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Tobacco Income Quadrupled in 10 Years: Report

Hillsboro — An indication of what has occurred in Orange County's economy during the decade 1940-50 was evident clearly in the annual report presented Monday by County agents Don E. P. Barnes to the Board of County Commissioners.

While 1950's tobacco crop in Orange County brought \$2,758,000 compared to 1940's \$504,000, a 400% increase, they reported the cost of farm labor had gone up from \$25 per month per hand to \$100 in the same period.

Other indications of expanded rural economy are interspersed throughout with reports of increased earnings, improved practices and progressive advancement.

Traffic, Liquor Violations Mark Court Docket

Hillsboro — John P. LeGrand, new prosecuting attorney for Orange County, began his court career Monday prosecuting mostly violations of traffic and liquor regulations.

With Judge L. J. Phipps, newly reappointed county judge, hearing the evidence, the following cases were heard:

Lonnie L. Sloan, public drunkenness, 30 days and invoked 2 previous sentences of 30 days each for violation of condition of suspensions; T. B. Ray, public drunkenness, costs; Theodore Taylor, reckless driving and driving on the left side of the road, \$25 and costs; Eddie Sneed, continued; Rufus Cotton, continued; N. F. Dickerson, continued; C. E. Breland, continued.

Ray Hendricks, public drunkenness, \$10 and costs; Henry Lassiter, failure to support illegitimate child, 6 months on the roads, suspended for five years on condition pay \$10 a month in addition to \$25 he is now paying for support of child, required to post \$300 bond.

Thomas Clyde Miles, reckless driving, \$25 and costs; Ed. L. Holmes, allowing drunken driver to drive his car, not guilty; Claude Brothers, no license, \$25 and costs; Curtis Hursey, continued; Joe Shambley, public drunkenness, illegal possession of non tax paid whiskey, 30 days suspended and \$10 and costs; Robert Moore, assault on a female, 60 days suspended and costs; Robert Wesley Payne, no pros with leave; Frank Wilson, called and failed; Drewery Edward Smith, no pros with leave; Benjamin Lee Patterson, continued; Odie Snipes, illegal possession of non tax paid whiskey for purpose of sale, 4 months suspended and \$15 and costs; Percy Farley, continued.

Ted S. Cates, continued; Clyde C. Collins, reckless driving, \$100 and costs, costs to include \$277.90 for the prosecuting witness; Fred Harold Sparrnell, called and failed; Robert Amason, passing car without 500 ft. clearance, \$10 and costs; Thomas A. McAllister, continued.

Wilson Lindsey Zachary, continued; Donnie Lee Buchanan, falling to give hand signal, costs; and C. N. Walker, speeding, \$5 and costs.

Accident Sunday Causes Damage To Two Cars

Chapel Hill — Two cars were damaged and one man was slightly injured Sunday night on NC 54 when Tom McAllister's attempt to be a good samaritan backfired. McAllister, a Carolina student, had stopped to assist a local resident, Jesse Durham, who appeared to be in a drunken condition and was walking on the highway and eventually fell in a side ditch. Lindley Zachary, another resident of that area, driving a new car, ploughed into the rear of McAllister's car, tearing off the rear fender of the student's car and drove it into the ditch. Zachary bent in the right fender and light of his car and was thrown against the steering wheel, knocking the breath out of him.

Paul Green Writes:

Paul Green, the noted playwright, this week lent his support to the Empty Stocking Fund, the county-wide movement to provide Christmas Cheer to the needy of Orange County.

Wrote he in a message exclusively to readers of The News of Orange County:

On every side we hear the demand that our American Way of life, our democracy, prove itself. And there is no better way, it seems to me, to do this than to help relieve the poverty and suffering around us here at home. The war situation in the world, they say, is bad. But I say that the spirit of Christmas is good. It is always good. And in that spirit let us once more open our hearts and give to those that need our help. There are many unfortunate children, bedridden older people and a few invalid fathers and mothers in Orange County who need our help. Christmas is likely to be gloomy and unhappy affair for them without our love and cooperation. Please give to the Empty Stocking Fund. P. G.

