

Farmers Eye Leaf Opening

Orange County tobacco farmers looked south this week to the results of the openings of the leaf markets in Florida and Georgia for an indication as to what the price should be when the markets open in the Old Belt on September 11.

In the 19 Georgia and three Florida market centers in the two-state five-cured belt, the reports were very much the same: Higher average prices for all grades, smaller crop, quality good.

The United States Department of Agriculture reported that some grades brought as much as \$13.25 to 100 above the opening day of the 1949 season.

Most grades, the USDA said, were from \$4 to \$5 above last year.

The gains were general. Low to good leaf offerings were \$4 to \$7 higher. Low to good cutters were up \$3 to \$5, and fair to choice lugs were \$2 to \$6 higher. The sharpest increase was a gain of \$13.25 for best thin nondescript, one of the lowest grades.

The general quality was above last year's opening. The USDA noted the offerings were thinner bodied, and of better color.

Next Monday county farmers will look for price indications "closer home" when the Border Belt markets open. In general the 1950 leaf crop in the county is above that of last year, considering the amount of rain that has been experienced in some sections of the area. On certain crops disease was more evidenced than in other plantings, but as a general observation disease and damaged leaf is not as much in evidence as last year.

So far, only one public observation of the harvest season in this area has been announced, and that for the annual Farmers Day Celebration in Mebane to open one week before the tobacco markets start the 1950 selling season.

Baptist Young People, Leaders At Conference

Carrboro — The Girls Auxiliaries and Royal Ambassadors of Baptist Churches in this area, are attending a conference this week at Camp Caswell, the newly acquired Baptist Camp, near Southport.

The Raleigh Division is made up of churches of the Baptist Denomination of Raleigh, Durham, Sanford, Burlington, Mebane and others in Orange County.

Mrs. George N. Harward of the Carrboro Baptist Church as Young Peoples Leader of this division, is in charge of the camp this week. The Rev. Trey E. Jones, pastor of the Carrboro Baptist Church and Mrs. Jones will both teach different study courses at the camp and Lloyd Pendergrass of the church here, will serve as a camp counselor.

The following members of the church groups here, are in attendance: Ronnie Lackey, Rudy Barker, Gene Lloyd, B. H. Lloyd 3rd, William Riggsbee, and Edward Jones. Misses Sandra Williams, Betsy Ray, Elizabeth Jones, Kay Hogan, Carolyn Pendergrass, Doris Ann King, Leah Fitch, Serent Blake and Delores Pepper. The group left by chartered bus on Monday of this week, and will return on Friday, July 28.

Departing Civic Leaders Honored

Carrboro — A buffet supper was given by Mrs. Jesse West, president of the Carrboro Civic Club on Wednesday, July 19, honoring Mrs. R. J. Kiddoo, and Mrs. S. J. Haney, members of the club who are moving away soon, to make their homes elsewhere. Mrs. Kiddoo will live in China Grove, and Mrs. Haney is moving soon to Charlottesville, Va. The West home on the Graham highway near Carrboro was lovely throughout with arrangements of summer flowers. Club members presented the guests of honor with gifts. The occasion was a very enjoyable one for the 24 guests and club members present.



The 104-year-old Union Grove Methodist Church in a new building just completed by its members will be the scene of dedicatory services Sunday.

Historic Union Grove Church To Dedicate New Building

Hillsboro — The new native-stone building of the 104-year-old Union Grove Church will be dedicated Sunday, July 30, by Bishop W. W. Peele of Richmond, Va.

Following the dedication Sunday afternoon, a revival will be held at the church, Monday through Friday evening of that week with Rev. C. J. Honeycutt, pastor of the Durham circuit, assisting Rev. D. K. Christenberry, pastor of the Union Grove Church. Plans for the dedication include a homecoming which will begin with a morning worship service with Rev. Grady Kinley of White Oak as guest preacher. The service will be followed with a picnic lunch and the dedication early in the afternoon.

