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7 Sites Offered For Postoffice

Hillsboro—Seven proposals were offered as sites for Hillsboro's new postoffice building when bids were opened Tuesday morning by Postmaster Tom Bivins.

They included a variety of sites in downtown Hillsboro, including the Colonial Inn and the Presbyterian Manse properties.

The bids already submitted, plus others which might be entered later, will remain with the Postmaster pending the visit of a representative of the Public Buildings Administration, probably within a month.

Highest property offered was that of Mr. and Mrs. George Hunt on which their residence now stands on King Street, a bid of \$20,000 for 89 feet frontage and 264 feet depth. The Hillsboro Presbyterian congregation offered their manse property at the corner of Churton and Tryon, 108 feet front and 213 feet deep, for \$17,500. The Henderson property which includes the Colonial Inn minus its furnishings, a 170 x 264 foot lot, was offered for \$35,000 and a 70 x 264 foot tract between the hotel and the J. W. Richmond property was offered for \$8,500.

Other offers were from A. H. Graham and E. S. Cates, a lot on Churton Street, L shaped fronting 54 feet on Churton and having a depth of 124 feet, \$10,000; Dr. H. W. Moore at the northeast corner of King Street, 277 x 264, \$7,500; T. N. and Alice Webb, a 120 x 170 lot on King Street between their home and Mrs. Mae Cates' property, \$7,500.

Tax Change Keeps Payroll Keepers Busy

Hillsboro—Payroll keepers throughout Orange County were busy during the past week preparing changes in the Social Security tax which became effective by act of congress on January 1. This is the way tax will work:

- For employees: If you work in a job covered by the Social Security law, your employer now deducts, 1 penny from every dollar he pays you on whatever salary you make up to \$1,000 a year, for your Social Security tax. This is your contribution toward your Old-Age and Survivors Insurance benefits.
- After January 1, your employer will deduct 1-1/2 per cent of the wages paid you, up to \$3,000 a year, for your Social Security tax.
- For employers: You, yourself now pay Social Security tax of 1 per cent on all wages (up to the first \$3,000 a year per employee) paid by you to all employees, if your business is covered by the Social Security law and you have ONE or more employees. After January 1, your Social Security tax will be increased to 1-1/2 per cent of your payroll, up to \$3,000 a year per employee.

Pastor Fetes Church Board

West Hillsboro—The Official Board and their families, of the Pentecostal Holiness Church, West Hillsboro, enjoyed a "Turkey Dinner" with all the trimmings, at the home of their pastor, Robert C. Frazier, Sunday January 1st.

The families included were: Mr. and Mrs. Paul Dickey, Mr. and Mrs. John A. Terrell and family, Mr. and Mrs. Earnest Dickey, Mr. and Mrs. Henry Johnson and family, John Thompson, the oldest member of the church was included in the number also. The dinner and Christian fellowship was enjoyed by all.

A drama, "The Passover," will be presented Sunday evening, Jan. 8th, at the Pentecostal Holiness Church, at seven o'clock. A short sermon, by the pastor, will precede the drama.

The Girl's Club of the Pentecostal Holiness Church will meet at the home of their Counselor, Mrs. Robert Frazier. Miss Dorothy Cole, the president of the club, will preside. The official business and re-organization for the ensuing year will be discussed. All members are urged to be present January 6th, at four o'clock promptly.

Wins Mary's Shop Radio-Phonograph

By Dot Halthcock Hillsboro FHA Reporter

Jeanette Miller, Hillsboro Future Homemaker, was the winner of the home project garment contest sponsored by Mary's Shop. This contest began last fall when Mary's Shop offered a radio-phonograph combination to the 2nd or 3rd year home economics girl who made the best garment with materials purchased from the shop.

The entrants staged a fashion show on Monday, December 19, in the Hillsboro High School home economics department, after which Mrs. Catherine Knight and Mrs. T. N. Webb proclaimed Jeanette, a 2nd year home economics student, the winner.

Tax Listing Underway In Orange County; Crop Survey Being Made Also By Listers

Hillsboro—Tax listing began in Orange County Tuesday and books in the county's seven townships will remain open throughout the month.

Tax Supervisor Ira A. Ward urged residents to visit the listing places as early as possible and called attention to list of specific appointments set up by the listers, which is given in detail in an advertisement on another page of this newspaper.

