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CAPITAL REPORTER

Scott Summers

Raleigh — North Carolina probably will lose one seat in Congress, despite early reports to the contrary.

The latest check on population gains and losses shows that the Tar Heel state is below the national average in gains.

Although the state picked up from 3,500,000 to more than four million noses counted this year, the percentage of gain is a flat 1.3%. The national average gain is 1.43%.

Virginia and Florida are the only two southern states that are even up to the national average.

Seats in Congress (referring to the House of courses) are assigned on the basis of population. But any reshuffling is done on the percentage of gain and loss.

Thus, the folks on Capitol Hill here are hearing that North Carolina will lose one seat because, although we picked up nearly a half million population—our gain is below the national average.

This would result in a knock-down dragoon battle in the legislature over redistricting, and likely would send the General Assembly into one of its longest sessions.

Folks in the Eastern Tobacco Belt are mighty peeved about the delay in opening of their markets. It was the second year in a row that the Belt opening was delayed, and from editorial and personal comment, the boys in Wilson, Goldsboro, Rocky Mount, Greenville and other markets seem to think there's something more than meets the eye in the move.

They point out that Fred Royster of Henderson, president of the Bright Belt Association, knew more time was needed for Georgia-Florida growers when the dates were first announced. They seem to think he could have done something about the situation a long time ago.

Ironically, the Middle Belt—where Royster has at least a part interest in one warehouse—stands to benefit most by the move. Their markets will open only 10 days behind the Eastern Belt. A lot of growers in that section, which includes Henderson, now probably will sell their tobacco on the Middle Belt rather than truck it to the Eastern Belt, as they would have if there were more time between belt openings.

If enough folks get sore about the Eastern Belt snafu, it could hurt Royster's chances at the speakership of the House of Representatives. With his only announced opponent, Frank Taylor of Goldsboro, warring criticism for his part in the Advisory Budget Commission's denial of a bonus to the teachers, this could set the stage for a dark horse to snap up the 1951 speakership.

State Civilian Defense Chief E. Z. Jones of Burlington, isn't getting too good a response from mayors of North Carolina's cities and towns. More than two weeks ago he asked them to appoint Civilian Defense bosses for their municipalities. Up to now only 42 of the more than 350 incorporated towns and cities have named a Civilian Defense head.

Jones is preparing a map of each town and city, showing graphically what would happen to it in case of an atomic bomb attack.

At Mocksville over in Davie County recently Secretary of State Thad Eure made himself a speech. The occasion was the annual picnic for the Masonic orphanage. Reports reaching Raleigh are that Thad sent up a few trial balloons to see what his chances are for either the gubernatorial race in 1952 or the senatorial race in 1954.

He picked a good spot for an easterner to test the validity of the old east-west rotation tradition. The next governor by tradition is supposed to come from the west.

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19,000 Bream Delivered To 15 Ponds In Orange

Hillsboro — The first delivery of fish for stocking farm fish ponds in Orange County this fall came to the County last week. The delivery consisted of 19,000 bream (blue gill), and went to 15 farm ponds.

The farmers who received these fish are: Muirhead Construction Co., Andrew Lloyd, H. I. Parrish, W. V. Fryer, E. E. Petty, Jr., of Hillsboro Community; L. A. Hogan, Leonard Sparrow, C. D. Wilson, Chapel Hill; W. S. Hunt, B. C. Corbet, Bob White, Cedar Grove; Wiley Perry, Orange Grove; H. N. Blackwood, New Hope; Virgil Wall, W. O. Mincey, Schley.

The completing of the stocking of these ponds will be made next spring when bass will be added. Fish for more recently built ponds will be delivered from the hatcheries later in the fall.

Knox Wood, of the Carr Community, is bulldozing and draining about five acres of land from which he has not been receiving any income. This land is too steep and some of it too wet, for crop land, and Wood is planning to seed it to pasture this fall. For the drainage work the bulldozer used in the dryer places, and dynamite was used to open up the places too wet to get in with the dozer. Knox believes in not only each man on the farm doing his part, but he also wants to see some proceeds from each acre of land.

Lacy D. Burch Dies Suddenly Of Heart Attack

Chapel Hill — Lacy David Burch, 41, died suddenly from a heart attack at his home on Route 2, Chapel Hill, Friday night at 9 P. M.

