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Veterans Can Now Determine Date Of Checks

Orange County veterans can now figure about when to expect their national service life insurance dividend checks, according to the newspaper Vet Times. In a copyrighted story the paper said that the number in the left-hand corner of the acknowledgment card returned to veterans told the story. According to the paper if this number is AO 1 or AO 2, checks should begin arriving the first two weeks in January. If the number is AO 3 or AO 4, the checks should be in the mails by the last two weeks in the month. AO 5 and AO 6 are due by the middle of February and so on according to the paper, which said that all veterans should have their checks by the end of April next year.

All these calculations are contingent upon the VA's getting started on schedule, the paper said. If the program isn't held up and mailing begins early in December, as expected, these calculations may be moved up two weeks, making the first checks due for delivery by the last two weeks in December, Vet Times said.

Rotarians Set Up \$300 Fund For Scholarship

Chapel Hill—The Chapel Hill Rotary Club voted at its meeting last week a \$300 scholarship to be awarded an outstanding Chapel Hill High senior who plans to enter the University of North Carolina.

The scholarship, effective next Fall, will be awarded to the graduating boy or girl who has attended the high school here at least three years, has a scholastic record ranking in the upper fifth of the graduating class, and has an excellent record in conduct and leadership.

The stipend will be paid in installments of \$100 a quarter during the freshman year in the University. The scholarship probably will become an annual award.

Purpose of the award, it was said, "is to encourage scholarship and leadership." Selection of the recipient will be made by a committee of six persons composed of the Superintendent of the Chapel Hill schools, the president of the Rotary Club, and four members of the faculty appointed by the Superintendent.

Y. Z. Cannon is chairman of the Club's Community Service Committee which drew up plans for the award.

Hillsboro Map Restoration Aid At Williamsburg

Hillsboro—An accurate geometrical layout of 18th Century Hillsboro, one of the four now famous maps of the Colonial period drawn by the French engineer Sauthier, provided authentic references for use in the Restoration of Colonial Williamsburg.

So stated Alden Hopkins, resident landscape architect for the project, in an address here before members of the Eighth District of the North Carolina Garden Club in their meeting here last week. He described the maps as important documents because "not only were the streets and buildings indicated but the garden design details were clearly outlined."

Mrs. Walter Willard of Raleigh was elected new director for the district, succeeding Mrs. Roy Homewood of Chapel Hill. A total of 18 state officers and chairmen were present for the meeting.

Speaking on the subject, "Garden Restoration," Hopkins pointed out that authenticity must always be the first consideration in garden restoration and ornamentation should contribute to character and period atmosphere. Garden design has followed many fashions and sometimes fads, he continued.

NEW FLOUR MILL

Efland—John Efland and son have almost completed a new flour and feed mill near Efland on the site of the old one which burned last year. This mill will have complete flour making facilities and a large hammer mill and mixing plant for making feed on a custom basis. It has separate fire proof grain storage facilities.

The Need Is Real

An Editorial

(Editor's Note: This week, The News asked the Rev. Charles S. Hubbard to prepare a discussion of the issues involved in the forthcoming bond election. His clear, forceful presentation of the problem so coincided with the newspaper position that it is offered herewith in editorial form, denoting our complete endorsement.)

On November 22 the registered voters of Orange County will be asked to decide two questions: 1—Shall Orange County borrow \$1,000,000 to improve its school facilities; and 2—shall Orange County borrow \$250,000 to construct a new Court House building? In order to vote intelligently concerning these bond issues, citizens need the answer to a few definite questions.

Is the need real? The enlargement and improvement of our school facilities is not just a good thing—it is a stark necessity! There has been almost no work done on the schools in the county for the past twelve years. The number of pupils has increased greatly in many schools. Many of our sixteen small Negro elementary schools are in such condition that they are now being operated in direct violation of state law. All of the white Chapel Hill and Hillsboro schools are so crowded as to make effective teaching of its pupils impossible. Here, as well as in other parts of the county, white and Negro children do not have proper classroom, library, lunchroom or toilet facilities. The need is real.

The county courthouse was built to serve the needs of the county 100 years ago, but today it simply will not do. Courtroom facilities have been the mark of judges and grand juries for long years past. Irreplaceable records can no longer be protected against damage or possible destruction. Business efficiency cannot be expected in the office space available. This need is real, too.

What improvements will the bond issues provide?

