

THE NEWS of Orange County

Mebane Queen



MISS MARY JO FOX of Mebane reigned as queen of the ball held as the climax to the all-day Tobacco Festival which brought an estimated 10,000 persons to Mebane Exchange club was the events arranged for the day, including a parade, appearance of the Grand Ole Opry troupe, a water polo match and the selection and coronation of a Queen. Governor W. Kerr Scott did the crowning following an introduction by Judge Susie Sharpe. The Mebane Exchange club was the sponsor for the event, described as one of the most successful ever held in this section.

Dinner Planned To End Summer Sports Program

Hillsboro—As a grand finale to the fine recreational program the community has enjoyed this summer through the softball league, many people have suggested a big dinner to end the fun.

In accordance with their requests the recreation board has decided to have such a dinner next Tuesday evening at 7:00 p.m., at the school cafeteria.

Ralph Neighbors has been placed in charge of arrangements and Rev. Irvin Birdseye will be in charge of the program. The ladies of the New Sharon church will serve the dinner consisting of fried chicken, barbecue, potato salad, slaw, onions, hot rolls, pie, coffee and tea. Bob Tyson and his quartette will furnish music and all trophies and awards will be presented by the Exchange club and others.

All members of teams, boys and girls, umpires, managers, scorers, coaches, sponsors and directors are invited to attend and bring their wives, boy friends or girl friends as the case may be.

The meal will cost \$1.25 for everyone attending and will be served table d'hotel in the style the New Sharon ladies always display.

New Residential Development Opens Saturday

Chapel Hill—Dogwoodacres, Chapel Hill's newest land development project, will be opened to the public Saturday morning, according to an announcement by K. B. Cole, local realtor.

The 104 acre development, which is located 3 miles south of Chapel Hill, has been subdivided into more than 75 lots ranging in size from one-half to two and one-half acres. Twenty-two more acres remain to be subdivided. Six streams run through the land and two additional ones have been filled to provide water enthusiasts a recreational outlet. Cole said that the lakes will soon be stocked with bass and brim by the State Conservation Department.

Commissioners Call For Election On Bond Issues For Schools, Courthouse; Set Date As November 22

Clem Cheek New Master Of Orange Pomona Grange

Hillsboro—Clem Cheek was elected master of the Orange County Pomona Grange at a meeting last week at the American Legion Building here. He succeeds G. O. Reitzel.

Other officers selected were: Ed Latta, overseer; Polly Roberts, secretary; Elvin Cates, treasurer; Aubrey McLennon, steward; Leonard Wilson, assistant steward; Mrs. Ed Roberts, lady assistant; Rev. C. S. Hubbard, chaplain; Rev. John Ensign, assistant chaplain; Van Kenion, gate keeper; the graces—Mrs. Winston Strayhorn, Flora; Mrs. Ruth Miller, Ceres; and Mrs. Fred Reitzel, Pomona; Mrs. Clyde Roberts, lecturer; Miss Martha Lloyd, assistant lecturer; and Lloyd Reitzel, Henry Walker, Mainly Snipes and John Lockhart, members of the executive committee. Mrs. Kathryn Hamrick was elected Home Economics chairman, with the authority to select a committee to serve with her.

Mr. Don S. Matheson, Mrs. Clyde Roberts and Mrs. R. L. Mohler were appointed as a committee whose duty would be to keep the Grange informed about urgent local matters. Under this head the pending bond issue for Orange County schools was discussed. The decision was that each subordinate Grange should have all the information and facts about the matter brought to their attention.

After adjournment, delicious punch and cookies were served, with Mrs. Hamrick presiding at the punch bowl.

School Board Faces Old Problem

Hillsboro—The County Board of Education faced an old problem at their regular monthly meeting here Tuesday—that of parents who want to send their children to a school outside the district in which they reside.

Representatives of the Sturphy school district, who have previously attempted several times to send their children to Hillsboro, appeared before the board to renew their request. They were advised that state regulations require children to attend school in the district in which they reside except by permission of the State Board of Education and prohibit changes of districts after bus routes have been approved by the state authorities.

A complaint that Alamance buses from Mebane were coming too far into Orange County was also received and a conference was held with Alamance school authorities who promised to investigate.