He was not believed to have been suffering from any heart ailment and he had performed his duties for the day at the Chapel Hill Post Office.

Born in Orange County, the son of Henry and Lena Whitt Burch, he was educated in the Chapel Hill schools and was graduated from the University of North Carolina in the class of '35.

Survivors are his wife, Mrs. Mary Virginia Gaddy Burch and two daughters, Frances and Mary Ellen Burch, of the home; his mother, Mrs. Lena Burch; one sister, Mrs. John Link; two brothers, Henry and Vernon Burch, all of Orange County.

Funeral services were held Sunday at 4 P. M. from the Orange Methodist Church, of which he was a member, with the pastor, the Rev. Howard Hardeman, and the Rev. M. E. Tyson of Carrboro officiating.

Merchants Plan Special Sales Event Next Month

Chapel Hill — The Chapel Hill-Carrboro Merchants Association in a regular meeting Monday night approved a resolution to sponsor a Salutation and Orientation Week, Sept. 18-23.

The week will be marked by special sales for the benefit of the new students.

Hundley Family Holds Reunion

Carrboro — A family reunion of the family of Mrs. Della Hundley of Carrboro was held last Sunday at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Couch on Greensboro Street.

Picnic baskets were brought for the occasion and food was spread on long tables on the lawn.

Those present included the following: Mr. and Mrs. Herold Hundley and family, Mr. and Mrs. Henry Lewis Hundley, Mr. and Mrs. Frank Conrad Hundley and family of Winston Salem, Mrs. Chris Hundley, Mr. and Mrs. Lloyd Senter and family, Mr. and Mrs. Floyd Durham, Mr. and Mrs. Eugene Hundley and family, Mr. and Mrs. Douglas Slaybough, Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Council and family, Mrs. James Perry and son, Stan, Dyrrel Council, Miss Ruth Hundley, Rev. and Mrs. H. G. Dorsett, Mrs. Charlie Maynor, the guest of honor, Mrs. Della Hundley, and the host and hostess, Mr. and Mrs. Couch.

Jaycees Complete 175 New Markers

Chapel Hill — The Junior Chamber of Commerce members have completed work on 175 new street markers and plan to have them erected as soon as possible.

One of the most ardent workers on the projects has been Judge John Manning. At the final work session some of the members asked the judge what he would fine a person found guilty of running over one of the brand new street markers. The consensus was that \$100 and costs would be a reasonable fine, considering all the hard work put in their building.

Orange Teacher To Sue For Job; Group Is Split On Chapel Hill Suit

Some Leaders Believe Action Is Ill-Advised

Chapel Hill — Indications were increasingly evident here yesterday that the proposed legal action by Negro citizens of the community against the Chapel Hill school officials for alleged inequalities between the White and Negro schools does not have the unanimous approval of the Negro community leadership.

Since Sunday's announcement that a group of some 75 citizens, under the leadership of Dr. Charles W. Thompson, had voted unanimously to institute the suit, there have been reports that many of the Negro leaders feel that the legal action may be hasty and ill-advised. Hubert Robinson, a member of the group which has been working with the School Board on plans for the new building, is among those understood to be displeased with the action taken by the more militant group of Negro citizens.

A campaign for funds to institute the legal action is already underway, with what success has not been reported. The sum of \$1,000, it was indicated, will be needed to finance the suit with Herman Taylor of Raleigh as attorney.

The proposal to sue came as a surprise to the School Board members who had worked diligently in an effort to provide best facilities possible within the limits of funds available. One member of the Board, Carl Smith, expressed the belief that the town is spending more per pupil on the Negroes than on the white children.

The meeting of the Negroes was called by a decision of the County Commissioners last month to delete from the Negro school plans an auditorium and other special rooms. The elimination of the facilities came about because the bids far exceeded the \$235,000 allocated the school.

Ground was broken last week for the new Negro school and construction has been started. Local school officials insist that the rooms eliminated in the plans will be added when the funds are available.

Meanwhile, plans are going ahead for the construction of the remainder of the White high school, which burned down some ten years ago. Since that time, the white children have been attending school in one wing of the new high school which was built about five years ago. The facilities there, have been called totally inadequate by school officials. The contracts for the rest of this school have not been let as yet and there is doubt among school officials that there will be sufficient money for these plans, either. In that case, some facilities may have to be eliminated from the white school, also.