Farmers of the county will also complete a crop census survey as required by the State Department of Agriculture. This survey includes information on the number

of persons living on the land, the acreage cultivated and idle during the past year, the amount of improved pasture from which no crops were harvested, the amount of salable timber land, the various kinds of crops grown, and fertilizer and livestock information.

According to law, listing of real and personal property for taxation purposes must be done within the month of January. After January 31, a penalty is added for late listing.

In Hillsboro, tax data for the municipality is extracted from the county records. In Chapel Hill, however, town property listing will

YES, POLIO IS EXPENSIVE

COST CHART FOR 15 MONTHS, \$3,088.50

HOSPITAL	\$2,857.80
LABORATORY	18.50
PHYSICAL THERAPY	133.00
OUT-TREATMENT	76.50
BRACES—ARM SPLINTS	45.00
SPECIAL SHOES	5.70

Five-year-old Nesbitt (Nebbie) Anna Burdall of Midwest City, Okla., is back in school today after 13 months of hospitalization. Nebbie was stricken with infantile paralysis in June, 1948, her spine, right shoulder, arm and hip, her left shoulder and leg severely affected by the crippling disease. Oklahoma County Chapter of National Foundation for Infantile Paralysis and Nebbie's parents report expenses for first 15 months as detailed above. For years to come, expenses will continue—in diminishing degree. Happiest item: special shoes, \$5.70, proof that Nebbie can walk again. Large part of cost of care and treatment for thousands of polio victims is carried by National Foundation through contributions to March of Dimes drive, January 16-31.

March of Dimes Drive Opens Jan. 16 In Orange

Chapel Hill—Plans are going forward for the March of Dimes campaign in Orange County, E. Carrington Smith, county chairman of the drive, said this week.

The drive will get underway January 16, concluding January 31. Coin collectors will be placed in stores and other conveniently located places, in Chapel Hill, Hillsboro, Carboro, and throughout the county.

Edwin J. Hamlin will head the drive in the Hillsboro, West Hillsboro, and outlying communities in this area of the county.

Glenn Proffitt and C. W. Davis will direct the drive in the schools, Hugh Nappy will serve as chairman in the Carboro area, and Orville Campbell will be publicity advisor and chairman of the campaign on the UNC campus.

A great need exists for support this year, Smith stated, pointing out that tremendous outlays for polio research, great expenditures for medical and professional education, together with the skyrocketing costs for medical care caused by last year's record polio epidemics, have seriously reduced the resources of the National Foundation for Infantile Paralysis.

Fifty per cent of the collections made in Orange County will remain in the county, and the other fifty per cent will be sent to national headquarters of the Foundation.

Orange Observes Quiet Holidays

Orange County observed a comparatively quiet Christmas and New Year's season.

Businesses for the most part remained closed two days following Christmas and one following New Year's Day. Law enforcement officers reported generally quiet times with no crimes of any significance marking the holiday period.

Activities took on a more normal pace Tuesday.

W. C. Merritt Passes At 71

Hillsboro—Funeral services for William Clifton Merritt, 71, of the old Durham-Hillsboro Road, were held from Mount Herman Baptist Church Thursday at 2 p.m. with the Rev. C. S. Norville officiating. Interment was in Maplewood Cemetery, Durham.

Mr. Merritt, an employee of the Highway Commission for many years, died at his home Tuesday morning after an extended illness.

Surviving are his wife, Mrs. Mary E. Merritt; a daughter, Mrs. R. H. Williford of Durham; two sons, H. L. Merritt of New York City and William C. Merritt, Jr., of the home; and two sisters, Mrs. W. E. Stone of Chapel Hill, and Mrs. A. S. Holt of Durham.

Active pallbearers were Herman Strayhorn, Noah Sweeney, Harvie Davis, Sam Bowling, Brack Craig and Tom McKee.

Honorary pallbearers were Dr. Stanford, A. H. Graham, B. S. Carr, H. J. Walker, C. A. Letzing, William Mitchell, John Marks, Joe Reinhardt, Hubert Blackwood, Winston Strayhorn, J. W. Powell, Howard Lester, Sidney Strayhorn, Mirian Godwin, Jim Bolling, Garland Kirkland and State Highway employees of Orange County.

Legion Head Says Buy Bonds

Commander Jerry B. Stone of American Legion Post No. 85 of Hillsboro, announced today that all Legion members and other veterans of World War II are being urged to invest at least a part of their National Service Life Insurance Dividends in U. S. Savings Bonds.

