

## RALEIGH Round-up

### IMPORTANT DECISION

Democratic nominees for the State Senate were busily at work on the telephone early last week. On Tuesday afternoon, Roy Rowe of Burgaw had about decided he would not call for a second primary with Luther Hodges of Beaufort, who had led him for Lieutenant Governor by 75,100 votes. Rowe was deeply disappointed, but he saw that to make a run against Hodges would split the Senate and result in definite damage to party harmony. Also, there was serious doubt all around that he could win out over Hodges, personification of the Big Surprise in Statewide voting on May 11.

Thus it was that Roy Rowe finally came to the reluctant decision. Big duty of the Lieutenant Governor is to preside over the State Senate. Hodges, inexperienced in legislative procedure, may run into parliamentary snarls as the fills like brickbats around him. However, he will have plenty of advice—probably more than he needs at times—and those who know him have no worries as to his ability to keep the stolid Senate moving on an even keel.

### GIFT BEARERS

They figured as how it was better to be late than not at all. That's why from all corners of the State, and from various walks of life, came last week men bearing gifts to lay at the feet of William B. Umstead, lately nominated for Governor. The presents were of all kinds, mere baubles were they, many of them, but some more substantial, being solidly financial. The Lincolnesque Mr. Umstead accepted the fine little thoughts, the good wishes, and carried them with him. The money was turned down, flatly, by him and his associates. Not a dollar has been accepted by a member of Umstead's Raleigh camp crowd since three days before the primary.

### DIFFERENT IN '48

How different it was four years ago. At that time, Scott Mannager Capus Waynick sat quiet, all-but-vacated headquarters in Carolina Hotel here for many days after the runoff raking in the cash. If you recall, the Democratic nominee for Governor had hied away to Black Bear Inn up in Ashe County. This was his Shangri La, we all learned later, but for many days the papers speculated glibly as to the whereabouts of the Scott's. Meantime, Capus Waynick held forth, cleaning up the debts which had been incurred during the last bitter weeks of the campaign.

There were so many who wanted to get on the right side that money flowed in from all directions, with Waynick setting like a king in his counting room. He said later that a "liquor outfit" offered to erase the full debt, but that he turned a deaf ear. When Scott returned, he found the financial springs had run pretty low, was sharply miffed at Waynick for not cutting him in, and has never fully recovered from it. However, a number of folks carried money to Kerr Scott during July, August, and September of 1948 and he accepted it gladly and in cold cash, giving no promises in return, and to this day nobody but the Governor and his most intimate friends knows just how much money he collected between early dog days and frost of 1948.

### HEART ATTACK

Dr. Hubert Poteat, Masonic leader, Wake Forest College musical genius and linguistic wizard, was stricken with a rather sharp attack of coronary thrombosis last Sunday as a week ago during church services. As of this past weekend he was resting comfortably at his home, but will probably be forced to rest quietly for the next two months.

### HOG HAPPY

At least 200 hogs were made happy last week with the firing of mousy Paroles Commissioner T. C. Johnson and soldierly Motor Vehicles Commissioner Landon Rosser. Hogs aren't given to laughter, but these 200 literally guffawed when Govern-

nor Scott requested the resignation of Old Friend Daye Coltrane, assistant director of the budget. A certain barbecue had been planned for Haw River in August, with all the good old Democrats in for the love feast. It was to be held on Kerr Scott's farm, with good fellowship for all, for Scott had done so much to bind the Democrats together.

Main attraction was to be the Democratic nominee for the Presidency, with all the North Carolina Democrats together to "cuss out the Republicans. And how many thousands pounds of barbecue would it require for all those loving Democrats?

It hardly seemed likely that the Democrats would go streaming to Haw River come August, for some of them might be fired right there on the spot as they balanced a plate of barbecue in one hand. The Governor, for instance, might come up to one of the visitors, touch him lightly on the shoulder and say: "George, you didn't go along with the team. You were for Bill Umstead. I must have your resignation immediately."

That would be enough to cause Conservation and Development Director George Ross or any other George to drop his barbecue. At any rate, that's the way the hogs saw it last week; and they were supremely happy—happy for hogs, that is.

### WITH PAY

As of last Sunday morning, it didn't look as if D. S. Coltrane would resign as assistant director of the budget. He is the man who in the fall of 1935, while traveling among

## Chapel Hill OES Chapter Active At State Conclave

The Chapel Hill Chapter of the Eastern Star was well represented at the 47th Grand Chapter Session of all Eastern Star Chapters in North Carolina, which was held in the Raleigh Memorial Auditorium. University Chapter No. 264 of Chapel Hill was in charge of "Memorial Session", which was held on Tuesday evening of this week with a large number of members of the chapter taking part on the program. University Chapter was also one of the second place winners in a recent contest of all chapters throughout the state to increase subscriptions to the O. E. S. State publication "The Tar Heel Star News." Mrs. Ira Mann was Chairman of the drive for University Chapter which has subscribed one hundred one hundred per cent to the magazine for the past two years.

