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Restore Hillsboro
Latest Proposal

Hillsboro.—A movement, which assumed wide proportions on basis of space allotted it in many newspapers, has been directed looking toward the historical restoration of Hillsboro along the lines of Williamsburg.
Such a proposal was made Monday by Robert D. Patterson, Jr., a local realtor, who apparently discussed the matter with the Durham Chamber of Commerce and the Chamber of Commerce Bankers, and written to H. "Sandy" Graham, local attorney and present State Highway Commission chairman, who currently resides in Raleigh.
As far as can be ascertained no Hillsboro residents have been contacted regarding the matter and reports from Durham are that the matter will be presented to the Durham Chamber of Commerce for discussion and possible action. That organization was described as "highly interested" in the proposition.
Action locally was mostly speculative and there was considerable speculation as to Patterson's drive in pushing the proposition. He was regarded as largely a pipe dream, impossible of realization, but the interest of a "financial" man, who was not yet in sight, coupled with the speculation was prominent at a Durham editorial containing implications not complimentary to Hillsboro citizens in connection with previous attempts at similar projects.
W. Webb, president of the Hillsboro Merchants Association, responded to a letter to the Durham Chamber of Commerce, pointing to the "possibility" of restoration along the lines of the Williamsburg restoration. He pointed out that Hillsboro has had a similar place in the state's history and such places as might be restored have been used and improved by generations of owners. He mentioned present efforts toward preservation of Hillsboro landmarks and pointed out a number of historical structures which he said should be "preserved" rather than destroyed.

New Masonic Officers Take Posts For '49

Hillsboro.—Hillsboro Masonic Lodge installed officers for 1949 Friday evening, January 14. Past Master W. H. Moore was installing officer, assisted by Past Master Hubert Brown of Durham Lodge No. 352.
New officers installed were: A. R. Williams, Master; Giles Long, Senior Warden; Carl Couch, Junior Warden; Garland Miller, Treasurer; Charles M. Walker, Sr., Secretary; Ernest Ball, Junior Deacon; William F. Lark, Junior Deacon; C. M. Walker, Jr., and C. A. Williams, Jr., Stewards; W. L. Smith, Tyler; and G. A. Brown, Chaplain.
Retiring Master is John P. Ballard.

Dimes For North Carolina



Philip S. Randolph of Chapel Hill, North Carolina state representative of the National Foundation for Infantile Paralysis, shows Nurse Hazel Fraser of Bogalusa, La., a March of Dimes Check for \$100,000. Watching is Billy Taylor, 6, a patient at the Camp Sutton polio center.

March of Dimes Drive Underway

Hillsboro.—The Orange County March of Dimes campaign got underway last Friday and will continue throughout the month as workers attempt to raise \$8,500 through solicitation, coin collectors and other means such as benefit events.
A \$2,000 quota was set for Hillsboro and this immediate area exclusive of collections in the schools. E. Carrington Smith is the general chairman, Mrs. J. W. Richardson is sub-chairman for this area and persons not solicited may send contributions directly to these leaders.
The need for this year is cited as much greater than ever before because of last year's costly epidemic which struck North Carolina a tremendous blow. Hundreds are still hospitalized in this state as a result and great outlays of funds are still required for their care.
An impressive full-page ad supporting this great campaign may be found on the inside pages in addition to data regarding the campaign and program.
In Hillsboro, block leaders in the house-to-house canvass were announced by Mrs. Richmond as follows: Mrs. H. W. Moore, Mrs. O. L. Thomas, Mrs. Garland Miller, Mrs. Virginia Gattis, Mrs. R. O. Forrest, Mrs. D. E. Forrest, Mrs. M. B. Roberts, Mrs. Lucius Brown, Jr., Mrs. J. W. Dickson, Mrs. C. C. Cole, Mrs. Vera Whitaker, Mrs. Virgin Teer, Mrs. Dumont-Eskridge, Mrs. Phil Hardee. John Clayton is leader for Belle-Vue; Allen Whitaker for Eno Cotton Mills; J. G. Goodwin for Orange Furniture Craftsmen; Mrs. G. C. Truesdale for Duke Power Plant; John Eiland, Jr., for Eiland Knitting Mills; Mrs. William Chance and Fred Cates, Jr., for theater solicitation; and John Midgett, Alton Williams and Charles Torian, special solicitations.

