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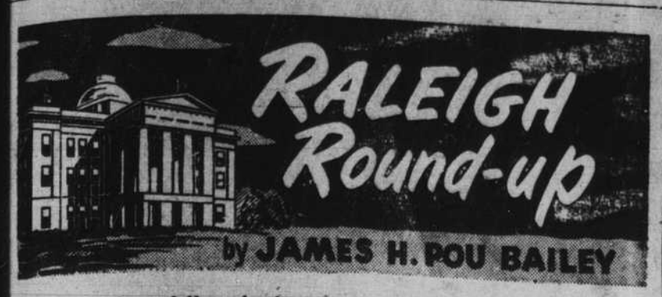

Sharpe. . .Those folks who have been wondering if Bill Sharpe is really running "The State', weekly magazine established here several years ago by Carl Goench, should move to other problems.

The statement of ownership required at intervals by the Post Office Department reports that the publisher of "The State" is: Bill Sharpe. The editor is: Bill Sharpe. The managing editor is: Bill Sharpe. The owner is: Sharpe Publishing Co.

Readers of the magazine are thus assured that the publication will remain just as ever. Nobody knows more about doings around North Carolina than Bill Sharpe. It must be admitted, however, that Mr. Goerch seems still to be one of the magazine's chief contributing editors.

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"Almost". . .A short while before he died, Tom Bost was on a radio program with Carl Goerch, whom he occassionally referred to as the "Carolina Chatterer'. Goerch asked Tom several questions about the Old North State. Naturally, Bost came up with the answers.

A day or two later one of Tom's acquaintances met him on the streets and said: "Mr. Bost, I heard you on the radio the other day with Carl Goerch. You seem to know almost as much about North Carolina as Goerch does.'

Tom Bost would bow to no one when it came to a knowledge of his native Tarheelia, and the friend's intended compliment hawked Brother Tom no end.

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Convention. . .No meeting, but no meeting, is as interesting, year-in-year-out, as the State Baptist Convention. Anything can happen and often does. Next week's Baptist get-together in Asheville should prove even more democratic and soul-warming than usual.

Heretofore, the General Board has come along with recommendations which served as a sort of guide for deliberations. There were arguments, of course, bad feelings, prayers, and then good feelings again. Nevertheless, there was the guidepost at the end of the row.

The Baptists find themselves going into this convention with no recommendations, and to all intents and purposes not even a General Board. Last year, the board was reorganized and enlarged for better representation.

Prior to this year the Baptists have followed the staggered-term basis so as to insure experienced men on the board. In the wholesale reorganization, it was finally decided that no board member should succeed himself. Meeting in Burlington a few days ago, the General Board decided that, since it is going out of office next week, it could make recommendations to the State Baptist Concention. Talk about floundering, you will see it in Asheville, but the Baptists will muddle through, will come out stronger than ever.

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Borrow Two Million?. . .Wake Forest's new president, Dr. Harold W. Tribble, is reportedly ready to request the State Baptist Convention to borrow $2,000,000 to assist the college with its Winston Salem plans. An unidentified donor has said he will give Wake Forest $2,000,000 next summer if it can find $3,000,000 between now and that time. President Tribble doubts that the Baptists can raise more than $1,000,000 of this amount. It is felt that the $2,000,000 from the Baptist organization would vertually assure an additional $5,000,000 by the middle of 1952.

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Fair Tickets. . .Since early in 1937, the YMCA Health Club here in Raleigh has been one of Kerr Scott's favorite hangouts. He gets sweat baths, violet rays, violent rubdowns, and pleasant, easy conversation from the big masseurs.

They all like "the Gov".

As Governor of the State, Scott receives several passes to the State Fair. You would think he might throw them around in opportune directions among Very Important Persons. Perhaps he does, but this year [illegible] employee at the YMCA here received straight from the Governor full-fledged, gilt-edged passes to the Fair. They are still talking about it around at the Y.

Nickles. . .Success of the recent "Nickles for "Know-How" vote is now history. NC farmers have shown they are willing to make their contributions to carry the State along in agriculture. Sometimes far-reaching occurrences and events turn on little things. Perhaps you have wondered how the term 'Nickels for Know-How", originated. Give the credit to William C. (Bill) Haas, 1951 State College graduate and editor of "The Technician", State College weekly newspaper. A native of Wilmington, Haas is now assisting Frank Jeter. He will join the Air Force later this month.

