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## Thanksgiving Day - 1952



Old Tom Turkey, the traditional symbol of American Thanksgiving and the fellow most in the news this week, has little to be thankful for from the expression on his doleful beak, and its easy to see why. For most of us, our friends and neighbors, the story is entirely different.

Orange County will celebrate Thanksgiving in the traditional manner as businesses, offices, schools, industrial plants and government units observe the national holiday.

The majority will observe the day at home around traditional Thanksgiving Dinners as families gather from far and wide. Others will take advantage of the holiday for hunting or other recreational activity. Churches throughout the county will hold the usual Thanksgiving services either last night when a number were scheduled or this morning.

Some industrial plants will resume operations Friday morning along with business in general while schools will observe the remainder of the week. Drivers have been cautioned by safety officials to be extremely careful during the holidays and the word of caution was also extended to hunters, who generally turn out in large numbers with the opening of the season.

### Chapel Hill's New Christmas Lights To Go On Monday

Chapel Hill - Chapel Hill's newly purchased Christmas decorations will be turned on next Monday night if tentative plans of the Decorations Committee headed by Tom Rosemond are carried out. The decorations this year promise to be more colorful than ever before with the use of 50 five-foot-high plastic candles mounted on the street light standards. Additional decorations, illuminated Santa Claus faces, at the street intersections, large quantities of evergreens, and lighted Christmas trees on the Methodist Church lawn and at the Bus Station will add to the festive appearance of the community in the pre-Christmas season.

Mr. Rosemond said yesterday the mountings for the candles, which are fed with simulated wax dripping from the top and "Merry Christmas" in colored lights at the base, have not yet arrived but are expected at any time.

EXPLANATION  
Curtis Jones named last week in the Recorders Court record in connection with an assault charge was not the Curtis H. Jones of the Hurdle Mills section. Mr. Jones requested that the News make this clarification.

## New County Board To Take Reins, Organize On Monday

### Bingham Township Negro Bound Over On Charge Of Murdering Wife In 1949

Hillsboro—Paul Morgan, Bingham township Negro, almost three years after the brutal murder of his wife, Nina, in February 1949, went on trial for the first time this week in a preliminary hearing before Judge L. J. Phipps, who found probable cause and bound him over to Superior Court. Morgan had been in jail here since September when he was found in Wake County, where he had been working on a farm.

Former Orange County Coroner H. J. Walker, who with Sheriff S. T. Latta was called to the two-apartment house in which the Morgans lived just off highway 54, 12 miles south of Chapel Hill, about 12 to 15 hours after the woman's death, found the woman's body lying face down on the bed with signs of "very bad blows on the face and body and a broken leg." "I think she was beaten to death," he said in answer to a question as to the woman's death.

Testimony indicated she was beaten with a stout dogwood stick, which appeared to have been used as a poker and other pieces of wood and bark were found in the vicinity of the bed. Evidence which Prosecutor John Q. LeGrand sought to weave around the 40 year old defendant, Donzelle and Willie Lee Vick, Negro couple who lived in the other apartment of the house, testified Morgan was at home when they left around midday of the day the murder allegedly occurred, that they had heard violent arguing between the two, and that Morgan previously had been known to hit his wife. The Vick woman also testified that she had seen Morgan in Raleigh a year or so after the killing and he had admitted the act, had given her 50 cents and threatened her life also if she didn't keep quiet.

Lloyd Noell and Jerry B. Stone, young local attorneys, defended Morgan as appointees of the court and in their cross examination of witnesses played heavily on the circumstantial nature of the evidence in an effort to get the charge dismissed.

