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Eight Pages This Week

Presbytery Refuses To Approve Call of Birdseye While Chapel Hill Probe On

A special meeting of Orange County Presbytery at the First Presbyterian Church in Burlington Tuesday afternoon, at the request of the Rev. Irving Birdseye of the Hillsboro Presbyterian Church to be relieved of his pastorate so that he could become the pastor of the Chapel Hill Presbyterian Church was held Tuesday afternoon.

After a lengthy discussion, the presbytery by a vote of 20 to 13 refused to approve the call of Birdseye to the Chapel Hill church until such a time as a judicial commission now investigating the Chapel Hill church reports its completed action. The action of the presbytery thus in effect nullified the action of the Hillsboro congregation Sunday in releasing its pastor to accept the Chapel Hill call, effective September 14. The congregation at its meeting voting the church service voted unanimously "with regrets" to resign with his request to terminate the local pastorate and set machinery to select a new pastor for the church.

Presbytery by its affirmation of a substitute motion proposed by R. D. White of Hillsboro and seconded by Paul Reidsville (Birdseye's pastor) that he be allowed to accept the call was the original motion thus denied the Chapel Hill church the privilege of calling a permanent minister until after the report of the investigating commission. During the time while the pulpit is vacant, the church may secure supply preachers to preach.

Apparently the action was taken by a majority vote of the presbytery in order not to hinder the resignation of the Chapel Hill pastor. However, in his arguments in favor of the motion, the Rev. Marjorie Reidsville, leader of the Hillsboro movement against filling the Chapel Hill pastorate, soundly rebuffed a more conservative approach, charging that "an iron fist" separated the Chapel Hill church from the rest of the Synod. "Look for the time," he declared, "when the Chapel Hill church will again assume the leadership in the Synod of North Carolina that it once held in the days of Joseph Caldwell, Charles McNeill and Elisha Mitchell." The men were Presbyterian leaders a century or more ago.

He added that he hoped for the day when the Chapel Hill church would become an instrument of evangelism, a center of development for the ministry, and a more adequate physical plant.

There was no direct reference to the meeting to the Rev. Jones, whose pastorate of the church over the past 12 years has been the target of laymen and ministers over the State. Jones is on vacation, prior to a year's position with the National Save the Children Foundation in Bristol, Va.-Tenn. on August 1.

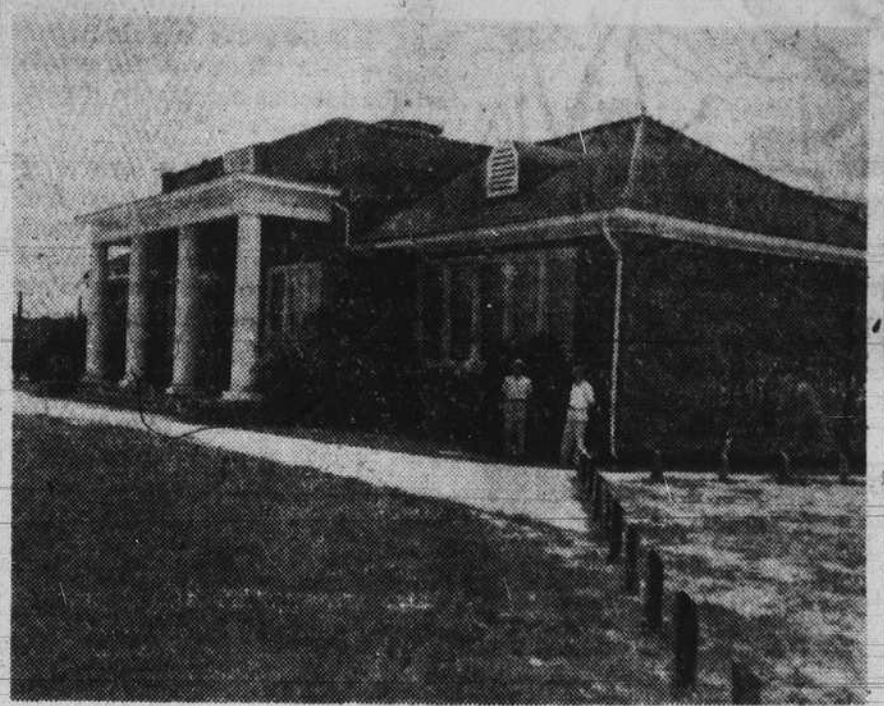
Wet Expected Demonstration Irrigation

An unusually hot, dry weather has past several weeks has created interest among farmers in Orange County in the irrigation demonstration to be held on the farm of Gene Teer, located about 15 miles west of Orange Grove community.

