

New Chapel Hill Town Officials Take Over



Robert W. Madry (right), mayor of Chapel Hill for the last seven years, turns over the gavel to his successor, Edwin S. Lanier (left) at installation ceremonies for new officials conducted in the town hall last week. Left to right: Alderman Obie Davis, P. L. Burch, Bernice Fitch (re-elected), Lanier, Alderman R. J. M. Hobbs, who was named Mayor Pro-tem, Madry, Town Manager Gilbert Ray (just behind Madry), Mrs. W. S. Talbert, Town Clerk, Robert L. Fowler (re-elected), Auditor Eric E. Peacock, Town Engineer Tom Rose, Alderman Kenneth Putnam, new member, and C. P. Hinshaw, own attorney.

Umstead Heads Bonds Drive; Aides Selected

State Representative John W. Umstead, Jr., of Chapel Hill has accepted the chairmanship of Orange County's committee for Better Schools and Roads and an intensive campaign under his leadership is rapidly forming to secure passage of the two proposed

bond issues on June 4. A county committee composed of K. S. Cate, Chapel Hill, W. M. Snipes of Rock Springs township, Clyde Roberts of Caldwell, D. M. Ray of Carrboro, Z. E. Burton and J. W. Tolar of Cedar Grove, has been appointed to aid him.

In accepting the chairmanship, Umstead automatically becomes a director in the non-profit, non-partisan citizens' organization Better Schools and Roads, Inc. First meeting of county-wide significance in the bond drive is scheduled for next Wednesday night at the Elementary School auditorium in Chapel Hill when Capus M. Waynick, state Democratic party leader and nominee for Ambassador to Nicaragua, will be the principal speaker. Between now and the election date, Umstead said public meetings will be held in practically all school auditoriums in the county with definite time announcements expected to come later. Beginning with Schley Grange next Tuesday night, meetings of all Granges in the county will be held prior to June 4 in the interest of the roads and schools bond campaign.

Lanier Introduces Prayer As Town Board Inaugurated

Chapel Hill.—Last week Chapel Hill's new mayor and Board of Aldermen were installed and settled right down to work, following prayer for guidance, an innovation in local affairs.

The oath of office was administered, individually, by Justice of the Peace Paul H. Robertson to Aldermen Bernice Fitch, Robert Fowler, and Kenneth Putnam, and to Mayor Edwin S. Lanier. Fitch and Fowler were reelection winners, and Putnam and Lanier winners, in the May 3 election. Aldermen P. L. Burch, G. Obie Davis, and R. J. M. Hobbs, elected two years ago, will serve another two years before being subject to another election.

As soon as Mayor Lanier took the gavel he said, "Gentlemen of the Board, when I am confronted with a hard task I pray for help beyond myself. You and I together are for the next two years faced with an interesting and hard job. I have, therefore, asked Rev. Samuel T. Habel of the local Baptist Church to lead us in prayer for guidance and patience and strength as we begin our work." The Mayor made no inaugural statement.

The Board then heard oral petitions from Judge L. J. Phipps about the town's registration books; S. H. Basnight, about the sewer line to his place of business; Joe Barbee and Charles Brooks, Jr., about the sewer lines to their homes; and Attorney James R. Farrow, in support of P. E. Wilmot's application for a license to sell beer. Their questions were referred to committees for recommendation to the Board at its next meeting.

Ordinances for one-hour parking limits on Henderson Street, post office side, between East Franklin and East Rosemary Streets; both sides of Columbia Street, between Franklin and Rosemary Streets; and on the north side of East Franklin Street between Henderson Street and the Village Apartments were enacted. The Hastings Motor Lines' request for a permit and franchise to operate buses in Chapel Hill was referred to Aldermen Hobbs and Fowler and City Manager Gilbert Ray for their study and recommendation.

The Planning Board was asked to prepare for the Aldermen's consideration a zoning ordinance for all that area within one mile of the town's limits, under statutory authority granted by the

1949 General Assembly

Reports from City Mgr. Ray, Auditor E. E. Peacock, Health Officer Dr. O. D. Garvin, Chief of Police Sloan, and Fire Chief Bud Perry were heard and considered by the Board; also, reports from the Board's Standing committees—Finance, Health, Street, and Safety.

For Mayor Pro-tem the Board elected Alderman R. J. M. Hobbs for the next two years a position Alderman Hobbs has held for the past four years. Election of appointive officers will probably be made in the regular meeting of the Board in June.

