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HILLSBORO PTA OFFICERS—Shown following their installation Tuesday night are President Mrs. M. J. Midgett, receiving the gavel from Mrs. C. D. Jones, retiring president; and left to right, Mrs. W. Dickson, vice president, Mrs. Glenn Auman, finance chairman, Mrs. Fred Blake, secretary, and Mrs. E. Elrod, treasurer.

C. State Dean Vises Farm Training Work

Hillsboro — Dr. J. Bryant Kirkland, Dean of the School of Education at N. C. State College, addressed the Hillsboro Parent-Teachers Association Tuesday night. He pointed out that "North Carolina has more agriculture teachers and more students enrolled than any other state in the country except Texas and North Carolina has more veterans enrolled in the Veteran Farm Training program than any other state." Kirkland pointed out that Hillsboro high school has one of the best departments in the state to train N. C. State seniors. He stressed the various phases of the teacher of agriculture, particularly stressed work with adult farmers.

J. E. Adams New Leader PTA Council

Hillsboro — Mrs. J. E. Adams of Hillsboro was named president of the Orange County Council of P.T.A. at a meeting of the county-wide group held here. She will serve for a two year term. Her new officers elected, following their nomination by a committee headed by Mrs. J. M. Jones, were Mrs. C. D. Jones, Hillsboro, vice president, and Mrs. E. Elrod, Jr., Efland, secretary-treasurer.

Edfrey Elected Methodist President

Hillsboro — Dr. James L. Goddard of the University History Department was elected president of the Chapel Hill Rotary Club at its meeting last week. He succeeds Dr. W. Whatley Pierson. Robert Varley was named vice president, John Clark, secretary, Ritchie, treasurer, and Herbert Wentworth, sergeant-at-arms. Elected as directors were Col. Cobb, Ed Danziger, James S. Edwin Lanier and Don

In School Controversy

Charge Leaders Clouding Issue

Cedar Grove—The Aycock committee named to meet with similar groups from other schools in the Hillsboro area to effect a settlement of the attendance area controversy charged this week that leaders in Hillsboro seem to be doing everything they can to cloud the issue and confuse the people.

This charge was made in a lengthy mimeographed paper released for publication which held that the high school attendance areas as proposed by the County Board of Education is the only solution to Aycock's critical enrollment problem. The excessive length of the article made its complete publication in this newspaper an impossibility. Previous reports in news columns here have attempted to present the events occurring in an impartial manner.

The meeting of the committees from Aycock, Efland, Hillsboro, West Hillsboro, Caldwell and Murphy with the Board of Education is scheduled for Monday night at 7:30 o'clock at the courthouse. The Aycock paper, signed by members of the committee, Margaret Warren Walker, Mrs. F. P. McDade and Henry B. Lewis, brought the school bond election into the picture, charging that in the minds of a great many people the leaders from Hillsboro on the bond steering committee were in effect breaking faith by doing what they had said prior to the election they would not do, namely, "not to do a single thing that would hurt the Aycock High School." The statement issued by the Hillsboro committee following the Board's proposal several weeks ago was termed as "rather childish."

The statement contained most of the facts brought out in the hearing held at the High School here several weeks ago. It minimized the losses that would be incurred by the Hillsboro school and said the proposed changes would help both schools, allowing Aycock additional pupils and teachers and alleviating to some extent the overcrowded condition of the Hillsboro school. The paper held that the changes would help the county economically by preventing the necessity for constructing another large high school building in five to ten years.

LAYMAN'S DAY SPEAKER

Efland—E. W. Avent of Raleigh, widely known layman of the Edenton Street Methodist Church of that city, will be the principal speaker next Sunday at a charge-wide Layman's Day Service to be held at the Efland Methodist Church at 11 o'clock.

NEW CARRBORO POLICEMAN

Carrboro—J. A. Williams of Durham has been added to the Police Force in Carrboro and assumed his new duties here several days ago in that capacity.

EARLY VISIT DOWNTOWN

Hillsboro — A squawling infant saw the light of day from a vantage point inside an automobile on a main thoroughfare here last week.

