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Orange Savings Bond Holdings Near 6 Million

Chapel Hill.—The people of Orange County today are holding a backlog of financial security in U. S. Savings Bonds amounting to \$5,605,129.75, W. E. Thompson, Chapel Hill, county chairman of the Savings Bonds Committee, announced today.

"This sum represents the net holdings of Series E, F and G War Bonds and peacetime Savings Bonds (after all redemptions or "cash-ins" have been deducted) since May 1, 1941, and through December 31, 1948," Mr. Thompson said. This information was received by the county chairman from Allison James, State Director of the U. S. Savings Bond Division in Greensboro, in the annual Savings Bonds Report for 1948.

Davis Suggests Three Million in School Needs

By W. HORACE CARTER
 Chapel Hill.—"Orange County school facilities are far from adequate and in my opinion it would take \$3,000,000 to put them in first class shape," C. W. Davis, head of the Chapel Hill school system, said at the regular semi-monthly meeting of the Chapel Hill Junior Chamber of Commerce.

"We all know that state restrictions make it impossible for our county to raise and spend anywhere near this amount but we should work for all possible aid from the State and Federal governments and raise all we can toward putting our educational system up to standards required by our expanding enrollment," Mr. Davis said.

"The local school system is, in my opinion, carrying out a good academic and vocational program and the records show that about 90 per cent of the high school graduates here go on to institutions of higher learning and do well. But most classes are crowded, lighting isn't very good, and with the expected increase in future enrollment, we may be faced with students and teachers and no room in which to put them."

In addition to Mr. Davis' address, the Junior Chamber of Commerce discussed its forthcoming charter night, tentatively planned for March 17. Kenneth Putnam, chairman of the tree planting committee, reported that about 50 trees have been planted in the Chapel Hill-Carrboro area to date and that locations for some 50 others have been staked out. Members of the Jaycees were scheduled to plant trees again last Saturday.

"The primary and patriotic reasons for the Savings Bonds program, of course, are to help stabilize the nation's economy by fighting inflation, and to properly manage the \$252 billion national war debt by spreading it widely among our people, but the by-product of 'community reserves' and future buying power of our county's citizens is a mighty important reason also. The aim of the Savings Bonds Committees of volunteer workers in every county in the nation is to help increase Savings Bonds sales, through payroll savings where you work, Bond-a-Month savings where you bank, and over the counter sales.

Whatcha Know? Joe!



Newsmen and arm-chair diplomats strove unsuccessfully to arrange a meeting between President Truman and Marshal Stalin, but it was no trick at all for artist Jacek Karpowicz of Paris, France. Karpowicz, who views the present era of "phony peace" pessimistically, made his own Truman and Stalin of paper-mache, and got them together for this striking portrait.

Gala Merchants Banquet Friday

Chapel Hill.—Final plans are being made for the annual banquet of the Chapel Hill-Carrboro Merchants Association, to be held tomorrow night at 7 o'clock in the Carolina Inn ballroom. A special table will be set up for the directors of the Association and their wives. Favors will be placed at every plate. These favors were donated by Rose's 5 and 10c Store, Bank of Chapel Hill, Danziger's, Ledbetter-Pickard Store, Varsity, Colonial Press and University Florist. The ballroom charge was donated to the Association as a gift from the Carolina Inn.

Pre-Parenthood Series Continues Next Monday

Chapel Hill.—"The Psychology of Pregnancy" is the topic to be discussed at the third session of the pre-parenthood course being presented by the District Health Department Monday, February 14, at 3 p. m. The course which meets each week at the same time at the district offices on Old Fraternity Row is being offered as a community service for prospective parents in an effort to familiarize them with the various phases of pregnancy and care of the mother and baby.

Buster Ogburn, chairman of the participation committee, reported that this group has completed arrangements for presenting a rotating cup each year to the Jaycee who works the most hours on club projects. President Wentworth announced that a club bulletin will be published each month and that the first would be distributed at the next business of the organization.

