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RALEIGH Round-up

INVESTIGATION

Have members of the State Highway Commission been using their offices for real estate profit-
ers persist some of them purchased land through highways were later built. is so, then we are pretty dragging bottom in North officialdom. Naturally, commissioners are the know where and when roads will be built and where will be straightened and improved.
is surprised if the 1953 probe probes pretty deeply matter. A thorough investigation is being planned.
commissioners have used office for private gain, the example in so doing. Raleigh Columnist Lynn Nisbet said week that Kerr Scott has not land where new highways going before the general knew about the proposed

GS, TOO?

Chapel Hill for its sandy sidewalks, beauty, and its dogs. neighbors in one particular section of the University town have complaining about the noisiness being put on by a group of cocker spaniels. happen to be the property of a Wilson, academic vice president of the University of Carolina.
of last Saturday, it looked as if the son might become the new president of the University of Carolina. Neighbors in Chapel Hill get the job, for they like and want to see him advance. also want him to take the with him. Chances are they want to go, for Chapel Hill is nearest thing to dog heaven of Valhalla.

OTHER JOHN

We keep reports from here and about the State that John of Chapel Hill, older of William and a legislator, is setting the stage for running Governor Umstead's Legislature—particularly as the House.
was recently with Democrat-inee Bill at Nags Head, and another occasion at Morehead That was enough to set the rolling.
have it straight, and believe that Brother John does wan Concord's Gene Best to be next Speaker of the House. er John is said to be doing can to build up Guilford ty's Tommy Turner.

JUNCTION

Plans may be here to block Governor Kerr Scott's determination to that Alamance County gets \$750,000 surplus—expected to accumulated by the end of fiscal year, or next June 30. though since Scott fired Dave ane, he has been calling the etary tunes pretty well, the 000 deal must have the ap- of the State Highway Com- on.
may be that injunction pro- gram can result in the entire becoming ensnared in procedure.
at's the idea: get the case in hands of lawyers somehow to an extent that it will be kick- round until the General As- sly comes to town in January. ever, January is better than months away, and that's a long run.
those opposing this latest long move of Scott can delay judgment until the legisla- get to town, they feel they be home free. Could be, for Legislature has the power to it unceremoniously out the

MOUNTAINS

Although segment of the State blast- way at the Governor for this bit of mental inbreeding, mountain counties apparent- el it worst. With most of the e, this year's political battles through, finished, and have since the Primary. With sev-

eral of the mountain counties, the real fight doesn't come until November 4 when they take on the Republicans.

It isn't going to be easy this year. First it was Charles Britt ignoring advice from the various county boards of elections. The worst thing, up until last week, was the Greensboro Daily News revelation that, percentage-wise, more roads have been built in Kerr Scott's Haw River neighborhood than anywhere else in the State. The Republicans have had photostatic copies of the newspaper article and pictures and are broadcasting throughout the hill country where the vote is close.
Now comes the \$750,000 item of homemonogering. Bitter as gall and wormwood is it to many a good Democrat in Western North Carolina.
Well... slightly residential.

SAVED PROGRAM

Going into the mountains in the spring of 1949, the \$225,000,000 road and school bond vote which was to put Scott in the category with good Governors was defeated but when the mountains took over, there was no stopping them.
In some of mountain counties, the vote was ten to one in favor of the Good Schools and Roads Program. If memory serves correctly—as it seldom does—11 of these counties saved the day, and to them must go a major portion of he credit for the victory. They could have swung it either way.
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Exchange Club Receives Award At State Conclave

The Hillsboro Exchange Club was awarded second place trophy for the most outstanding projects in the state at the recent State Exchange Club Convention.
The first place award went to the Saxapahaw Club for a \$20,000 Medical Clinic constructed during the past year.
The project which brought the local club this honor was the erection of the fence around the High School Athletic Field plus a large number of small projects.
Frank Ray, past president of the local club, was elected to the State Board of Control during the business session of the Convention.

