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Raleigh Round-up

By JAMES H. POUL BAILEY

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Two In Family Win Superior Music Ratings



ANNE ROBERTS



BRYAN "BUCK" ROBERTS

Bloodmobile Visit Scheduled

A total of 200 pints of blood is the quota set for citizens of Orange County when the Red Cross bloodmobile visits here on March 31. The mobile unit will be set up in the American Legion Hut and will be operated between the hours of 12 Noon and 6:00 o'clock.

"The casualty lists from Korea have already demonstrated the drastic need for blood by our armed forces," said Tom Bivins, chairman of the Orange County Red Cross Chapter, which is sponsoring the bloodmobile unit. "In addition, the seriousness of the world situation in general is evidenced that our government should build up reserves to be used in the event of national attack. 'Ours is one of many communities not previously participating in the National Blood Program, which now are being called upon to devote their energies exclusively to defense blood needs. It becomes the duty of every citizen in Orange County to see that these needs are met. Your Red Cross chapter is here to help you meet this responsibility. Anyone wishing to make an appointment to donate blood may do so by calling 3262.

All bloodmobiles operate from a fixed center and cover communities usually within a 100-mile radius of the center. Blood collected by the mobile unit here will be taken to the center at Charlotte in special refrigerated containers, and there it will be typed, analyzed and processed. At the request of military authorities, blood will be prepared at the center for overseas shipment.

Bivins stressed the fact that donating blood is a simple, painless procedure that has no harmful after effects. All healthy men and women between the ages of 21 and 60 are eligible to donate if they weigh at least 110 pounds. Those between 18 and 21 may donate if they are self-supporting, married, members of the armed forces, or if they have the written consent of their parents.

All technical aspects of the donating process will be supervised by a qualified physician, assisted by registered nurses and technicians. Only 30 to 45 minutes of time is required for the entire process, and this includes the probable time spent in the canteen, where Red Cross volunteers will serve light refreshments immediately following donation.

"Once again let me urge every able-bodied man and woman in Hillsboro and vicinity to telephone 23262 and make an appointment to give a pint of blood," Chairman Bivins said. "When we make appointments we shall try to stagger them in such a way that no donor will be put to the inconvenience of long waiting. We should like to keep the time consumed at a minimum, making it as simple as possible for busy citizens to participate in this noble and life-saving service."

S. F. POYTHRESS
CARRBORO — S. F. Poythress, 84, who had made his home in Carrboro with his son F. B. Poythress and family in Carrboro since 1935, died in Watts Hospital last Tuesday after having been in failing health for the past several years.

PARENTS' MEETING FOR NEW CUB PACK

CHAPEL HILL — For all parents of 8, 9, and 10 year old boys who want to join the new Cub Pack: On Monday, March 24, at 7:30 in the Chapel Hill Baptist Church, a "learn how" meeting will be held.

The session will center around the Cub Scout in the Den with explanation of the Wolf, Bear, and Lion ranks, and the place of the Den in the Pack. Many boys between 8 and 11 years old are interested, rarin' to go. The lowest joining age is 8 but parents whose boys are nearing this age should also attend.

Parents' knowledge of the program and their cooperation are vital in this family - neighborhood way of happy growth in character and citizenship. It will be a profitable evening for parents who like the word "with." Come and hear what experienced Den Mothers have to say.

County To Hire Assistant Tax Supervisor

HILLSBORO — The Board of County Commissioners has tentatively agreed to hire an assistant to the County Tax Supervisor, effective about the beginning of the next fiscal year.

This information was revealed in informal discussions held here Monday following the Board's meeting as a Board of Equalization and Review.

The new county officer would, in addition to assisting Tax Supervisor Ira Ward in his work, would act as a sort of executive officer to the Revaluation Board which will be expected to make the regular quadrennial revaluation of county real property in time for listing next year.

Only a few complaints of tax valuations were presented at the regular meeting required by law Monday and the board adjourned to meet again in May for further hearing of such complaints.

Five Complete First Aid Course

HILLSBORO — Five Orange County school teachers and officials are now qualified First Aid Instructors, having recently completed the Advanced and Instructors Courses at the University School of Pharmacy in Chapel Hill.

They are Mrs. Irene Pender, county elementary school supervisor of instruction, Mrs. Louise Winslow and Miss Marie Wells, Aycock school teachers, R. W. Isley, Aycock school principal, and Mrs. Henrietta Auman, Hillsboro school teacher.

Mrs. Winslow is at present conducting First Aid courses at her school and Mrs. Auman will teach First Aid at the Hillsboro school in the future. Plans are being made for similar instruction in the county scout organizations.

Red Cross Fund Drive Lagging
HILLSBORO — The thermometer on Court square has reached the \$1600 mark, \$600 short of the goal of \$2200 it was announced yesterday by Sim P. Efland, Fund Chairman.