Negro Is Held For Shooting Dad

Hillsboro — Curtis Gattis, negro, is in Orange County jail following the shooting of Tom Gattis, his father, Saturday afternoon at Chapel Hill.

The elder Gattis was described earlier this week as in "fair" condition and it was believed he would recover.

According to the Sheriff, Gattis shot his father with a 12-gauge shotgun as his father advanced on him with an axe. According to the younger Gattis, the trouble started over his father abusing his mother, threatening and running her away from home.

5-County Dairy Heifer Show, Sale Planned

Hillsboro — The third annual dairy heifer show and sale will be held at the Farmers' Mutual Livestock Market in Hillsboro next Thursday.

Forty heavy spring heifers have been lined up for the sale and numerous well groomed purebred and grade heifers of all breeds will be exhibited at the show. Exhibitors will be both boys and girls and adult farmers.

The Danish system of judging will be used, which places all entries in three groups. Prizes for the blue ribbon group will be \$6.00; for the red ribbon, \$4.00; and for the white ribbon, \$2.00. There will be a class for purebred and a class for grades.

Final Services For Mrs. Mamie Harris To Be Held Today

Hillsboro — Funeral services will be held today, August 24, at 2 o'clock at the Little River Church for Mrs. Mamie E. Harris. Mrs. Harris died Tuesday after an illness of one year.

She is survived by one son, W. A. Harris of Rougemont, Rt. 2, and one daughter, Mrs. Mamie Woods, Rt. 2, Rougemont, one brother, Ed Carpenter of Durham, and seven grandchildren.

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Hillsboro — A fire which broke out Wednesday about 1 p. m. in the second floor spraying room of the White Furniture Company plant just outside Hillsboro was quickly put out by the Hillsboro Fire Department.

The origin of the fire is undetermined and the damage to the building is unknown.

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Prospects Bright For Weed Prices

Hillsboro — As the chant of the tobacco auctioneer drew nearer, tobacco growers of Orange County this week looked forward to prospects of the highest average prices ever recorded by Government grades for fine-cured smoking tobacco.

This expectation was based upon reports from Eastern market openings Monday which brought the highest averages on record.

The Federal-State Market News Service reports gains ranging from \$3.00 to \$17.00 per hundred as compared with opening day last year. Leaf and smoking leaf grades were up \$6.00 to \$16.00, cutters \$3.00 to \$8.00, lugs from \$4.00 to \$11.00, and primings \$8.00 to \$17.00. The bulk of baskets brought prices from \$45.00 to \$68.00 with the practical top on most markets at \$68.00. Estimated general averages on several markets for morning sales ranged from \$56.00 to \$58.00 per hundred. Highest prices by Government grades for smoking tobacco prior to this on any opening day was 1946. However, a few leaf grades during the first day in 1946 were slightly higher than Monday.

Highway 70's Widening Job To Be Let Soon

A new road project will get under way shortly in Orange County, the State Highway Commission announced.

The project, to be let to contract on August 31, is a combined one with Alamance County. It calls for the grading and paving on 11.03 miles of US 70 involving the widening on US 70 from the end of the 22-foot concrete pavement at Effland to the junction with NC 49 in Haw River.

Specifications were also advertised on 54 other road jobs throughout the state, some on the primary and others on the secondary road system.

More road projects are under construction at the present time than at any similar time in the Highway Commission's history, according to Highway Chairman Henry W. Jordan. "If weather conditions continue to be good, 1950 will be North Carolina's greatest year of roadbuilding," Dr. Jordan said.

About 20 per cent of the \$200,000,000 secondary road program was finished as of July 1, 1950 and some 500 projects under this program are in various stages of construction throughout the state.

Fishing Rodeo Planned Tomorrow

Chapel Hill — The third annual Fishing Rodeo, sponsored by the Orange County Wildlife Federation, will be held tomorrow at the University Lake.

The contest is open to boys and girls from 8 to 16 years of age and entry blanks are now available at Colonial Motors in Carrboro, and Obie Davis Service Station here. No entry fee is necessary.

The prizes to be awarded in cooperation with the national sports organization, Better Fishing, Inc., will be two nationally known brand names rod and reel sets for the most fish caught during the day, and for the largest fish caught.