A special meeting of the Board was set for Friday, 8 o'clock p. m., May 20.

Orange Share Of Bond Funds Is Announced

Raleigh.—Orange County will receive \$401,037 for school building and \$1,656,000 for road building if voters on June 4 authorize the issuance of school and road bonds, according to a letter received by county commissioners from Governor W. Kerr Scott.

School and road bond bills passed by the 1949 General Assembly allocate those amounts to be spent in the county, provided that the people authorize the issuance of the bonds when they vote in the June 4 election.

For school building Orange County would get \$250,000 as its equal share of a \$25,000,000 appropriation by the General Assembly plus \$151,037 as its per-pupil share of the proceeds from the school bonds. The per-pupil share established by the General Assembly is determined on the basis of the 1947-48 average daily membership.

Burton Heads Steering Body For Weed Vote

Hillsboro.—Z. C. Burton of Cedar Grove has been elected chairman and J. E. Hawkins secretary of a steering committee composed of ten tobacco farmers.

The purpose of this committee is to appeal to farmers to go to the polls and vote their convictions in the July referendum. This vote is to be taken to determine whether or not acreage control of tobacco will be continued through the next two years.

Another question to be decided is whether or not farmers wish to continue to pay 10c an acre on their tobacco allotment for the purpose of financing "Tobacco Associates", a corporation whose purpose is to assist in marketing flue cured tobacco in foreign countries.

Over Ton Of Used Clothes Collected In Chapel Hill For Europe's Supply

CHAPEL HILL.—Over a ton of clothes were collected in the Chapel Hill used clothing drive held Sunday, Chairman A. C. Howell of the Used Clothing Campaign reported Monday.

The used clothing drive was staged simultaneously on the University campus and in the town. The clothes collected are stored in the Baptist Church until sorting. After sorting, the clothes will be shipped to New Windsor, Maryland, and from there to Europe.

Howell expressed particular thanks to the Chapel Hill Boy Scouts and Scoutmasters, R. L. Hardison, C. A. Kirkpatrick, William Freeman, H. D. Strowd and Mrs. E. K. Poe for their work in the clothing drive. He also stated his appreciation for the trucks loaned by the Electric Construction Company, Farmer's Dairy Cooperative, Ogburn Furniture Company, and Strowd Motor Company.

Rev. Thomas Bland Takes New Duties

Carrboro.—The Rev. Thomas Bland, son of Mr. and Mrs. Wade Bland of Carrboro, who has been attending the Baptist Theological Seminary in Louisville, Ky., for the past year after his graduation from U. N. C., has been elected by the Carrboro Baptist Church as educational director for the church this summer.

Rev. Bland has assumed his duties here and while the regular pastor, Rev. Troy Jones, is away this week attending the Southern Baptist Convention in Oklahoma City, Rev. Bland will be in charge of the services. He will preach at both the morning and evening services on next Sunday, May 22.

Sykes-Perkins Case Featuring Court Session

Hillsboro.—After severing the marital ties of six couples here Monday, the current civil term of Superior Court appeared yesterday to be bogged down in a case involving E. P. Sykes and his sister, Mrs. Hettie R. Perkins of Durham county. Sykes is a local automobile dealer.

Mrs. Perkins, the plaintiff was on the witness stand all day Tuesday stating her side of the case in which she claimed indebtedness of Sykes in the sum of \$3,548.50, growing out of an alleged partnership of the two in the motor firm here. In her complaint she charged that Sykes had usurped complete control and possession of the firm and failed and refused to apply earnings to the payment of partnership expenses and debts.

The testimony drew laughter from the crowd at times during the long appearance of the plaintiff on the witness stand. In answer to a question regarding the number of cartons of cigarettes she had received from the firm, she gave a moderate number, adding that she smoked "Bull Durham." "You mean that you roll your own," the attorney questioned; whereupon she replied in the affirmative, claiming considerable proficiency of the art.

Divorces granted included Eric Bynum from Minerva Tuck Bynum, Katie Mae Davis from William Henry Davis, Bruce R. Durham from Mary W. Janowski Durham, Mattie I. Alston from Henry W. Alston, Sophie M. Freeman from Dobson W. Freeman Jr. and Ben Alfred Lloyd from Clara Mann Lloyd.

Legion Heads Are Re-elected

Chapel Hill.—Officers of the Chapel Hill American Legion post have been reelected for the coming year.

