



CAPITAL REPORTER

Start Summer

Raleigh — There was some maneuvering at Asheville last weekend when North Carolina legionnaires picked a state commander.

And it wasn't just American legion politics involved, some of the State's most ardent professional politicians got into action.

When the session started, John Larkins, Jr., was a hot candidate for the top job. The Senator from Jones, Larkins also is a member of the Advisory Budget Commission, and it was rumored that a deal had been worked out where he could, if elected, keep his political job -- despite a Legion constitution prohibiting officers from holding political office.

John has been mentioned, too, as a candidate for the next lieutenant-governor. He had written delegates a letter saying he would not run for political office while commander, but said "nothing about quitting the job he had."

When he was told he would have to resign as senator-Budget commission member, Larkins got out of the race quicker than a horse with a broken leg.

His backers -- many of them would-be kingmakers in Democratic party circles -- had found out, too, that opponents of Larkins were going to demand that each candidate give a resume of his record in the service. And a talking point against Larkins had been the brevity of his Army

Over 200 Stitches Bring High Court Cost To Defendant

Hillsboro — A dance hall scrape cost one defendant \$250 and court costs in Recorder's Court this week, but the bulk of the money went to pay for the over 200 stitches it took to patch up the wounds of the prosecuting witness.

Witnesses told the court Garland Ray and Sam Pound got into an argument over the music at a dance at Efland. Separated here, Pound allegedly accosted Ray again when the latter left the hall, and Ray said he kept cutting his attacker until "he stopped coming at me."

Judge L. J. Phipps found Ray guilty of assault with a deadly weapon and gave him a 60 day jail sentence with the option of paying \$50 and costs, including \$200 to the prosecuting witness for doctors and hospital bills.

Other cases were as follows: S. W. Coley, disposing of mortgaged property, nol pros with \$100; Tepee Raden Truman, improper license and overloading, \$25 and costs; Robert McCollum Price Jr., no driver's license, \$25 and costs, \$15 remitted; Anderson Whitted, no driver's license, \$25 and costs; William Leroy Frazier, speeding, costs; Garland Ray, assault with a deadly weapon, six months on roads suspended, \$50 fine and costs and tax as part of the costs, \$200 for the use of the prosecuting witness for doctors and hospital bills; James F. O. Kelly, following too close, \$25 and costs; James Charlie Millaway, speeding, \$10 and costs; Robert H. Hester, assault with a deadly weapon, six months on roads suspended, \$50 and costs including \$122.10 for the use and benefit of Willie H. Torian; Fletcher Hayes, improper equipment, nol pros with leave; John Calvin Moser, drunken driving and reckless driving, four months on roads suspended, \$100 and costs; Walter E. Hester, improper automobile equipment, \$5 and costs; Jacklyn Harrell Lucas, permitting unlicensed driver to drive, costs; Lawrence Elwood Griffin, no driver's license, \$25 and costs; Wade B. Higgs, speeding, \$15 and costs; Fairfield Jack McRayden, improper passing, \$10 and costs; David Harris, speeding, \$5 and costs.

Col. Arthur Dies, Arlington Burial

Funeral services were held Monday at Fort Myer Chapel for Col. J. D. Arthur Jr., of Hillsboro, who died Friday at Walter Reed Hospital in Washington, D. C. where he had been a patient for several weeks. Burial was at Arlington National Cemetery.

Col. Arthur served as assistant engineer-commissioner for the District of Columbia from 1942 until his retirement from the Army in 1946. After that, he was harbor engineer for Baltimore for about a year.

Survivors include his widow, his mother, Mrs. Alice Moore Arthur of Union, S. C., a daughter and three sons.

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Miss Cora Bomar, County Teaching Supervisor Resigns

Hillsboro — Miss Cora Paul Bomar, teaching supervisor for the White Elementary Schools of Orange County, has resigned to become State School Library Advisor with the North Carolina Department of Education.

In this position, Miss Bomar, who was the first teaching supervisor in the county's history, will serve as a consultant to Dr. J. Henry Highsmith, director of instructional service for the State department.

Miss Bomar's resignation was effective with the close of the past school term and she will assume her duties with the State on August 1 after filling a previous commitment to teach the first term of summer school in the Library School at the University of North Carolina.

In accepting her resignation with regret Monday, the county Board of Education expressed appreciation to Miss Bomar for her fine work in the county.

A native of Trezevant, Tenn., Miss Bomar was educated at the University of Tennessee and later obtained a library science degree at Peabody College and a Masters degree at the University of North Carolina. She has had various types of library and teaching experience, from elementary grades to college. Many of her articles have appeared in educational publications, including the NCEA Magazine and the 1951 Yearbook of Elementary Principals. She belongs to Delta Kappa Gamma, honorary educational fraternity, and Pi Gamma Mu, honorary social studies fraternity.

In announcing her resignation, Miss Bomar expressed her appreciation for the cooperation extended her in the program she inaugurated and stated her belief that the schools of the county are now in excellent position to go forward toward higher goals of service and efficiency.

