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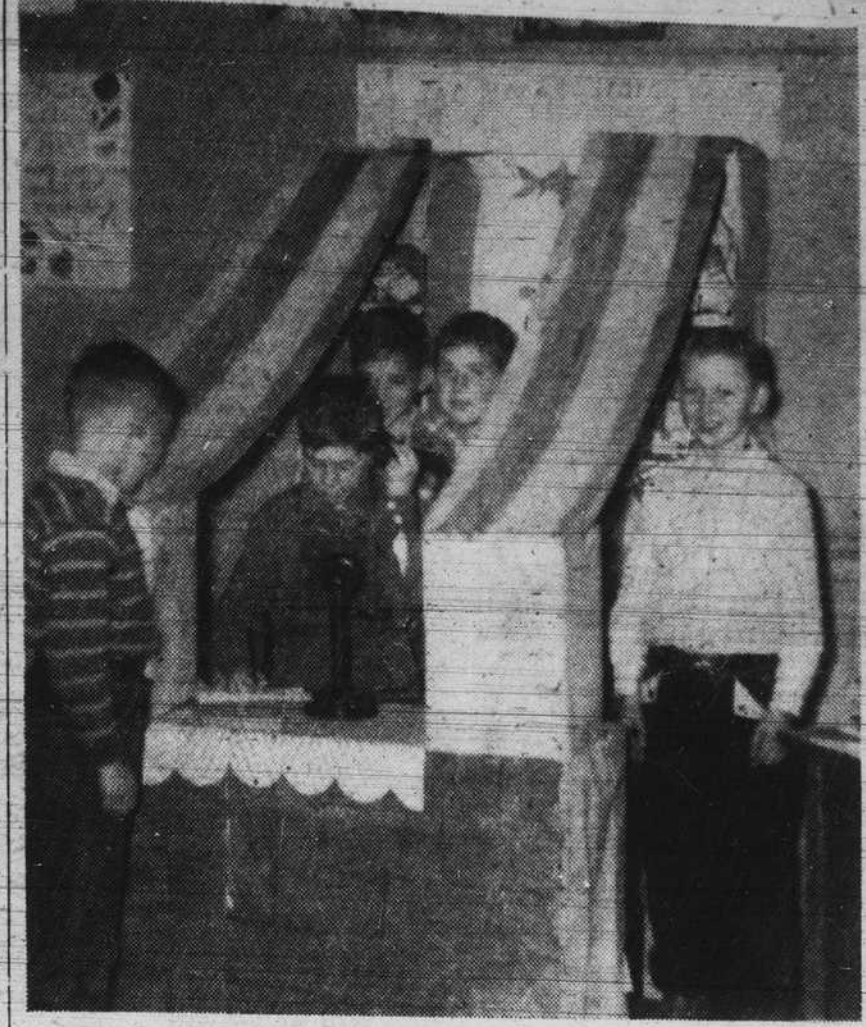
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Taking an order at the grocery store... third and fourth grade boys at the Caldwell School.



In line at their postoffice... first and second grade students at the Caldwell School.

Following the story of Blackwood's abandonment after he allegedly came out of prison and his wife with a fifth child, which another man was the father, and his bigamous marriage to another woman, Judge Frizzelle ignored all pleas for clemency and described him as "utterly devoid of any sense of social responsibility." In other cases: Abel Riggsbee was fined \$50 and costs and given two years suspended road sentence for illegal possession of whiskey for sale; Dennis Edwards got the same sentence for public drunkenness and residing in an office; E. H. Hall, \$100 and costs and three months suspended for driving under the influence; Willard Lloyd, \$200 fine and 12 months road sentence to take effect in June for driving after license revoked (prayer for judgement continued in other cases of driving while under the influence and after license revoked); Eugene Perry, 30 days, drunk and disorderly; Patterson Dublin, 3 years, larceny of pocketbook from Bessie Bates Family Shoe Store in Hillsboro.

Divorces granted included: E. W. Porter from Irene Stevens Porter, Susie Basin Thompson from Luther Thompson; William S. Blacklock from Myrtle Blacklock and Elizabeth Keaton from Lula Keaton.

Forty To Be Sent For Induction

Hillsboro — Forty men will leave on Wednesday, March 28, for induction into the armed forces, Mrs. Billie Copland, clerk of the Orange County draft board, announced today. The board has received a call for 45 men to go to Raleigh for pre-induction physical examinations April 13, she stated, and for 15 to be inducted on April 20.

