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One Local Woman Killed, Others Hurt In Collision

Hillsboro.—Mrs. Milton Latta, 44-year-old English war bride of near Hillsboro, was killed and Mrs. Glenn Auman and her five-year-old daughter, Vickie, were seriously injured in a tragic auto-collision at the intersection of Gregson Street and Minerva Avenue in Durham Tuesday afternoon.

Mrs. Auman, wife of the Hillsboro High School teacher and coach, suffered a brain concussion and her condition was described yesterday as fair. Her 16-month-old daughter, Katherine, who was also in the car, was uninjured. Mrs. Auman also is a former teacher in the Hillsboro schools. Little Vickie Auman suffered a fracture of the right leg, according to hospital reports.

According to reports of witnesses, the Auman car, a 1941 Chevrolet coach, was travelling east on Minerva when it collided with the bus going north on Gregson. The Duke Power Company bus was being used as a school bus carrying Negro students, none of whom were injured.

Mrs. Auman was thrown from the car but Mrs. Latta was pinned in the wreckage. The car was struck in the right side center and thrown into a vacant lot. Willard L. Catlett of Durham was the bus operator. The case was still under investigation yesterday.

Mrs. Latta was married in Hillsboro's Methodist Parsonage exactly two years prior to the date of her death, March 8, 1947, 12 days after her arrival in New York from England. She was the former Miss Joan Eleanor Slow of Southernwood, Hill Park Gate, Berkhamstead Herts, England. Her husband is connected with Latta's Tractor Service in Hillsboro.

Funeral arrangements had not been made late yesterday pending word from Mrs. Latta's relatives in England, who were notified of the tragedy immediately after the accident.

The Lattas and the Aumans both reside on the Durham Highway some two miles east of Hillsboro.

Junior Projects Are Under Way For Flower Show

Hillsboro.—The children of Hillsboro and vicinity will have an opportunity to show their skill, knowledge, and workmanship at the annual flower show sponsored by the Hillsboro Garden Club, April 23 and 24.

All are urged to enter an exhibit. Tray gardens, dish gardens, terrariums, flower arrangements—miniature not to exceed 3 inches, small (6 to 8 inches), large (not to exceed 12 inches), posters, bird houses, and collections of any natural resources can be entered as an exhibit.

Several grades in the Hillsboro School are busy working on exhibits. Miss Annie Cameron's first grade is planning an exhibit to show how a seed comes up and how a plant begins to grow.

The third grade in Miss Rebecca Linder's room has constructed a colonial type house with a miniature flower garden, and is learning much about home beautification.

Mrs. Roland Dodson's sixth grade is studying the history of Hillsboro and Orange County. Edwin Lynch is to speak to them at an early date in the courthouse.

Mrs. G. C. McBane's seventh grade is making a thorough study of Indian tribes of Orange County. They are using Douglas Wright's book, "The American Indian in North Carolina," as a source of information. A display of Orange County Indian relics from the Archeology Department, University of North Carolina, will be on display at the American Legion building during the flower show.

Mrs. Fred Blake's eighth grade and a history class of Mrs. Gilbert Craig are delving into the history concerning the regulators.

A-H Club Week Being Observed

Hillsboro.—This is National A-H Club Week in Orange County and for the nearly two million boys and girls who are members of this organization throughout the country.

To be identified with a 4-H Club is a badge of distinction, borne by more than 20,000 North Carolina boys and girls last year. It is during this week, those boys and girls are inviting many others in communities and on Orange County farms to enjoy the advantages of 4-H membership.

U.N. Scouts Help Refugees



The United Nations Scout Association, sponsors of a drive for clothes, toys and food supplies from members of the U.N. staff and delegates, collected approximately two tons of supplies at a ceremony held at Parkway Village, Jamaica, New York (above). The clothing was turned over by the Scouts to the American Friends Committee for distribution to needy persons, especially Palestine refugees.

Pay Raises Out For Officials

Hillsboro.—Any prospects for salary increases for Orange County elective officials during the next two years were quashed by the Board of County Commissioners this week.

Sheriff S. T. Latta appeared before Monday's session of the Board to ask if the members had given any consideration to recommending raises, pointing out the necessity for doing so at this time while the Legislature is in session if any action is planned.