School Needs by Hundreds Reported at Hearings Here

Hillsboro.—Orange County's fact-finding committee asked for reports on "school needs" from each community and they found P. T. A. leaders in the various schools ready with the answers.
Public hearings held here last week brought forth hundreds of recommendations for school improvements covering all phases of school activities from the physical plants and classroom needs to curriculum changes. Reports from white and Negro groups were heard on succeeding nights, with little difference in the nature of the needs reported by each. No effort was made to evaluate the needs from a monetary standpoint.
The reports received by the committee, headed by Mrs. Clarence Jones, will be used as basis for the report being made by the fact-finding board to the County Commissioners at their meeting the first Monday in February. The full reports of the various community groups will later be turned over to county school officials for

their use in making such improvements as are feasible and possible from an administration standpoint.
Greatest needs in scope and variety came from reports of spokesmen from Hillsboro and Chapel Hill, who indicated their units are virtually "bursting at the seams," while some of the other schools are fighting for existence, on the basis of their enrollment. No indication of the committee's intentions as to its own report has yet been given. Carrboro school was the only one not heard from among the white schools.
Chapel Hill spokesmen reported a need for two elementary schools and a complete new high school within the next few years. Now operating a high school in eight classrooms in one wing which has been built of a proposed new building to take the place of the high school destroyed by fire in 1942, a need was cited for 22 classrooms and special departments for the high school division, plus a lunchroom, library and auditorium. A minimum need of 30

classrooms and special units was cited for the elementary school and two separate buildings on adequate sites were recommended to fill the needs of the 900 students expected in the elementary grades by 1952. The elementary school now has 15 rooms. A high school population of 500 is expected in five years on the basis of a recent census estimate by the Junior Service League.
Crowded conditions and poor facilities were pointed for the Hillsboro school, where it was said two teachers have no classrooms and other classrooms being held in the basement, described as dark and damp. Lunchroom and toilet facilities were described as "alarming" and the gymnasium was described as a fire trap. Among the needs cited were eight classrooms, lunchroom, toilet facilities, a music room, a mechanical room for the agricultural building, a new gymnasium, repairs to the halls, auditorium and ceilings of the rooms in the old buildings, equipment of rooms, auditoriums and halls with acoustaboard to lessen noises, one new bus, three bus replacements, curriculum changes offering some type training for exceptional students, additional foreign language and higher math courses, plus 21 additional needs from 18 door-knobs to a mechanical lift in the boiler room. "In short," concluded Spokesman Charles S. Hubbard, "a new senior high school for Hillsboro."
West Hillsboro reported a need for a lunchroom, library and other minor items, including "full length mirrors for each room. Caldwell needed an auditorium and recreation facilities, and called for the establishment of an attendance officer. Caldwell's spokesman, in calling for new buses, asserted they were "shocked every time the bus gets to Hillsboro on time."
Eiland saw a need for a Junior High School (ninth grade), heating system, drinking fountain, sanitary facilities, lunchroom to adequately take care of the enrollment and adequate lights. Murphy needed a number of minor improvements but cited a telephone as the number one need. It was stated that 17 of its potential students are being allowed to attend other schools outside the district, thus weakening the Murphy school.

Heralded Restoration

The Durham Morning Herald in its editorial columns yesterday appeared to be chastising Hillsboro citizens, casting serious implications that the folks here had been uncooperative and in general a millstone around the neck of the people who in times past had attempted restoration of this historic community. Its rather smug reference to Sandy Graham as Mister Number One of Hillsboro appeared to have an uncomplimentary tone, also; Mr. Graham being a resident of the county but not of the town itself.
In short, this newspaper strongly resents the attitude of the neighboring daily, not for its appraisal of the current proposal by one of its citizens but for the insinuations it levels at our home town. The Durham Chamber of Commerce, it reports, is taking the matter under advisement, a procedure which smacks highly of the "horse before the cart." It has not yet been mentioned to the folks at Hillsboro, as far as can be ascertained, and the Durham Herald is already accusing us of not wanting to be restored. A highly unorthodox procedure.
Apparently, the esteemed daily editorialist does not realize or has ignored the fact that the one necessity for such a project is an "angel" such as a Rockefeller at Williamsburg. If there is such a man among us we don't know him and until the Durham backer can produce one, or at least a good suggestion regarding one, we'll not take the Durham Herald's implications except in resentment.

Radiosene Falls Near New Hope

New Hope.—A Radiosene fell in the yard at Mrs. W. A. Craig's Sunday morning with a parachute and balloon attached.
It was sent out from Greensboro, earlier in the day by the United States Weather Bureau to determine the humidity, temperature and moisture. Instructions were on it to the finder to return to the United States Government. The Radiosene can be used again, but the balloon and parachute were wrecked.

