the time of the shooting. Broughmon was charged with bigamy here last August in connection with his marriage to the boy's mother, Mrs. Edna Byrd McGraw Broughmon. At that time Broughmon told officials he had not seen his former wife for 25 years and thought she had previously divorced him. Given a chance to get out of town, Broughmon boarded an outboard bus, returning in December with divorce papers which allegedly provided he could not remarry for four months.

No information could be obtained regarding previous relations between the boy and Broughmon and it could not be ascertained whether the alleged bigamous relations between Broughmon and the boy's mother was being considered as a possible motive in the shooting.

An estimated 75 to 80 buckshot were found in McGraw's body. Broughmon has been held in jail here since the shooting.

Postal Rates Are Increased First Of Year

Hillsboro.—Postal rates in a number of categories were increased, effective January 1, postmasters throughout Orange County revealed this week.

This change in rates was effective throughout the United States. The principal changes were in money order fees, registered mail, C. O. D. service, postal note fees, special delivery and air mail rates. The letter or first class rate remained the same at three cents per ounce and the one cent postal card and post cards remained the same, as did the second class rate of one cent for each two ounces, which includes newspapers and magazines.

Air mail letters were increased from five to six cents and this includes Army post offices, Fleet post offices, Canada and Mexico as well as other places where the United States Mail Service is in operation. A new rate of four cents was set for air mail postals, which are new, and it was announced also that the regular one cent postal may be used by adding a three cent stamp and writing the words "Via Air Mail" thereon. Air mail weighing over eight ounces is now known as air parcel post and the rate begins at 55 cents for the first pound and four cents for each additional pound, depending upon the zone.

The new money order rate increased from six cents from one cent to \$2.50 to 10 cents on orders from one cent to \$5.

The registered mail increased in about the same proportion as the money order rates. Special delivery letters increased from 13 cents to 15 cents. C. O. D. fees increased proportionately.

This increase in postage fees is made necessary by the increased cost in handling the mail, according to postal authorities. The Post Office Department has operated in the "red" for a considerable time and the increase will offset some of the losses that have been sustained by the department.

The Rev. Irving E. Birdseye will begin a series of sermons on the prophets at the morning worship next Sunday. His first sermon topic will be: "Amos On Our Street."