The school bond money will be added to \$401,000 made available to this county from state funds. The full amount, \$1,401,000 will be apportioned on a strict basis of need. New elementary buildings for Negro children will be erected at Cedar Grove and Efland, as well as a new Negro high school building in Chapel Hill for use of the southern part of the county. The Hillsboro Negro school will be enlarged and repaired. For white children, a new elementary school will be built in Chapel Hill. There, the high school, serving the southern part of the county, will be completed. Additions, renovations, or both, are planned for the white schools at Aycock, Caldwell, Efland, Hillsboro, West Hillsboro, White Cross and Carrboro. All planned improvements will barely meet minimum requirements for present school needs.

The \$250,000 courthouse bond issue will make possible a new fireproof building for offices, courtroom and record storage. Not one cent of this money will be spent on the old courthouse. The old building, designated for additional office space, will be renovated from current funds.

What will the bond issues cost the taxpayer?

The combined bond issues, if carried, will cost the county taxpayer 15 cents per \$100 valuation. Since our current assessment is 85 cents, the future assessment will be \$1. This will add only \$1.50 yearly tax for a \$1,000 assessment, and only \$7.50 yearly tax for a \$5,000 assessment. It is expected that, on this schedule, all bonds will be retired within 25 years. At the present time (exclusive of utilities) 52 per cent of our county tax money is paid in Chapel Hill township. This township has a property evaluation of over \$14,000,000. Hillsboro is second with less than \$5,000,000, and Cedar Grove third with slightly more than \$2,000,000. Eno, Cheeks, Bingham and Little River follow in order.

Is there any other solution to the problem?

Insofar as the schools are concerned, there is no other decent solution. The urgent school situation will not and cannot be ignored. If the school bond issue is defeated, it is certain that Chapel Hill District will vote its own bonds and build its own schools under the Cleveland County Act, and irreparable damage will be done to any future cooperation between northern and southern parts of the county. What is left of the state funds will have to be spent entirely on Negro schools in an effort to forestall a just suit on the part of our Negro citizens, or a crackdown from the State Board of Health. And the rest of the county will remain as it is now—in an impossible situation. The school improvements must be made. They will be paid for out of current revenue, and without the help of Chapel Hill school district. And this will mean a tax increase very much greater than the one called for by the bond issue. The proposed school bond issue is the only effective and decent way to do the job.

The alternative solution to voting for the courthouse bond issue is to be content with ridiculous courtroom conditions and inefficient county government and business. This, too, is no solution.

Orange County is in a backward in the midst of progress. It is not expected that Orange County values the health, comfort and training of its children so lightly. It is expected that, on November 22, our citizens will vote overwhelmingly for both bond issues and for an ever better community.

Erwin To Speak At Efland PTA

Efland—Dr. Clyde Erwin, State Superintendent of Public Instruction, will be the speaker when the Efland Parent-Teacher Association meets next Tuesday night at 7:30 o'clock. Dr. Erwin's topic was announced although it is expected to be on some phase of school administration.

Joe Howard, president of the PTA, issued a cordial welcome to the general public to attend this program featuring the state's top school official.

Religious Movie Scheduled Here

Hillsboro—An outstanding religious movie just released by the Westminster Press will be shown at the Presbyterian Church here on Sunday night November 6, at 7:30 p.m.

The motion picture, "Into The Good Ground," is nondenominational in character but presents a dramatic story of present day life, emphasizing the importance of Bible study in the home as well as in the Church school.

Farm Trainees In Achievement Day Events Friday

Chapel Hill—On November 4, 1949 the Vocational Agriculture students, members of the Veterans Farmer Training Program, Adult Farmers and the Home Economics students of the Lincoln High School, Chapel Hill, N. C. will conduct their first Annual Achievement Day activities at the High School beginning at noon.

Plans for the day call for exhibits of dairy cattle, swine, poultry, home canned foods, hams, farm machinery, farm shop, sweet potatoes, eggs, corn, cotton, fresh fruits and vegetables, tobacco, tailored dresses interior finishes and other tailored garments.

At one o'clock the dairy cattle show and judging will get underway with music for the day being furnished by the Lincoln High School Band under the direction of G. W. H. Price, bandmaster.

Refreshments will be available on the grounds by the local chapter of New Farmers of America and New Homemakers of America both local organizations composed of students studying agriculture and home economics respectively in high school.

At 4 o'clock in the afternoon in the school auditorium and surrounded by the various exhibits the speaker for the occasion will be introduced by R. D. Smith, local Agriculture teacher.

Plans for the Achievement Day are under the direction of E. O. Bovian, and Harold McNeill, instructors in the Veterans Farmer Training Program, Miss R. P. Pope, Home Economics Teacher, Officers of N. F. A. and members of the Advisory Council to the Agriculture Department. The public is cordially invited and encouraged to bring friends.