He referred to the apparent current trend in the state government toward giving salary increases to several classes of state employees.

Chairman Collier Cobb, Jr., speaking for the board, replied that consideration had been given the problem but decision had been made against recommending any raises for elective officials. He stated that it was agreed that "things are probably tapering off and there would be no salary bill at this time."

Earlier a \$10 per month raise for Miss Catherine Brown, clerk in the County Accountant's office, was approved, increasing her salary from \$130 to \$140 per month.

Three Business Moves In Offing On Churton St.

Hillsboro.—Changes in business houses on Churton Street are in the offing as result of the completion of the new Sharpe building.

Claude Sharpe, proprietor of the Young Men's Shop, is expected to move his firm into the new building around the first of the month. This will be the signal for Smith's Ready-to-Wear, operated by Mr. and Mrs. W. L. Smith, to move from the Cole Building to the old Sharpe site and the Jack and Jill Shop, operated by Mrs. Mae V. Lark and Mrs. Mary Laws, will move from upstairs in the Mincey building to the downstairs store which the Smiths are vacating.

One Of Oldest Chapel Hill Traditions—Gravel Sidewalks—May Be On Way Out

Chapel Hill.—One of the oldest traditions of the University village may be on the way out.

In its residential areas Chapel Hill has always been content to get along with gravel sidewalks, and many residents say they prefer them to the cement or brick variety.

But the verdict is not unanimous—some citizens insist a vote would even produce a majority in favor of cement or brick—and so Mayor R. W. Madry, acting on a resolution adopted unanimously by the Board of Aldermen, has appointed a nine-member committee to make a special study of the situation and report back.

Members of the committee are Judge L. J. Phipps, chairman; Aldermen Obie Carter, J. T. Dobbin, Clyde Carter, J. T. Dobbin, Mrs. Roland McClamroch, Mrs. John Gillin, W. M. Cochran, and Roy Strowd.

Marriage Course Planned For Seniors

Hillsboro.—A course of instruction on Marriage and Family Life will be offered to the members of the senior class of the Hillsboro High School next week by the following instructors:

Monday: Emotional and Social Problems, Dr. R. M. Fink.

Tuesday: Physical Growth, Misses Lovell and Brocker.

Wednesday: Economic Problems, Mrs. Gilbert Craig.

Thursday: Problems of Parenthood, Mrs. Virginia Swain.

Friday: My Philosophy of Life, Rev. Charles Hubbard.

Members of the P. T. A. and other interested patrons are invited to attend these classes which will be taught from 11 a. m. until 2:30 p. m. with time out for lunch. Dr. Fink has requested that a group of parents and teachers meet with him in the high school library Monday afternoon at 3:15 to discuss plans for the future of this form of education.

"Go-Getters" To Be Honored At Banquet

Chapel Hill.—The Chapel Hill "Go-Getters," American Legionnaires who have secured 10 or more new members in the local post, will be honored, along with "Go-Getters" of other posts in the Third Division, at a banquet in Durham this Sunday.

Jake Nurkin, Third Division vice commander, will preside at the banquet. Principal speaker is to be James Green, the 1948 commander of the Omaha, Neb., post, largest post in the world. Green was also a candidate for national commander at the last convention.

Winners Named For Birdhouses

Hillsboro.—The birdhouse contest sponsored by the Hillsboro Garden Club was closed March 2. Prizes were awarded in two age groups as follows:

Age group 9-12: First prize, Leonard Dodson, age 12, grade 7; second prize, David Latta, age nine, grade 4; third prize, Betty Jean Roberts, age 10, grade 5.

Age group 6-8: Carolyn Bivins, age 7, grade 2; second prize, Dupree Jones, age 6, grade 1; third prize, "Toby" Hubbard, age 7, grade 2.

Serving as judges for the contest were Mrs. D. Eiland Forrest, Allen Whitaker, and John P. Ballard. The prize winning houses will be featured in the flower show which is competing for the purple ribbon award—April 22-23, Mrs. H. W. Moore, bird chairman, announced.

P.T.A. TUESDAY

The Home Economics Department of the school will be in charge of the program of the Hillsboro Parent-Teacher Association next Tuesday night at 7:30 o'clock which was announced yesterday by Mrs. Clarence Jones, president.