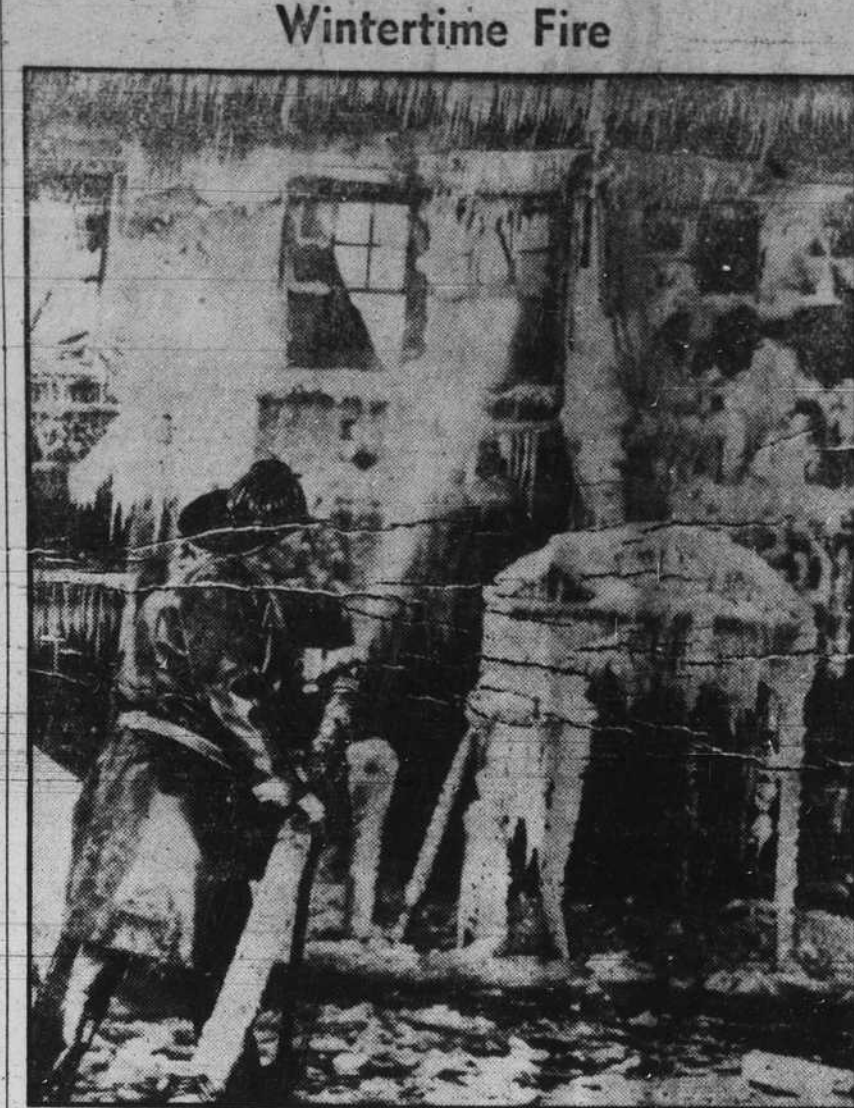
Stanley Rites Held Tuesday

Hillsboro.—Funeral services were held Tuesday for Buford Van Buren Stanley, 40, son of Charles B. and the late Sallie Lindley Stanley of Hillsboro, who died Sunday following a long illness.

Rev. Walter C. Feltman was the officiating minister and interment followed in the local cemetery. Stanley was a graduate of Hillsboro High School and attended the United States Naval Academy at Annapolis.

He is survived by his father and step-mother, and a brother, Charles B. Stanley, all of Hillsboro.

FORESTRY DEMONSTRATION
A forestry demonstration will be held Jan. 11 at 1 o'clock on the farm of T. M. Snipes, which is located near Dodson's Cross Roads, south of Hillsboro. The demonstration is being put on by the various Agricultural Agencies of the County, and forestry and pulp wood experts will conduct the demonstration. The veteran farm trainees of the Hillsboro High School Agricultural Department, as well as the public, are being invited to attend.



The telltale signs of fire in wintertime are clearly evident here as ice formations are made by the fireman's hose on this burning store in Minneapolis, Minn. He is putting out the dying embers of the blaze.

Umstead Offers 3 Major Bills For Improvements

Hillsboro.—Bills providing for a gigantic school building program, a secondary-road improvement program, and a raise for school teachers went into the legislative hopper yesterday, if Orange County Representative John W. Umstead held to the purpose expressed here earlier this week in a statement to The News.

Umstead said the three bills, for which there were already a number of other signers, would be presented at the opening session of the N. C. General Assembly or as soon thereafter as he could gain the floor.

Umstead, who will be serving his seventh term in the General Assembly, left for the Capitol Tuesday, as did his colleague of the upper house, James Webb of Hillsboro.

The road bill to be presented by Umstead will provide that all unexpended money set up for improvement of secondary county roads be used as soon as possible to put crushed stone on dirt roads being traversed by school buses. Eleven million dollars was appropriated for improvement of dirt roads for the biennium and much of the money has been spent for permanent construction, which was not intended by the 1947 legislature, Umstead charged.

The teacher salary bill would set up a minimum salary of \$2,400 and maximum of \$3,600 for teachers as recommended by the State Education Commission and the State Board of Education. Umstead was a signer of the majority report of the recent Education Commission study for improvement of the state school system.

The third bill would provide a 50-million-dollar appropriation for rural school buildings, to be paid

as a grant-in-aid, not as a loan. The money would go to the counties on the basis of "need and ability to pay" and would be matched by a specific percentage from the county. Orange County would be expected under the provisions of this proposed act to put up 20 to 25 per cent of the capital outlay and receive from 75 to 80 per cent from the state.

Veto On Beer May Be Asked, Cobb Predicts

Hillsboro.—A prediction that Orange County citizens will demand an election and vote beer out if places selling beer do not improve was voiced this week by Collier Cobb, Jr., chairman of the Board of County Commissioners. Cobb's prediction came in a talk on the responsibility of beer license holders which he gave to a new applicant for such a license who appeared before the county governing body.