Walters Not Guilty In Manslaughter Case Involving Death Of Peter Benton

Hillsboro.—Orange County Recorder's Court Judge L. J. Phipps found no evidence of contributory negligence on the part of Dwight Walters of Hillsboro on a technical charge of manslaughter in connection with the highway death of Peter Benton, local Negro, two weeks ago. Walters pled not guilty to the charge and findings were insufficient to bind the case over to Superior Court. Benton was struck by Walters' car on Highway 70 after he reportedly walked out in front of the oncoming vehicle. Other cases disposed of Monday were mostly of the traffic and public drunkenness variety. D. St. Pierre DuBose pled not content to a charge of failing to give proper hand signals and was ordered to pay the costs of court. Graham Ashley for operating a motor vehicle without an operator's license was fined \$25 and costs. Harvey Ray on a like charge received a similar sentence. M. W. Thompson for failure to give a proper hand signal was fined \$10 and costs. Edna McCauley on a driving without operator's license charge also received the \$25 and cases assessment after she pled guilty. Herman Craven, charged with operating an automobile on the highways while under the influence of intoxicating beverages and damage to personal property was judged not guilty.

Public drunkenness convictions and their sentences included: Clarence Cates, \$5 and costs; Dallas Moore, 30 days on roads and costs, suspended for six months; Frank Battle, 30 days on roads and costs, suspended for six months; Maynard Whitted, \$5 and costs; Dave Parker, costs; Sam Brooks, \$15 and costs (also guilty of disorderly conduct); Sue McAdoo, \$10 and costs; Rufus Potat, \$10 and costs (also guilty of disorderly conduct); Charlie Brooks, \$10 and costs (also guilty of disorderly conduct). Howard Terian pled guilty to the larceny of property valued at \$20 and was given a six months road sentence and ordered to pay a fine of \$20 and costs. Sentence suspended for two years on good behavior. Leroy Beasley was ordered to pay the costs on an assault charge. Walter Mebane, charged with nonsupport of an illegitimate child, was found not guilty of failing and refusing to support the child Roy McAdoo on a nonsupport charge received a 12 months jail sentence suspended on condition of payment of \$100 to Stella Mae Enoch and child and \$25 per month hereafter. James Thompson was judged guilty of failure to support his illegitimate children and also given a 12 months term, suspended upon payment of the costs and \$05 to Alberta Williams and her two children and \$30 per month hereafter.

John P. Wilson Called To Duty

Hurdle Mills.—John P. Wilson, son of Mr. and Mrs. F. L. Wilson, and a graduate of Hillsboro High School, has been called back to active duty in the grade of captain by the Air Force and assigned to Manchester, N. H. He has been on duty as a recruiting sergeant during the past year at Paris, Mo. He served eight years in the Air Force during the war period and spent 10 months in North Africa as a bomber pilot and 10 months in England as a pilot of fighter type aircraft. He is married to the former Miss Maureen Mitchell of Topeka, Kan., and has a small son. They will join him soon at Manchester.

New Hospital For Chapel Hill Gets Approval

Chapel Hill.—The proposed construction of a 318-bed hospital in Chapel Hill has been given final approval by the United States Public Health Service, Rep. Carl T. Durham from Chapel Hill announced last Friday. Three installments amounting to \$1,500,000 will be given through federal aid. Estimated cost of the hospital is \$5,290,000.

Tourney Here

Due to an overflow of teams, arrangements have been made to play two nights of the Stem C. B. A. tournament in the Hillsboro gym. Four games are on tap here Saturday night, Feb. 12, with both Hillsboro High teams in action that night. On Monday night, Feb. 14, there are three games on tap with both Hillsboro Exchange Club teams in action that night. The winners of this district tournament will play in the state finals in Asheboro. Trophies will be given to the winning teams and prizes will be given to the best player and sport of the boys and girls teams.

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Text of First Half of County Survey Report