Coming Home. . .You read here last week the statement from NY that a NC basketball star would soon be involved in the gambling scandals. As we go to press, there is nothing now to report on this. However, Lamar Caudle of Wadesboro, assistant Attorney General, is now being investigated. He has already admitted taking a trip to Italy to assist some big wine merchants. This week his income tax statements will come under the microscopic eyes of the Republicans. LaMar Caudle is Assistant U. S. Attorney General in charge of the Justice Departments Tax Division. He is responsible for prosecution of all criminal tax cases.

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Far Cry. . .In his room in a rest home in Greensboro last week sat Gilliam Grissom, former collector of internal revenue in NC and for many years the Democrats' favorite Republican in this State.

Back in the 20's when the Democrats were straving for patronage and the Republicans with their Mellons were rolling iu power, there was never a sharp look taken at one of the top Republicans in North Carolina. Gilliam Grissom was loved by everyone. He was a tax collector, but relatively few people in those days paid Federal income taxes. At least one time Grissom ran for Governor on the Republican ticket. He didn't get anywhere, of course, but never made enemies.

And so last week at the age of 84 he was a broken old man. No-

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Lee Hearing Set For Today

Hillsboro—A preliminary hearing for Hobert Lee, the accused slayer of Miss Rachel Crook, has been scheduled for 2 o"clock this afternoon at the County Courthouse.

Magistrate E. J. Hamlin will hear evidence to determine if probable cause exists for holding the defendant for trial in Superior Court.

The hearing was requested last week by Defence Attorney Bonner D. Sawyer and will be held in the magistrate's court which has original jurisdiction in the case.

Mohler CD Head

Hillsboro — The Board of County Commissioners have appointed a Director of Civilian Defense for Orange County.

He is Robert L. Mohler, local head of the Soil Conservation office, who served as an officer in the last war and who has had considerable experience in military affairs.

Mohler's appointment was made at Monday's meeting of the Board at the request of the State Office of Civil Defense.

Otherwise, this month's session was devoted primarily to road matters and other routine business.

Petitions for stablizing four roads were received by the Commissioners and notification was received that the Highway Commission had approved the addition the State System of seven roads previously approved by the county board.

The four new requests were for the Standard Oil - Supper Club road in Cheeks township, the Holmes Store Road in Bingham township, the Orange Chapel and Clover Garden Church road in Bingham township and the Old Stage Road in Cheeks township. Appearing with the petitions were Mrs. Sample Forbes, J. C. Ray, Wiley P. Perry and John Apple.

New additions to the state system were Dogwood Drive, Valentine Lane, Old Mill, Arrowhead and Greenwood roads in Chapel Hill township; the E. S. Taylor road in Cheeks township; and the L. W. Pinnix, D. L. Poole and and Bryant Bradsher roads in Cedar Grove township.

The commissioners agreed to relinquish the water rights to the spring on the Wilson property in Hillsboro, and the County Attorney was directed to proceed with foreclosure proceedings on delinquent tax land sales.

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Orange Farmers Approve Nickles Proposition 5 To 1

Hillsboro — In the referendum held Saturday, November 3rd, on the question of whether or not farm people wish to add five cents per ton to the price of feeds and fertilizer for the purpose of expanding the argicultural research program for this State was carried by a large majority of the voters in Orange County.

510 persons voted in favor of the proposal with 93 votes being cast against it. This appears to be about the same proportion as was voted in the entire state.

The act as passed by the legislature required that the proportion must be favored by 2/3 majority of votes cast. This program will go into effect for a 3 year period.

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COMMUNITY PROGRAM

A White Cross Community Supper and Dance will be held Saturday night at the school, beginning at 5:30 o'clock, it was announced this week. Proceeds will go toward the new community building.