Tractor, Other Equipment Taken From Dr. Hobbs

Chapel Hill.—A practically brand new David Bradley garden tractor, which had only been used one-half an hour, was stolen out of a brooder house on Dr. S. H. Hobbs' farm at Damascus Church some five miles from Chapel Hill, he reported today.
Also stolen was a cultivator and plow and some other equipment valued at \$300. Dr. Hobbs is offering a \$50 reward to any one who can give him a lead.
The equipment was stored in the brooder house which was padlocked. The thieves broke the lock and took it with them, but "why they wanted to take the broken lock, too, I don't know," Dr. Hobbs said. "I have the key."
There is no house on the farm now, he explained. It was burned to the ground last winter.
Dr. Hobbs doesn't know just when the equipment was stolen, for he said he hadn't visited the farm since shortly after Christmas until during the past weekend when he discovered the robbery.
"Although the land is posted," he said, "I found six or eight men and about 15 dogs hunting out there Saturday."

Traffic Light At Post Office Corner At Hill

Chapel Hill.—Upon the recommendation of the Institute of Traffic Engineers, the Chapel Hill Board of Aldermen has completed arrangements for the installation of a traffic light system at the intersection of Franklin and Henderson streets, the post office corner.
There will be two sets of lights operating simultaneously to control both motor and foot traffic. One will be on a raised "safety island" directly in front of the post office, and the other will be suspended over Franklin street facing Henderson street.
In addition to the red, yellow, and green lights for automobiles, there will be "wait" and "walk" signals for pedestrians. The system was designed especially for this intersection by the General Electric Company.
U-turns will be forbidden at this corner, and it is probable that there will be a no-parking zone in front of the post office.
Installation will be directed by Grey Culbreth and B. F. Potter. The cost of the new system has been estimated by Gilbert Ray, city manager, at \$1,000.

Rev. H. Grady Dorsett Has Led Varied Life; Will Now Direct New Religious And Social Center In Carrboro

By MRS. IRA MANN
Carrboro.—Rev. H. Grady Dorsett, who was pastor of the Carrboro Baptist Church from 1918 to 1941, has led a varied life, business and professional, operating a hardware and machinery store at Hillsboro and at 26 years of age was elected Register of Deeds of Chatham County, the only Republican Register of Deeds ever to serve in that office.
Rev. Mr. Dorsett, son of the late James Dan Dorsett and Fannie Hackney Dorsett, was born in Popka City, Orange County, Florida, September 15, 1881. He came to North Carolina with his parents at four years of age. In 1905 he entered the ministry he has since served churches in Vance, Wake, Chatham, and Person Counties and the following churches in Orange County: Carrboro, Cane Creek, Bethel, Mt. Herman and West Hillsboro.
After serving as Register of Deeds, he entered the University of North Carolina as a law student. He graduated from U. N. C. in the class of 1912 and later practiced law in Salisbury in partnership with Judge R. E. Lee. He was a candidate for the Legislature from Orange County in 1912, where he says he was defeated by five votes.
After his decision to enter the ministry, he entered the Southern Baptist Theological Seminary in Fort Worth, Texas, for training. He was ordained as a minister at First Baptist Church, Salisbury, in 1914. His first pas-

Pair Of Stills To Be On Display Are Destroyed; Five Arrested

Hillsboro.—Sheriff's officers, assisted by Chapel Hill police in one instance, captured and destroyed two illicit liquor manufacturing plants this week and arrested five men as operators.
Monday afternoon a 300-gallon capacity outfit was cut down in Bingham township just off the road from White Cross to Dodson's Crossroads. Six thousand five

New Chevrolet To Be On Display Here Saturday

A product of three years' development work and more than a million miles of engineering research, the 1949 Chevrolet goes on display in dealer showrooms in Orange County Saturday. Local dealers received a preview of the new model in Atlanta last week-end.
The latest model has been completely restyled. It is lower, wider

Aerodynamics an Influence on New Car Styling

Pictured with a U. S. Air Force jet fighter plane, Chevrolet's Fleetline De Luxe four-door sedan exemplifies the clean, flowing surfaces that are the essence of modern transportation styling. Fleetline sedans are distinguished by the unbroken sweep of the roof line over rear quarters of the car. A two-door model is also available.



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