ESCAPEE CAUGHT

Hillsboro — Orange County prison officials have notified that John Fitzgerald, who broke out of the local camp after shooting Guard Alex Shanklin on January 3, had been apprehended in Texas, close to the Mexican border.

They were also advised that a truck believed to be the one stolen from Wellford Bros. and Fryer here the night of the prison break had been taken with Fitzgerald who admitted he stole it in North Carolina.

Two Weeks Term Criminal and Civil Court To Convene Here Next Monday

Hillsboro — The Orange County Superior Court will be in session for two weeks beginning Monday, June 11, and followed by a civil term on June 18. Judge J. Paul Frizzelle will be presiding.

According to the criminal court calendar, drunken driving cases make up a little less than half of the regular docket, with cases of larceny, breaking and entering, assault and illegal possession making up the bulk of the remaining cases. The regular docket lists a total of 55 cases with 11 cases set on the appearance docket.

Among the civil cases set for the week of June 18-21 are two suits against the Town of Chapel Hill, T. R. Pendergraft vs. Chapel Hill and Rufus Bynum, minor, by his next friend, Lonnie Bynum

Record School Budget Is Proposed County Joins Social Security Plan

Hillsboro — The County Board of Commissioners took action to enable county employees to come under the Federal Social Security program this week.

By resolution, it directed that an agreement be drawn with the State coordinating agency to place all county employees except election officials, list takers, part time employees and law enforcement officers under the program effective July 1.

The county thus assumes the payment of 1 1/2 percent of each employee salary toward his retirement or other benefits coming under the federal social security program. This action by the county commissioners was made possible by the past legislature which took advantage of the expansion of the federal program voted by Congress last year to permit local government workers, household employees and other categories of workers not previously covered to come under it.

Law enforcement officials are not eligible for federal social security because another retirement program is available to them.

In joining the program the county must also contribute an additional \$2 per employee covered as its share of administrative costs to the State.

The commissioners also heard budget requests from Mrs. Douglas Davis, the district librarian, Miss Annie Strowd, county welfare superintendent, and Wordie Fitzgerald, county forester. The board approved an agreement with R. W. Lancaster for monthly service to the radio equipment in two automobiles of the Sheriff's Department and approved the following payments for stock killed by dogs: to John Cate, \$35 for 21 goats; to J. J. Thompson, \$50 for a calf; and L. W. Pennix, \$5 for a sheep.

16-Year-Old Negro Wife Shoots And Kills Husband Who Beat, Threatened Her

Hillsboro — A frail, 16-year-old wife shot and killed her husband at her father's home near White Cross Monday morning after he had beaten her, broke open the door which she had locked for safety, and backed her with open knife all through the house.

Mattie Lee Edwards Whitley sat calmly on a bench in the shade by the well, her baby on her knee, and told her simple story to Sheriff S. T. Latta with no trace of emotion. Her mother, her head buried in her arms leaning against the well, sat sobbing, and nearby the bloody plot of grass was the only evidence of violence remaining.

Mattie Lee said she had married Marion Whitley, 21-year-old Negro from South of Chapel Hill, in April 1950 and later they had gone off to Baltimore to live. He had beaten her several times in Baltimore and on March 6 they had returned to the home of her father, Lemuel Edwards, tenant on the farm of Mrs. Luoco Lloyd.

That morning, she said, while her parents were away at work in the fields, he had beaten her

because she wouldn't stop her cooking and take the baby from her younger brother who was helping care for him, had had a long talk with an uncle about returning to Baltimore, beat her again because she couldn't tell him the address of some acquaintances in Baltimore, and left the house with his clothes. Returning and finding the door locked, he broke it down and kept coming toward her with his knife until, in the far corner of the house, she pulled the trigger on the shotgun. The first shot took effect in the lower abdominal area, a second went into the wall and Whitley ran out of the house and lay down on the grass and Mattie Lee went to Mrs. Lloyd's to call the Sheriff.

An ambulance from Chapel Hill took him to Lincoln Hospital in Durham but the loss of blood had been too great. He died less than an hour later.

A warrant for murder has been sworn out against the 16-year-old mother but the Sheriff remanded her to the custody of her parents pending a hearing which will probably be little more than perfunctory.

Chapel Hill School Area Expansion Petition Denied Again By County Board

Hillsboro — The county board of Education, standing firm on its previously stated district enlargement policy, turned back a second time the petition for enlargement of the Chapel Hill School district to take into the special tax district certain areas to the North and South from which elementary students are now drawn.

The county board refused to act on the petition last month pending clarification of the proposed boundaries. This week it deferred action pending receipt of a statement showing that the new boundaries are satisfactory to the Carrboro District School committee.

Upon final approval by the county board the matter will be presented to the Board of County Commissioners for their approval and calling of an election in which the residents of the area would vote on their inclusion in the special tax district.

