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RALEIGH Round-up

TOGETHER—When William B. Umstead and Kerr Scott sit down together to find a successor to Clyde A. Erwin, they must come up with a man acceptable to the Scott crowd and to Umstead's State Democratic Executive Committee.

You understand, of course, that the Governor has full authority to name Erwin's successor for the remainder of the present term. But the Executive Committee must appoint the man to run again November 4.

JAMES—When a vacancy occurred on the State Supreme Court with the death of Justice Seawell, the Governor disregarded the Executive Committee and appointed Utilities Commissioner Josh James brother of Wilmington. He held the place only a short time. No doubt a fine man, he was unknown generally about the State. We don't recall his first name; and doubt that you do.

SAME—Jeff Johnson succeeded James. Johnson had managed Frank Graham's campaign for the U.S. Senate. He was the choice of the committee. A native of Clinton, Johnson is making an excellent record on the State Supreme Court.

Gov. Scott knows that "the work is piling up over there" in the superintendent of education's office. He does not want a recurrence of the James affair. That is why he is sitting down with Umstead; so that his man and the Executive Committee's will be the same.

NATURAL—Although his name has not been mentioned, a natural for the superintendent's position is Claude F. Gaddy, who now handles religious education for the State Baptist Convention.

Gaddy, who is one of 10,000 of that name in the Union County area of the State, has broad experience. He is not only one of the finest christian characters we have ever known, he has been county superintendent of schools (Union) city superintendent (Raleigh), a college instructor (Wake Forest summer schools) and official of the State Department of Education (the old Equalization Board, parent of our modern school system, set up in 1927).

You can't beat a Gaddy, in Sweet Union or anywhere else. As for Claude, he is probably the most popular man around Raleigh.

Others in the running: June Rose, Greenville superintendent of schools; Charlie Carroll, superintendent, High Point City Schools; and Joe R. Nixon, Lincoln County Schools. The word we get is that nobody over 60 will be chosen for the position, which is one of the most arduous in our State government. Gaddy is around 55.

\$7,000 MORE—A new wrinkle in North Carolina politics seems to be moving along rather well. If you would like to contribute to Judge Hubert Olive's unsuccessful campaign for Governor, contributions are still being gladly received.

When the contest was over, Campaign Manager R.E. Earp said that Olive was \$12,000 short of meeting campaign expenses. Earp said last week this amount had been whittled down to around \$7,000 by contributions from friends. He thinks friends should help Judge Olive defray the remainder. If you would like to make a contribution, send it directly to Judge Olive in Lexington, or to Dr. Earp at Smithfield, or W.K. Scott, Raleigh. They will see that it reaches the proper channel.

TUG OF WAR—He would like to come to North Carolina, but as Democratic nominee for the Presidency he must remain free of local political controversy. This may prevent Adlai Stevenson's visit to this State before he election in November.

He had no right to do so, not knowing whether the Democrats would even want him after the convention, but Chairman Frank McKinney assured Jonathan Daniels and Kerr Scott when he was here last spring that President Truman and the Democratic Presidential nominee would launch the Democrats' fight for their sixth consecutive term in the White House from Kerr Scott's farm at

Haw River.

Now Jonathan Daniels talked to Stevenson for quite a while a few hours after his nomination—no doubt telling him of Chairman McKinney's promise and urging him to come to Haw River. But now McKinney says he wants to resign as chairman of the party, and Truman is awaiting word from Stevenson as to what he will do.

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GOP MEETING

Orange County Republicans are scheduled to meet at the courthouse in Hillsboro, Wednesday night, August 13, at 8 o'clock. All members of the Republican party and other interested in the fall campaign are invited by Chairman M. L. Cates to be present.

Rural Progress Report No. 2

Young Veteran Farmer Is Fine Example Of Use of Better Farming Methods



Home improvement came first on agenda of the Alonzo Wrights.



A portion of the young veteran's pasture land and cattle.

Under the impetus of the Orange County Rural Progress Campaign for 1952, increased production of field crops tends to be a growing concern of farmers throughout the county.

Crop rotation, fertilization practices, soil conservation, and the use of hybrid seed are all means by which our farmers are seeking higher production.

A singular example of the use of better farming methods can be found on the farm of a young war veteran, Alonzo C. Wright.

This farmer, although limited in his resources has done a remarkable job on his farm and has been an ideal student in the classroom, according to Charles Langston, Agriculture teacher at Aycock School. Just a little over a year ago, Wright purchased the old Miller farm, located at Efland, Route 1, which was run down and in general a bad farming situation for a young man starting out on his own.

One of the first things that Wright did was to clean up the homestead and get his living quarters in shape for himself and his

County, Towns Get Over \$25,000 From Intangibles

A total of \$19,588.33 will be turned over to Orange County this week as its share of the intangible personal property tax collections made in the State during the fiscal year ending June 30.

