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Eight Pages This Week

RALEIGH Round-up

by JAMES H. POUL BAILEY

Timber! Last week as Theron Caudle, bleeding and weak on his knees, tried desperately to escape the blows being rained down on him by the King subcommittee investigating Federal frauds, another North Carolina Fair Dealer was also down on his knees. Nobody was glad it happened, it seemed oddly humorous and appropriate that National committeeman Jonathan Daniels would suffer a broken toe in his back yard as the dead wood fell in Washington. Just like we said: Daniels was carrying of a big stick of wood to the house. He didn't have a hold on it, and it fell square on his big toe. Heavier timbers seem to be falling in Washington -- and the odds may well be more severe on a broken toe.

Hold On Here. The State, Raleigh's weekly magazine, is conducting its annual poll on North Carolina's Man of the Year. Among those nominated in the current issue is one Kerr Scott, because it was his idea to push a program for more and better roads for our State and he is doing what he promised us. The winner happens to be from Mrs. Graham of Iron Station in Lincoln County.

Now, hold on here, Mrs. Graham. The State wants unbiased opinion, and you know your husband is a member of Scott's Highway Commission.

It is funny the way family union swings. From 1937 until 1945 the Graham's of Lincoln County had little use for Kerr Scott, because he so soundly trounced their kin Will Graham, when he ran for State Commissioner of Agriculture in 1936. The father of the Graham whom Scott liked had defeated Scott's father for commissioner many years before. So, it is easy to see how the Scott's and the Graham's are bitter political foes for several years.

However, along about 1945, Kerr Scott made a bid for Graham friendship. The feud came to an end. 1948, the former foe Scott was his vigorous supporter for Governor. He rewarded them by making Joseph Graham of Iron Station, a very capable gentleman, a member of the State Highway Commission.

Now Mrs. Graham wants him to be the State's Man of the Year for 1951.

Hint: Mrs. Graham should consider casting a vote for Evangelist Billy Graham, who is probably no one, but who seems to be in the lead as North Carolina's Man of the Year for 1951.

Christmas Watch. Wake Forest Athletic Director Jim Weaver has loud socks. He has several pairs of these argyle, checkerboard variety. They say that the laundry at Wake Forest has not been treating Brother Jim right. It seems that they have been shrinking his socks, including the precious argyle. Last week he got tired of it. When he sent his clothes to the laundry, he enclosed a Big alarm clock, one of these all-for-leather machines that cause the dawn to come up like a clock.

The laundry caught it there in the wash and immediately called up Weaver and told him he had sent an alarm clock along with his clothes. "Yeah, I know," said Jim, "You're so good at shrinking I want to watch for Christmas."

Just Talking. When Governor Scott runs out of hot items at his press conferences, he launches into river and stream development in North Carolina. He has been talking a lot about the Cape Fear River, and flood control and power development on that stream for several months.

Several weeks ago he took the power companies to task for not doing something about the Cape Fear. The reporters led by the Governor at this particular conference to believe that the Army Engineers had already recommended development of the Cape Fear for flood control and power production.

But, said Governor Kerr Scott, the Army Engineers report was being released because of pressure from Washington. He

hinted darkly that the State's Congressmen were causing the report to be held up because -- as the Governor further suggested -- the Congressmen are elected by and take their orders from, the power companies. Although not given to surprise as regards the Governor, we were a little shocked at these statements. Now we have been provided with the facts.

No Pressure. No report has been held up by any pressure whatever. Brigadier General C. H. Chorpene, assistant chief of Engineers, states there is some need of flood control on the Cape Fear, but any effective control would cost more in terms of farm land being covered with water permanently than it would be worth.

"Additional hydroelectric power can be developed," says General Chorpene, "but the unit cost would be high and the market conditions would not absorb the output for a number of years."

"In my opinion, Federal improvement of the Cape Fear River and its tributaries for navigation, either alone or in connection with power development, flood control or irrigation -- or any combination thereof -- is not deemed advisable at the present time."

A Long Way. Evidently the Governor was just warbling in his statements a few weeks ago, for the only unpublished report for the only unpublished report (Continued on Page 2)

Soil Supervisor Election Being Held In County

Hillsboro — A Soil Conservation Supervisor is being elected in Orange County this week.