LeGrand Named Solicitor; Roulhac Site to be Sought For New Hillsboro School

Hillsboro — The Board of County Commissioners, containing one newly elected member, appointed John Q. LeGrand, Chapel Hill attorney, the new solicitor of the County Court, reappointed other incumbent officers, and authorized the Board of Education to proceed with plans for negotiating with the owner of the Roulhac property in Hillsboro for its purchase as a new elementary school site, resorting to condemnation proceedings if necessary to obtain a reasonable price.

The Commission's unanimous new two-year term Monday morning, included Sim L. Eiland, young Eiland business man, who defeated Ben F. Wilson for the post in last Spring's primary. He took the oath of office, along with Collier Cobb Jr. of Chapel Hill and H. G. Laws of Hillsboro, incumbent members, who were re-elected. Cobb was re-elected chairman, following acceptance of the oath from Clerk of Court, Edwin M. Lynch.

In addition to LeGrand, other

appointments for the new term included the following incumbents: L. J. Phipps, judge of the County Court, Ira Ward, tax supervisor, and the firm of Graham & Eskridge as county attorney.

LeGrand, who succeeds Jerry B. Stone of Hillsboro to the prosecuting attorney's position, moved to Chapel Hill some six months ago. He previously practiced law in Wilmington, is a graduate of the University of North Carolina, and former member of the General Assembly. He won the appointment over William Stewart, young Chapel Hill attorney, who also had sought the post.

The school action came following the appearance before the board of Bonner D. Sawyer, C. D. Jones, Superintendent Glenn T. Proffitt, Principal G. A. Brown, acting on behalf of the County Board of Education, the district school committee and the Hillsboro School Advisory committee. They reported a unanimity of opinion of the three boards that the Roulhac property offered the best site for a new school, which they proposed to construct from funds allotted to Hillsboro under the bond issue program. They reported a number of alternate sites and plans had been considered for dealing with the overcrowded situation at Hillsboro before reaching the decision reported.

The property is now owned by W. S. Roulhac of Mt. Vernon, N. Y. It formerly was the Ruffin property owned by distinguished jurist, Judge Thomas Ruffin.

They proposed to construct toilet towers at ends of the building to place toilets on each floor of the old building and thus provide some space for classroom use in the basement. Eventual plans call for High School and Junior High grade in the present building with Grades 1-6 scheduled for a new site.

In other actions, the Board pointed tax list takers in even of the county's townships, approved a contribution of \$5 as a Christmas donation to personnel at Caswell Training School, approved payments of \$275 to James Freeland for clearing the site of the new courthouse, and \$660 to Architect Archie R. Davis for architectural work in connection with the installation of heat in the old courthouse building.

The list takers include Mrs. M. R. Cates, Esq.; Henry R. Heath, Cheeks; L. R. Cheek, Chapel Hill; Remus Smith Jr., Hillsboro; J. C. Lloyd, Bingham; R. Cooper Compton, Cedar Grove; and A. E. Wilson, Little River.

Merchants Discuss Secretary Plan; Will Vote Dec. 13

Chapel Hill — A committee report on the advisability of having a full time executive secretary of the Chapel Hill - Carrboro Chamber of Commerce was the big order of business at the regular meeting of the Merchants Association of the two towns Monday night.

Grady Pritchard, as chairman of the committee investigating the new office, gave a very favorable report on the situation and stated that the main drawback to the new secretary would be an increase in the budget of the association to \$13,500. This would mean an increase in the present dues.

Wilbur Kutz, president of the Association, called for a full membership meeting on the question to be held Dec. 13 at 8:30 in the Town Hall.

The group were advised that it would be contrary to their by-laws to call for more than one day for vacation for the Christmas season and therefore, the official Merchants Association holiday will be Christmas Day. Individual merchants indicated that they will be closed Tuesday and Wednesday, too.

CHEST X-RAY CLINIC
The December chest x-ray clinic will be held on Monday, December 11th, from 1-3 p.m., at the Hillsboro Health Department. This is the last clinic scheduled until the x-ray equipment can be installed in a new trailer.