In a related matter, the board denied the petition of J. E. Adams and Arthur Roe that their property be included in the Chapel Hill district because they lay partly within and adjacent to the

OPS Forms Now Available Locally

Forms and regulations, furnished by the Eastern Carolina Office of Price Stabilization and covering every business firm in Orange County, are now available for distribution at Clerk of Court office and Durham Bank & Trust Co., it was reported today by Chas. A. Norman, OPS representative.

Norman said that all this week the OPS has had representatives throughout Eastern Carolina trying to solve the problem of distributing regulations to affected industries and business firms.

The OPS is fully aware of the difficulties business people have had in the past in obtaining regulations and other pricing information. The present system of distribution is temporary. Direct mailing will be used as the means of distribution as soon as merchants lists can be compiled from tax lists, the OPS said.

Local business people are urged to pick up regulations affecting their firms at the earliest opportunity, and to write the Eastern Carolina Office of Price Stabilization, 700 Tucker Street, Raleigh, for any further information which may be required.

Contracts Awarded For Efland School Construction; Other Projects Progress

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Cole and Crumpacker of Durham got the general contract at \$55,735 with subcontractors going to the following: C. C. Brown, plumbing, \$5,156; heating \$6,378; and electrical, Broughton Electrical Co. of Burlington, \$1,990.

For the Efland White School cafeteria, construction contract went to C. C. Wood Construction Co. of Durham for \$13,957, plumbing to C. C. Brown of Durham, \$1,895; heating to Carolina Air Conditioning Co. of Durham, \$894; and electrical to Thomason Electric Co. for \$945.

With contracts running something over \$300 above funds allocated, the County Commissioners voted to transfer the needed amount from another fund, to permit acceptance of the low bids.

The architect, Archie Royal Davis, reported that bids for the toilet towers and renovations at Hillsboro were already being advertised for and that plans had been completed for the lunchroom and classroom addition at West Hillsboro, the auditorium at Carr-

boro, the lunchroom at White Cross and the auditorium at Caldwell and bids would be sought as soon as approval is obtained from the State Schoolhouse Planning board.

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Hillsboro — A Board of Education-approved budget calling for vastly increased expenditures for schools during the next fiscal year was presented to the County Commissioners Monday.

The total proposed budget for the county schools amounted to \$219,080.00, representing a 42 per cent increase over the \$154,044.75 appropriated last year, or \$65,035.25.

While there were increases requested in all phases of the proposed budget, the biggest item of increase was in capital outlay, from \$65,500 to \$111,100, increases largely brought about by the attempt to replace in the new buildings now under construction numerous items that had to be eliminated to bring specifications and contractors bids within the limits of available funds set up.

Proposed current expenses were increased by \$9,719, or 14.4 per cent, from \$67,031 to \$76,750 for the county units and \$5,888.30, or 30.9 per cent for the Chapel Hill schools, based on the per capita allotment provided by law. The Chapel Hill increase was brought about by the increased enrollments necessitated by consolidation of small negro schools in the area with the Chapel Hill school. Increased costs of instructional supplies plus higher salaries for vocational teachers corresponding to increases granted by the State accounted for most of the increase in the county unit.

The total amount requested for current expenses in Chapel Hill and throughout the county was \$102,888.51, \$50,145 to come from the tax levy and \$52,433.33 to come from other than tax sources.

While the capital outlay increase for the county schools as proposed would be 77.7 per cent over the past year, the increase requested for the Chapel Hill unit would amount to 87.1 per cent or \$46,777 as compared to \$25,000 last year.

Total payments due for debt service in the proposed budget total \$31,230 for the coming year as compared to \$24,513 last year.

Piedmont Electric Receives Award For Safety Record

Hillsboro — Piedmont Electric Membership Corporation has been awarded a Certificate of Safety Achievement signed by State Labor Commissioner Forrest H. Shuford for having done an outstanding job of accident prevention during 1950.

The certificate cites Piedmont Electric Membership Corp. for having made an outstanding record in the field of accident prevention last year and for preventing the human suffering and economic loss which are caused by industrial accidents.

The award is presented to establishments which qualify by having perfect safety records, having accident rates at least 75 per cent below the State average, or by reducing their accident rates 40 per cent or more during any calendar year. Qualification of industrial plants for the Certificate of Safety Achievement is one phase of the Labor Department's Manpower Conservation Program, also includes safety education work and periodic inspection drives.

Three From County Are Graduated At Wake Forest

Hillsboro — Three Orange County students were among 437 at Wake Forest College who received degrees at the school's 117th annual commencement Monday.

Mary Lou Thompson of Chapel Hill, received a bachelor of arts degree; William Walton Ray, son of Mr. and Mrs. J. Clyde Ray of Hillsboro, was awarded a bachelor of science degree; and Frederick Lloyd Noel of Hillsboro, received a bachelor of laws degree.

President Colgate W. Darden, Jr., of the University of Virginia, delivered the graduation address, using the topic "The Road to Peace."