

Approve Roads

Hillsboro—The Board of Commissioners were advised at Monday's special session that roads in Orange County presently recommended by it had been approved by the State Highway and Public Works Commission in addition to the highway

list included two roads on outskirts of Hillsboro, three in the immediate environs of Chapel Hill and Carrboro and five in rural areas.

The list included Old Cedar Grove Road and Lake Shore road, north of Hillsboro; Oak Avenue and Old Airport Road in the Chapel Hill-Carrboro vicinity; and Filling Station Road, Hickory Grove Church road, Old Ridge Road, Meadowbrook Drive in the northern part of the county and Key Road in the Northern part of the county.

The commissioners took up their afternoon session Monday with other roads in the county, considering petitions for their improvement.

Superior Court

Term Disposes

of Variety Cases

Hillsboro—A session of Superior Court last week saw disposition of a variety of cases but marked the continuance of several involving violence.

Nunn Morrow, Efland Negro charged with murdering his wife last August, received a continuance as did Edgar M. Lyerley, driver of a transfer truck which fatally injured Walter Clayton earlier several months ago, who was charged with manslaughter. John Dewey Bradsher pled guilty to bastardy and prayer for judgment was continued upon condition the defendant pay into the office of the Clerk of Court \$1,000 during the next two years for the support of his son. Oscar Mackwood was ordered to pay costs in a disorderly conduct appeal and Curtis Gattis was given two to five years on the roads and Alphonzo McAdoo one and a half to three years on charges of assault with a deadly weapon with intent to kill, resulting in serious injury.

Gattis admitted shooting his father, Tom Gattis with a 12-gauge shotgun but pleaded self defense, charging his father threatened him and his mother with an axe.

Tommy Wells received a year's sentence suspended and a three year probationary period in a larceny case, upon condition he pay pecuniary witness, V. L. Millsap the costs and \$250 to the prothonotary of \$20 per month. The state lost a case against Vernon Wilson, also in a larceny case.

Leary Colte was ordered to pay the sum of \$60 per month and \$75 attorney's fees to Evelyne J. Colte in an abandonment action. Marvin Lee Workman was judged not guilty.

Fannie Beasley Shaw was granted an absolute divorce from Monroe H. Shaw, with the plaintiff awarded custody of the two children. A restraining order to prevent immediate foreclosure of a deed of trust granted. Plaintiff E. Marikakis in an action against Dixie Restaurant Equipment Co. and James R. Farlow and L. J. Phillips, trustees.

Thomas Miller Wins Scholarship

Hillsboro—Thomas Miller, son of George Miller, Route 2, Hillsboro, has been awarded a scholarship to attend the agricultural Short Course at N. C. State College January 8th to February 2nd. Miller is a young farmer who has finished high school and plans to start a grade A dairy.

This short course offers subjects in beef cattle production, crop production, and dairy production and is open to any high school graduate in the state.



Sh... isn't that Santa?

Santa Claus had not arrived in Orange County today but the scene above typified the general excitement about the Christmas season which seemed to grip the county. Everywhere children and grown-ups alike were caught up in the spirit of the season and making feverish last-minute preparations for the occasion. The Empty Stocking fund was getting bigger to assure that not one family should be without some evidence of the spirit of good will at Christmas time. No, Santa's reindeer hoofs had not been heard, but it was easy to see that people everywhere knew the big event was not far off.

Compton Again Heads P. M. A.

J. S. Compton, Cedar Grove, was reelected chairman of the County P. M. A. Committee for 1951 at the county convention held here Friday.

Elected to serve with him were John H. Brown, Rougemont, N. C., Vice Chairman and P. B. Lloyd of Chapel Hill, N. C., Rt. 1, Regular Member, with C. W. Stanford and J. E. Hawkins as 1st and 2nd alternates.

These committeemen were elected to administer the Agricultural Conservation Program and the tobacco quota program and other assignments during 1951.