Rural Progress Report No. 4

FHA Helping Tenant Farmers To Earn More, Achieve Greater Stability With Loan Program

The Farmers Home Administration is cooperating with other agricultural agencies, farm groups, civic groups, religious organizations and farm men and women in sponsoring the rural progress program in Orange County. One of the goals is to increase farm income by \$1,000 per family sized farm in 1952.
The Farmers Home Administration Supervisor in working with FHA families urged them to participate in the rural progress program. The ways of increasing farm income was discussed with the families. It was pointed out to them that approximately 88 percent of their farm income last year was from crops and about 86 percent was from tobacco alone. Since tobacco is under acreage controls, it was readily seen that if they were going to improve their farm economy, they must seek other sources of farm income.
It has been definitely proven that combination livestock and crop farming is sound agriculture and is safer than crop farming alone. Available resources showed that livestock could be added to the present farm set-up of practically every farm in the area. Therefore a livestock enterprise was suggested as a means of increasing the income on most of the farms in the county. The FHA worked out plans with all of its present borrowers and provided the funds when necessary to establish an enterprise which would increase the income of its families. Mitchell Burnett, Rt. 1, Ef-

Hospital Opening

Chapel Hill—A new era in the history of the University and Orange County will be on Tuesday, September 2.

That's the day when the first patients will be admitted to the University's 400-bed Teaching Hospital which has just been completed.

It will be an informal opening and no ceremony is planned. Formal dedication ceremonies are to be held late this fall or not later than next spring.

The original schedule tentatively called for the formal opening and dedication on October 9-10. But these plans were cancelled because several of the speakers invited were not available then and because landscaping and parking areas will not be completed by that time.

In preparation for the first patients the staff will begin a week's orientation program on August 25.

Notification of the opening date and other information relating to the hospital, including members of he staff and rates, has been sent to all physicians in North Carolina by Dean W. Reece Berryhill of the School of Medicine, and Dr. Robert R. Cadmus, Director of the Hospital.

The letter said that later on "we anticipate an impressive dedication ceremony at which time there will be special programs for the physicians in North Carolina as well as a formal opportunity to see the completely and fully-equipped institution."

Meanwhile, the physicians were cordially invited to visit and inspect the Hospital at any time.

Provided for in appropriations by the 1947 and 1949 Legislatures, the building has been under construction for three years.

The total cost has been approximately \$5,000,000. To be exact, the building is listed at \$3,948,908 and the equipment at \$830,000.

On recommendation of the University Administration, the Trustees have named the building the North Carolina Memorial Hospital.

It is to be a memorial "to those
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CARRBORO MAN ACCUSED OF ATTEMPTED RAPE

Carrboro—A 28-year-old Carrboro white man has been charged with assault with intent to commit rape on a 14-year-old Negro girl who he had hired as a baby sitter.

Jack Lloyd was accused earlier this week of making advances to Shirley Reavis after he had gone to her home in his car and picked her up.

Homecoming New Hope Sunday

The congregation of 194 year old New Hope Presbyterian Church, located between Chapel Hill and Hillsboro, will observe Homecoming Sunday, August 24th with all day services, according to the Rev. John E. Ensign, minister of the Church.

The Homecoming celebration will begin at 11 o'clock with a former pastor, Dr. S. W. DuBose of Davis & Elkins College, Elkins, West Virginia, delivering the morning sermon. The Rev. Carl B. Craig, of Jacksonville and a son of the Church, will deliver the afternoon sermon at 2 o'clock on the subject of "Building a New Church. Miss Peggy Strayhorn daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Sidney Strayhorn, will be soloist for the occasion.

"Dinner on the grounds" will be served immediately following the morning service.

All friends of the church are invited to attend.

Maurice Julian Pays \$5,000 Fine For Tax Evasion

Maurice S. Julian, Chapel Hill merchant, Monday paid the \$5,000 fine imposed on him for income tax evasion in a Rule Day session of District Court Friday.

Personnel in the office of clerk of Middle District Court said Julian appeared in person to present a check covering the fine.