M. Ellis of the Agricultural Experiment Station at State College Extension Service will direct the demonstration in cooperation with two manufacturers of irrigation equipment. Many growers, particularly in the northern section of the county, are to experience a considerable relief in this year's crop because of the drought and hot weather conditions. Dairymen in many sections of the county are finding pastures are insufficient to care of their cattle for the reason. In many parts of the county irrigation has been found to be a considerable relief from similar situations.

Farmers throughout the county are urged to visit the Teer farm on Thursday afternoon, August 14. The demonstration will start at 2 o'clock.

Several Cedar Grove Groups Push Rural Progress Drive



(First of a series of articles on activities being carried on in connection with the County Rural Progress Campaign. Improvements to the Aycock School, shown above, are among the projects at Cedar Grove.)

BY CHARLES N. LANGSTON, Teacher of Agriculture

The people of Cedar Grove are not taking the Rural Progress Program for Orange County lightly. Many different groups are working both separately and collectively in an effort to make this community a better place to live. Varying degrees of success are beginning to show in all parts of the area. Such organizations as The Cedar Grove Ruritan Club, The Vocational Departments, The Parent Teachers Association, and the different Church groups are all doing their share to advance rural living.

Without a doubt, The Cedar Grove Ruritan Club offers one of the most striking examples of a community spirit to be found in any rural community in North Carolina. Chartered in May of 1951, this fine organization has come far in helping to make Cedar Grove a better place in which to live. Under the capable and devoted leadership of its young president, Wilfred Phelps, this club has risen from its chartered membership of 42 members to its present membership of 68 active members pledged to a common cause—to promote good will, cooperation, and fellowship in The Cedar Grove Community.

The members of this club have taken an active interest in the advancement of its school, in particular. One of its major projects has been the improvement of The Aycock School Grounds. Approximately 150 cedar posts were donated by Mr. Bill Tolar and sawed by Mr. Charlie Pope. They were finished in beautiful natural color and planted around the school lawn with Ruritan members donating all of the work involved, from cutting to planting, free of charge.

Next, the club undertook the obligation to construct a serviceable concrete walk extending across the front of the school building property and down the north side all the way to the back of the building. In this project, the club was appreciative of Mr. G. P. Carr and The Orange County Board of Education for donating all the materials involved, with the Ruritan Club doing the work free.

Some other outstanding accomplishments of The Cedar Grove Ruritan Club, to mention a few, are: Took an active interest which resulted in the admittance of George Corbett, a six year old colored boy crippled from birth, to the Gastonia Orthopaedic Hospital for treatment and possible cure; Gave \$20.00 in prizes to outstanding students in the local school at its annual graduation; Sponsored an interchurch picnic at Pullen Park in Raleigh, N. C.; Sponsored a trip to the Shubert Musical Festival in Charlottesville, Virginia for two of our local outstanding music students, Joe Compton and James Burton. Sponsored various worthwhile community projects such as public auctions, and the appearance of featured entertainers in the community; And as secretary for this active club, it would be easy to list many more worthwhile community accomplishments, but the most important one to date is the one that the members are working on now.

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Commissioners Approve Budget With Few Changes

Hillsboro—The Board of County Commissioners Monday formally approved with only minor changes, the budget for the 1952-53 fiscal year approved tentatively on July 7, and adopted a resolution formally setting the county tax rate at \$1.00 per \$100 valuation.

The new budget, which included increases in all major sections, listed proposed expenditures of \$721,545.08, or almost \$83,000 more than was expended last year in operating the county government.

At Monday's session, the Board approved a \$15 per month raise for Veterans Service Officer Walter Wrenn, bringing his salary to \$215 per month with a \$200 per year travel allowance, and granted a \$250 per year increase in the fee for the W. M. Russ Company for auditing the county's books. Otherwise the document remained as was tentatively approved earlier in the month, in the absence of protests from the electorate.

Consideration was given the request of the Chapel Hill City Administrative Unit for transferring approximately \$20,000 from their current expense budget to the capital outlay fund to enable the inclusion of a number of alternate items which had to be deleted from the contract for the construction of the new elementary school. It was believed such transfer was illegal because of the legal stipulation that general expense funds from tax money must be allotted to Chapel Hill strictly on a per capita basis and such funds normally cannot be used for capital outlay.

The commissioners, however, voted to approve any action to transfer the funds if such a transfer could be done legally. Subsequent contacts with officials of the State Board of Education and the Local Government Commission, however, indicated no legal basis for such a transfer.

DRAFT DELINQUENTS

Hillsboro—Edward Gilbert Young, Charlie J. Love and John Alton Brooks, were listed yesterday as delinquents by the Orange County selective service board.