J. S. Compton, the chairman of the Orange County PMA committee for 1951, owns and operates a 400 acre farm located near Cedar Grove. On this farm he produces, beef cattle, tobacco, chickens and small grain. The vice chairman, John H. Brown's farm is located near Caldwell, where he produces, tobacco and small grain. P. B. Lloyd, the third member of the committee, owns and operates a farm near Chapel Hill. His farming operations are devoted to the production of tobacco, small grain and he also operates a nice dairy farm.

The farms of the two alternates are located at Orange Grove and Cedar Grove respectively, and are engaged in dairying and the production of tobacco.

Listed below are a list of the active community committeemen who were elected in the general elections held throughout the county Thursday:

CALDWELL: Claude A. Gray, A. E. Wilson, Clyde Berry.

CARR: L. J. Rogers, J. G. Rogers, Marvin Rogers.

CARRBORO: W. R. Wemble, J. S. Williams, L. R. Cheek.

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Boards Explore Means For Cutting County's Growing Welfare Burden

Graham Memorial Open For Holidays To Townspeople

Chapel Hill—The Graham Memorial will be open during Christmas vacation for the benefit of all students remaining on the campus and for the use of the townspeople as well.

The Town Girls Association has planned a vacation program of varied activities to provide entertainment.

On December 22 there will be a semi-formal dance at Graham Memorial featuring the music of Skip Etheridge and his orchestra. The dance will be held from 9 P. M. to midnight. Refreshments will be served. All townspeople are invited.

On December 24, interested parties will meet at Graham Memorial to form a Christmas Carol group. The group will tour the town singing Carols and then will return to Graham Memorial for hot chocolate and cookies. Everyone is invited.

The Town Girls will hold open house at GM during the entire vacation. There will be dancing in the Rendezvous Room and bridge and canasta in the main lounge every evening. Prizes will be awarded for the high scorers in the bridge and canasta games.

Hillsboro F.A. Places First In Contest

Hillsboro—Hillsboro High School's Future Farmers of America chapter this week won first place in the annual Crops Identification and Judging Contest for the rural schools of Durham and Orange Counties, held Tuesday at the Lowes Grove School.

Seven schools participated in the vocational event with the Chapel Hill chapter winning second place. Both schools will be represented later in the State contest which is to be held at N. C. State College on January 26.

Members of the winning team, coached by Elmer R. Dowdy, teacher of Agriculture, were: Roy Parker, J. M. Kenion and Paul Waddell.

Coach of the Chapel Hill team is R. B. Sizemore, the agriculture teacher of the school.

Individual high score honors for the contest were won by Paul Waddell of the Hillsboro chapter.

Frank Ray New Exchange Club President

Hillsboro—Dabney White spoke at the regular meeting of the Exchange Club of Hillsboro last Thursday night.

White spoke on the topic "How to Prevent World War IV". Officers for the year 1951 were elected by the club in a business session following the program.

Frank Ray was elected President succeeding George Cannady. Other officers elected were John Moulton, Vice President; Wilson Cole, Secretary; H. G. Coleman, Jr., Treasurer; James Chestnut, Jack Ray and Marshall Cates, Jr., were elected to the board of control.

EMPTY STOCKING REPORT

The Empty Stocking Fund continued to mount this week in both Hillsboro and Chapel Hill. Yesterday approximately \$500 had been contributed in voluntary cash contributions and an untimely amount of food, clothing, shoes, toys, canned goods and filled stockings had been brought in to bring Christmas cheer to the close to 250 families on the needy list.

Distribution will be made to needy families throughout the county and persons knowing of exceptionally needy cases are asked to report them to those in charge of the campaign.

Yule Spirit

Orange County took on a general Christmas atmosphere this week as schools closed, college students began arriving for the holidays, decorations went up, shopping increased, and the postoffices filled up with the Yuletide mail rush.

Most stores and public offices will observe Monday and Tuesday as holidays and in some cases restaurants will remain closed through Wednesday. Churches have scheduled traditional Christmas services and Christmas Tree programs for the children.