HILLSBORO — Two youthful Hillsboro musicians, Anne and Buck Roberts, daughter and son of Dr. and Mrs. Marlon Roberts, were awarded "superior" ratings, highest recognition offered, for their piano selections at the District Music Contest last Thursday at Meredith College.

Anne, who is 17, played in the Senior Division, and at the conclusion of her rendition of her third number, a difficult one in the popular category entitled "Rush Hour In Hong Kong," the audience burst into spontaneous applause, a practice that is strictly against the rules and which one veteran contest observer said she had never seen in her 30 years of attending the event. Anne's other selections were Bach's "Invention No. 3" and Beethoven's "Sonata."

As a result of her performance at Meredith, Miss Roberts appears in the State contest to be held at the Woman's College of the University of North Carolina on April 24, with Rudolph Ganz, one of the nation's distinguished music critics and head of the Chicago School of Music, as judge. A student of the piano for 10 years, Anne was a pupil of Mrs. Annie Lockhart of Hillsboro for seven years and for the past three years has received instruction from Dr. Wilton Mason at the University in Chapel Hill. She represented Hillsboro High School in the contest.

Buck Roberts, who is 14, won his "superior" rating in the Junior Division, playing Bach's "Prelude" and "Song To The Sea" by MacDowell. He has been a piano student eight years under Mrs. Lockhart.

Of Anne's playing, the judge wrote: "This playing is of an extremely high order. . . someone has taught you extremely well."

Of Buck's playing, the judge wrote: "It is good to hear good solid Bach played. . . I believe you have a very fine teacher."

Hillsboro FFA Wins Contest; Aycock Second

HILLSBORO — The Hillsboro High School F.F.A. parliamentary procedure team placed first and the team from the Aycock school placed second in a contest that was held at the Aycock School Tuesday afternoon of this week.

The Bethesda School of Durham County placed third. Other schools participating were Mangum, Lowes Grove, Oak Grove and Chapel Hill.

The subject of parliamentary procedure is a regular part of the course of study in high school agriculture. The purpose of this work is to teach the proper way to conduct a meeting.

Each team was composed of five F.F.A. members and the teacher of agriculture. Members of the Hillsboro group were Bob Strayhorn, president; Edward Scarlette, vice president; Ted Martin, secretary; Charles Holmes, treasurer; James Horn, reporter and Elmer R. Dowdy, adviser.

The Hillsboro team will represent Durham and Orange counties in a district contest, which is to be held at N. C. State College on May 3rd.

Watch the thermometer on Court square.

Lee Murder Trial Near End After State Rests Case

HILLSBORO — Opposing counsel reached the halfway mark in their arguments to the jury in the Robert Lee murder trial at adjournment Thursday and the case is expected to go to the jury sometime today.

The State rested its case shortly after 11 a.m. and in a surprising move in a capital case, defense attorneys, still appearing jocular and in a confident mood, announced they would offer no evidence to counteract the strong circumstantial arguments advanced by the State. Arguments to the jury began at 11:40.

THURSDAY'S REPORT

HILLSBORO — The accused murderer of Miss Rachel Crook trode to one corner of court square as court adjourned late yesterday afternoon to ponder his fate another night, and the 13-member panel of his peers trudged in double file in the opposite direction — to the Colonial Inn to ponder also but not to talk even among themselves about the sensational trial being unfolded in the Courtroom.

EXCHANGE CLUB MINSTREL

HILLSBORO — The Hillsboro Exchange Club will present "Ole Time Minstrels Of 1952" Friday and Saturday nights, March 21st and 22nd at the Hillsboro High School auditorium.

The show will begin at 8 p.m. Otto King will be interlocutor for the show. Endmen will be E.E. Patterson, C. B. Parris, J. L. Rosemund, Wade Key, W. C. Mangum and Paul Davis. There will also be a chorus of about fifty voices. Solo numbers will feature Paul Goodwin, Joan Reinhardt, and Richard Armfield.

The entire show will follow that of old fashion minstrel shows. Several special acts will be featured during intermission.

Advance tickets are on sale at James Pharmacy, Corner Drug Store and Hillsboro Sunday.

Rules Announced For Umstead Scholarship

CHAPEL HILL — Rules for selecting the recipient of the Umstead agricultural student scholarship were announced this week by Representative John W. Umstead.

Several weeks ago, Mr. Umstead announced he would contribute a State College tuition scholarship to a selected student of agriculture, with competing students from Hillsboro, Aycock and Chapel Hill high schools.

The basis for the selection will be as follows: All Seniors in Aycock, Hillsboro and Chapel Hill High Schools who have taken work in the Vocational Agricultural courses and who received diplomas at the 1952 Commencement will be eligible for this scholarship.

The teacher of Vocational Agriculture courses in each High School shall be Chairman of a Committee of five teachers from that school to select the school's candidate for this scholarship. The four other members of this Committee will be named by the Principal and Superintendent of the school.