The board requested that anyone knowing the whereabouts of these men contact them or the local board. It is the duty of all selective service registrants, said board, to keep the local board informed at all times as to their current mailing address. Anyone failing to comply with this regulation is subject to immediate induction.



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County Suffering Heavy Crop Losses From Heat, Drouth; Tobacco 25 Pct.

Caldwell Trio Fined For Trespass Molesting Woman

Hillsboro—A trio of the Caldwell section, who fortified themselves with liquor and invaded a neighbor's home to molest his wife, had to pay the penalty this week following their conviction in county court.

According to testimony, Bradsher Wilson, Wayne Miller and Roy Lee Jacobs on the afternoon of June 25 came to Harold Parker's home when the latter was away at work, brought in their liquor and refused to leave at the request of Mrs. Estelle Laws Parker who was there alone with her small child.

One of the men, Wilson, was said to have forced Mrs. Parker to go with him into the nearby woods and there hit her several times when she refused to accede to his demands. The trio then proceeded to wreck the place, tearing up furniture, pouring water on the floor and committing other damage.

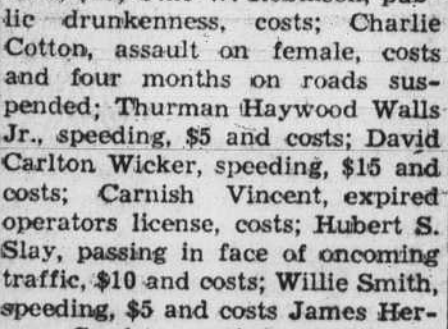
At one point in the proceedings Wilson took the baby in the car and went to a nearby filling station.

Convicted of drunken driving, illegal possession and transportation of whiskey, Wilson was fined \$150 and costs and a charge of assault on a female and forcible trespass, he drew another fine of \$50 and cost and a 12 month road sentence which was suspended under stipulations that he not trespass upon the property of Harold Parker or molest Mrs. Estelle Laws Parker.

Miller and Jacobs were both convicted of trespass as aiding and abetting in the transportation of whiskey, fined \$25 and costs and given three months suspended sentences among the conditions of which were that they not trespass upon the property of Parker or molest his wife.

In another case involving multiple charges, Freeman J. Tilley of Route 2, was fined \$200 and cost and a six months' road sentence suspended for two years for driving after his license was revoked, reckless driving and using another person's driver's license.

Other judgments included: Maynard Whitted, public drunkenness, two cases \$5 and costs each; Ormond P. Roberts, public drunkenness, allowing another person to use his operator's license, \$25; Otto W. Robinson, public drunkenness, costs; Charlie Cotton, assault on female, costs and four months on roads suspended; Thurman Haywood Walls Jr., speeding, \$5 and costs; David Carlton Wicker, speeding, \$15 and costs; Carnish Vincent, expired operators license, costs; Hubert S. Slay, passing in face of oncoming traffic, \$10 and costs; Willie Smith, speeding, \$5 and costs James Herman Gordon, passing on hill, \$10 and costs John Henry Herring, speeding, \$5 and costs Howard K. Tolbat, speeding, \$5 and costs; James D. Parker, speeding, prayer for judgment continued on condition the defendant not violate any motor vehicle law.



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Durham Assumes New Responsibility In Atomic Program

The death of Senator Brien McMahon of Connecticut earlier this week thrust additional burdens for atomic and hydrogen development on the shoulders of Orange County's Representative Carl T. Durham of Chapel Hill.

Durham, vice chairman of the joint Atomic Energy Committee, had been acting chairman during McMahon's illness. He is serving his 14th year in the House and is 3rd ranking member of the Armed Services Committee.

Durham and Sen. Bourke Hickeloooper (R-Ia) led a successful fight in the closing minutes of the 82nd Congress to make sure the Atomic Energy Commission has all the funds it needs for the first step in the gigantic atomic expansion program.

Durham, with his knowledge of atomic power and what it can do to civilian populations, has been the outstanding House proponent of a strong civil defense system. Durham is convalescing at Duke Hospital for respiratory troubles. Last year he underwent an operation in which the lower lobe of his right lung was removed.

Next year when the 83rd Congress convenes, the joint committee will select a chairman for the new session. It may be Durham, who would be the first House member to head the group.

The white-haired, 60-year-old Chapel Hillian has worked vigorously for a vast expansion of both the atomic and hydrogen programs to save the peace.

Communist Russia gives us utterly no choice but to pay out our treasure for preparedness," Durham said recently. "In the long run, if we can hold the Kremlin at bay, it will cost us far less to deter the aggressor from war than to fight and win it."