Those attending Grand Chapter Session from the Chapel Hill Chapter included the following: Mrs. Frances W. Bartlett, who has served this the Tenth District, for the past two years as District Deputy Grand Matron, Mr. and Mrs. John W. Humphreys who are serving as Worthy Matron and Worthy Patron of University Chapter, this year, Mrs. Elizabeth Montgomery, who is Associate Matron, and J. I. Mann, who is Associate Patron. Others attending were Mrs. Eva Burks, Mr. and Mrs. J. N. Callahan, Mrs. Louise Bryson, Mrs. John Larsh, Mrs. Katharine Marie Thompson, Miss Katharine Marie Thompson, Mrs. Walter Bogar, Mrs. Mary Maulsby Mrs. Ruby Creel, Mrs. Alton Riley, Mrs. Carl Snavely, Mrs. Dora Lipman, Mrs. Floy Oldham, Mrs. Ira Mann, Mrs. Pearl Perry, Mrs. Mattie Lee Bynum, Mrs. Elizabeth Collins and others.

The retiring Worthy Grand Matron for the year '51-'52 was Mrs. Maude B. Foy of Kinston. The Retiring Worthy Grand Patron who went out of office yesterday was Arnold W. Kincaid, of Kings Mountain. The Worthy Grand Matron who was installed yesterday for the year 1952-53 was Mrs. Helen B. Rimmer, of Sanford. The newly installed Worthy Grand Patron is Hugh W. Prince, of Dunn.

## Progress Slow On Efland Negro School Project

Hillsboro—Cole and Crumpacker, general contractors for the new Efland Negro School, have delayed construction until it is doubtful if the building will be ready for use when school opens next Fall, according to Superintendent G. Paul Carr.

Carr said that the Durham firm had been dragging its feet, figuratively, since a contract was signed last July. The first snag came when water was not immediately available at the site. When the county provided water two months after the contract was let, the firm still had put no materials on the site.

Carr said the firm ordered the wrong kind of steel for the job and then this lay on the lot for about six months before it was returned. The heating plant lay on the lot in the rain and weather for about six months before finally moved to cover.

A. L. Crumpacker of the firm wrote the county school head on April 11, nine months after the contract, that "the status of this job is that it has reached the starting stage and considerable progress has been made in the last week or two."

Last week, however, very little additional progress could be seen and officials were discouraged over prospects for getting the building anytime soon.

## 30 Orange County 4-H Clubbers At Camp New Hope

Thirty Orange County 4-H Club members joined similar groups from Durham and Caswell Camps for a week of fun at Camp New Hope.

During the day 125 4-H Club members from the three counties will receive instructions in handicraft better methods electric swimming, and recreation. During the afternoon they will take part in athletic contests, swimming, and other types of recreation.

The evening program will be devoted to games, stunts, dances, movies, etc., with a short vesper program to end the day. Farm and home agents from the three counties assisted by other adult leaders will supervise the group.

Club members attending the camp from Orange County are as follows: Jane Page Chrisco, Linda Efland, Clara Evans, Helen Linder, Frances Scott, Carolyn Joyce Walker, Rose Walters, Carolyn Wood, Joyce E. Ward, Christine Latta, Carolyn Wilson, Joe Crutchfield, Wayne Durham, Lindsay Efland, David Hall, James Hauser, Wayne Kenyon, Billy Latta Dale Perry, Dwayne Perry, Vernon Petty, Stanley Pope, Harvey Reinhardt, Gene Riley, Sonny Sharp, Glenn Tapp, Winfred Walker, Bobby Wright, Jimmy Daniel, Eryan Riley.

Polly Roberts and Jack Dunn are counselors from Orange County.



R. L. MOHLER

## Mohler Is New Hillsboro Lions Club President

Hillsboro—R. L. Mohler will be installed at the meeting today as the new president of the Hillsboro Lions Club.

Installation ceremonies will be conducted by Zone Chairman Carl Pratt of Swensonville. Other new officers are Tom Bivins, 1st. vice president; Ed Baines, second vice president; A. H. Walker, 3rd vice president; Fred Blake, secretary; C. B. Parris, treasurer; G. P. Carr, tail twister; E. R. Dowdy, lion tamer and Don S. Matheson, new member of the Board of Directors.

Pratt also will present to Blake the Lion's Secretary Plaque for 100 percent reporting during the past year and the past president's certificate and pin to Retiring President F. E. Joyner.