R. L. Mohler- - - - -defense director.

Harvest Festival At Cedar Grove Very Successful

By Rev. Henry B. Lewis, Pastor (Reporter)

Cedar Grove — The first Harvest Festival of the Cedar Grove Methodist Church was held Saturday, October 27, at the church. Every one joined in the work gladly, and as a result the day was a wonderful success. The griendship, good will, and the genuine fellowship enjoyed by everyone made the day a great and worthwnile experience. There were four departments, consisting of cakes and pastries, piece work, farm produce, and lunch and refreshments. Each department raised over $100.00, the total being approximately $850.00.

An electric range was placed in the kitchen on a loan basis to help the ladies in serving lunch. Sunday morning at Sunday school Jack McDade of Chapel Hill made the announcement that the range was not loaned but was a gift to the church.

The following resolution was presented to the Sunday School and adopted unanimously:

"On the first and very successful harvest festival of the Cedar Grove Methodist Church, we the members wish to express our sincere thanks and appreciation.

"1. To the members of our sister churches, and those who came from far and near to buy various articles and to enjoy the day with us.

"2. To our pastor who worked hard and faithfully and gave unlimited time to make it a success.

"3. To our Sunday School Superintendent, Mr. Everette Kennedy, who gave time and labor, and also to many other members too numerous to mention.

"4 To Mr. Jack McDade for the splendid gift of the electric range."

It was decided to make the Harvest Festival an annual affair on the Fourth Saturday in October.

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Permit To Begin New Courthouse Denied Again

Hillsboro — Prospects for beginning construction of the proposed new Orange County Courthouse were killed this week with the notification from the National Production Authority that the architect's request for a building permit had been denied.

This was the second such denial, the first being in the late summer when the NPA denied an application for permission to begin construction and obtain allotments for controlled materials.

The second denial was for the first quarter of 1952. County authorities were advised that a new application could be submitted for the second quarter of next year in a further effort to get the project underway.

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2 Miles Paving Is Completed During October

Raleigh — The State Highway Commission completed 2 miles of paving in Orange County during October, Chairman H. W. Jordan reported today.

Sunface treatment was finished on road from Cedar Grove to King's Pond, 1.2 miles; and on Greenwood Drive at Chapel Hill, 0.8 mile.

The Fifth Highway Division completed 41.98 miles of road work during October, Chairman Jordan announced.

Many Conditions On Park Site For Hillsboro School

Hillsboro — Negotiations with Miss Rebecca Wall for a portion of the Cameron Park property as a site for a new elementary school for Hillsboro have been stalled temporarily pending further surveys or the property, preparation of a contour map and approval by the State Board of Schoolhouse Planning.

The Board of Education proposed to purchase a 17-acre tract running between the Wall home, Burnsides, and the Episcopal Church and between the church property and the property of A. H. Graham for $20,000.

Miss Wall gave favorable consideration to the Board's proposition but later presented a number of stipulations which may make the site unsuitable for school purposes in the eyes of the Planning Board which sets up specifications.

Most important of the conditions set up by Miss Wall was that the school building shall be located somewhere between the Graham property and the Episcopal Church and not closer to the Wall home than the church. The site originally decided on by the school authorities was a knoll between the church and the Wall house. Another stipulation of Miss Wall that she retain approximately two acres of the property to be sold to the Episcopal Church would eliminate this site because of lack of room for a building if the two acres adjacent to the church were taken away.

Miss Wall suggested that the school be built in the area between the Church and Graham property on a 13¾ acre plot which she is willing to sell. A meeting between Miss Wall, the architect and the school board was held Monday but no decision was made pending the making of the contour map and consultations with the State Planning authorities.

Among other specifications outlined by Miss Wall were that the School be named the Thomas Ruffin School for Chief Justice Thomas Ruffin, and that a statement be included in the deed to the effect that the name of the school will not be changed; that sewerage disposal which meets the state sanitary law requirements be provided; that no business, manufacturing or commercial building shall be built on the premises and that the property not be sold for other than residential purposes; that easement of right-of-way be granted her any time in the future for telephone, lights, watter or sewerage across the property; and that the School Board agrees to build a street on the South border of the site and that the street shall be the north property line of Miss Wall.

In other actions the School Board acepted three new buildings conditional upon their acceptance also by the architect and the State Department of Public Instruction. They were the new Cedar Grove Negro School, the Efland School lunch room and the new classroom addition to the Central School at Hillsboro.