NOTE: This is the first half of the report of the county fact-finding committee presented Monday to the Board of County Commissioners and the County School Board. Space limitations prevented publication of the complete report. The second half will be presented next week. February 4, 1949. At a joint meeting of the County Commissioners and the Board of Education held in Hillsboro on October 4th, this special committee was appointed and instructed to make a thorough study of "the needs of Orange County, particularly those requiring capital outlay." The membership of fifteen comes from all sections of the county and represents both races, both sexes and both political parties, as follows: James Webb, Hillsboro; Z. C. Burton, Cedar Grove; B. C. Corbett, Cedar Grove; Hubert Robinson, Chapel Hill; Mrs. C. D. Jones, Hillsboro; J. L. Brown, Jr., Hillsboro; Lemuel R. Cheek, Chapel Hill; Route 1; John L. Efland, Jr., Efland; Raymond Andrews, Carrboro; J. B. Johns, Chapel Hill; Gordon Blackwell, Chapel Hill; Mrs. Clyde Walker, Rougemont; Route 2; Mrs. M. R. Evans, Chapel Hill; H. G. Coleman, Sr., Hillsboro; Mrs. Evans found it impossible to serve and she was replaced by Mrs. John Gillin of Chapel Hill. The Committee held an organization meeting in Hillsboro on the night of October 18th, 1948, and thoroughly discussed the problem to be studied and ways and means of accomplishing the desired result. It was quickly apparent that with the limited time available to

"Staggering" Needs Set Forth By County Survey; Broad Plan Is Proposed

Hillsboro.—A voluminous and detailed analysis of the county's needs was presented to the Orange County board of commissioners Monday calling for vast outlays for improvements in schools, roads, county departments and other phases of the county government. The document was the work of the 15-member fact-finding committee, headed by Senator James Webb, which was appointed last October to investigate and report on the county's needs. No estimate of the cost of the

new construction and other improvements was attempted by the committee, which commented in its report that "probably some of the recommendations will be beyond the financial ability of the County to provide." In accepting the 31-page type-written document from Chairman Webb, Chairman Collier Cobb, Jr., of the Commissioners termed the needs "staggering" and unofficially estimated that accomplishment of the proposals would require something over three million dollars for schools alone and

pointed out that statutory limitations on school indebtedness for this county was in the neighborhood of one and a quarter million. The report traced the "present critical state in which the Orange County Education System finds itself" to the lack of careful, long-range planning and the failure to provide sufficient monies to support an adequate school system. It recommended the abolition of "the present ineffective district and local school board system," giving more responsibility to advisory committees in each locality. It recommended a uniform pattern of elementary schools, junior high schools and two senior high schools, at Hillsboro and Chapel Hill, proposing that Aycock remain a high school only if enrollment increases sufficiently to warrant its continuance as a senior high school.

Installation Of Minister At Efland, New Hope Will Be Historic Milestone

New Hope.—An event of great significance to Presbyterians of the New Hope and Efland communities will take place Sunday with the installation of the Rev. John Ensign as minister of the two churches.

Installation services at the Efland Presbyterian Church will be at 4 o'clock in the afternoon and at New Hope at 7:30 in the evening. The installation at Efland will be the first in the church's 41-year history. It heretofore has been served only by a "temporary supply." Mr. Ensign will be the first resident installed pastor in the almost 200-year history of the New Hope Church.



REV. JOHN E. ENSIGN graduating from the college of Emory University in Atlanta. He took his theological training at Union Theological Seminary in New York City, serving as assistant for one year to Dr. Ralph Sockman of Christ Church, Park Avenue, and for two years in a small rural church while in the Seminary. He served one year in a rural church in Tennessee. He has had experience in 15 summers of camping, five as camp program director in the Smokies, fitting him for his work in connection with Camp New Hope.

The Presbytery committee for the installation at Efland will consist of the Rev. W. M. Baker, presiding; Dr. T. Henry Patterson, preaching the sermon; and Dr. C. E. Hodgkin, giving the charge to the congregation. Elders Sidney Green and R. H. Hughes complete the committee from Orange Presbytery. Dr. T. Henry Patterson will preside at the New Hope installation, the Rev. W. M. Baker will preach, and the Rev. Irving E. Birdseye will deliver the charge to the minister. Elders Hughes and Green will again participate. The Rev. Mr. Ensign came to this community last August after

A. K. McAdams Heads Red Cross Fund Campaign

Hillsboro.—A. K. McAdams, of the New Hebron Church section in Western Orange County, secretary of the county AAA, has been appointed chairman of the annual Red Cross fund raising drive to be held next month. Appointment of McAdams has just been made by R. L. Mohler, chairman of the Orange County Red Cross chapter. Rev. John Ensign, pastor of New Hope and Efland Presbyterian churches, has been selected as publicity director. Organization for the drive and the appointment of community leaders will be announced shortly, it was said.

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See The "Oomph" Girls At Hillsboro Gymnasium Tonight For March Of Dimes