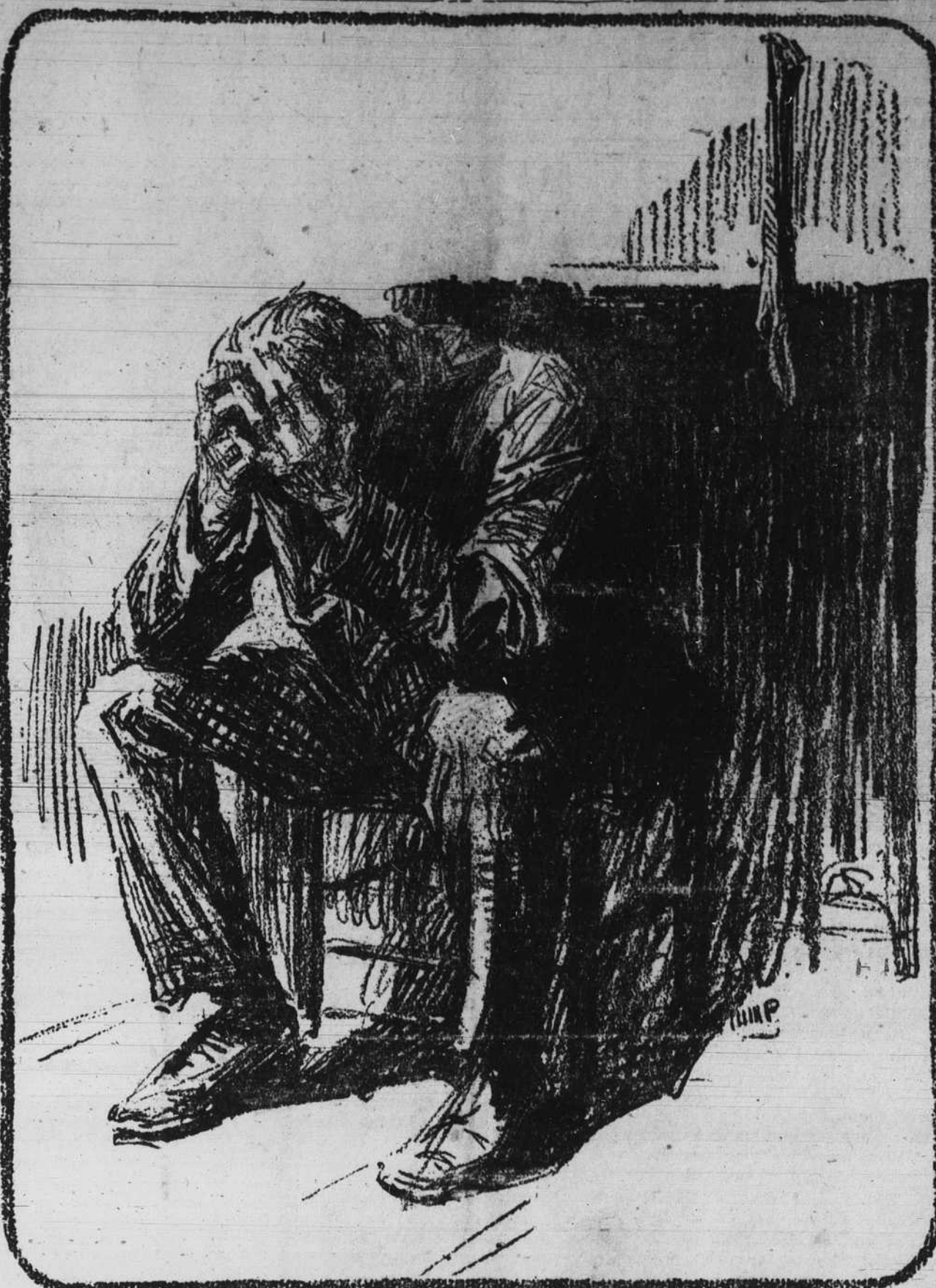
The present committee of the Soil Conservation Supervisors for Orange County is composed of H. S. Hogan, chairman, James Compton, and C. W. Stanford. Stanford's term is expiring and he is a candidate to succeed himself as a member of this committee.

The election is being held through-out the State this week, Dec. 3 through Dec. 8.

Ballot boxes are at the following places: The PMA office in Hillsboro, The Farmers' Mutual Warehouse in Hillsboro and Carboro, Giles Lane's Store and Whitfield's Store, White Cross. Any qualified voter is eligible to vote. The elected candidate will serve for a term of three years.