He asserted that there are many violations of the beer laws by dealers in this county, such as selling beer to persons already intoxicated, selling after hours, etc., and warned that many citizens were rapidly coming to deplore these illegal practices.

New licenses were granted to Mrs. Ella Williams, who operates a place on Highway 70, east of Hillsboro, and J. B. Forte, who wanted the permit for his place just off Highway 70, west of the county seat.

Man Charged With Attempted Killing After Hitting Duke Hospital Patient

Hillsboro.—James Horner, 21-year-old son of Tom Horner, Orange County farmer, has been placed in Durham County jail and charged with assault with a deadly weapon with intent to kill as result of an alleged unprovoked attack on a well-known Durham county man in Duke Hospital Sunday.

Officials here described Horner as a "mental case" and his father told of the youth's strange behavior for some time. He is the grandson of the late Nap Horner, who was convicted and served a long term for a killing in this county some 35 years ago.

Tom Purcell, 56, the victim, who also was being treated at the hospital, sustained a severe fracture of the skull when Horner allegedly struck him with a chair. Hospital attaches said Tuesday that Purcell's condition is "extremely critical."

According to Sheriff E. G. Belvin of Durham, Purcell was sitting or lying on a couch in the recreation room of the particular ward when Horner, without warning, is

alleged to have broken a chair over his head.

Horner, a slender and soft-skinned man, was receiving treatment at the hospital for a stomach wound sustained when shot by a .22 caliber rifle allegedly wielded by his brother at the Horner home.

In his cell Tuesday Horner, grinning and smoking a cigarette, said he attacked Purcell "because he told me he was going to put me in the sack and hang me, and that's not right."

When asked if he thought he hurt the older man, Horner shook his head and smiled. "No," he replied, "I didn't hurt him. I didn't hit him but one time."

Sheriff Belvin, explaining that Horner was receiving treatment for the wound and not anything else, said that other occupants of the ward claimed that no words had been passed between Purcell and Horner.

When Horner walked near Purcell, Purcell thinking him to be someone else, said, "Is that you, Stanley?" and the assault followed, Belvin said he was told.

Commissioners Ask Bill Making Welfare Program Less Popular In State

School Needs Will Be Aired January 12, 13

Hillsboro.—Public meetings to air Orange County's public schools needs are set for next Wednesday and Thursday nights.

Committees set up by the various PTA groups of the county are busy preparing their recommendations, which will be incorporated into the report being prepared by the fact-finding body appointed by the county commissioners several months ago to investigate the county's overall needs.

Mrs. Clarence Jones heads the education subcommittee holding the hearings. Wednesday night's meeting will be for Negro citizens and will be held at the Hillsboro Negro School building, while Thursday night's session for white citizens will be at the Hillsboro High School.

New Un Official



President Truman appointed Joseph B. Keenan, Washington attorney, to be U. S. representative on the UN Conciliation Commission for Palestine. He will serve with representatives from France and Turkey on the three-member commission. Keenan served as chief U. S. prosecutor at the war crimes trial in Japan.

Occoneechee Scout Banquet Set For Jan. 17

Raleigh.—The annual banquet of the Occoneechee Council Boy Scouts of America will be held on Monday, January 17, at 6:30 p. m. in the Durham City Armory, Durham, according to plans released today by R. Brookes Peters, Jr., Raleigh, chairman of the banquet committee. Dr. Elbert K. Fretwell, New York, Chief Scout of the Boy Scouts of America, will be the featured speaker. Fretwell is the former Chief Scout Executive.

Chris C. Hamlet, Durham, is in charge of physical arrangements for the banquet which will be presided over by Hugh G. Isley, Raleigh, Council president. A feature of the program will be the installation of 1949 officers of the Council who were elected at the annual business meeting held in November. Harold Makepeace, Sanford, will be installed as president. Other officers are: vice presidents, E. A. Clement, Raleigh; James Webb, Hillsboro; Claude T. Bowers, Warrenton; treasurer, H. K. Witherspoon, Raleigh; commissioner, Fred Dixon, Raleigh; national representatives, W. D. Campbell, Southern Pines; J. H. Conan, Durham; E. Norfleet Gardner, Henderson; and Harold Makepeace.