A plea of no contest was entered before Judge Johnson J. Hayes on Friday. Judge Hayes sentenced the businessman to one year in prison, but ordered the term suspended if Julian paid the fine within 30 days.

Now that the fine is paid, Julian will be on probation for three years.

A grand jury in Buckingham brought the original charges on March 2. Julian was charged with failing to file a tax return for 1948 and with making false returns for 1949 and 1950. Internal Revenue Department agents said the merchant reported income of \$4,938.12 and \$4,936.55 for the two latter years. His actual earnings were alleged to be \$24,277.56 for 1948, \$18,091.81 for 1949, and \$19,154.37 for 1950.

Taxes and penalties for all four years amounted to \$23,141.96. Had Julian paid the tax on time, it would have totaled only \$14,189.71, agents said.

The Chapel Hill merchant paid both the tax and the penalty before he was sentenced last Friday. The revenue department received \$15,000 from him on June 2 and the rest last week.

Plan Pageant, Speaking As Bi-centennial Events

Negro Mother Is Acquitted On Murder Charge Here

Hillsboro—The Superior Court whittled away this week at one of the heaviest dockets in Orange County's long history, well over 100 cases, and appeared yesterday to be making steady progress.

Judge William I. Halstead, a special Superior Court judge, is presiding with Solicitor William B. Murdock prosecuting.

In one of two capital cases on the docket, Mattie Lee Whitley, young Negro mother of the Dodson's Cross Roads section, yesterday was found not guilty of murdering her husband about a year ago in a directed verdict by Judge Halstead. At the close of the State's case, a motion for non suit by the defense was allowed. State's testimony tended to show that the girl fired in self defense.

Heaviest sentence during the first two days of the session went to Thomas John Johnston for breaking into Long Meadow Farms plant and stealing \$409. He

Grand Jury Finds 'Clever' Officials Ready To Help

Hillsboro — It was "right smart of a compliment" the Grand Jury said Orange County officials this week for some sort of cooperation which enabled it to wind up its affairs in a matter of hours.

Said the jury in its report filed Monday afternoon:

"All county officials have been more than clever and cooperative in helping the Grand Jury in the performance of its duties. The Solicitor and the Judge by their kindness and cooperation have enabled the Grand Jury to dispense its duties in short order."

Otherwise, the report was largely routine insofar as it pertained to the inspection of county facilities.

A true bill of indictment was returned in a capital case in which a Chapel Hill Negro, Rudolph Cotton, was charged with carnal knowledge of Josephine Farrington, a female under 12 years of age.

One half of the grand jury was sworn in at this term and Leroy Hall took the oath as foreman. Other new jurors for a six months term were: John Lee Riley, Howard M. Pendergraph, Julian S. Gill, B. F. Pollard, Worth Haithcock, James C. Marshall, Chester Gates and Calvin Y. Squires.

was sentenced to three to four years on the roads.

One of the oldest cases on the docket, continued for six or eight terms of court, a drunken driving charge against Jesse Lee Jones, finally got to the jury and a not guilty verdict was the result.

Willie G. Atwater, also facing a drunken driving court drew the standard \$100 fine and costs; while John H. Williams was fined \$200 and costs on two cases of driving after his license had been revoked.

Golden Hazden and Floyd Headon, following presentation of the case for the State, pled guilty to illegal possession of whiskey, and were each given six months sentences suspended on payment of \$50 fine and comply with probation terms for two years. Jack Roberson, upon an appeal of two cases of public drunkenness, got two consecutive 30 day jail sentences.

On seven charges of breaking and entering, Morris Lee Harris from Alamance County was sentenced to two to three years on the roads, to be served at the conclusion of a term he is now serving. Robert Williams was directed to pay a fine of \$25 and costs on an appeal from a public drunkenness count and Thomas C. McLaurin drew a one year sentence suspended on a forgery charge.