Playing postoffice is more than a game at Caldwell school, the rural elementary unit in Northern Orange. You might say that the theory in modern progressive education that learning the three R's at least for the younger children, need not necessarily be a formal and arduous procedure is responsible for such a radical change of procedure. But before making a hasty judgment let's take a look. "Let's have a postoffice, suggested the children in the first and second grades. So, with their teacher, Miss Asa Rhew, they got busy and built a postoffice from old wooden boxes. The postoffice was complete with windows for stamp sales, letter and parcel post delivery, and a mailing slot. Each child had a mail box with his name and number on it. There was plenty of play money for business transactions. "Tommy-rot," you think at the

Easter Seal Sale Is Underway

Hillsboro — The Orange County Chapter of the League for Crippled Children is making its appeal for aid to the county through the annual Easter Seal Sale. G. T. Proffit, superintendent of the county schools and chairman of the local chapter, stated today that letters containing seals have been mailed throughout the county. Letters were stuffed by the Home Economics classes of Hillsboro High School under the direction of their teacher, Mrs. Glenn Auman. Proffit asked that these not receiving seals make a contribution to the drive by sending funds either to him or to C. A. Houck, treasurer of the organization. "The aid of citizens of the county will be greatly appreciated," Proffit said. "The good that it will do can be measured only by the value of a citizen who has been rehabilitated and is able to take place in society as a self-sustaining person."

first hard-boiled glance. But, in reality, these children were learning many valuable things. They were learning in arithmetic—buying and selling, making change, adding and subtracting numbers and solving problems; in spelling—learning to spell names of children and parts of the postoffice. They had to do a lot of craft work in making the postoffice, printing signs, making stamps and purses to hold the play money. Of course, they had to learn some writing. In their social studies the children learned different ways of carrying the mail and the development of character and citizenship was one of the most important

Jaycees, Public To Hear Addresses By Saltonstall

Chapel Hill — United States Senator Leverett Saltonstall of Massachusetts will deliver a public address at the University tonight, under the sponsorship of the Carolina Forum, non-partisan student organization. He will speak in Memorial Hall at 8:30 o'clock with Carolina Forum Chairman Bob Evens presiding. He will also speak informally tonight at a dinner meeting of the Chapel Hill Jaycees at the Carolina Inn. Elected in the fall of 1944, Senator Saltonstall began his career in Washington after serving three consecutive terms as Governor of the Commonwealth, a period embracing the war years. Senator Saltonstall is the minority whip in the Senate and is a member of committees on appropriations, armed services, small business, and Republican policy. As Senator he has been closely identified with national legislation on international affairs and aid, Selective Service, unification of Armed Services, National Science Foundation, child health, Displaced Persons, Naval affairs and antifilibuster.

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Act To Permit Carrboro, White Cross Vote On School Tax Is Introduced

Raleigh — Legislation to permit an election on an extra tax for schools in the White Cross and Carrboro Elementary School Districts in Orange County has been introduced in the House. Rep. John Umstead said he tossed the bill in the hopper at the request of school officials. If passed, the bill would allow school authorities in the two districts to call for an election on a special tax with the approval of the governing authorities. Umstead said school authorities in the two districts want the extra cash to pay for high school tuition for students to be sent to the Chapel Hill High School. Neither of the districts has a high school at present, necessitating that elementary school graduates in the districts go elsewhere. At present, school districts with more than 1,000 students can ask

for an election on extra money for schools without getting the General Assembly's okay. But neither the White Cross nor the Carrboro districts has a school population reaching that number. Thus, they'll have to get special permission from the State's law makers.

Eno River Pollution Cited By Grand Jury

Hillsboro — The Grand Jury gave county departments a clean bill of health following their investigations this week but did transmit reports from "health department officials" that "the pollution of Eno River and the poor sewage facilities at Eno Mill Village should be given the proper attention." Later, Dr. O. D. Garvin, county health officer, said he knew nothing of a report to the Grand Jury and praised the recent cooperation of Eno Mill officials in their program of replacement of sanitary facilities in homes of the village. The Mill has been carrying on an improvement program for some time with regard to water and sewerage facilities. Vance Martin, foreman of the Grand Jury, said the report came to the Grand Jury committee from the "nurse" at the office in Hillsboro and they were not advised that the Eno improvement program was in progress. He said the report referred primarily to the general pollution of the river along its course in this area.