James G. Faucette, founding out 52 years of service at Eno Cotton Mills last Friday night, learned something of the affection and esteem in which he was held by fellow workers of the Spinning Room, second shift. In appropriate ceremonies in the center of the department, the veteran overseer was presented a leather platform rocker as a "gift of appreciation" from his associates. It was the last night of a career with the firm which began while the Spanish American War was in progress. The following day he began his retirement, but for the night it was an occasion of good will, of mutual expressions of esteem, and of letting bygones be bygones.

Mr. Faucette, sitting in his new chair surrounded by his fellow workers, is shown here just after the ceremonies in which the presentation was made by Joe Hughes, night superintendent.

Community Sing Plans Released

Hillsboro — Plans went forward this week for Hillsboro's Community Sing, a feature of the Merchants Association Christmas program, scheduled for the evening of December 15 at 7 o'clock.

Seven musical organizations have definitely entered the competition for prizes of \$15, \$10 and \$5 being contributed by the local merchants as an incentive.

The Sing will follow the Annual Christmas Parade scheduled for the afternoon. It will be held on the Courthouse lawn around the lighted Christmas tree in the event of good weather; in the event of inclement weather it will be moved to the High School auditorium.

A master of ceremonies for the occasion will be announced later and competent judges will be obtained.

Choral groups already entered include: the Hillsboro Elementary School Chorus, Hillsboro High School Chorus, Central High School Chorus, the Mars Hill Junior Choir and the Methodist, Baptist and Presbyterian Church choirs of Hillsboro. Tentative acceptances have come from the Aycock, High School Chorus and

the Eiland Methodist Junior Chorus, other organizations are urged to enter and may do so by contacting Clarence D. Jones, Community Sing committee chairman.

Two Chapel Hill Doctors Take Draft Physicals

Hillsboro — The first group of doctors from Orange County left Wednesday for Raleigh to be given pre-induction physical exams, according to Mrs. Billie Copeland, Draft Board clerk.

Of the original group of three doctors eligible for the draft, one, Dr. Earl Peacock, has been transferred to New York. The other two, Dr. Harold Osterud and Dr. Robert D. Langtall, are both from Chapel Hill.

The induction call, scheduled for Dec. 18, has been postponed to Jan. 2. The call was for five men. Mrs. Copeland has received a call for 100 men to be given pre-induction physicals Dec. 27.

Important Tobacco Meeting To Be Held At Aycock School

Hillsboro — County Agent Don S. Matheson announced yesterday that an important tobacco meeting will be held at the Aycock School in Cedar Grove township Monday night, December 11th, at 7:00.

Roy Bennett, Extension Tobacco Specialist, will be present to bring the latest N. C. Experiment Station records of results on the new black shank and wilt resistant varieties of tobacco. Due to the widespread damage caused by black shank and wilt, all tobacco farmers should be informed of the newest developments in disease resistant varieties. Special attention will be given to the new Dixie Bright 101 and 102 varieties. A discussion of the new acreage allotments for 1951 will be entered into as well as many other phases of tobacco production.

This will be the only tobacco meeting of its kind to be held in Orange County before the planting season begins.

SUPERIOR COURT MEETS

Hillsboro — Superior Court Criminal Term will be held here beginning Monday, Dec. 11, with Judge William T. Hatch of Raleigh, presiding.

Board Does Not Approve Bonus Proposal

Hillsboro — The Board of Commissioners declined to go along with the State in providing funds for a retroactive pay raise for vocational teachers in Orange County.

The supplementary pay was voted by the last legislature to be effective in the event of a budget surplus and will be paid to academic teachers on December 11. The Attorney General later ruled the vocational teachers were

entitled to receive the same bonus as academic teachers but the hitch arose in that those teachers get one-third of their pay from the county and two-thirds from the State. The vocational teachers will get their proportional bonus on the two-thirds paid by the State only.

It was pointed out that vocational teachers now get \$32 more per month than regular academic teachers of the same grade and

work from two to three months longer during the year. A grade A-11 vocational teacher received \$338 per month as compared with \$306 for the academic teachers.

Six vocational teachers in the Orange County school system and four in Chapel Hill are affected by the action.

Superintendents, principals and teachers with C-Grade certificates and below were excluded from the bonus provisions.