Six defendants who had failed to list taxes, but who had all subsequently paid them after warrants had been drawn, were ordered to pay the costs of court for which the county might be liable. They were Walter Carroll, James A. Wade, C. T. Lashley, Floyd Edwards, Tommy Clark, another tax evader who had not listed for seven years, was ordered to pay \$3 for each year, the regular \$2 poll tax and \$1 per year penalty, plus the costs of court. Pete Farrington, the eighth man facing this charge, failed to appear for trial.

William B. Lassister was charged in two cases with driving without an operator's license and fined \$25 and costs in each.

Willie Jenkins pled guilty to assaulting Ingram with a deadly weapon and received a sentence of 18 months to two years suspended on payment of the costs, including \$300 to Ingram for Lincoln Hospital bills.

Thirteen cases were continued for the term at the beginning of the session Monday.

The steering committee named by the Board of County Commissioners to plan a program for the observance of Orange County's 200th Anniversary has tentatively set October 15 as the day for the event.

Rough plans for the bicentennial observance were drafted at a meeting of the committee during the past week but many details still have to be worked out, according to Chairman L. J. Phipps.

Main features of the tentative plan are a public speaking, if possible in connection with the cornerstone laying of the new courthouse, an historical pageant depicting outstanding phases of the county's early history, including the founding of the University, exhibits in the oldcourthouse and tours of other historic sites in the vicinity.

The entire observance will be wrapped up in a one-day affair.

The program would begin, according to the tentative plan, in the morning with the public speaking and cornerstone laying. People of not only this county but also of the area comprising the original grant would be invited to bring picnic lunches. A guide would be prepared showing the historic sites and an effort would be made to have many of these open for visitors.

In the afternoon the historical pageant, with as many schools as possible participating in the preparation of different scenes, would be held.

Possible site for the pageant will be the Oconnechee Race Track plant a mile East of Hillsboro and the event may be held in evening if lighting can be arranged.

The tentative program will be presented to the Board of Commissioners probably on September 2. No decision has yet been made as to a possible budget or a county appropriation for the observance.

R. B. Studebaker of Carrboro has been named a member of the steering committee replacing an original appointee, Mrs. L. R. Sturdivant, who was unable to serve. Other members in addition to the chairman, Phipps, are S. Strudwick and Edwin M. Lynch of Hillsboro, Hugh Lefler of Chapel Hill, Clem Cheek of Orange Grove, Mrs. Mack Paul Eiland Jr. of Efland, Mrs. Robert Earl Hughes of Cedar Grove, and Mrs. Clyde Roberts of St. Mary's community.

Donald Stanford New President Of County YDC

Hillsboro—Donald M. Stanford of White Cross was elected president by acclamation as the Orange County Young Democrats Club met here Monday night at the courthouse to prepare for the State Convention and the Fall campaign.

Stanford who had previously served as vice-president succeeded James R. Farlow, Chapel Hill attorney.

Named on the slate with Stanford were Judge William Steward of Chapel Hill, first vice president, Mrs. Mary Susan Robertson Gattis, Hillsboro, second vice president, and James Cheshire Jr., Efland, secretary and treasurer.

The club made plans for a large delegation to attend the State Convention in Greensboro, September 4-5-6 and to vote as a unit there after a caucus of those in attendance. All Orange County members attending will be official delegates.

The club took preliminary action also to plan a rally for the Fall campaign and directed the president to contact gubernatorial Nominee William B. Umstead as a possible speaker.

EXCHANGE CLUB SOFTBALL DINNER

The Hillsboro Exchange Club will sponsor The Annual Softball Dinner Thursday night, August 28th at 7 p.m.

Hillsboro High School will be the site of this affair that honors the winning softball teams in both the boys and girls league. Awards will also be presented to the boy and girl showing most outstanding sportsmanship during league play. A program is being planned and will feature an outstanding speaker. Tickets to cover the cost of the meal are now on sale and everyone is invited.



John Henry Van Hook looks over his sow and pig with Walter McPherson, Asst. Supervisor of Farmers' Home Administration.