The mother was enroute to Duke Hospital when the birth took place. The terrified husband accompanying her sought aid at a local drug store and was directed to Forrest Clinic, where she was admitted after the baby was born. From all reports, both mother and child are doing fine.

Former Kiwanian Head Honored

Chapel Hill—Charles Milner, last year's president of the Kiwanis Club, was honored at last week's meeting of the club in ceremonies which included the presentation to him of a gold seal certificate of commendation from Kiwanis International for the fine service he rendered during his tenure of office.

Doc Crowder of Henderson, lieutenant-governor of the Fifth Kiwanis Division, addressed the club on the importance of the proper guidance of a community's young people. It was his first visit to the Chapel Hill club.

Bobby Parlier Elected MYF District President

Bobby Parlier of Hillsboro was elected president of the Durham District of the Methodist Youth Fellowship at a meeting at St. Paul's Methodist Church in Durham Tuesday night.

The Rev. William Howard of the Chapel Hill Methodist Church was guest speaker.

Wreck Victim Brings Easter Toll Of Violent Deaths to 3 in Orange

Suicide-Murder By Mental Patient Shocks Village

Chapel Hill — "Just the type of person children would love." Thus, some Chapel Hillians and acquaintances described the man who on Good Friday shocked this community beyond anything it has experienced in recent memory.

That was the reaction, following high excitement, which evolved after Len Broughton Smithey, a sober, retiring former graduate student shot and killed, apparently in cold blood, his friend, George Bennett, in the basement of the V. A. Hill home at 210 Henderson Street.

After a manhunt which reached state-wide proportions and national publicity, the former mental patient's body was found slumped at the base of a tree in Battle Park where a 38-caliber bullet from the same gun that killed Bennett had ended his own life.

Coroner H. J. Walker of Hillsboro ruled the two deaths as murder-suicide and held an inquest unnecessary. Thus, the University community was spared the continued publicity which attended the Hair-Coble tragedy on the Wake Forest campus.

Smithey and Bennett had gotten along well together prior to the shooting, acquaintances said, but Smithey was known generally as a quiet reticent type. He had been a patient at a Veteran's Hospital where he was diagnosed as a paranoic schizophrenic and released over doctors' protests. Apparently his persecution complex was well founded according to best reports.

His closest friends declared that Smithey's life was one of continued struggle for an education. When his parents moved out of Chapel Hill, he chose to remain here and finish his education. He was in his third year of high school then.

During his last years of high school, he lived in basements, firing furnaces and accepting odd jobs in order to finance his way. Just before he joined the Army in 1940, Smithey came to live at the home of Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Pullen of Ransom Street; where he was considered "one of the family" Mrs. Pullen said. He felt so close to the Pullens that he named Mr. Pullen as his next of kin when he enlisted in the Army. "He helped out scrubbing floors and called this his home," Mrs. Pullen said. "I don't see how he could do the thing he did."

During the War Smithey was assigned to the South Pacific theater. Among the action he saw there was the battle for Guadalcanal. When he returned, Mrs. Pullen said, he was a changed man.

Before the War, Smithey had been known as quiet, unassuming, an intensive student. On his return, Mrs. Pullen said, he had changed to an irritable, moody, "nervous wreck."

"Two years ago, he turned against us. He thought we were working against him, while all the time we were trying to help him," Mrs. Pullen related.

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Puppy on the Block



WILLIAM MEADE PRINCE AND "CANCER COCKER"—"Sonny," the five-month-old cocke spaniel puppy shown here with William Meade Prince, Chapel Hill instructor and author, is a dog of destiny. His master, Carl Boettcher, well-known German wood-carver, died of cancer in Chapel Hill recently and "Sonny" is being offered at auction as a memorial gift in the name of Mr. Boettcher and as a contribution to the Orange County Unit of the American Cancer Society. Bids of not less than \$50, together with qualifications to become the owner of "The Cancer Cocker" are being accepted by Mrs. Donald E. Kent, Box 1147, Chapel Hill.