Jaycees Plan Ladies Night At Inn Tonight

Chapel Hill—The Chapel Hill Junior Chamber of Commerce will hold its first ladies night of the Fall at the regular meeting tonight at 7 o'clock in the Carolina Inn Ballroom.

Regular business will be dispensed with, while the evening is turned over to entertaining the wives and girl friends. Mark Barker, who was in charge of the arrangements, announced that there will be dancing and several entertainers.

Featured entertainers will be Forest Covington, a University student who is famous around this area as a ballad singer; Sam Green a tenor who will render several popular songs; Miss Betty Lou Ball from Winslow-Salem who has appeared several times as featured vocalist in the floor shows held in the Rendezvous Room of Graham Memorial, the student union, and the Harmoners, a student quartet, led by Lanier Davis.

All members are urged to contact Lloyd Senter and let him know how many guests they are bringing in order that proper arrangements may be made.

Orange Negro PTA Wins Cup For Membership

Hillsboro—The Orange County Negro Parent-Teacher Association was awarded a gold cup by the Piedmont District P. T. A. at its annual meeting which convened in Reidsville last Saturday.

The cup was awarded on the basis of largest increase in membership over a one year period. It includes the fact that a cup has been awarded in the district and created much interest throughout the district.

The counties making up the Piedmont District organization are Alamance, Guilford, Stokes, Caswell, Surry, Rockingham and Orange.

Phone Lines Being Extended

Chapel Hill—The University Consolidated Service, under the management of J. S. Bennett, has begun the extension of telephones into several rural sections of southern Orange County.

A line has already been built to Calvander, about four miles north of Chapel Hill, and lines are under construction west of Chapel Hill on the Antioch Road and south to the Chatham County line.

Committees Push Road Work For Monday Report



A WARM RECEPTION from the hungry children of Rechtenbach, Germany, is given a shipment of GROP food, sent from American farmers as a result of the 1948 Friendship Food Trains. 28 states participated in the collection which sent food to youngsters like these, orphans, refugees, old people and the ill in Europe, Asia, and the Middle East last winter. North Carolina's 1949 CROP Friendship Food Train collection will reach its high point in mid-November. Counties throughout the state are now organizing for the collection of corn, wheat, peanuts, milk and cotton through their county CROP committees.

Farm Achievement Winners Rewarded In Annual Farm Family Program Here

Hillsboro—The Second Annual Farm Family Program was held Wednesday night at the Hillsboro High School auditorium during which reports of home demonstration and 4-H club progress during the past year were given.

Miss Virginia Cathey awarded medals to the county 4-H club winners, while John W. Umstead, Jr. made the presentation of prizes to the dress revue winners.

Those receiving medals were Miss Polly Roberts in girls' record, Miss Peggy Bowden in gardening, Miss Patsy Martin in room improvement, and Miss Margaret Vaughn in clothing. First place in the dress revue went to Miss Faye Hogan, second place to Miss Margaret Brown, and third to Miss Patsy Teer.

The Tram Road home demonstration club was designated as winner of the pressure canner. This award is made each year on the basis of club activity. Thirty reading certificates and eight advanced certificates were presented by Sidney Green to home demonstration club members who had met the reading requirements. A skit written by Miss Elizabeth Kirkland was given by members of the Blackwood-New Hope club. Following this program the guests were invited to the gymnasium where fourteen exhibits had been

arranged by home demonstration clubs.

Club exhibits were sponsored by the Hillsboro Branch of the Durham Bank and Trust Company. First prize was awarded the Smith Level Club on their exhibit on project activities of club women. Second prize went to the Orange Grove club. Jelly making was featured in this exhibit. Antioch Road Club received third prize on their mail box improvement exhibit.

In the needlework division for individual entries Mrs. Dupree Smith received first prize on her blue afghan, the Carr Aycock club, second prize on a baby blanket, and Mrs. Ivan Lloyd third prize on a hooked rug. Honorable mention was given Miss Mary Lloyd on a plaid dress. Individual entries in the canning exhibit were judged as follows: Miss Kate Browning first prize on canned fruit, Mrs. Sharpe first prize on vegetable and Mrs. C. W. Hogan second prize on vegetable.

Judges for this event were Mrs. Henrietta Auman, Miss Margaret Lewis and Mrs. Angela Pepper. An auction sale was held in the gymnasium immediately after the program in the auditorium. Robert Nichols was auctioneer. Refreshments were served at the close of the program by the Calvander and Orange Grove Clubs.