Other features of the program will include the presentation of Round Up and Standard Unit awards, Silver Beaver awards to five Scout leaders of the Occoneechee Council and a talk by the wife of a Scout leader.

Reservations for the banquet must be made in advance, according to Roy M. Liles, Scout Executive. Tickets may be secured from any district chairman, member of the executive staff or the council office in Raleigh, states Liles.

Members of the banquet committee serving with Peters are Max Fogleman, Warrenton; Jack W. Jenkins, Jr., Henderson; J. P. Floyd, Jr., Oxford; Chris C. Hamlet, Durham; S. H. Basnight, Chapel Hill; Jerry Wood, Siler City; Robert Ingram, Jr., Sanford; Joe McCullers, Dunn; William D. Campbell, Southern Pines; and Gaither Beam, Louisville.

William Lloyd Joins Glee Club

Mars Hill.—(Special)—William Holmes Lloyd, son of Mr. and Mrs. M. P. Lloyd, Hillsboro, is in the baritone section of the Mars Hill college glee club for 1948-49.

Besides singing in local concerts, Lloyd appeared in a number of radio programs, sang before the State Baptist convention at Charlotte, and participated with other western North Carolina groups in presenting "The Messiah" at Asheville, December 12.

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Hillsboro.—Orange County's Board of Commissioners this week called upon the county's legislative representatives to introduce legislation in the General Assembly to make the state's welfare program "less popular."

The appeal came at Monday's session, to which Senator James Webb and Representative John W. Umstead had been invited for the purpose of discussing legislative needs of the county.

Specifically the county commissioners asked for introduction of a statute with provisions for establishing a lien on the taxable property of welfare recipients throughout the state.

Chairman Collier Cobb, Jr., in discussing the matter with the legislators, pointed out that the welfare budget had been creeping up until the 1948-49 fiscal year appropriation of federal, state and county funds for welfare work in Orange County was double the appropriation for 1940. He cited \$75,420 as the figures for 1940 and \$156,733 for 1948-49.

"Many people in Orange County are struggling to pay taxes who are far less able to pay them than some who are receiving welfare funds," the chairman stated, and expressed the opinion that there is a tendency in the philosophy of the welfare organization to see how many can be gotten on the welfare rolls rather than how few.

Some way should be found to make children support their aged parents where they are clearly able, the legislators were told. It was believed that the ability to place a lien on taxable property would be a help in this connection. Provisions for making the welfare lists public might also help, it was stated. It was understood that making such lists public is now prohibited by statutes governing the welfare program.

Acting upon a request of Dr. David Garvin, district health officer, urging additional appropriations for health work, the commissioners expressed favor for additional health funds but told Umstead and Webb that the county had gone about as far as it can go in its appropriation for this purpose.

Members of the County Board of Education attended the session, expressing approval of staggered terms for board members and changes in the method of selection of principals.

March-Of-Dimes Campaign Plans Going Forward

Hillsboro.—Plans are going forward for the March of Dimes campaign in Hillsboro, West Hillsboro and outlying communities in this section of the county.

Mrs. J. W. Richmond heads the drive for this part of the county under the general chairmanship of E. Carrington Smith of Chapel Hill for the entire county.

The drive will get under way January 14, concluding on January 31. Included in the plans are a house-to-house canvass of Hillsboro, the placing of coin collectors in conveniently located places, appointment of representatives in the mills, Eno, Belle-Vue, Whites, Edland Knitting Company, and Orange Hosiery Mill.

This year, a greater need exists for support than ever before, the chairman stated, emphasizing that "We must not let 1949 find us unprepared to meet an emergency like the 1948 polio epidemic."

Julian Carr On Honor Roll

Boone.—Registrar H. R. Eggers of Appalachian State Teachers college has released the list of honor roll students for the first quarter. Of the 120 students listed, 17 are freshmen, 23 are sophomores, 24 are juniors, 44 are seniors, and 12 are enrolled as special students. On the list from this county is Julian Carr, Hillsboro.

CHEST X-RAY CLINIC
X-ray clinic will be held at the Hillsboro Health Department on Monday, January 10, 1949, between 2 and 4 p. m., according to a recent announcement by Dr. O. David Garvin, District Health Officer.