"Bullets" From Deaton

Idea Fails To Stop

Youngster On Errand

Rev. Irving E. Birdseye of the Hillsboro Presbyterian Church was winding up his story of Jonathan and David for the children last Sunday, emphasizing the moral of doing all jobs, even the smallest ones, well, when the congregation saw Dinnie Neighbors, son of Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Neighbors, hurry to his front row seat.

And, although he missed part of the pastor's miniature sermon to the children, Dinnie had just proved he does things well even when it requires running several blocks on an errand he didn't understand.

It started this way. Choir Member Clarence Jones, thinking it would be nice for other members to have one of the day's bulletins being handed out by the deacons in the vestibule, sent Dinnie to the other end of the church with instructions to get some bulletins from the deacon. When the breathless Dinnie returned, he had fun several blocks to the Baptist Church, called upon Pastor T. Paul Deaton for some "bullets" for the Presbyterian Church, and returned the same route in confusion over the failure of his mission.

Mr. Deaton's reply, no doubt expressing consternation over the turn of affairs at the Presbyterian Church, has not been recorded and it has not been ascertained whether Mr. Jones ever received the day's bulletin or not.

Man Sentenced For Violating Health Laws

Hillsboro.—A man who violated the health laws by failing to comply with health department orders to prevent the spread of tuberculosis received a two to six months sentence this week in County Reformatory Court.

He was Theodore Trice. He was ordered confined to the prison division of the State Sanatorium, his release during the period of the sentence to be at the discretion of the Superintendent.

In other cases James Lane and Thomas Irby waived preliminary hearing and were bound over to Superior Court under \$300 bond in connection with the robbery of Ira Peed's store.

Lacy Vaughan pled guilty to operating a motor vehicle on the highways while under the influence of intoxicating beverages and was fined \$100 and costs. William H. Yarboro received a fine of \$25 and costs for driving without a license. Public drunkenness cases found Harvey Jones and Graham Cates being charged the costs and W. J. Wrenn a \$5 fine and costs upon their pleas of guilty.

On a charge of assaulting a female with intent to rape, Earnest Thompson was bound over to higher court and bond set at \$1,000. Phillip Walker was judged guilty of carrying a concealed weapon and fined \$50 and costs and the gun was ordered confiscated and destroyed.

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School Chairman, Possible Successor



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Compton Quits School Board

Hillsboro.—J. S. Compton, chairman of the Orange County School Board, has requested the county Democratic Executive Committee to withdraw his name from consideration for re-appointment by the General Assembly for another two-year term.

Chairman Robert O. Forrest announced the committee will meet within the next few days to select a successor.

Poor health was given as the reason for Compton's decision to retire from the board. His qualification as a Democratic candidate in last year's primary and subsequent certification by the county organization were tantamount to election when the names of representatives of the dominant party are presented to the legislature by the State Superintendent of Public Instruction.

Discussion as to Compton's successor centers around Jeb Burton, prominent resident of the Cedar Grove section, who is being mentioned most freely for the post. He has been active in community and school affairs for many years.

James Street Named Cancer Drive Chairman

Chapel Hill.—James Street has been named chairman of the Orange County annual cancer drive, which will be conducted through the month of April.

Street succeeds Roy Armstrong, last year's drive chairman. Chairmen of the smaller units within the county have not been appointed yet.

A quota of \$1,742 has been set for the county, according to Mrs. Donald Kent, county commander in the National Cancer Society. Solicitations will be made by mail, and coin boxes will be posted in the stores. There will be no house-to-house canvass.

Permanent members of the county chapter are Mrs. Kent, Fred Patterson, executive chairman, and Gilbert Ray, treasurer.

Philip S. Randolph Expresses Thanks For Red Cross Aid During Polio Epidemic

Chapel Hill.—Phillip S. Randolph, prominent Chapel Hill resident and known throughout the state for his work as North Carolina epidemic co-ordinator for the National Foundation for Infantile Paralysis, has issued a statement of gratitude to the American Red Cross for the organization's work during the state epidemic and the program now being carried out in the convalescent period.

Said Randolph: "I should like to express my appreciation for the many services supplied to polio hospitals and patients by chapters of the Red Cross and by the Southeastern Area office of ARC during and following the North Carolina polio epidemic of 1948.