It will be part of \$3,382,289.06 to be distributed by the State Board of Assessment. In addition to the county fund, Hillsboro will receive \$1,177.68; Chapel Hill, \$6,662.56; Carrboro, \$1,982.08; and Mebane \$290.80.

Checks will be put in the mail this week, according to board secretary J. C. Bethune. The State keeps 20 per cent of the total tax take and returns 80 per cent to the counties, cities, and towns.

Intangible tax collections for fiscal 1952 amounted to \$4,227,873.83 and were the greatest in State history. For fiscal 1951, the total was \$3,995,496.51 and 10 years ago the figure was \$1,570,760.31.

The tax covers bank deposits, stocks, bonds, notes, charge accounts, interest and similar items. Shares of stocks, taxed to the tune of \$1,751,577.03 yielded the largest single amount, while bank deposits produced \$1,194,662.61.

Drought Damage To Orange Crops Estimated Approximate \$1 Million

Property Revaluation Program By Professional Firm Is Likely

Hillsboro—A strong likelihood developed this week that Orange County will have a complete taxable property revaluation program carried out by a professional firm and extending over a two-fiscal year period.

The new values would go into effect in 1954 in that event.

The need for such a revaluation has been felt for a long time and while no formal decision has been made by the Board of County Commissioners, there were strong indications Monday that all three members were leaning toward the professional job.

Their attitude had been strengthened by recent studies of Institute of Government material and guides for a complete revaluation and a consultation with Zeb C. Burton of Cedar Grove former member of the Orange County School Board, who served on the three man board which reassessed all real property in the county in 1947. Burton estimated the job would take two years if done by local groups and that the expense would be nearly as much if a complete job was done, but at the same time not as effective.

Around \$20,000 was set up in the current budget for the revaluation and this would likely have to be supplemented in the budget for the next fiscal year. If a decision is made in favor of the hiring of an outside firm, bids would be accepted from a number of such firms which do this sort of work.

In other actions Monday the Board heard a number of requests for road improvements and approved one petition for adding to the State system, a road known as the Old Weaver Road, .35 mile, from Jones Ferry to the Carrboro town limits. Two petitions were heard for the extension of Margaret Lane in Hillsboro from the town limits through Belle Vue Village to Belle Vue Avenue a distance of 2 miles. S. A. Whitfield and Homer Butler sought improvement of a road in Bingham township from Old White Cross south 1.1 miles. E. G. Ward appeared to ask for a road in Cheeks township, and Charlie and Thomas Atwater and F. M. Ward asked the Commissioners to approve a petition for black topping the road from White Cross to the Chatham County line by way of Antioch Church, and Attorney Jerry Stone presented a request for improvement of a road from Highway 86 to the old Roxboro-Hillsboro road by way of Fryer's Airstrip. Stone also presented one of the Margaret Lane Extension petitions and Lynwood Brown another.

EFLAND JR'S REORGANIZE

Efland—The Efland Council of the Junior Order United American Mechanics will meet next week after a campaign to revive and revitalize the fraternity.

A campaign conducted recently by Walter H. Paramore, of Durham, state council representative, has resulted in a very successful effort to reestablish the Efland unit of the organization.

Officers of the Junior Order in Efland include J. H. McAdams, J. D. Graham, J. E. Wilson and other well known men of the community.

MT HERMON BAPTIST CHURCH SPONSORS SUPPER

The Hudson Memorial Bible class of the Mount Hermon Baptist Church will sponsor a Brunswick stew and chicken stew supper, Saturday night, August 9, on the church grounds. Homemade cakes and pies will also be on the menu.

Supper will be served from 5 to 8 o'clock.

Mt. Hermon Baptist Church is located on the old Hillsboro Road eight miles West of Durham. Proceeds from the supper will be used on the building funds of the church. The public is cordially invited to attend.

GUEST MINISTER

Hillsboro—Dr. Lewis E. Wethington, professor in the School of Religion of Duke University, will preach at the Presbyterian church here this Sunday at 11 o'clock.

Dr. Wethington has served churches in Durham and in Pennsylvania. He is a graduate of Bucknell University and Duke University.

The pastor, the Rev. Irving Birdseye, and family are out of town visiting with his parents and spending two weeks at Lewis Point, Oneida Lake, in New York.

County-wide Committee Is Appointed To Plan 200th Anniversary Observance

Hillsboro—A nine-member county-wide committee to plan a program in observance of Orange County's 200th Anniversary was named this week by the Board of County Commissioners.

Survey Team Recommends Elementary School At Cameron Park For Hillsboro

Chapel Hill Boosts Phone, Water Rates

Chapel Hill—Water and telephone rate increases will go into effect in Chapel Hill Sept. 1, it has been announced by the University utilities division.

Telephone rates, which have been unchanged for over 20 years, will go up as much as 50 per cent. Water rates, for individual customers, will be hiked a flat 20 per cent.