Commander Stone said that payments of nearly \$3 billion in NSLI dividends will be made to veterans of World War II beginning in January. In North Carolina about 350,000 veterans will receive more than \$50 million in dividends.

National and state commanders of veterans' organizations are calling for an intensive drive among local posts to urge every veteran to invest part of his dividend in Savings Bonds. Imprinted on the back of each dividend check will be the words "USE IT WISELY—BUY U. S. SAVINGS BONDS."

Inasmuch as some veterans are not affiliated with any group or association, the American Legion extends to them the invitation to join in the campaign to consider carefully how each dividend can best be expended, and to be wise, be sure—invest in U. S. Savings Bonds.

May Seek Competition In New Courthouse Design

Engineer Preparing Plans For Water Plant Addition

Hillsboro—Engineer Tom Rose of Chapel Hill has been authorized to draw up plans for a proposed addition to the Hillsboro Water Plant as result of action taken by the Town Board at its regular meeting Tuesday night.

Preliminary plans call for an addition to the settling plant and equipment inside the plant to double its capacity, from 250,000 gallons to 500,000 gallons per day.

Following the completion of plans and specifications, the Board is expected to call for an election to provide authority for the issuance of bonds. A recent increase in water rates for out-of-town patrons is expected to provide the needed revenue to retire the bonds. Cost of the project is expected to be in the neighborhood of \$18,000 to \$20,000.

New Tobacco Types To Help Farm Incomes

Millions of dollars eventually may be added to the State's farm income as a result of three new flue-cured tobacco varieties by the North Carolina Agricultural Experiment Station, believes Dr. R. W. Cummings, associate director of the station.

The varieties are Dixie Bright 27, Dixie Bright 101, and Dixie Bright 102, all of which were released last week. The first combines good yields and quality with high resistance to Granville wilt. The other two have combination resistance to black shank and Granville wilt.

"Of course, it's still too early to predict exactly how these varieties will perform on the average farm," Dr. Cummings says. "They have all shown up well in experiments on State test farms. But we know their ultimate value depends on how the growers like them."

To give some idea of their potential value, Dr. Cummings cites the case of Oxford 26, the variety now being used on most soils infested with Granville wilt.

"The U. S. Department of Agriculture estimates that Oxford 26 has added more than a billion dollars to the nation's annual farm income since it was introduced in 1945," he says. Granville wilt had become so bad in the Old Belt that growers were abandoning their farms. Despite weaknesses in yield, Oxford 26 enabled growers to stay in the business and make money. New Dixie Bright 27 should further add to income from wilt-infested soils.

Dixie Bright 101 and 102 are the first varieties to offer resistance to both black shank and Granville wilt. Depending on how farmers like them, they could easily be of as much value to the State as Oxford 26.

Dr. Cummings makes it clear that release of these varieties does not mean an end to the tobacco breeding program. This kind of research is a continuous thing, he says. New diseases will continue to show up as long as tobacco is grown. The varieties just released will some day be out of date.

One immediate problem is to develop a variety resistant to Granville wilt, black shank, and Fusarium wilt, since some farms in North Carolina now have all three diseases. Another problem not yet solved by plant breeders is that of nematodes, the tiny soil pests that bore into tobacco roots and stunt the plants.

Cedar Grove School Heads Building List

Hillsboro—Architect Raymond Weeks met with the Orange County Board of Education at their regular monthly meeting Tuesday as all phases of the forthcoming building program were discussed.

Indications were that the Negro School in the Cedar Grove area would be the first constructed in the county system under the recently approved bond program inasmuch as plans for this structure were drawn some three years ago and are still available. Weeks was handed the job of bringing these up to date and making them comply with the specifications since laid down by the State Schoolhouse planning division.

Building & Loan Stockholders Paid \$5300 In Dividends

Hillsboro—Semi-annual dividend checks totaling \$5,300 were mailed December 20 to the stockholders of the Hillsboro Building and Loan Association, it was learned yesterday from Earl Stone, secretary and treasurer.

This was the largest dividend payment in the history of the organization, Stone stated.

Last July, dividend payments totaled \$4,600, making the total for the year 1949, \$9,900, according to Stone.

Awards Won By Carboro Folk

Carboro—The one hundred dollar Savings Bond offered by the Chapel Hill-Carboro Merchants Association for the best Christmas decoration by a club or business firm was awarded to the Carboro Civic Club.