"It was always comforting to me to know that these services were available whenever and wherever they were needed. No statement that I could make would sufficiently express my gratitude to this great organization, for without the Red Cross aid during 1948, the National Foundation for Infantile Paralysis would have had to fight an

overwhelming battle in North Carolina."

Randolph went on to point out that in Orange County the local Red Cross chapter had supplied, through its sewing rooms, many of the isolation gowns worn by the polio nurses and hospital workers. The Orange County chapter, said Randolph, volunteered to transport polio victims in the county to and from treatment centers. This work is still being carried on.

In 1944, he related, the foundation and the American Red Cross entered into an agreement whereby the Red Cross was to recruit volunteer nurses during polio epidemics. This same year in North Carolina, the Red Cross recruited over 1,000 nurses from all over the United States to aid in the epidemic then raging.

"Without this service," stated Randolph, it would have been impossible to give medical treatment to all of the polio victims. This past year the Red Cross sent over 700 nurses into our stricken state, and without this tremendous help the epidemic could never have been properly handled."

Hillsboro.—The Board of County Commissioners this week moved to take over additional responsibility for the regulation and control of beer sales in Orange County, approving in effect a local control bill to be presented to representatives in the General Assembly for introduction into the legislature.

As on several occasions recently, members of the board expressed dissatisfaction with the apparent laxness with which the beverage is handled by many dealers, predicting that the people will demand an election and vote it out unless violations of current laws are less frequent and dealers take more responsibility for operating "decent" places.

Under current regulations, the Commissioners have no authority to disapprove a request for beer license provided all provisions of the law are complied with regarding previous convictions of the applicant, his fitness for operating a beer place, etc. Under the proposed measure, more discretion would be given the commissioners as to who can and who cannot secure a beer license.

Dissatisfaction was expressed in connection with a present statewide bill now under consideration giving regulatory authority to the

Commissioner of Revenue, which would relegate licensing authority of the commissioners to mere endorsement of the action of the state revenue chief.

"I think it's our duty to take over this responsibility," Commissioner H. G. Laws stated in casting his vote for the proposed measure and Commissioner Ben Wilson commented, "If it'll help, I'm willing to try."

The board announced that it would be in session on the third Monday in March as a Board of Equalization and Review as required by law for the purpose of equalizing the valuation of property in Orange County, hearing appeals and attending to other duties prescribed by law.

Other business conducted by the board included presentation of routine reports by county officers and the approval of new requests for increased allotments to two blind persons under the county welfare program.

5,000 Expected For First Negro Soil Field Day

Hillsboro.—The first all-Negro Soil Conservation Field Day ever to be held in this state, and possibly in the nation, is scheduled next Tuesday on the farm of Oddie Lee Torian in the High Rock neighborhood.

All agricultural agencies in the county are participating in the program and leaders estimate some 5,000 persons will be in attendance for the all-day session, featuring demonstrations on 17 farm practices, music by the Hillsboro Negro High School Band and other features.

Last year a similar Field Day was conducted for white farmers in the Schley community with approximately 8,000 attending.

Among those in attendance will be leading Negro farm specialists in the state and district extension set-up.

Conservation practices to be established include thinning young pines, preparation of site for tree planting, tree planting, seeding of permanent pasture, old pasture treatment and gulley work, land preparation for seeding alfalfa, establishing strip cropping without terraces (three-year rotation: corn, small grain, and lespedeza), building terraces with farm equipment, laying off tobacco rows by string method, establishing wildlife borders (corn and soybean lespedeza), establishing meadow of hay on land too wet for cultivation (lady clover and Ky-31), and landscaping of grounds and home improvements—plans to be shown on the grounds (also farmstead improvements demonstrated).

The following people are to be in charge of the program: R. D. Smith, agriculture teacher at Orange County Training School; M. C. Burt, Negro Orange County farm agent; R. H. Mohler, senior soil conservationist of Orange County; and Miss S. L. Lawson, Negro County home demonstration agent of Orange.

Lunch will be available on the grounds.

BIRTH
Mr. and Mrs. Irvin Yates of Chapel Hill announce the birth of a son, Marcum McLean, March 8 at Duke Hospital.