Union Grove will have no mortgage burning ceremony as there are no outstanding debts. The construction work and materials were furnished by members and friends of the church. Included in the gifts for the building program was help from the Duke Endowment.

The Church was organized Sept. 23, 1871. No regular pastor has served the church, and it has been under the supervision of the Orange Circuit.

Union Grove has never had a large membership. However, the church records show a number of ministers worshipped there as boys. The new structure was planned several years ago, and has been under construction for five years. Members of the building committee include: L. M. Riley, chairman, George Atkins, A. G. Williams, N. H. Blackwood, W. A. Minnis and W. A. Davis.

Delinquent Taxes To Be Advertised During August

Hillsboro — Property on which the 1949-50 taxes have not been paid by August 1, will be advertised in county newspapers during four weeks in August and if not paid by the first Monday in September will be sold in order to collect the unpaid taxes, it was announced this week by Orange County tax collector Carl Davis.

Davis stated that an estimated 1,000 taxpayers or approximately 5 per cent of the total levy for the past fiscal year has not been paid. The penalty prior to August 1st is 4 per cent and after this date the penalty will be 4 1/2 per cent plus the advertising costs and collection costs.

If taxes have not been paid by the first Monday in September the property will be sold, Davis said.

Prepayments are still being accepted at the tax collectors office on the 1950-51 levy. Davis stated and a 1 1/2 per cent discount is being made before August 1. After this date the discount will be 1 per cent with the net due in November. Tax notices will be mailed to tax payers in October and November, Davis stated. The tax rate has been set at \$1 per hundred valuation.

NEW BUILDING

Chapel Hill — The ground is being cleared in preparation for the building of a new drive-in theatre to be erected on the Greensboro highway about five miles outside the Carrboro city limits.

Dedication Sunday



Germans Tour Orange Farms, Schley Grange

Hillsboro — Thirteen Germans will return to their homeland full of praises for the Orange County farm program as a result of their visit here Tuesday.

The Germans, traveling in a large bus, toured the various points of interest in and around the county with special emphasis on the agricultural activities of the local population. The visitors inspected the Farmer's Mutual Warehouse here and then went to Chapel Hill where they visited the University campus and the Long Meadow Farms Dairy plant. From there they went to Durham to see the meat and feed processing plant of the Farmers' Mutual and the Chesterfield cigarette factory.

After a tour of the campus at Hillsboro, the Germans returned to the Schley Community and visited the farm of Milton Latta, where the soil conservation field day was held earlier this year. They investigated the diversified farm of J. E. Latta later in the day and then went to the Schley Grange meeting that night. After a covered dish supper, the Grange members put on a skit and showed movies on farm safety.

Following the movies, Harry B. Caldwell, master of the State Grange gave a brief talk. Carlos J. Ortega, a member of the State Department who served as interpreter for the group, gave a short talk on farm activities in Germany. Two of the Germans who knew English also spoke briefly.

Of the thirteen Germans, six were farmers, five were school teachers, one was a far morganization worker, and one was a member of the German foreign office, equivalent to our State Department.

80 Participate In Swine Event

Hillsboro — 80 farmers and agricultural workers gathered at the Grange Hall last Friday to participate in the first Swine Field Day held in Orange County.

Jack Kelly, Extension Swine Specialist, Dr. Barrick, Professor of Animal Husbandry from State College, Jim Butler, and Mr. Holseapple, from the Animal Husbandry Department, assisted local agricultural leaders with the discussion of the latest and most economical practices of swine production.

Four farms were visited during the morning hours where the value of pastures in swine growing was observed. In the afternoon a meat cutting demonstration was featured by the Piedmont Packing Company of Hillsboro.

State College officials were outspoken in their praise for this event as indicated by the interest shown by the farmers in asking questions and wakening comments of things observed. Visiting delegations from other counties as far as Reidsville were on hand to take part in the program.