Chapel Hill users of the utilities were notified Saturday of the changes. They were told that the increases were based on a consideration of the problems involved in the University's service and a comparative study of rates in other North Carolina towns.

The new telephone rates will range from a low of \$2.50 per month for a four-party residence phone, to \$6.70 a month for a one-party business phone. A 36 per cent increase is being made for the four-party telephones which constitute a majority of the 4,528 instruments on the exchange. The former rate was \$1.75 a month—75 cents less than the new charge.

A five cent per 1,000 gallons increase is being made in the water rate; to bring the new charge to 30 cents a thousand gallons, with a minimum charge of \$1.20 (4,000 gallons). A comparison of this rate with the scale in eight nearby communities showed the new charge to be at least five cents per 1,000 gallons less than any of them.

Orange FFA Boys Get High Award At Convention

Hillsboro—Bob Strayhorn and Mitchell Lloyd representing the Hillsboro chapter of Future Farmers of America at the annual state convention of FFA held in Raleigh last week, were given the organization's highest state ward, the degree of Carolina Farmer.

These young men graduated from the Hillsboro High School in May of this year and are the first students from Hillsboro to ever receive this high award.

Each of these Carolina Farmers has completed four years of vocational agriculture training and manage the home farm, where diversified farming is practiced.

Eb and Mitchell expect to qualify within the required time of three years for the high honor of the degree of American Farmer. This award is presented at the national annual convention of Future Farmers of America.

Elmer R. Dowdy, teacher of agriculture in the Hillsboro school, was awarded the honorary degree of Carolina Farmer by the recent state convention for his work with the Hillsboro Chapter.

Hillsboro—The drought damage to crops and livestock in Orange County will reach almost a million dollars.

This was the estimate given the Board of County Commissioners Monday by County Agent Don S. Matheson, who with the help of his staff surveyed the county during the weekend.

Recent rains, he pointed out, have been general and have done much good, especially in reviving the growth of lespedeza used for hay and pasture. These rains, however, he continued came too late to prevent serious damage.

He gave this estimated breakdown of damages suffered by the county as a whole. In some sections damage to certain crops was much higher.

Tobacco, 20 percent or \$600,000. Corn, 25 percent or \$195,000. Hay, 25 percent or \$56,000. Pasturage, 25 percent or \$75,000. Loss in milk and egg production caused by extreme heat, \$30,000.

While the estimates of these five categories totaled \$956,000, he agreed that losses to farmers who have been forced to get rid of beef cattle and thus flooded the market, bringing prices down, and other miscellaneous damages could easily bring the drought and heat damage to Orange County to \$1,000,000 in round figures.

He explained in making these estimates that there is always a tendency in periods of dry weather to underestimate the tremendous recuperative power of crops. While all the county suffered serious loss, the northern tobacco communities extending from Walnut Grove to Carr were the most seriously damaged.

Entire fields of corn in tassel without a single ear were frequently seen. Tobacco for which this section is noted is only knee high on many farms and seems to be damaged 50 percent or more.

He pointed out that farmers can help themselves, especially in regard to their feed supply. To that end, county agents are holding meetings in the most seriously damaged sections and are making the following suggestions:

1. Don't rush thin livestock on the market, if you can possibly help it. Markets over the south-east are crowded with this type cattle and the price has broken:

2. In fields of corn with little or no ears present, consider putting in a silo or cutting it down for feed and planting this land to a late hay crop.

3. Sudan grass (30 pounds per acre) or soybeans (2 bushels per acre) seeded separately or mixed are about the only crops we can expect to make hay, if sowed within the next few days. Fertilize liberally (400 lbs. of 8-8-8 fertilizer per acre)

4. Corn, even when normal, will always make more feed in silage than any other way. A bulldozer in a few hours can dig out a trench which will hold many tons of silage. Several farmers are doing this now. We might be able to help you make arrangements to have this done if you so desire.

5. A most important practice is the speeding of a small grazing acreage to a mixture of oats barley and rye (use twice as much seed as for regular seed production) mixed with 15 lbs. of crimson clover. Seed in August, fertilize with 400 lbs. of 8-8-8 per acre and top dress with 20-30 lbs. of nitrogen after it comes up. This small acreage with an electric fence will afford fall, some winter, and spring grazing.

6. Keep a look out on old pastures which have over grazed. If ladino-orchard grass or fescue fails to come back make plans to harrow and re-seed this fall.

7. This season has proven that we need 2 acres of improved permanent pasture per animal unit to be safe. In your future plans, bear this in mind.

8. Demonstrations are being held in the county in the use of irrigation systems to provide water for pastures, truck crops, and tobacco. Farmers should learn the facts about these systems. On some farms they may be practical.

EXEMPTED FROM LICENSES

Hillsboro—Early Edwards, veteran of World War I who has both legs amputated was exempted from all Schedule B licenses for peddling in Carrboro by action of Board of County Commissioners Monday. The request for this consideration was made by Manning A. Simmons of Chapel Hill