Pre-College Retreat Program For UNC Freshmen To Be Held At Camp New Hope

Chapel Hill—One hundred and fifty members of the in-coming freshman class at the University of North Carolina will participate in the new Freshman Camp, to be sponsored September 14-16, by the local YMCA, according to an announcement by Associate Secretary Robert Barrus.

The pre-college retreat program which takes this year the new name of Freshman-Camp, will be held at Camp New Hope, a new site owned by the Orange Presbytery and located about 10 miles from Chapel Hill on the Hillsboro Road.

Invitations were sent to all incoming freshmen with the explanation that applications would be accepted as they came in. According to Secretary Barrus, the first 150 represent all sections of the United States and one foreign country—Holland.

The three-day period for the group is planned to help the new student become acquainted with his new environment, faculty members and campus leaders. They will return to Chapel Hill on Friday, September 16, and will participate in the regular University-sponsored Orientation Week program for new students, both men and women.

Nine New Traffic Regulations Approved In Effort To Ease Chapel Hill Congestion

Chapel Hill—In a special meeting of Chapel Hill's Board of Aldermen last Thursday night, nine recommendations for the improvement of the traffic problems of this town were adopted.

Under the new regulations, which are expected to be put into force soon, Henderson Street from East Franklin to Rosemary will be a one-way street going north and Pine Street (Pickard Lane) will be made a one-way street going south; trucks will be restricted to Franklin, West Cameron, and Columbia Streets; and stop lights will be installed at the intersections of West Franklin and Roberson Streets (at Farmers Dairy), North Columbia and Rosemary (at Town Hall), and at Malette and West Cameron. The lights for the first two intersections have already been ordered and the one for Malette and West Cameron will be purchased when funds become available.

Other recommendations adopted by the Board are: 1. A request that the University of North Carolina install a stop light at the intersection of Raleigh Street and Highway 54 and that the University prohibit entrance to the parking lot behind eabody Hall from South Columbia Street—thus preventing traffic delays caused by drivers going south on Columbia waiting to gain a break in north-bound traffic in order to cut across the street and enter the parking lot; 2. Elimination of blind corners at street intersections by requiring residents to keep their shrubbery or walls low enough (3 feet) for drivers to see cars on the intersecting street; 3. Requirement that taxi cab companies get off-the-street parking within 90 days; 4. Prohibiting the riding or parking of bicycles on sidewalks; 5. Appointment of an assistant chief-of-police; 6. A request that high school officials use older students on the curbs to direct school children across the street; 6. Establishment of one-hour parking on South Columbia Street from the Baptist Church to the Carolina Inn.

The Safety Committee composed of Chairman P. L. Burch, Obie Davis, and Kenneth Putnam, substituting for Robert Fowler, met recently with Town Manager Thomas D. Rose and Mayor Ed Lanier to study a number of suggestions by local citizens and to add some of their own. It was on the basis of the Committee's report that the full Board took action.

The committee turned down, at least for the present, the installation of parking meters and several other proposals. Town Manager Rose will take a number of steps, for which he already has authority, to ease the traffic problems. Strict enforcement of all traffic regulations to the limit of the police power and the Courts' power and cooperation was asked by the Town officials.

More Road Petitions Come Before Board

Hillsboro—The appearance of five road delegations constituted an important item of business on the agenda of the County Board of Commissioners this week.

The new requests were added to the large number of petitions for road improvements that have been showered on the board since the passage of the \$200,000,000 bond issue for rural roads last spring.

Three roads for which petitions requested hard surfacing were the Pleasant Green Road, extending from Highway 770 to the St. Mary's Road; the road extending from the fork on the Cedar Grove-Efland Highway to Highway 86; and the Little River-Walnut Grove road which extends from Highway 57 to Walnut Grove church.

Petitions were submitted asking the inclusion of the road from Oasis Inn on Highway 70, one mile north by the home of Fraudie Hunter and the road in Cedar Grove township from Allen Ward to the S. T. Latta, Sr., farm on the N. C. Highway system for maintenance.

The afternoon for Camp New Hope. Following dinner recreation, Chancellor Robert B. Hnuse will drive out to welcome the students and conduct a general "get-acquainted" program.