Carrboro Mills Plan Picnic, Dance

Carrboro—The Carrboro Woolen Mills' annual employees picnic and dance will be held on August 16 at Camp New Hope, officials of the plant announced this week. The picnic and dance is an annual event which the firm sponsors for its employees and their families.

In the afternoon there will be a sports and recreation program featuring athletic contests and other events for which prizes will be given, the winners in the various of competition. This will be followed by a picnic supper including Brunswick stew, chicken and other delicacies, the drawing for approximately 125 prizes which have been contributed for the event, and the square dance.

Eligible to attend with each employee is his wife or husband and all children under 18 years of age. Single employees may invite one guest, either girl or boy friend. Tickets are available through plant supervisors.

REVIVAL AT ANTIOCH

Revival services will begin next Sunday at the Antioch Baptist Church near Carrboro. The pastor, the Rev. George Purdie will be assisted in the series of services by the Rev. Caldwell Williams, who grew up as boy in Orange County.

Services will be held each evening next week, beginning at eight o'clock and everyone is given a most cordial invitation to attend.

Also, the annual "Homecoming" of Antioch will be held the following Sunday after the weeks revival on August 10th in an all day service. All former members, and friends of the church are urged to be present for the homecoming service.

2,065 DOGS VACCINATED

Hillsboro—Dr. O. D. Garvin, county health officer, has advised the Board of County Commissioners that 2,065 dogs have been vaccinated under the rabies control program this year.

These figures were compiled from vaccination certificates filed by the county's three veterinarians who acted as rabies control officers.

This year's total was approximately double the number vaccinated in the county last year.

Lack of rain and recent high temperatures have apparently damaged the 1952 tobacco in Orange County by as much as 20-25 per cent, according to local observers.

All crops are in dire need of water, and unless a rain comes in the next few days, the tobacco crop promises to be one of the shortest in recent years.

Pastures and gardens are drying up and corn is twisting up, but the real damage seems to be in regard to the county's chief money crop. Late tobacco has been especially hard hit. Its growth has been hampered, and its bottom leaves continue to dry up. Tobacco that has reached its normal size is burning up green.

Many farmers in the county continue to prime last week, but the quality of the tobacco pulled was said to have been poor. Other farmers report that they do not plan to pull until after the rain. "The tobacco is too sorry," they say. "It won't cure."

While the light rain did some good, accompanying heavy winds was damaging in some sections. A number of farmers also reported that the rain served little purpose except to scald their tobacco.

Recent drops in temperature have helped, and a good rain could greatly affect the present outlook. "There is a lot of come out in tobacco," many farmers say, "but it may be too late."

Crops and gardens in the area continued to take a beating during the heat wave and dry spell. With two days left in the month. Only 2.28 inches or about two-fifths of the normal amount of rain has fallen.

Hillsboro Camp Woodmen Of World Is Reorganizing

The Hillsboro Camp of the Woodmen of the World is reorganizing under the direction of John W. Brooks, of Durham, district representative.

The Hillsboro camp is about 30 years old and was at one time an active strong organization, becoming inactive during the war when travel restrictions became tight.

Soverign Brooks has also announced the formation of a boys club, which will consist of a training program for the boys and a camp site probably on the Eno River between Hillsboro and Durham.

A meeting was held at Taylors Cafe on Tuesday night 22 July to discuss plans for the reorganization. Sovereign Brooks, with the help of the members is searching for a suitable meeting place for the camp which will also serve as a local meeting hall for the boys.

Any former members of the Woodmen who are interested in reentering the camp is urged to contact Mr. Taylor either at the Cafe or the Barbershop in West Hillsboro.

The next meeting will be held Aug. 5 at Taylor's Cafe. Plans for building a new hall will be discussed at that time.

HOME COMING SUNDAY AT BETHEL CHURCH

The annual homecoming of the Bethel Baptist Church, Route 1, Chapel Hill is scheduled for next Sunday, August 3rd beginning at 11:00 A.M.

An all day service is planned with Edwin S. Lanier of the University of North Carolina bringing the message at the morning worship hour. Mr. Lanier's topic will be "The Individual Comes Home at the Church."

The afternoon service will be devoted largely to special music and to reminiscences of former members or pastors of the church. Among those who will sing is George Pirtle, new pastor at Antioch Church, who will also speak on "Christian Fellowship." Everyone is invited to pack a basket of lunch and come and share the fellowship of the day.

REV. MEISENHEIMER TO SPEAK TO NEW HOPE

The New Hope P.Y.F. members will have as their speaker this Friday night, August 1st, the Rev. Kay Meisenheimer, minister of the Cedar Grove-Fairfield and Little River Presbyterian Churches.

Mr. Meisenheimer will speak to the group on "Living Day by Day."