The prizes are now on display at Eubanks Drug Store.

Mrs. Jeter Lloyd Injured By Cow

Carrboro — Mrs. Jeter Lloyd, who lives on the University Lake Road, was carried to Watts Hospital last Sunday as the result of being injured by a cow.

Mrs. Lloyd had gone out to the lot to let the cow in to her young calf. The cow turned on Mrs. Lloyd, knocking her down causing stomach injuries and loss of blood from cuts and bruises. Mr. Lloyd and neighbors came to her assistance.

Mrs. Lloyd is considered to be seriously injured, but is improving.

Another Rabid Dog Is Killed; Twelve Exposed

Chapel Hill — Another rabid dog was killed Monday and 12 people were exposed. All are taking the Pasteur treatment, according to the county health officer, Dr. David Garvin.

Hardee Family Reunion Held

Carrboro — The annual "Family Reunion" of the late T. D. Hardee family was held last Sunday at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Bill Hardee in Carrboro with 60 present.

family enjoyed an all-day outdoor picnic on the lawn. Picnic baskets of lunch were spread on long tables. Out of town guests from several near-by areas were present including relatives from Hillsboro and Durham. Members of the family living in Carrboro included Mayor I. F. Hardee and family, Mr. and Mrs. Wade Thrift and family, Mr. and Mrs. Earle Perry and family and Mr. and Mrs. Offie Durham.

Schley Sponsors School Reunion

Schley — The Schley Grange is sponsoring a reunion of the former teachers and pupils of the old Schley school on August 27.

This rural school, organized in 1902, was consolidated in 1928 with the near-by Hillsboro school.

It is hoped by the sponsors that every teacher who served in the school and every pupil who attended will be present at this reunion. There will be a short service at 12:30, followed by dinner. All are requested to bring a basket lunch.

No New Polio Cases This Week, Reports Garvin

Chapel Hill — There have been no new polio cases reported in Orange County since Wednesday, August 16. The total for the year for the county remains 12.

Softball League Playoffs Start

Hillsboro — Playoffs in the local Softball league for the season's championship got underway here this week and will continue through Friday of next week.

Six teams are vying for the championship in a two-bracket playoff using the double elimination system. Teams in the boys' playoff include Eng, Exchange, Church Legion, Whites and Belle Vue.

In the girls' playoff, winners of the first and second half of the split season are participating, the champion being decided on a three-out-of-five game basis. Chevrolet and High School Girls teams are participating.

Farm Teachers Tour 4 Counties

Hillsboro — Teachers of vocational agriculture in Orange County joined those of four other neighboring counties Tuesday on a tour of 11 agriculture departments in Chatham, Lee, Harnett and Johnston counties.

The purpose of the tour was to observe evidences of the programs being carried on in these counties. Making the trip from this county were the Messrs. E. R. Dowdy, Hillsboro, Charles Langston, Aycock, and Sizemore, Chapel Hill.

Miss Blackwood Opposes Move To Retire Her

Hillsboro — A suit to require the Orange County school system to rehire Miss Mattie Blackwood, a teacher in the West Hillsboro school, will probably be instituted in the near future, it was learned yesterday.

County Superintendent Glenn T. Proffitt said yesterday that Miss Blackwood had advised him she had retained Attorney Victor S. Bryant of Durham to represent her in the litigation.

The basis of Miss Blackwood's complaint, it is understood, would be her allegation that she was not notified of her retirement prior to the end of school, as required by school law.

Reports indicated that Miss Blackwood left school on the final day of the term under the impression she had been reelected. Her notification was not received until later.

The decision not to renew Miss Blackwood's contract was recommended by the District School Committee and this action was reported to the office of the Superintendent of Schools on May 24, the final day of school. Notification to this effect was mailed to Miss Blackwood by registered mail filed at the local postoffice on that day. In a previous case, the Attorney General has ruled that mailing of the notification on the final day is considered full compliance with the law.

The selection of teachers is made on the recommendation of the District School Committee with the concurrence of the County Board of Education and the Superintendent of Schools.

The District Committee in recommending that her contract not be renewed asked that she be retired and gave no other reason for the action.

Miss Blackwood has been a teacher for 35 years and was eligible for retirement. A lifelong resident of this county, she lives in the New Hope community.

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