By William Meade Prince

Chapel Hill—A touching and tender story about a dog and a man is in the making. It is one which tugs at the heartstrings, for most of us knew the man, who died just a few weeks ago—and if we did not know the man, we knew his works. But the story will have a happy ending. You, the reader, will supply the last chapter.

"Sonny" is a pure bred cocker spaniel puppy, five months old, and red, as his own tongue. His brown eyes are mournful or mischievous as he chooses, for cockers may sorrow one minute and turn complete clowns the next. Sonny's blood is blue, and his lineage something to make a Cincinnati member of a D.A.R. turn green with envy. Champions hang from every lim of Sonny's family tree, and he is fully eligible for registration in the American Kennel Club, that Who's Who of dogdom. And Sonny is a dog of destiny, for his fate is to be one which would make the heart of the dead man proud and happy.

The man (who owned Sonny's dam, Princess Kate, and subsequently her puppies) was Carl Boettcher, the artist who brought his skill from his native Germany to Chapel Hill, and added so much beauty to a spot already beautiful. His amazing wood-carvings, beginning with the majestic American eagle on the pediment of the Navy ROTC Building, to the gay and riotous Circus mural in the Monogram Club, have delighted thousands.

Carl Boettcher loved animals, as his work denotes. One of his last outings before he succumbed to that grim enemy, Cancer, was a trip to the farm of Mr. and Mrs. Donald E. Kent, to see "Princess"

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School Teacher Dies In Crash On Highway 86

Hillsboro — Orange County's violent death toll for the Easter weekend moved to three Monday afternoon on Highway 86, four miles north of here, when Miss Mary Hamner, 28, Pulaski, Va. school teacher, met death following a collision with another automobile racing at an estimated 85 miles per hour.

Eugene Ross, 25-year-old Negro tobacco worker of Durham, was the driver of the other vehicle which hit the Hamner car, a late model Pontiac, on the left side of the road after he had lost control.

Other of the car Ross was driving was George Long, Jr., 22, Negro, who said that Ross had been racing with Jasper Torian traveling on Highway 86 just before the accident occurred. Both cars were almost demolished.

Miss Hamner died enroute to the hospital. Her father, Frank Hamner, 66, the only other occupant of her car, was only slightly injured, suffering a shoulder injury and cuts and bruises about the face.

Both Long and Ross ran after the accident and were the objects of a widespread police search until Tuesday morning. Ross is being held on charges of manslaughter, driving drunk and hit and run and Long is charged with permitting Ross to drive while drunk and aiding and abetting in manslaughter. Torian will face a charge of speeding in excess of 75 miles per hour and reckless driving. Torian is under bond of \$500 and the other two are being held for a preliminary hearing Monday.

Coy Long Enters Race For Seat On County Board

Hillsboro — With the deadline for filing only two days away and registration books scheduled to open for the May 27 primary on Saturday of this week, political activity picked up this week with the filing of incumbent officers for reelection, and the entry of two new candidates for county positions.

A race for the county commission was assured with the filing yesterday of Coy Long of Cedar Grove as a candidate for that board. Up until that time the incumbent board consisting of Collier Cobb, Jr., Ben Wilson and H. G. Laws was unopposed.

A. H. Walker filed for the position of coroner, replacing his father, H. J. Walker, local funeral director, who has decided not to seek the post again.