This committee serves as an advisory committee for the work of Soil Conservation personnel in the county, helping to determine the over-all job in the county of water and soil conservation.

Hogan has been serving in his present capacity since the S. C. S. work came to the county. He is also a member of the Neuse River District, S. C. S., and also president of the State organization of District Supervisors, Soil Conservation Service.



The late William Meade Prince of Chapel Hill contributed the above picture many years ago to the New York Times "Hundred Neediest Cases" campaign. Permission to reprint it in support of this year's Orange County Empty Stocking drive, currently being sponsored on a county-wide basis by the Chapel Hill Junior-Senior League, was readily granted by The Times and Mrs. Prince. As can be seen, the picture dramatically symbolizes the cheerless prospects which many of our neighbors and fellow citizens face at Christmas time and which can be alleviated to some small degree only by the generous contribution and support of the general public.

Reappoint Ward Tax Supervisor

Hillsboro — County Tax Supervisor Ira Ward has been reappointed for a new one year term.

This action was taken at Monday's regular monthly meeting of the Board of County Commissioners at which largely routine matters were considered. No other appointments came up for consideration, although the board confirmed the appointments of tax listers already made by Supervisor Ward for the coming year.

They included: L. R. Cheek, Chapel Hill township; J. C. Lloyd, Bingham township; Mrs. J. D. Griffin, Eno township; R. J. Smith Jr., Hillsboro township; Henry R. Heath, Cheeks township; R. C. Compton, Cedar Grove township and A. E. Wilson, Little River township.

A three-day Christmas holiday was set for county employees by the Board, December 24, 25 and 26. County offices will also be closed on January 1.

Four petitions for road improvements were received by the Board and reports were heard from county officers. The roads which residents seek to have taken over by the State include: a road in Cedar Grove township from Roy Oakleys to Eugene Tapp's 4 mile; Hebron Church road in Cheeks township, two miles; another road in Cheeks township from the Standard Oil Bulk plant road to the paved Old Stage Coach road, 995 feet; and a road in Bingham township from

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'Carol' Reading Will Support Stocking Drive

The Carolina Playmakers will join hands with the Orange County Empty Stocking Fund in presenting a two-fold program for the children of Orange County.

On December 9th at 8:00 p. m. in the Playmakers Theatre at Chapel Hill, the famed drama group will present the head of the University drama department, Samuel Selden, in his traditional reading of Charles Dickens' Christmas story, "The Christmas Carol."

Proceeding Mr. Selden's reading, the Orange County Empty Stocking Fund, under the chairmanship of Mrs. Henry Clark, will collect donations of money, clothing, food or toys for distribution to children in this county on Christmas day.

Mr. Selden's reading, edited in

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Teachers Reject Evaluation Plan, Board Is Advised

Lee Murder

Case Highlights

Court Next Week

Hillsboro — The arraignment and possible trial of Robert Lee for the murder of Miss Rachel Crook on August 29 will highlight a term of Superior Court to be held here next week with Judge Clawson Williams on the bench.

The Lee case, which has received wide publicity throughout the State, was placed on the docket for Monday when the arraignment will take place. The State has indicated it will press for a trial during this term.

Two other murder cases are also docketed involving Ira Sparrow and Mattie Lee Whitley.

Sparrow, a 70-year-old Chapel Hill Township farmer, told officers he shot his wife on the night of Sept. 16 when he saw her in their bedroom with another man.

Mrs. Whitley, a teen-age Negro farm wife, was remanded to the custody of her parents to await trial following the June 18 shotgun slaying of her husband. She was quoted as saying she shot her husband in self-defense after he advanced on her with a knife.

A Hillsboro Negro, Thomas F. Calhoun, indicted by the Grand Jury in June for practicing medicine without a license, is also scheduled for trial next week. He is free on \$500 bond, posted by his attorney, Sigmund Meyer of Durham.

More than one-fourth of the regular cases—or a total of 28—are on charges of driving while drunk. In addition, there are 18 for larceny and allied counts, three for manslaughter charges and 10 on various counts of assault.

Board Studies Cameron Park Contour Map

Hillsboro — The Board of Education this week continued its study of the Cameron Park property as a possible site for a new elementary school for Hillsboro.