After each school has selected its candidate for the scholarship the records of these boys will be presented to a Committee from the Extension Department of State College for a final selection of the boy to receive the scholarship.

Should this Committee wish to interview the three applicants for the scholarship the donor of the scholarship agrees to carry these boys to Raleigh for appearance before this Committee.

The Committee, in selecting the candidate from each school shall have due regard for: 1. The interest of the student in a college education as evidenced by his scholarship standing during four years in High School. 2. Interest of the student in good citizenship as evidenced by his reputation for being a good citizen among his fellow students. 3. Need of the candidate for this scholarship in order to enable him to attend State College.

CHURCH SUPPER

The W.S.C.S. of Palmers Grove Methodist Church will sponsor a (ham) plate supper consisting of ham with vegetables and the trimmings. Coffee free. Also extra, will be cake, pie and cold drinks. Proceeds are to go on improving church property. The public

It was the end of the second day of the most closely watched trial in this county in several decades . . . the State of North Carolina versus Robert Lee, the Burlington bulldozer operator who during two days trial has shown little visible emotion but apparent keen interest in the legal maneuvering of opposing counsel during one day of questioning 74 potential jurors and another of State's evidence.

Yesterday Lee sat behind his attorneys, Bonner Sawyer and Robert Gantt, and between his comely wife and aged mother, leaned forward frequently to confer with his counsel. Other members of his family occupied an entire bench within the bar, while at least an estimated 300 persons jammed themselves into the courtroom.

Evidence yesterday followed the same pattern as had been presented during the preliminary hearing here shortly after the murder, but with several additional witnesses to fit in pieces of the general story previously presented.

R. B. Fitch, Chapel Hill lumber dealer and first witness, told of seeing Miss Crook in the afternoon of the murder, of carrying her some nails, and of her expectation of having a carpenter in for some work that night. Mrs. Ed Vaughan, second witness, was the dressmaker at whose home the 71-year-old splinter had an appointment on the evening of her murder.

Mrs. E. S. Robinson, wife of the patrolman, who lives on Highway 86, related how she heard screams from a passing vehicle and notified Chapel Hill police. She did not see the vehicle. C. E. King of her call and told of relaying the message to Deputy Sheriff C. H. Hurley, then in Carrboro and headed out 86 toward Hillsboro. Hurley reiterated his previous testimony of his ride over 86 to the prison camp and of seeing nothing suspicious. Patrolman R. R. Thomas told of finding the body and the condition of the body and the surrounding area.

Sheriff S. T. Latta related his conversations with Lee, of the latter's refusal to submit to a lie detector test, and the defendant's indirect admissions of guilt in his answers to the carefully phrased questions of the Sheriff. On cross examination Defense Attorney Sawyer heckled Latta sharply for his failure to take notes and produce memoranda on the basis of his testimony but was unable to shake the sheriff's attitude of positive recollection of the conversations. Judge R. Hunt Parker overruled the defense's objection to admission of this section of the Sheriff's testimony and an exception was noted by the defense.

Sawyer brought on cross-examination of the Sheriff that Dan Headen, a Negro resident of the New Hope section, had been retained 30 hours in connection with Latta admitted a blanket in Headen's pickup truck had spots on it which could not be established as blood. Headen was the owner of the truck similar to one from which Eugene Mauer, an early witness, heard a woman "holering" as it passed over New Hope bridge from which he was frog giggering.

Final state's witness before adjournment yesterday was James R. Durham of the SBI, who testified in detail and with pictures of the similarity of the tires on Lee's green pickup truck and the tracks at the murder scene. He said a heel print near the scene, in his opinion, also was the same as would be made by Lee's work shoes which were introduced as part of the State's evidence. Three co-workers of Lee on the Cary road project testified to seeing scratches on Lee's face the day following the murder but did not think they were too abnormal. Lee's superior said he had said he was sick on the morning following the murder and had taken a two-hour rest.

Lee told Sheriff Latta he had been so drunk on that night that he did not remember what had occurred.

Among the jurors are Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Ligon of West Hillsboro on the jury are: H. L. Batton of Hillsboro, mill worker; Raymond Cheek of Cheek's Township, power company employee; Lacy Wilkerson, Hillsboro Township, bulldozer operator; John F. Morris of White-Cross, farmer; Monroe Allen of Cedar Grove, farmer; W. H. Browning of Efland, farmer; L. G. Hoover of Cheek's Township, wood worker; R. C. Ray of Mebane, electrical worker; Lewis T. Tilley of Little River Township, farmer; J. H. Ball of Hillsboro, store clerk; and Mrs. Robbie Hayes (alternate juror), Hillsboro, housewife.

Exchange Club's Minstrel Offers Rare Entertainment Friday, Saturday