It is anticipated that this swine field day, sponsored by the Orange County Spotted Poland China Breeders Association, can be made an annual event.

Chapel Hill Decision Casts Shadow On Building Plans

Court Exonerates Tom Gattis In Killing Of Clyde Durham, Wanted For Murder

Mrs. Glenn Auman Begins Hillsboro Home EC Work

Hillsboro — Mrs. Glenn Auman, the vocational Home Economics teacher at Hillsboro High School, completed six weeks' study at W.C.U.N.C. and began work July 17.

She spends her time visiting Home Economics students, planning the course of study for the coming year, securing illustrative materials to be used in teaching and working with other agencies and community activities which have as their purpose the betterment of home living.

Mrs. Auman is a graduate of Meredith College, Raleigh, and has done graduate work at W.C.U.N.C., Greensboro. She taught one year before coming to Hillsboro in 1937. She taught Home Economics in Hillsboro High School for six years.

Her husband is Physical Ed. teacher and coach. They have two children.

She will attend the U.D.C. Home Economics teachers' conference at Catawba College, Salisbury from August 7 to 11.

She succeeds Miss Helen Sorrell who resigned to be married.

Dr. Landon Smith Assumes Practice At Forrest Clinic

Hillsboro — Dr. W. Landon Smith has arrived in Hillsboro and begun the practice of medicine with Dr. D. E. Forrest at the Forrest Clinic.

Dr. Smith fills a vacancy that has existed since the opening of the clinic. Dr. Smith, a native of Frankfort, Ky., is married and has three children. He received his education at the University of Kentucky and the University of Louisville.

During the last war, Dr. Smith served four years in the Navy, two of these years in the South Pacific. The Smiths are members of the Episcopal Church. At present they reside with Mrs. G. G. Bivins.

Teacher Fred Claytor left Saturday for Lawndale to assume a teaching position.

Orange County Veterans Are Eligible For New Type VA Home Loan Plan

Hillsboro — A number of Orange County war veterans are expected to take advantage of the recently enacted program for GI's to build or buy homes on loans direct from the Veterans Administration, if they can meet the requirements, county service officer Walter G. Wrenn, said this week.

Orange is one of the 91 Counties in the state certified for the new loan service. The other counties were not made eligible because private concerns in these counties are now making 4 per cent loans.

The new program, which went into effect Thursday, was established for the benefit of veterans who could not get home loans at a 4 per cent interest rate. \$150,000,000 has been allotted for this purpose and from information received, Wrenn said many of the county's veterans are expected to take advantage of the program.

In addition to the location, the following conditions must be met: 1. The veteran must not previously have used any part of his GI loan guaranty entitlement. 2. The loan may not exceed \$10,000.

3. The veteran must be a satisfactory credit risk, and the monthly payments of his mortgage must bear a proper relationship to his income. 4. He must show that he is unable to obtain a four per cent loan from other sources, including loans from the Secretary of Agriculture

Hillsboro — No probable cause was found Monday in Recorder's Court against Tom Gattis for the Sunday slaying of Clyde Durham, Negro wanted for the July 4 Murder of Leroy Watson.

The fugitive returned to the scene of the crime and was shot and killed by Gattis when he attempted to leave the home of his father-in-law, Tom Farrar.

Gattis had called officers to the Farrar house, near White Cross, and just as they arrived, Durham attempted to flee. Durham was shot in the lower abdomen and died instantly.

Durham had been the object of an intensive manhunt since the slaying and the first clue to his whereabouts came about 1:30 a. m. Sunday morning when the police received a call from the bus station that a man answering his description had just arrived on a bus from the east.