A five-man advisory committee among patrons of the small tee from among patrons of the smal schools consolidated into the new Cedar Grove School was appointed by the Board to consist of Elijah Poole, Shepherd Burnett, Wayne Compton, D. W. Torian and Oscar Beasley.

The Hillsboro Exchange Club was given permission to erect a fence around the athletic field at the Hillsboro school and the payment of $500 as first payment on the Kellogg Improvement program was approved.

The Board declined to pay a bill of $429 to C. P. Roberts for supervisory work on the renovation job at the Hillsboro school because it had not authorized such an agreement on this project. At the same time it declined to pay Floyd Ray some $23 on a wiring job at Efland School because it had only authorized $50 for this project. Further payments on both of these projects if they are made will have to be handled by the lical communities involved.

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New Hope-Chapel Hill Road Marker To Honor James Phillips, Former Pastor

Chapel Hill — A proposal that the road between here and the New Hope Presbyterian Church be named the James Phillips road, in honor of a former pastor, was discussed at a meeting here of a committee composed of the Rev. John E. Ensign, minister at the New Hope Presbyterian Church, Mrs. A. J. Freeland, Miss Mattie Blackwood, and Prof. Phillips Russell, of the University faculty.

A project to designate the road by a suitable marker was also taken up.

James A. Barnwell, commissioner of the fifth division of the State Highway and Public Works Commission, has informed the committee that while it is not the policy of the Commission to name any road officially, it would not object to a memorial sign if suitably located.

Dr. James Phillips, professor of mathematics in the University, died here in 1867 after occupying the New Hope pulpit for many years. He also preached degularly at Pittsboro. The church building at New Hope carries a tablet in his honor donated by the late James Lee Love of Burlington.

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Leaders Named In 1951 Empty Stocking Drive

Hillsboro — All civic clubs throughout Orange County have been requested by the Junior Service League by the Junior cooperate in the Empty Stocking Fund Drive to be held in December.

Inaugurated last year by the Junior Service League, which is sponsoring the Drive again this year, the Empty Stocking Fund aims to provide food, clothing, toys and money at Christmas time for the needy of Orange County.

Mrs. H. T. Clark, General Chairman of the Drive, has announced that Elmer R. Dowdy will again be Chairman of the Drive in Hillsboro. Mrs. John Parker will assist Dowdy as Treasurer of the Hillsboro area.

Mrs. J. Sullivan has consented to serve as Chairman for Carrboro, and W. E. Thompson will serve as Treasurer for Chapel Hill.

A. L. Stanback will be colored chairman for the northern end of the County assisted by J. M. Murfree.

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MANESS NEW PASTOR

Hillsboro — The Rev. W. L. Maness was assigned as the new pastor of the Hillsboro Methodist Church succeeding the Rev. C. S. Hubbard, who went to Trinity Methodist Church in Raleigh, at the annual conference of the Church last weekend at Wilmington.

151 Pints Blood Are Given Here In Donor Program

Hillsboro — This community failed to reach its quota of 200 pints of blood during the visit of the Red Cross Bloodmobile here Monday, but 151 pints of whole blood were taken during the six hour period.

A number of persons who had signed up for the blood donor program failed to keep their appointments Monday. However, the day's visit was considered successful by those in charge.

In a statement issued yesterday, Tom Bivins, local Red Cross Chapter Chairman, expressed appreciation to those who gave blood and assisted in the work. Said he:

"Your contribution of a pint of blood will be in Korea within 2½ weeks to give strength to a wounded man. We thank each person who gave his LIFE-GIVING-BLOOD. . . . .That some people might live, others, be strengthened.

"Our community has contributed 151 pints to the diminished Korean blood bank. The Bloodmobile visit was successfull because no price can be put on a pint of blood.

"We appreciate the tireless work of Mrs. George Gilmore and all of the ladies who served as coordinators, nurses, typists, registrants, canteen-aides, motor corps drivers, and aides. Our thanks go to The American Legion Post 85 for their services and for the use of the Hut; Longmeadow Farms for contributing milk, Hillsboro Ice Company for all ice used. We appreciate the services the Bloodmobile Staff are rendering. Thanks to them for coming to our community and giving use an opportunity to help."