Morgan was ordered held until the next term of Superior Court without privilege of bond. In other actions the following and costs: Clem Boyd, public decisions were rendered: Thomas Medlin, public drunkenness, \$5; Ben Woods, drunkenness, costs; Ben Woods, assault, \$10 and costs; James Rob-

ertson, carrying concealed weapon and public drunkenness, \$50 and costs and pistol confiscated; John H. Gates, illegal possession, non tax paid whiskey and public drunkenness, \$10 and costs; Robert Ward, illegal possession of non tax paid whiskey, and public drunkenness, \$10 and costs; Bobby McCulloch, passing without sufficient clearance, costs; Graham Robertson, assault with deadly weapon, three months on roads, suspended and pay costs; Marvin Lee Workman, reckless driving, \$25 and costs.

James Holman, speeding, \$20 and costs; Alex A. Autry, assault, costs; Carr Vallines, drunken driving, \$100 and costs; James Marshall Phelps, speeding, \$20 and costs; Jack M. Baity Jr., public drunkenness, costs; Gonzalos Steward, improper equipment \$10 and costs; Thomas Lee Dudley, speeding, \$10 and costs; Henry Samuel Walker, failing to dim headlights, costs; James Parham, stop sign violation, \$10 and costs; Henry Lee Reynolds, speeding, \$15 and costs; Rubin H. Johnson, public drunkenness, costs; Robert Clay Hogan, exceeding road width limit, costs.

### To Present Movie



The sound and color movie, "God Is My Landlord", will be shown at the Hillsboro Methodist church on Sunday night, November 30, at 7:30 p.m. The picture will be shown personally by Raymond J. Jeffreys, author of the book from which the movie was taken, and who also wrote the script for the movie.

Major county appointive officers come up for reappointment and the new Board of County Commissioners takes over Monday when it meets at 10 o'clock for its regular meeting and the first of the new term.

R. J. M. Hobbs of Chapel Hill, elected to the county board for the first time on November 4, will join incumbent Commissioners R. O. Forrest and Sim L. Eiland.

All three will take the oath of office and then organize for the new term. Hobbs succeeds Chairman Collier Cobb Jr., who completing 14 years on the board did not seek reelection.

R. O. Forrest is expected to be named chairman, although Eiland has the longest tenure on the Board. Forrest's residence in Hillsboro, the seat of the county government, his long association with county affairs and his service as chairman of the county Democratic Executive Committee are expected to be factors in his selection for the presiding position. It is not believed Hobbs will seek the post since he will be sitting on the board for the first time.

Appointment of the Tax Supervisor, the judge and solicitor of the Orange County Recorder's Court are major items of business on the calendar. No changes in these positions are expected.

Tax lists also come up for appointments and bids will be opened on the job of re-wiring the old courthouse.

### County, Towns Get Beer Tax Refund Of \$30,000

Orange County and its municipalities have received slightly less than \$30,000 as their share of the State taxes collected in the year ending September 30 on the sale of beer and wine.

Of the total \$29,990, the county gets \$19,157, Chapel Hill \$7,992, Hillsboro \$1,157; Carrboro \$1,563 and Mebane (for that part in Orange) \$121.

A total of \$2,354 in checks was sent to the 287 counties and towns across the State for allowing beer and wine to be sold. A 1947 law requires the Revenue Department to remit a portion of the taxes it collects on beer and fortified wines to the towns and counties where those beverages may be sold. The amount the department is mailing out this year was slightly under the \$2,427,000 the State returned last year.

## County's Negro Progress Drive Rates In Top Five

### Dates Are Set For PMA Elections Next Month

A. K. McAdams, secretary of the Orange County Production and Marketing Administration, announced today that county elections for PMA community committees will be held on Thursday, December 18.

At that time three committees, two alternates, and one delegate and one alternate to pick a county committee, will be elected from each of the county's 10 communities. The following day, on December 19, a county PMA Committee of three men with two alternates will be chosen by the 10 delegates.

Prior to the election, on December 8, 9, and 10, candidates will be nominated at meetings in each of the community polling places. Their names will then be placed on the ballots.