Thursday student leaders will talk to the freshmen at various group sessions, and at noon a number of faculty members and other visitors will join the new students for a picnic lunch, Thursday night will be spent after which there will be a campfire singing.

Burton Urges Farmers To Join Farm Parity Club

Zeb Burton, President of the Orange County Farm Bureau appealed today to the farmers of Orange County to become members of the Farm Bureau Parity for Agriculture Club.

"To become a member," Burton said, "it is necessary for a person to join the Orange County Farm Bureau and secure the memberships of at least nine other farmers."

During the 1948 State-wide Farm Bureau membership drive 1,827 Tar Heel farm men and women were members of the club, thereby dedicating themselves to fight for the parity principles for Agriculture and pledging themselves to make whatever sacrifices necessary to give farm people the same protection that is afforded other groups. Farm Bureau memberships written by Parity Club members last year totaled 53,420.

The Parity for Agriculture Club was formed in honor of the past president of the American Farm Bureau, Edward A. O'Neal, who during 16 years as president fought constantly for parity income for the farmers of the Nation," Burton said. "The North Carolina Farm Bureau recognizes its members who perform specified duties in procuring memberships each year as Edward O'Neal Parity Club Members."

President Burton explained that the man and woman securing the largest number of Farm Bureau members in the State will be given expense-paid trips to the National Farm Bureau Convention in Chicago this fall. Awards for use in defraying the expenses of Parity Club members to the National Convention will also be made to each county reaching its minimum membership quota and maximum quota, and for each 250 memberships in excess of the maximum membership quota.

"Only through strong farm organization," Burton said, "can farmers make headway against the forces which tend to strangle production, peg prices and hinder the free distribution of goods and services to the disadvantages of producers and consumers."

Jack Wright Gets Big Bass

Hillsboro—Jack Wright of West Hillsboro pulled a 9 1/2 pound bass out of University Lake last Monday around 6:30 in the afternoon. Officials and others at the lake were reported as saying it was the biggest caught there this year.

Wright was using a reed pole and hook with minnows as bait when he made the catch, which he plans to enter in a contest sponsored by a Durham sporting goods firm.

Welfare Superintendent Discusses New Aid Rules And Effect On Local Program

By MRS. JEAN HERR Superintendent, Public Welfare

During the recent years of unparalleled prosperity, many citizens raised the question of why so much money was spent on public assistance. The answer was that public funds, under the social security act, went to the aged with no means of support, and to children "deprived of parental support." Now that the peak of prosperity has been reached and passed, and many people are working on short time, it may be asked whether the taxpayers will be requested to increase their appropriations for relief in order to cover the needs of additional people. Will the costs of public assistance continue to rise until virtually every person over the age of 65 will be supported by his government? What is the effect of the general economic situation on relief loads and applications for relief in Orange County?

Legion Pushes Member Drive

Hillsboro—Members of the local Post No. 85 of the American Legion moved this week to intensify their membership drive and exceed the membership quota assigned by the state department.

Announcement was made of the possibility that dues may be increased by the national organization in October in order to take care of the increased rehabilitation functions assumed by the Legion. Members renewing their membership or new members becoming affiliated this month, of course, will do so at the current membership rate.

H. C. Coleman and Sim Efland are chairmen of the current membership drive.

Bond Leader

ROBERT O. FORREST, chairman of the Orange County Democratic executive committee, was appointed by the county commissioners Tuesday to head the steering committee for the forthcoming campaign in connection with proposed bond issues for schools and courthouse construction.

Layman's Series Reopens Sunday; Brooks Speaker

Hillsboro—The Laymen's League of Hillsboro will renew its monthly Sunday night programs at the Hillsboro High School this coming Sunday, September 11th, at eight o'clock. There will be a candle light service exemplifying the Oath and Scout Law, followed by a Scout evening. The main feature of the evening will be an address by Dr. Lee M. Brooks of the University of North Carolina.

Name Treasurers For Schools

Hillsboro—The Board of Education appointed treasurers for the various Orange County schools at its Tuesday meeting in accordance with new requirements of the state school law which requires such officers for units handling over \$300 annually.