## Grand Jury Asks County To Close Public Toilet

Hillsboro—The Grand Jury this week recommended that the outside toilet on the north side of the jail, provided as public facilities for Negro citizens, be closed immediately.

The report signed by Roy Armstrong, foreman, said: "The Grand Jury has repeatedly requested that the toilet be placed in good order or closed. It appears unlikely that facilities needed to repair the toilet will be available at any time in the near future; therefore, the Grand Jury recommends that the toilet be closed immediately."

The Grand Jury gave a clean bill of health to other county installations and offices and praised the county officials for their cooperation. Regarding schools, the report said: "Several people have been interviewed on the outside as to the year for the schools in Orange County. The reports are excellent."

### TAX COLLECTIONS

Hillsboro—A total of 85.4 percent of the original 1952 Orange County tax levy of \$376,401.64 has been collected by May 31, according to a report of the tax supervisor this week.

## Slight Tax Rate Increase Seen To Build Courthouse

## Politics Comes First So Court "Recessed"

Hillsboro — After trying five cases of a scheduled 62-case criminal docket here Monday, Judge R. Hunt Parker closed up shop in Orange County Superior Court and went off politicking.

At the close of business on the first day of the week's term, he dismissed the jurors and the wheels of justice ground to a halt for another three months. While court was merely "recessed", not adjourned Monday night, the judge indicated to friends he would not return the following day. He faces a possible runoff against Judge William Ebbitt for the nomination to the Supreme Court.

While Judge Panker was also scheduled for next week's civil term, it was learned that Judge Henry Grady of Warsaw would replace him on the bench for that term.

In the brief criminal term, four cases were disposed of by the nol pros route, upon the recommendation of R. Bruce White of Durham, acting as prosecutor for Solicitor William Murdock who was holding a term in Alamance. Cases dismissed without trial were Percy T. Riley, driving automobile while drunk; Larry Hugh Hicks, permitting a drunken driver to operate; Burnice Burgess, driving automobile while drunk; and James Ed Ivey, larceny.

Charles W. Watson, charged with forging checks totalling \$965 on Drs. Nathan and Vine, veterinarians of Chapel Hill, was given a probation sentence and allowed to repay the forged amounts to the Bank of Chapel Hill. Louis Lunceford, on a drunken driving charge, was found guilty by the jury and ordered to pay a \$100 fine and costs and surrender his drivers license.

James McGhee was found not guilty of larceny in connection with a chicken robbery. Cedrick Harris received a 5 to 8 year term in Central Prison for shooting Rufus Tuck through the head and Curtis Ivey received a 12 months suspended sentence in a larceny case.

## Opening Tonight In Folk Festival 700 Performers

Chapel Hill—Some 700 Folk performers from all sections of the state will be on hand at the University of North Carolina tonight, Friday and Saturday nights in the Fifth Annual Carolina-Folk Festival which will feature traditional American music, dancing and balladry in the form of square dances, clog dancers, folk singers and string bands.

Students, townspeople and visitors will join in the general whoop-dee-do that has prevailed during the past four festivals. All three performances will be held in Kenan Stadium.

Under the direction of the celebrated folklorist, Bascom Lamar Lunsford from South Turkey Creek, Leicester, the festival will begin at 8 o'clock each evening. The University's Folklore Council.

Among the several featured attractions each night will be the group of 20 Scottish Dancers from Fayetteville who will be here for the first time with their bagpipes, to kick up their heels and kills to the tune of the "Highland Fling." An always popular attraction at Fayetteville, the dancers promise the same sort of a performance that won them the State Championship Cup at the Stae Fair in 1949.

Another highlight each evening will be the long-time festival favorite George Pegram, the banjoclocking wizard from Iredell county.

Of local interest will be the Wildcat Square Dance team from Orange County, and appearing for the first time will be a group of children from the Little Red School House in Chapel Hill who will dance to "bottle music."

## Over Two Million Listed In County In New Property

Hillsboro — Property valuation in Orange County will run approximately \$2,172,208 more than the 1951 total according to figures compiled this week by County Tax Supervisor Ira Ward.

Tentative budget estimates are being based on a total valuation of 36 million dollars, said Ward.

Property valuation within the county last year was \$23,826,792. Since 1952 corporate excess figures have not been reported to the county by the State yet, the same figures for these public service corporations as last year are being used in the preliminary estimates. He indicated there is no reason to believe they will be less this year than last and a slight increase may be possible. Total listings of Chapel Hill Negroes also are not yet available and last year's figures are being used here also.

The over two-million dollars increase can be attributed to new construction of homes and businesses completed during the year.