Nominating meetings will be held at Carr, St. Mary's, Orange Grove and New Hope at 7 o'clock on December 8 and Cedar Grove and Caldwell at 8 o'clock. On December 9, meetings will be held at Eiland at 7 o'clock, White Cross at 7:30 o'clock and Hillsboro at 3 o'clock. The tenth community meeting will be at Carrboro on December 10 at 7:30 o'clock.

Every person who had a definite interest in a tobacco crop during 1952 or participated in the 1952 ACP program or was eligible for any commodity loan will be eligible to vote.

McAdams estimated that around 1,800 farmers would be eligible to vote in the election. He urged all farmers to take an active interest in the selection of their community committee.

"These committees along with the responsibility of administering all PMA programs in the county for 1953," he said.

### New Officers Are Elected By 4-H Clubs

Hillsboro - New officers have just been elected in the twelve 4-H clubs in Orange County.

These officers will serve from January 1952 to January 1953 instead of the previous form from September until September. They are as follows:

Aycock Senior Club—President Carl Walters, Vice Pres. Peggy Roberts, Treasurer Priscilla Wilkerson, Secretary Elizabeth Talley, Program Chairman Betty Jane Walters, Song Leader Martha Rogers, Pianist Jim Compton, Reporter James Hauser.

Aycock Junior Club—President Jerry Wrenn, Vice President Ronald Wilkerson, Secretary Sara Jobe, Program Ch. Betty Allen, Treasurer Jamie Monk.

West Hillsboro—President Donna Godfrey, Vice President Gary Bateman, Secretary Judy Watts, Program Ch. Arlene King.

Murphy - President Edward Underwood, Vice President Curtis Whicker, Secretary Maxine Fesperman, Program Ch. Ronnie Pendergrass.

Carrboro - President Haywood Pendergrass, Vice President Wayne Lacoock, Secretary Patricia Thompson, Program Ch. Carolyn Woods.

White Cross—President Betty Lou Andrews, Secretary Susie Ellen Smith, Program Ch. Peggy McCauley.

Caldwell - President Libby Smith, Vice President Marvin Wilkerson, Secretary Geraldine Barker, Program Ch. Louise Riley.

Eiland—President Helen Liner, Vice President Bobby Wright, Secretary Rose Walters, Program Ch. Joe Crutchfield.

Hillsboro Seplor Club—President Oliver Roberts, Vice President Phillip Pittman, Secretary Louise Graham, Program Ch. Jean and Ruby Wilkerson.

Hillsboro Junior Club—President Carl Pittman, Vice President Benny Freeland, Secretary Kathryn Roberts, Program Ch. Carolyn Wilson.

Chapel Hill Senior Club—President Mary Frances Andrews, Vice President Melba Sturdivant, Secretary Jane Hogan, Program Ch. Bennie Wright.

Orange County is one of five finalist counties in the Negro division State Rural Progress Campaign and thus is in line for the \$500 offered by Dr. Clarence Poe and for designation as the "County of the Year in Rural Progress and Achievement."

The State committee which will make the final selection from the top five will visit the county on December 17 in its effort to determine the winner.

The five finalists were chosen from a field of 41 counties entered in the state-wide contest at the beginning of the year. On the basis of the tabulation of the scores in preliminary judging by District Farm Officials, following are the top counties in the order of points received: Edgecombe 600, Duplin 580, Hertford 580, Rockingham 440, and Orange 420.

The State committee making the final selection is composed of the following officials:

Dr. W. E. Reed, Chairman, Dean, School of Agriculture, A. and T. College.

S. B. Simmons, Assistant Supervisor Vocational Education.

J. E. Jeffries, Tobacco Grading Specialist Production Marketing Administration.

A. W. Solomon, Field Representative N. C. Farm Bureau Federation.

Mrs. Lucy F. James, Supervisor Vocational Home Economics.

Mrs. Ruth Lawrence Woodson, Supervisor N. C. Negro Elementary Schools.

Dr. S. E. Duncan, Supervisor N. C. Negro High Schools.