Receiving appointments for the various schools were: Hillsboro, Mrs. J. Rosemond; West Hillsboro, Moyle Umstead; Murphy, Mrs. W. Browning; Efland, Mary D. Murray; Aycock, Odie V. Munn; Carrboro, Agnes Andrews; White Cross, Mrs. W. B. Wilder; Caldwell, Mary R. Mitchell; and Central (Hillsboro) Fannie C. Warren.

In view of the fact of the increased rate of applications, not only in Orange County, but throughout the State, several new regulations and policies relating to public assistance were adopted on a state-wide basis, to take effect September 1, 1949. The general effect of these regulations will be to establish more rigid conditions of eligibility for public assistance, thus enabling the County Welfare Board to deny some applications, terminate some grants, and to provide for new cases of the most desperate need from the amount of appropriations currently available.

Since many people seem to believe that anyone who attains the age of 65 ought to receive financial assistance from his government, a brief statement of the present conditions of eligibility is listed below:

Need is defined by the regulations as need of food, clothing, shelter, fuel and utilities, in certain specified amounts, according to a standard subsistence budget. Medical care, insurance, and payment on debts are no longer included.

2. An individual's resources are balanced against this standard budget. Every person is expected to make use of whatever resources are available to him to meet his needs.

3. A person must be "in need."

PLAY DUNN FRIDAY Hillsboro—The Hillsboro High School Wildcats of the gridiron, nursing the effects of a 39-0 defeat at the hands of Durham High last Friday night, will attempt a comeback tomorrow night under the lights of the high school athletic field here when they meet Dunn at 8 o'clock.

R. O. Forrest Named To Head Steering Group

Hillsboro—The Board of County Commissioners ended its deliberations on the proposed county schools and courthouse bond issues Tuesday afternoon and called for a special referendum to be held on November 22 to enable the people to decide the fate of the vitally needed county building program.

The decision came after sentiment of leading citizens throughout the county had been expressed at seven community meetings.

Approval will be asked for the issuance of \$1,000,000 in bonds for school buildings and \$250,000 for a new building to provide adequate court facilities and office space for various county offices.

A steering committee to spearhead the pre-election campaign in behalf of the bonds will be headed by Robert O. Forrest, chairman of the county Democratic executive committee. Appointed to work with Forrest on the committee was Bonner D. Sawyer, James Webb and A. L. Stanback of Hillsboro; L. P. Phipps, Mrs. R. M. Gramman, Mrs. R. H. Marks, Gordon Blackwell and C. A. McDougle, of Chapel Hill; Dwight Ray of Carrboro; Rev. Henry B. Lewis, G. M. Long and James Compton of Cedar Grove; Claiborne Wilkerson of Caldwell; Mrs. Clyde Roberts of St. Mary's; Robert Nichols of Efland and Coleman A. Gentry of White Cross.

Tuesday's decision came immediately upon the heels of an eloquent appeal from a delegation of the Hillsboro Garden Club that nothing be done to the present courthouse structure to jeopardize its future restoration as an historic shrine. Rev. C. S. Hubbard, spokesman for the Garden Club delegation, said the club would be willing to make the present courtroom as a museum at no expense to the county and related the steps which have already been taken to gain the interest of the Federal government in such an historical project. He pointed out that the club had been in contact with the proper federal and state authorities and that the Federal government plans to send an investigator to Hillsboro to look into the proposal.

No monies from the bond issue will be used in connection with the old building, it was said, but minor repairs, repainting and the installation of heating equipment may be accomplished from current revenue sources. If the new building is authorized the downstairs portion of the old building will be occupied by county offices such as Welfare, Health and Education. Facilities will be provided in the new building for the Clerk of Court, Register of Deeds, Sheriff, Tax Supervisor and Tax Collector, along with the courtroom.

The million dollar issue for schools, which will augment the \$401,000 from State sources, constitutes the minimum that is considered needed to take care of present school needs. Chapel Hill without a high school building since its disastrous fire several years ago, and with grossly inadequate elementary and Negro school facilities, will receive \$770,000 under tentative agreements made by the school boards of the county and town and \$631,000 will go toward new buildings and additional facilities in the remainder of the county.

The new courthouse building, for which tentative plans have been drawn up by Raymond Weeks, architect, will be constructed on the site of the present Board of Education office and garage, if the bond issue is approved.

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