Biggest gain was noted in Chapel Hill township where increase in the valuation of property owned by White citizens (the law requires separate compilations for White and Negro races) totalled slightly over one million dollars, \$1,019,000.

Hillsboro township increased \$443,470 and the following were the gains recorded by other townships during the year: Little River, \$28,783; Bingham, \$117,401; Cedar Grove, -60,962; Cheeks, \$143,009; and Eno, \$135,493. Corporate listings in Chapel Hill were up \$154,951.

The estimated 36 million on the basis of the old \$1.00 tax rate would produce \$360,000 for the county budget, while the proposed rate of \$1.07 per \$100 valuation would bring in \$385,200.

## Towns Must File For Powell Bill Funds Next Month

Highway Chairman Henry Jordan has notified local towns to get their names in the pot between July 1 and July 21, if they want a slice of 1952 Powell Bill funds.

Something between four and a half and five million dollars will be divided up between eligible incorporated cities and towns, based half on population and half on non-state system street mileage.

Hillsboro has claimed no share of its Powell Bill fund as yet. According to Chairman Jordan, the Highway Commission is required by law to determine which towns and cities are eligible to receive Powell Bill street aid allocations, and also to compute allocations for all eligible towns. These computations are based half on population and half on non-system street mileage.

Along with the letter, Jordan sent a form of certified statement which must be executed and returned to Statistics and Planning Engineer James S. Burch between July 1 and July 21, furnishing information on the last municipal election, information on tax rates and especially data on non-system street mileage. Along with that must be sent a map showing the local street system and mileage.

Failure to file the necessary certificates between the dates listed will mean that the town or city will be barred from any 1952 Powell Bill benefits, Jordan warned. The Powell Bill provides that street air allocations from one-half cent of the state's motor fuel tax be paid cities and towns by October 1 of each year.

Hillsboro—It appeared likely today that a 5c to 7c increase in the county tax rate will be necessary in the next fiscal year if Orange County is to build its new county courthouse for which the people voted a quarter of a million dollars in bonds over two years ago.

The Board of County Commissioners began their budget deliberations at the regular meeting last week, continued them at a special session Monday night and another last night. The present county tax rate is \$1.00.

The board is faced with the necessity of finding \$61,000 to supplement the bond money if low bids submitted by contractors on May 27 are to be accepted. Tentative figures with which the Board is now working indicate that a special tax levy of slightly more than 18c per \$100 valuation will be required to produce the necessary fund to supplement the bond money.

By wielding the knife of requested budget requests from various departments, the Board believes now it can provide about 1/1c of this requirement while still remaining in the old \$1 per \$100 valuation tax rate. This would, therefore, necessitate a 7c increase this year to pay for the courthouse.

It is the majority opinion of the Board that the citizens of Orange County are interested in getting the courthouse built and every reasonable effort is being made to keep the tax rate as low as possible and provide the needs of schools and other county agencies.

In contemplating a special tax levy to pay for the courthouse, the Board is acting on authority of an act of the legislature and a ruling of the Attorney General which establishes such buildings as a necessary expense which may be paid for from special levies outside of the special 15c tax rate limitation placed by the constitution on the General Fund.

In the beginning, most county agencies submitted requests for increased appropriations over last year and some major elective and appointive officials requested salary increases both for themselves and employees for the coming year. These likely will receive favorable attention of the Board because of the continued rise in living costs and the need for keeping the pay of public employees close to the level of private businesses.

Another projected item which will cut down on extra money which might be allotted to the courthouse project is the costs of the quadrennial property revaluation which comes up next year. It is anticipated this will cost the county approximately \$17,000 for assessors' compensation, travel, supplies and other expenses.

### ANTICIPATION NOTE SALE

Hillsboro—The sale of the proposed \$250,000 bond anticipation note to provide funds in this fiscal year to build the county courthouse will take place on June 17, according to present tentative plans of the Local Government Commission and the County Commissioners.

The sale of the anticipation note will create a liability in this fiscal year which will enable the levying of additional bonds without a vote of the people in the year 1953-54. It is anticipated that the interest realized upon this money prior to the actual sale of the bonds will more than pay the interest costs of the loan to the county.

### READING CONTEST

The Annual Reading Contest sponsored by the Confederate Memorial Library and the Orange County Public Negro Library will begin June 16, and continue through the summer months.

School children reading as many as ten books will receive a reading certificate, which will be presented to them at the opening of school in September.

The person reading the greatest number of books will receive a prize from the local library. School children of all ages are eligible to enter.

The contest is designed to stimulate interest in books among children of school age, in hope that it will help them to acquire good reading habits. The C.M.L. Library is open daily from 11 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. and the O.C.P.N. is open daily from 2 p.m. to 4 p.m.