Funds For Schools Called Inadequate By NCEA Speakers

Hillsboro — "The attitude of the hold-the-liners toward legislation favorable to the school program is not very good," Miss Zona Livengood, president of the N. C. Classroom Teachers Association, told persons attending a special meeting of the Orange County Unit of the North Carolina Education Association Monday afternoon at the Hillsboro school. According to the speaker, unless more funds are provided than the present legislation calls for, it is going to be difficult for the present school program to be carried on, "much less any improvement made. 'In Georgia,' she said, "the government already has increased teachers' salaries to range from \$2400 to \$3600 for Class A certificates. How can we fail to do as much?" John Umstead, Orange County representative in the legislative, unable to attend the session due to a special committee meeting on schools, asked E. R. Dowdy, legislative representative of the local NCEA group, to speak for him. "I am backing up with everything at my command the entire program of the United Forces for Education," Dowdy quoted Umstead as saying, "to improve the educational facilities in North Carolina. The legislative chairman also remarked that Dr. Clyde Erwin, State superintendent of public instruction, has said he is 100 percent for the salary schedule of \$2400 to \$3600. "If we don't have this we shall see a great exodus of good teachers from our state." The special NCEA meeting was called by Mrs. Alpha Blake, president of the Orange County unit, and Dowdy.

Methodists Plan Annual Easter Service, Breakfast

Hillsboro — The Hillsboro Methodist Church will hold early Easter services at 8 o'clock Sunday morning, followed by a fellowship breakfast in the church basement. Special music will be presented by the choir under the direction of Mrs. Ernest Lockhart, and members of the circles will assist in serving the breakfast. All friends of the church are invited to attend this annual observance. The regular Easter worship service will take place at 11 o'clock with the pastor, C. S. Hubbard, speaking on "The Resurrection." The last two of a series of Holy Week messages will be delivered by the pastor tonight and Friday night at the church.

GOAL IS NEAR

Chapel Hill — The local Red Cross chapter's goal of \$8,000 will apparently be reached, it was announced today by Miss Elizabeth Branson, chairman of the organization's local 1951 fund drive. With almost all reports now in for the campaign held the first 10 days of this month, the drive is within "a few hundred dollars" of its objective, she said. A complete tally is expected to be ready by this weekend.



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Presbyterians Holy Week Series Continues Tonight

Hillsboro — The Holy Week Services at the Presbyterian Church will continue tonight and Friday night with services beginning at 8 p. m. This evening the pastor, Rev. I. E. Birdseye, will administer the Sacrament of the Lord's Supper in commemoration of the supper Jesus held with his disciples on the Thursday before the Crucifixion. The Friday night service will be similar to the service held on Good Friday in that church for the past three years, it was said. The service is rather unusual, Mr. Birdseye said, as it reverses the usual practice of a candlelight service. The fully lighted church is slowly darkened throughout the service until one candle remains lit at the end of the last hymn. This candle is then extinguished following the benediction leaving the church in total darkness and silence except for the projection of a famous painting of the Crucifixion upon the Chancel wall. To close this dramatic service the people are asked to leave and return to their homes without conversation, it was said. The Easter morning service will be held at 11:00 A. M. with the pastor preaching on "The Lord of the Living," and the Chancel Choir providing special Easter music. Mrs. William West of Chapel Hill will be guest soloist.

Second Round In Speech Contest Here Tomorrow

Hillsboro — The second preliminary round in the speaking contest being sponsored by the North Carolina Bankers Association, will be held Friday at 1:30 p. m. at the Courthouse. Agricultural agencies are assisting in the contest, subject of which is "Green Pastures—Their Places in the Economy of N. C." Representing Chapel Hill will be Lee West, a senior at Chapel Hill High School. Speakers from Hillsboro and Aycock are to be selected later in the week. The county winner will be determined in this contest and will represent Orange County in the group contest to be held in Gerard Hall at the University of North Carolina, March 30th at 1 p. m. Speakers from the following counties will take part in this group contest: Person, Granville, Vance, Warren, Franklin, Wake, Johnston, Harnett, Chatham, Durham and Orange.

New Column Gives Tips On Gardening

A new garden column entitled "Garden Time," prepared by Robert Schmidt, associate professor of horticulture at N. C. State College, appears for the first time today in The News. The column, which will appear as a regular feature each week, is designed to give practical suggestions on how to grow better fruits and vegetables for the family food supply.

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Two Local Pianists Rate Excellent In Music Contest

Hillsboro — Two local pianists and the Chapel Hill band received excellent ratings in the final events of the Raleigh District High School Music Contest held at Meredith College last week. Miss Anne Roberts and Bryan Roberts, daughter and son of Dr. and Mrs. Marion Roberts, were among twelve pianists receiving an excellent rating. Altogether, approximately 2100 students from high schools in 15 counties were enrolled for participation in the two-day contest.

TO SUPREME COURT

The "help your neighbor" game when it involves bringing ABC liquor to a friend in Orange County, the dry desert adjacent to the oasis of Durham, is still in dispute. The Superior Court jury yesterday found Numa Riggsbee guilty of transporting and illegal possession for sale in a case up on an appeal from the County Recorder's Court but the defendant through his attorney appealed to the Supreme Court. Riggsbee claimed he bought the pint of whiskey at the request of a friend, Arthur Clark, who he alleged gave him the money two days previously.