Architect Archie Royal Davis presented a contour map showing elevations throughout the approximately 23 acre tract and it was directed that an appraisal of the site be obtained from the Durham Board of Realtors.

A bill from Currie Roberts for \$129.65 representing 10 percent of the labor costs for his work in supervising work and buying materials for the building projects at Hillsboro, Efland and Central schools was approved for payment after the Board had declined to approve it last month pending further study and clarification.

A six-day Christmas vacation was approved for the county's schools and a three day holiday for the Superintendent's office and maintenance department. Schools will close December 20 after a full day's work. A request for a short day on Thursday was disapproved by the Board.

A dump truck for hauling coal which the State Highway Commission offered the schools for \$200 was approved for purchase and instructions were issued for placing insurance on the new building at Cedar Grove, Central and Efland with the State in line with the Board's current policy.

Exchange Club To Aid Needy

Hillsboro — The Exchange Club of Hillsboro will again distribute baskets to needy families during the Christmas season.

Persons having old clothes or toys are requested to call 4251 and a club member will pick up and see that they are included in the baskets.

At last week's meeting of the club, the school playground fence project received further discussion and left open pending a final report of the finance committee now making a canvass for funds.

Hillsboro — A program designed to evaluate and analyze the various schools of the Orange County school system has been rejected by vote of the teachers in every White school with the exception of Carboro and Efland. The vote at West Hillsboro was a tie.

The program, which was submitted to the teachers for their acceptance or rejection on a voluntary basis at recent teachers meetings throughout the county, was proposed as this county's activity under the Kellogg Foundation program for which the Board of Education agreed to appropriate \$1,500 over a two year period to match Foundation money. Orange County was one of 10 counties in the State selected for participation in this cooperative improvement program.

In view of the lack of complete acceptance of the proposed evaluative program in all county units, the future of the program in Orange County, therefore, is doubtful. County Superintendent G. Paul Carr, in reporting the matter to the Board of Education Monday, said University officials conducting the Kellogg program have no desire to force such a program on the teachers since complete and voluntary cooperation is considered necessary for any beneficial results.

The program contemplated the use of Evaluative Criteria developed by a group of Southern educators as a yardstick by which to measure the schools at every level and in every phase of their activity. Described by the superintendent as "the most practical device yet devised for measuring school and teacher efficiency," Carr said the program was "a self-improvement plan designed to let them (the teachers) compare their school with what educational leaders consider a good school."

Carr told the Board that acceptance of the program by the Hillsboro school was the key to the whole program. Teachers and principals in several schools which feed students in to the Hillsboro school indicated they would be agreeable to the program if Hillsboro approved it.

Sentiment of the members of the Board of Education to the superintendent's report was to direct the institution of the evaluation program despite the teachers' rejection. However, in view of the expressed opposition of the University personnel to this approach, it was decided to carry on the program in the Carboro and Efland schools and in the Negro schools of the county and possibly institute in the remaining schools at the beginning of next year.

Board Member Harry P. Breeze, a former teacher, expressed strong support for the Evaluative Criteria plan and said it was vitally needed in the local schools. He termed it as the logical beginning for any improvement program and praised Principals W. B. Wilder at Efland and T. S. Turbyfill at Carboro as being in line with modern educational trends as reflected in their leadership and the unanimous approval of the program by their teachers.

No schools in the Orange County system are on the Southern Association Accredited list at the present time.

Annual Scout Dinner Friday At Schley Grange

Hillsboro — Orange County Scout leaders, friends of Scouting, and their wives will have their annual Scout Dinner tomorrow night at 7 o'clock at the Schley Grange.

District Chairman Dr. William Morgan of Chapel Hill will preside and Harold Makepeace of Sanford, former president of Occaneechee Scout Council, will show pictures and talk about the Boy Scout Jamboree held in Australia last August.

In September every Boy Scout unit in the United States was served with a "mortgage" to get five new members before December 31, 1951. Units that have recruited their five members will participate in a mortgage burning ceremony at the Schley Grange.



Chapel Hill Jaycees held their annual Golf Tournament some months back but the trophies only arrived last week. That set the stage for the picture above when the Jaycees called in Miss Margaret Minsett to hand them out to the proud recipients. They were from left to right, Frank Fearrington and Earl Blackburn, right winners; Herb Wentworth tournament winner; Mike Cooke, another right winner, and John Henry, who directed the tourney.