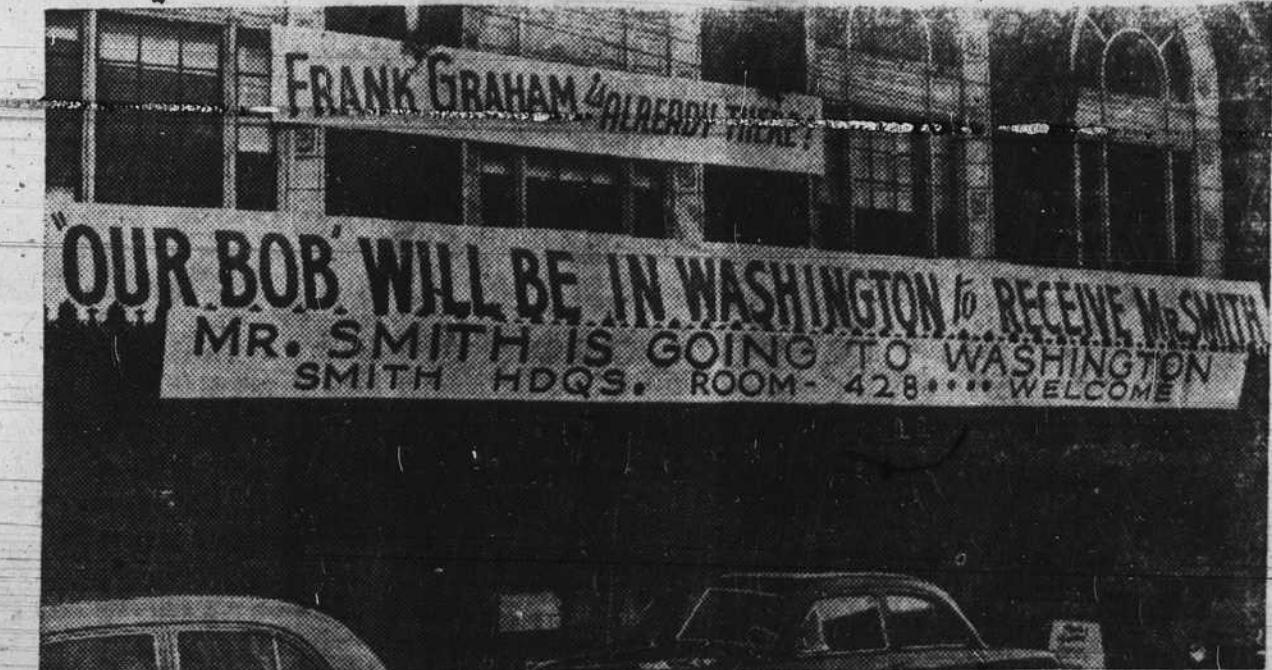
Others paying their filing fees to the County Board of Elections and announcing their desire for reelection were Edwin M. Lynch, clerk of court, J. Ed Laws, registrar of deeds, S. T. Latta, sheriff, and Zeb Burton, member, Board of Education. There were no other candidates for these positions late yesterday.

Easter Show At Planetarium Is Extended

Chapel Hill—Contrary to a previous announcement, the Easter program of the Morehead Planetarium in Chapel Hill will continue through an additional week, through Monday, April 17.

"The increasing attendance and the demand for the Easter showing have made us realize that many people who wish to see it have not been able so far to get to Chapel Hill," Dr. Roy Marshall, director of the Planetarium, explains.

A new record for one day's attendance was set Sunday, April 2, when 2700 visitors saw seven performances from 2 p. m. to 9 p. m. Those who wish to be sure of seeing a performance at a time of their own choosing should try to come on a week-day night, according to Dr. Marshall. Even then, however, visitors should try to arrive as early as 7:30 p. m.



SENATOR GRAHAM IS ALREADY THERE—This interesting arrangement of senatorial campaign banners intrigued Young Democrats at their recent regional rally in Asheville. First, supporters of Willis Smith put up their sign. Soon, adherents of Bob Reynolds spread their banner above Smith's sign. A little later, Senator Frank Graham's supporters topped them all with their slogan: "Frank Graham is Already There." Smith is the only one of the three who is not a native of North Carolina. Smith was born in Norfolk, Virginia. (Photo courtesy of the Asheville Citizen-Times).

Jaycees' Elect Officers

Charles Phillips was elected president of the Chapel Hill Junior Chamber of Commerce at its regular meeting last week. Herbert Wentworth is the outgoing president.

Other officers include Bud Cox, first vice president; Vance Hogan, second vice president; Harry Pendergraft, secretary; and Richmond Sloan, treasurer.

A new board of directors was also elected at the meeting. Those officers include Kenneth Putman, Mike Cook, Buster Ogburn, Bill Grice, and Herman Ward.

ATTENDS CONVENTION

Chapel Hill — Paul H. Robertson, local representative for the Farm Bureau insurance companies has just returned from Columbus, Ohio, where he attended the firm's 24th annual convention.