All mailing restrictions were lifted over the past weekend and county postoffices have been flooded all week with the incoming and outgoing postal deluge.

Stores report business brisk during the past few days and with the payment of Christmas bonuses or "extra Christmas payments" buying is expected to increase as the week goes by.

PTA Float Wins Parade Prize In Local Event

Hillsboro—Several thousand chilled spectators lined a three-mile parade route and took part in a community sing here last Friday as part of the Hillsboro Merchant's association annual Christmas program.

Feature of the parade was a colorful Christmas float in which Santa Claus made his triumphal tour behind six prancing reindeer, including Rudolph. Other floats entered by civic groups and business firms competed for prizes for general excellence with the PTA float prepared under the direction of Mrs. Glenn Auman winning first prize. Second and third awards went to Belle Vue Manufacturing Company and the Garden Club.

In a commercial window decorations contest, Citizens Insurance Agency won first place and the Dell-Mar Shop second.

Final Rites Held For Aycock Youth Killed In Wreck

Cedar Grove—John William McCulloch, 16-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. D. H. McCulloch of Route 2, Cedar Grove, was killed and two other Aycock School students, Fred McCulloch, 12, his brother, and Frank Edwards of the same community, were seriously injured last Friday in a car-truck collision on the Roxboro-Burlington Highway north of here.

Investigating officers said McCulloch was killed instantly when thrown from the vehicle at the time of the impact. Driver of the truck, Robert Lee Harris of Newport News, Va. said the McCulloch car was out of control and veering to the left side of the road at the time of the crash. The car was demolished and the truck damaged considerably but Harris was uninjured.

Funeral services for the youth were held Saturday at Mt. Zion Christian Church, near Mebane and interment was in the church cemetery. Survivors include his parents, sister, Marie McCulloch of the home, three brothers, Tommie, Hobart Jr., and Frederick McCulloch, all of the home, and the maternal grandfather, John Wilson of Cedar Grove.

NEW YEAR'S MEETING

Hillsboro—The Board of County Commissioners will hold their regular monthly meeting on January 1, instead of the following day as previously announced. The first day of the year, however, will be observed as a holiday by other county offices. Christmas holidays for the county offices will extend from Saturday noon to Wednesday morning.

More Fish Placed In Orange Ponds In Federal Program

Hillsboro—The following farmers have recently built farm fish ponds, and received fish (bream) last week for stocking: John Cate, M. N. Nunn, and Currie Roberts, Chapel Hill Road; A. C. Wade, C. E. Squires, and J. A. Crumper, Efland; G. E. Linder, Cedar Grove, and R. J. Smith, Hillsboro. Bass will be put in these ponds next spring.

These fingerling fish are provided by the U. S. Hatchery and the Soil Conservation personnel of the County work unit assist the farmers in getting the fish.

Verne Davison, Biologist of the Soil Conservation Service, and Edmond C. Blossom, hatchery Superintendent, stress the importance of stocking properly as well as keeping the pond water in good condition for fish. They say that the ponds of fish can be more than doubled by proper management. Fertilizing the pond is one big factor in the management program. Keeping out muddy water is another, and according to these authorities, the ponds must be fished if the expected poundage is to be produced.

Morrow Site Selected For Efland School

Hillsboro—The Morrow property has been selected as the site for the proposed new Efland Negro School, it was learned this week.

Selection was made by a committee composed of representatives of the State Board of Education, the State Board of Health and the secretary to the County School Board.

This committee was named by the Board of Education after two proposed sites had been presented.

Final Services Held Monday For Mrs. Sallie Brewer

Chapel Hill—Funeral services for Mrs. Sallie Brewer, 64, were held at Bethel Baptist Church Monday afternoon with the pastor, the Rev. J. C. Cheek in charge, assisted by the Rev. Z. B. Teel of Durham and the Rev. Troy E. Jones of Carrboro.

Mrs. Brewer died Saturday morning following several months of declining health.