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Contracts Let For Two School Lunchrooms

Hillsboro — Contracts were let Monday for two school projects, the lunchrooms at White Cross and West Hillsboro.

Paul P. Thompson of Burlington got the general contract for $11,436 at White Cross and the plumbing and heating went to the B. & D. Plumbing and Heating Company of Burlington for $3,328.

King Hunter of Greensboro had the low bid of $17,716 for the West Hillsboro Contract and the plumbing and heating low bid was from Paschall Brothers, for $3,395.

Sign Owners Must Remove Them From Highway Right-of-way- - -Or Else

Raleigh — It is illegal for advertisers to post signs on rights-of-way of North Carolina highways, according to an opinion given by Attorney General Harry McMullan to the State Highway and Public Works Commission.

McMullan's ruling came at the request of the Commission, which has designated the month of November for a campaign of voluntary cooperation from roadside advertisers, looking to removal of all advertising from rights-of-way. The Commission has indicated it will take more stringent action if the sign owners fail to cooperate.

"This does not mean there can be no signs at all", Highway Chairman Henry W. Jordan emphasized." It merely means that roadside advertisers should take their signs off the rights-of-way and put no more on the rights-of-way.

He pointed out that signs advising the exact footage of right-of-way for given roads are posted at frequent intervals along the highways, and these should be consulted by advertisers who want to know whether their signs encroach on rights-of-way.

McMullan said the Commission is empowered to remove signs from rights-of-way, even over the objections of owners of the signs. He added that the law makes it a misdemeanor for advertisers to put signs on rights-of-way.

Highway maintenance forces throughout the State have been directed to tear down signs posted on rights-of-way to advertise fairs, auto races, games, auctions and other events that already have been held. This, according to highway officials, will reduce some of the eye-distraction that creates traffic hazards, make the roadsides look better, and at the same time create compliance with the State and Federal regulations forbidding encorachment on rights-of-way.

After this month, such signs will be taken down by highway forces whether the advertised event has been held or not, and the same policy will be applied to other illegal roadside advertising.

Already the petroleum industry through its marketing managers in North Carolina, is cooperating in the voluntary sign-removal program. The marketing managers

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Heavy Loss Leads Southern Railway To Seek To Discontinue Two Trains

Southern Railway Company will file a petition later this month with the North Carolina Public Utilities Commission for authority to discontinue local passenger trains 111 and 112, now operating daily through Hillsboro between Greensboro and Goldsboro, according to Albert W. St. Clair, superintendent of the railway, at Greensboro.

He said that operation of the trains has been a "losing proposition" for some time, and "led to our decision to seek authority to discontinue them."

"For every gross dollar these trains bring in we are paying out more than $2.07 in direct expenses alone. Total direct expenses for the year ending June 30, 1951, not including such items as maintenance of roadway and structures, supervision, dispatching, and depreciation, were $220,393.03. The total of all revenues for the same period was only $106,405.47. This resulted in a direct loss of $113,987.56 for the year."

Commenting on the impossibility of making the trains "pay their way," Superintendent St. Clair pointed out that wage and fuel costs alone for the year's operation "were six times greater than total revenues received from carrying the passengers."

"Today the public doesn't want, and will not buy, local passenger train service. And losses such as those incurred in the operation of trains 111 and 112 are a serious matter. They cannot be justified and should not be permitted to continue.

"Everybody benefits when railroads are encouraged and help to eliminate burdens that unnecessarily increase costs and generally undermine railroad service. Shippers are vigorously protesting that their freight rates are now required to pay for the losses from unused and uneeded passenger operations.

"Nearly everyone has an automobile nowadays and hard-surfaced highways are commonplace. This, plus the abundant common carrier highway bus and truck service available, means that the discontinuance of trains Nos. 111 and 112 will result in no inconvenience to the general public."

In the event these trains are discontinued, Mr. St. Clair said that "the remaining train service could easily handle all the traffic between the two cities."

New Doctor In Hillsboro

Hillsboro — Dr. William P. Nolan, has opened offices on the second floor of the Minnis building where he will conduct a general medical practice.

Dr. and Mrs. Nolan, who have been living in Burlington plan to make their home in Hillsboro.