The Club president is Mrs. W. E. Williams who was assisted by other club members in arranging the display near the White Oak's Department Store in Carboro.

The best display for home decoration was also a hundred dollar Savings Bond and was awarded to Mr. and Mrs. Bruce Riggsbee of Carboro. The second best home decoration which was a fifty dollar Savings Bond, was awarded also to a Carboro home, it went to Mr. and Mrs. Jesse West of Carboro.

Orange Car Owners Begin Paying Extra Cent For Gas; Dealers Feel Pinch Too

Hillsboro—Orange County motorists on Sunday began paying an additional cent per gallon of gasoline and while motorists were feeling the slight pinch on the pocketbook the increase also meant an increase in the work for oil dealers and operators.

The dealers had a little more to do this year because of inventories that were on hand at the close of business on Saturday. The law requires the collection of the tax on inventories at the end of the year.

The new tax was approved by the people of the state in a special election last June and will be used exclusively to retire the bond debts incurred in the current program

Hillsboro—Indications that competition among architects will be sought in connection with the construction of Orange County's new courthouse, authorized by the voters in November, were given Tuesday at the meeting of the Board of County Commissioners here.

The idea was advanced by Chairman Collier Cobb, Jr., and seconded by other members of the board, that the county should make every effort to obtain an "outstanding building" that will be an attraction to visitors just as the old courthouse has been.

Whether the architects of the area could be induced to enter into competition for the contract has not been ascertained.

Tentative plans now call for the beginning of construction next Fall.

The Commissioners received a report that only 4.26 miles had been allotted to the county for the addition of roads to the state highway system during 1950, inasmuch there still remained a 1.17 miles-overdraft from last year. Most of the day was spent in conference with L. H. Gunter, district highway engineer, in discussing roads to be paved under the \$200,000,000 program. Although most of the commissioners' recommendations were completed, no announcement of their decision was made pending a conference with Commissioner James Barnwell.

Reports were heard from various county officers and a discussion of details in the handling of the \$3,406.91 appropriation made to the county by the last legislature for a student health program was held with School Superintendent G. T. Proffitt, Health Officer Dr. O. D. Garvin and Welfare Superintendent Jean Heer participating.

Chapel Hillians On Debate Team

Chapel Hill—The varsity debating team in the University of North Carolina has made a unanimous sweep of debates with three northern universities during its recently completed fall tour. This is the first time since the war that such a feat has been accomplished by a team here.

The debaters took two decisions each from American University, New York University, and Columbia University.

Making the trip were Hurschell Keener, Lenoir; Bob Evans, Durham; Herbert Mitchell, Tusculoosa, Ala.; and Paul Roth, Chapel Hill. Keener and Evans were the affirmative team, and Mitchell and Roth composed the negative team on the proposition, "Resolved: That the United States should nationalize the basic non-agricultural industries."

An intra-mural debate program will be launched by the University Debate Council at the beginning of the winter quarter and the debate squad will travel to Miami and Boston for meets in February. Dave Pittman, Rocky Mount, is president of the Debate Council and Bob Hutchinson, Rockingham, is secretary. Dr. G. A. Barrett and Norman W. Mattis are faculty advisers.

Other members of the Council, in addition to those making the northern trip, are Gus Graham, Chapel Hill, and George Rodman, Washington, N. C.

Schley Is Scene Of Grange Event

Schley—The eleventh annual State Grange Youth Conference ended here Sunday with the election of officers.

The two-day affair was attended by 100 representatives from 15 counties. Sessions were held in the recently dedicated Schley Grange Hall.

Mrs. Harry B. Caldwell of Greensboro, Grange public relations director called the meeting to order and presented Hill Carter of Lenoir, who served as acting president of the conference.

E. B. Garrett, State coordinator of the U. S. Soil Conservation Service, was the main guest speaker. His talk was entitled "Opportunities for North Carolina Grange Youth."

New officers of the youth organization are: President Roy Nifong, Clemmons; Vice-President Don Angell, Winston-Salem; Secretary Reva Pegram, Stokesdale; and Treasurer Beattie Robbins, Trinity.



Members of the Israeli-Egyptian Mixed Armistice Commission—MAC for short—iron out a demarcation line problem on the spot in the Palestine desert. The MAC is one of four set up under the United Nations-sponsored armistice agreements between Israel and her neighbors—Egypt, the Kingdom of Jordan, Lebanon and Syria.