Jack McDade is commander, G. B. Cline, vice commander, J. J. Keller, Jr., junior vice commander, Calvin Burch, adjutant, Mangum Upchurch, finance officer, H. D. Leigh, sergeant-at-arms, J. C. Williams, chaplain, Paul Robertson, historian, and Paul Sexton, athletic officer.

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Hillsboro Club Wins Top Honors

Hillsboro.—High national and state honors were awarded to the Hillsboro Garden Club as result of its recent Flower Show, which this year was combined with the annual pilgrimage, according to announcements made here and at the State Garden Club Convention in Charlotte last week.

It received the Purple Ribbon for Flower Show Excellence, a top National award, was placed on the Honor Roll for the year's work and received an award for the best publicity of the year. At the club's meeting last week, Mrs. J. W. Richmond, a delegate to the state convention, presented the flower show award to Mrs. Robert Forrest, chairman, who accepted it for the club. Mrs. Elmer Dowdy was publicity chairman.

Money sent to the State Pilgrimage Treasurer, realized from this year's Pilgrimage, will be returned to the local club to be used in the restoration and preservation of Hillsboro. Mrs. George Gilmore was chairman of the Pilgrimage.

Mrs. Charles Cannon, Concord, N. C., will serve on the local Restoration and Preservation Committee which is composed of T. N. Webb, chairman, Mrs. James Webb, Mrs. Allen Walker, Miss Rebecca Wall, Dr. H. W. Moore, Ben Johnston, Lucius Brown, Charlie Hubbard, Edwin Hamlin, Clarence Jones, and Mrs. C. S. Hubbard, ex officio. Work on this project by the committee is scheduled to get under way soon.

PTA Endorses Bond Issues

Chapel Hill.—At a meeting of the Executive Committee of the Chapel Hill Parent-Teachers Association, that Committee went on record as endorsing both the State School Bond issue in the amount of \$25,000,000 and the State Road Bond issue in the amount of \$200,000,000, being voted on June 4th, 1949.

The Parent-Teachers Association, according to President John T. Manning, is anxious to have a large vote turn out for the election June 4th. It is anxious to have as many eligible voters register this week as possible.

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Shooting Spree Just Misses Proving Fatal

Hillsboro.—Refusal of Mrs. Grace Collins to attend his wife, apparently sent John Tolar of the Fairview section into a fit of anger and a shooting spree early Sunday morning which narrowly missed being fatal.

The incident occurred at the Collins home on North Churton Street around 1 o'clock in the morning. In a drunken condition, Tolar allegedly went into a rage and shot into a nearby bank several times, following an argument with Mrs. Collins. He later left and came back and shot several times into the house, one ricocheting bullet just missing the head of one member of the household.

A warrant charging Tolar with driving drunk, carrying a concealed weapon and firing into the house of Mrs. Collins has been sworn out by Sheriff S. T. Latta.

Dowdy Elected Club President

Hillsboro.—Elmer Dowdy high school agriculture teacher, was elected president of the Hillsboro Lions Club at the regular meeting last week.

Other officers named include: Rev. C. S. Hubbard, first vice president; F. E. Joyner, second vice president; R. L. Mohler, third vice president; Tom Bivins, secretary-treasurer; C. D. Elrod, tail twister, and Shepherd Strudwick, lion tamer. These officers with the following constitute the club's new board of directors: C. B. Parris, G. T. Proffit, Don S. Matheson, Ira Ward, Fred Blake and John P. Ballard.

Schley Contract Award, June 1

Hillsboro.—The architect for the Schley Grange Hall has completed plans and specifications for the building and all interested contractors are invited to view these plans and specifications and place their bids on June 1st at which time the contract will be awarded.

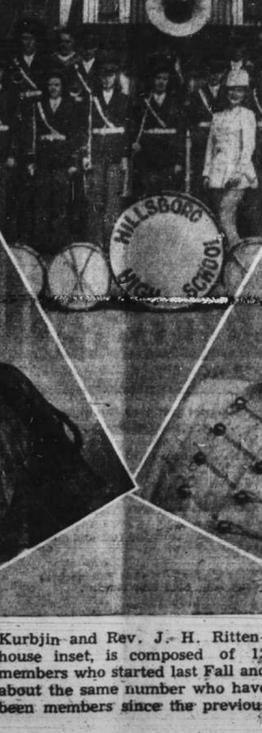
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