E. F. Corbett, Public Relations Director, A. and T. College.

R. E. Jones, State Agent Negro Extension Work, A. and T. College.

The Rural Progress Program has been a united effort sponsored by the 12 active farm organizations designed to promote spirited competition among local communities to see which could show the greatest progress in 1) farms, 2) homes, 3) schools, 4) churches 5) recreation and 6) community organization.

The impetus for the campaign originally came from Dr. Clarence Poe, whose Progressive Farmer Magazine offered \$1,000 to the winning county. Later, Dr. Poe personally contributed an additional \$500 to go to the county group whose Negro citizens made greatest progress.

Orange County's campaign got underway in September 1951 with the announcement of a program which had as its goal raising each farm family's income by \$1,000 during 1952, improving the living conditions in every home and carrying out at least one community improvement activity in each community.

At the conclusion of the contest, it was announced that 393 farms had made an effort to increase their income by following the suggestions of the program leaders and about 175 had increased their gross cash income by \$1,000 this year. By the end of the contest, the number of laying hens had been increased 14 percent, beef cattle had increased 53 percent, dairying and other livestock interests had increased substantially and many home and community improvements had been made.

These advances were not broken down between Negro and White farmers, but M. C. Burt, Negro County Agent, said between 50 and 75 Negro farmers earned the extra \$1,000.

### Hillsboro Midgets Lose Title Tilt

Hillsboro's Midget football team lost the Midget League Championship title Monday night when it was defeated 13-0 by Erwin Auditorium. This was Erwin Auditorium's second victory over Hillsboro.

The Hillsboro Midgets ended the season with a record of eight wins and two losses. Only one other team, the Red Shields of Durham, has been able to score on the hard fighting local team.

Hillsboro never offered a serious scoring threat in the final tussle. Donald Gattis did most of the ball carrying for the local team.

PALEIGH Round-up

JAMES H. POE BAILEY

THE SPRING... Late in the year not now is the time to make big appointments. Only a delay will be made now and December 15.

SPECIAL ISSUE... The State magazine is now at work on a special Inaugural Issue of the Bill weekly. Sharpe, who initially is being mentioned prominently for head of the dept. of Conservation and Development, his magazine attractive and avers to having them hang heavy with advertising.

CHAMP... The State is accepting nominations for the Carolinian of 1952. Any questions? Some of those in the running so far are: W. Kerr Scott, Bert L. Doughton, L. V. Sutton, Green, Inglis Fletcher, and Anderson, developer of New Deal Beach. Last year it was Gordon Gray, president of the State University.

GOODBYE... Well, a old football season is about over. Somehow, it seems to us, the pigskin in North Carolina this year was a lot like a fleet half on a wet field. It just couldn't go. On one or two Saturdays signs pointed to good gains when the rousements waited, after Georgia Tech, things never quite the same.

Another season like this one and we may expect wholesale discontinuance of football among North Carolina colleges and elsewhere.

THE SEASON... Down South we have always been great wanting to make a noise at Christmas. We don't know how we got going in Dixie, when July has been the day for fireworks and other pyrotechnics in the North. Anyway, the season for seasonmaking in these parts approaches.

CARBIDE... Twenty-five years ago in North Carolina—in the days when the better rural homes were lighted by evil-smelling carbide—the vogue out in the country was to put a little carbide in a large ten-cent snuff box. The first trick in the operation was to take off the lid, spit in the snuff box, clamp on the lid, let the gas form, and then apply a match to the bottom. The explosion could be heard fully 40 feet, the snuff box lid went sailing five, and a good time was had by all.

AND NO CAPS... But the crackers got so big, so dangerous, and so numerous among the Legislature of 1947 that it shall be unlawful for any individual, firm, partnership, or corporation to manufacture, purchase, sell, deal in, transport, possess, receive, advertise, use or cause to be discharged any pyrotechnics of any description whatsoever within the State of North Carolina.

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