Surviving are her husband, S. W. Brewer, Route 2, Chapel Hill; four daughters, Mrs. Charlie Daventon, Little Ferry, N. J.; Mrs. York Cheek, Durham; Mrs. Stacy Neville and Mrs. Aubrey Harward of Carrboro; four sons, Walter Brewer of Jacksonville, Fla.; W. W. Brewer in the Navy at Newport, R. I.; Lewis Brewer, in the Army at Denver, Colo.; and Raymond Brewer of Pittsboro; four sisters and two brothers, all of Alamance County; 10 grandchildren and one great-grandchild.

NO ROULHAC REPLY

Hillsboro—No reply has yet been received from W. S. Roulhac of Mt. Vernon, N. Y. to a proposition forwarded earlier this month for the purchase of a tract on North Churton street for use as a site for the proposed new Hillsboro elementary school.

Negotiations were begun at the instigation of local and district committees who selected the site as the most suitable available in Hillsboro.

EXTRA SERVICE

Postmaster Tom Bivins at Hillsboro announced yesterday that parcel post windows would be open from 8:30 to 9:30 a. m. both Sunday and Monday as a convenience to patrons. The postoffice will remain open until 6 on Saturday also.

Hillsboro—The Orange County Board of County Commissioners and Public Welfare met here in joint session Monday to devise some means for checking the county's steadily increasing welfare burden.

The session was preliminary to a scheduled meeting between the Commissioners and the county's two representatives in the General Assembly, Representative John W. Umstead Jr. and Senator-Elect Ralph H. Scott, which is set for Monday January 1 here at the courthouse.

The members of the General Assembly will be asked to cooperate in the promotion of measures designed to make, in the words of Commission Chairman Collier Cobb Jr., "the welfare program less popular."

Chairman G. A. Brown of the Welfare Board cited two major problems which the Board administering the welfare program: (1) the continuing increase in the Old Age Assistance list, and (2) how to make more parents fulfill their responsibilities in supporting the increasing list of illegitimate children which fall upon the county for support.

In connection with Old Age Assistance, he reported that the percentage of the population over 65 years of age receiving the aid had increased from 19 percent to 32 percent in North Carolina during the past five years, the greatest period of prosperity on record. In this county 356 persons receive Old Age Assistance checks now, 39 have been approved by the Welfare Board and are on the waiting list when funds become available and 29 other applications are still pending for investigation and recommendation.

In numbers, the actual recipients of Old Age Assistance have doubled in North Carolina in the past five years.

A number of suggestions were advanced and discussed for lightening the welfare program and making it more difficult for borderline cases to receive the welfare money. Among them was a law to require all able children of aged parents to contribute to their support rather than just those in the home. This was first mentioned at the meeting by Welfare Board Member Joe Howard and Henry Hogan, another board member, described it as about the only proposition advanced holding any hope for lowering the waiting and acting lists of old age assistance recipients. To further strengthen this measure it was suggested that sworn statements of net worth and income be required of all children of aged parents making applications for assistance, and that firms on property of applicants be allowed to prevent its transfer to children or other relatives who avoid supporting the dependants.

The Commissioners were asked to lend their support and to urge support of the legislators for four proposed statutes strengthening by law means the families' responsibilities in the care of the aged and the dependant children. These included one to increase to 18 the age limit to which parents are responsible for support of illegitimate and abandoned children; one requiring that provisions be included in all divorce orders for the support and care of children involved; another strengthening abandonment and non-support statutes and more clearly defining abandonment.

In the general discussion, it was brought out that one family in Orange County in which the parents had abandoned their six children had cost the taxpayers over \$6,000 during the past 2 1/2 years and the case had been dragging through the courts for most of that time as efforts were made to require parental support. It was agreed that speedier and more stringent action would be a big help in such cases.

A big increase in the amount of administrative work was cited by the welfare officials and the commissioners were urged to provide additional funds for administrative workers to handle the increasing work load.

Orange County's current welfare budget totals \$200,000, of which the county contributes \$47,438 and State and Federal funds make up the remainder.

- An Empty Stocking Fund Gift Will Make Your Christmas Brighter -