With Judge I. J. Phipps presiding, the other cases heard were: Sam Ferrell Emory, speeding, \$10 and costs; Butler Sparrow, public drunkenness, costs; W. E. Rochelle, failed to make support payments, \$25 and costs; Gullford County, \$5 and costs; Bobby Ray Roberts, speeding, \$25 and costs; Herman Ashley, refusing to dim lights, \$5 and costs; Maxwell Leroy King, drunken driving, prayer for judgment continued to Aug. 7, defendant required to post \$200 bond; James Cobb, attempted to break and enter, nine months on the roads; George Costner, assault on a female, \$25 and costs; Leo Stewart, larceny of not more than \$50, six months on the roads; Roy Riley, larceny of not more than \$50, six months on the roads; James Franklin Norwood, operating a motor bike without state license plates, costs; Ernest Theodore Burr, speeding, \$15 and costs; George Ennett, operating a vehicle without a license and improper equipment, \$25 and costs; Andrew Lewis Newcomb, speeding, \$10 and costs; Roy Riley, drunken driving, three months on the roads; Lonnie Sloan, public drunkenness, 30 days; Stella Fuller, called and failed to appear; and William T. Johnson, assault on a female, six months.

Cases not pressed with leave to reopen: James W. Isley, John Henry Edward, James Frank Hudson, and Roy Riley.

The following cases were continued: Clyde Edwards, Gracie Brewer, Luther William Brewer, T. C. Breedove, James C. Coorensapler, and Gales E. Andrews.

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Ballad Singer To Give Musical Program Tonight

Chapel Hill — An evening of traditional folk ballads will be given by Forrest Covington in The Playmakers' Theatre at the University of North Carolina tonight at 8:30, as the first entertainment attraction of the second session of summer school here.

Covington, who has appeared numerous times in local musical productions and in guest appearances in this area, has a colorful collection of the songs of tradition. The program is expected to draw a large audience. Mr. Covington is a recent graduate of the University and is now taking special courses here.

He will use an ancient guitar for accompaniment, an instrument which was given to him by Charles Valentine, cabinet maker who lives in Chapel Hill. The guitar is about 110 years old, and it originally belonged to Mr. Valentine's grandfather.

Tickets for the program may be obtained at the Playmakers' Theatre prior to the concert.

COUNTY BUYS FORD

Chapel Hill — The Board of County Commissioners meeting here Monday morning accepted the bid of Strowd Motor Co. for the purchase of a new car for use by the Sheriff's Department.

Negro Group Resists School Curtailment

Chapel Hill — A bleak outlook for the remainder of the county school and courthouse building programs was painted this week by county officials following a meeting here Monday to settle a controversy over construction of the new Negro High School.

The consensus was that all proposed school and courthouse construction might be held up indefinitely as result of war pressures and rising costs which make planned construction impossible within the limits of available or authorized funds.

In solving the Negro School issue, the Board of County Commissioners voted to let contracts for the school immediately to the extent possible within the \$235,000 appropriated, eliminating from the immediate plans construction of the auditorium-gymnasium, site improvements, the paved parking area, lockers, certain types of tile and floor coverings in order to bring the bids within the limits of the appropriation.

Negro spokesmen at the meeting of the Commissioners and the County and Chapel Hill school boards resisted to the end the decision to eliminate some of the construction, despite assurances that the entire building would be built as planned as soon as it is possible to do so.

One spokesman, the Rev. J. R. Manley spoke of strong feelings on the matter "grown almost to passion" among the Negro group. He and others said they felt the entire building could be constructed as planned and indicated that if it were not "we don't know what the feeling of our people will develop into."

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Orange MYF Plans Camporee

Hillsboro — The Orange Sub-district of the Methodist Youth Fellowship will hold its first camporee at Camp New Hope August 4 and 5. The weekend camp will begin Friday afternoon with registration at 4 p. m. and will end Saturday evening at 10 p. m.

Principal speakers will be the Rev. William Howard of University Methodist Church, Chapel Hill, the Rev. M. M. Meredith of Duke University, and the Rev. John Ensign of the New Hope Presbyterian Church.

The fee for the weekend will be \$2.50 per person. A pre-registration fee of \$1 will be payable by July 28. All members are urged to attend.