Master Sergeant From Orange County Wins "Outstanding Soldier" Award

M-Sgt. Joseph R. Whitfield, 1st Sgt., 1st Company, USMA, Preparatory School Det., son of J. R. Whitfield of Route 2 Chapel Hill was chosen as "Outstanding Soldier" of the 1802 Special Regiment, by a board of regimental officers according to a report published recently by the Pointer View, official publication of the United States Military Academy.

This special award, established by Headquarters, First Army, is offered as a recognition of outstanding soldierly qualities of enlisted men of all ranks. The award is in the form of a three day trip to New York, including and, at no expense to the winner, sight-seeing trips in the metropolitan area, Broadway shows, big league ball games, visits to night clubs, appearances on radio and television broadcasts and rooms at one of the better New York hotels.

M-Sgt. Whitfield was selected from a field of twelve contestants of the 1802 Special Regiment.

The sergeant, a veteran of 10 years service, served 27 months in the ETO during the war, during which time he earned the following awards and decorations: Combat Infantry Badge, Bronze Star with cluster, Purple Heart with two clusters, Good Conduct Medal, American Defense Medal, American Campaign Medal, EAME Medal, with service stars for campaigns in Normandy, Northern France, Ardennes, Alsace, Rhineland and Central Europe, World War II Victory Medal, Distinguished Unit emblem, Meritorious Unit emblem and the Belgian Fourragere. He served with the Second Infantry Division from 1940 to 1945.

Before the war M-Sgt. Whitfield served with the 14th Infantry Regiment in Panama, from 1936 to 1940. He was born in Chapel Hill

Contracts Let For Two Projects In Orange County

Hillsboro—The rural roads paving program continued to hold the spotlight in the county's seven townships this week as community committees in each wound up preliminary work prior to presenting their selection to the county-wide steering committee here Monday night.

In many townships meetings were held this week to complete recommendations while in others, notably the smaller ones with smaller paving allotments, committees had already completed their work. No announcement was forthcoming as to any specific recommendations pending their presentation to the steering group and action by that body.

Monday night's meeting is at 7:30 o'clock at the courthouse and the heavy interest in the road program assures an enthusiastic attendance for those interested in the location of the 60 miles of paving passed to the county committees for their selection.

Meanwhile, announcement was made late last week of the letting of contracts for the paving of the first two stretches of road under the \$200,000,000 program.

They were an approximate two mile section from Cheeks Crossing to Buckhorn and an approximate seven mile extension to the county line of the Carrboro-University Lake road. Paving on this latter road is being completed from the University Lake to Aubrey McLennan's farm with current funds of the Highway Department. The extension for which the contract was let to the Nello Teer Company last week will be from that point to the Alamance County line, from where an approved Alamance county project will extend the paving from the Orange line to Highway 87 through the Eli Whitney community.

The Cheeks Crossing-Buckhorn paving will extend the paved road already reaching from Highway 70 to Cheeks.

While no announcement has been made to that effect, it seems highly probable from previous statements by Highway Commissioner James Barnwell that the nine miles of paving already allotted will come from the 20 per cent of Orange's total mileage reserved by the Commissioner to use for connecting links, inter-county projects, etc.

Legion Post Goes Over Top In Membership

Hillsboro—Back from a membership meeting of the North Carolina Department at Goldsboro, Commander Jerry B. Stone of the Hillsboro American Post No. 85 this week paid tribute to Legionnaire John Simpson and other members of the local membership committee for their work in putting the post over the top of the quota set by the state organization.

"Where other posts is the state have had a lag in membership, the local committee by hard work was over the top when the Goldsboro membership meeting was held," Stone said. He described Simpson as one of the state's leading "go-getters," the term the Legion uses to describe its leaders.

Attending the Goldsboro meeting with Stone were Owen S. Robertson, A. H. Graham, Sim Efland, and Allen Watkins. Both Stone and Graham spoke on the membership record of the Hillsboro post.

Walter G. Wrenn and J. Martin Crabtree serve on the membership committee along with Simpson, Efland, Robertson and Rosemond.

Tentative plans for annual Bingo Party on November 22 and an Armistice Day program have been made but details have not been released.

High School Football

Tomorrow: Chapel Hill vs. Roxboro at Chapel Hill.

Hillsboro vs. Fuquay Springs, there.

Last Friday Chapel Hill beat Hillsboro 21-0 in a battle of the mud at Chapel Hill.