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Ten Pages This Week



The late William Mead Prince of Chapel Hill contributed the above picture many years ago to the New York Times "Hundred Neediest Cases" campaign. Permission to reprint it in support of the Orange County Empty Stocking drive, currently being sponsored on a county-wide basis by the Chapel Hill Junior Service League, was readily granted by The Times and Mrs. Prince. As can be seen, the picture dramatically symbolizes the cheerless prospects which many of our neighbors and fellow citizens face at Christmas time, and can be alleviated to some small degree only by the generous contribution and support of the general public.

Empty Stocking Drive Ends Monday; Final Appeal

Sam Selden of the Carolina Playmakers read Charles Dickens' "A Christmas Carol" to a capacity audience that overflowed into the aisle and lobby of the Playmakers Theatre last Sunday night.

The Junior and Senior High School Glee Clubs sang a number of Christmas carols and songs. At the entrance of the Theatre a fireplace had been set up around which donation baskets, for the Empty Stocking Fund were left. The stage was decorated with large candles and Christmas greenery. The Junior Service League of Chapel Hill co-sponsored the event with the Carolina Playmakers.

In Hillsboro, children have brought gifts to the school this week, and other contributions are coming in to the welfare department and the office of the chairman at the school agricultural building.

This is the final appeal of the League for contributions since the drive is scheduled to end on the 22nd of December, in time to give the welfare workers in the county an opportunity to distribute the items and cash collected before Christmas. The Junior Service League will operate its special booth on Franklin street through Saturday, December 19. It is requested the persons donating shoes either tie or tape them together since this greatly saves time in the sorting out.

Carrboro Mill Holiday Set

Carrboro — The Carrboro Mills division of Pacific Mills will close down Wednesday morning, December 24, at 8 a. m. to give employees time off to observe Christmas. Full scale operations will be resumed on December 29.

All employees will receive full day's pay for Christmas Day. Prior to the cessation of operations by each of the three operating shifts, Christmas parties will be held in the various departments when refreshments for employees and gifts for employees' children will be distributed by the mill. Employees also will exchange gifts during this period.

Three Teen-agers Convicted For Throwing Firecrackers

Hillsboro — Three teen-agers charged with throwing fireworks from a moving automobile near the crowd and under the feet of Policeman Tom Roberts during the festivities in connection with the arrival of Santa Claus here last week were convicted in County Court Monday.

Thomas Bradley Trammell received a 30 day road sentence suspended and costs, as driver of the car, and a \$10 fine for failing to stop at a stop light. Two other participants, Arvil Lee Austin and Calvin Wagner were taxed with the costs.

Policeman Roberts said the flash from the firecracker enveloped him to his waist. He obtained the car license and the driver was later stopped after it crashed the stop light.

The record:
Roman Eugene Scarlett—Allowing unlicensed person to drive—costs; Lois Scarlett—No Operators license—\$25.00 and costs; Herman Burnett Norwood—Speeding 75 m.p.h.—\$25.00 and costs; Walker Scurlock—Parking on highway at night without lights—\$10.00 and costs; Jack Murphy—Reckless Driving—\$25.00 and costs; Joseph Cheatham Duncan—No Operators license—\$25.00 and costs; Joseph C. Duncan—No Operators license—\$25.00 and costs and 6 mos. to roads, suspended; John H. "Ike" Pugh—Illegal possession of non tax paid whiskey and Public Drunkenness—\$10.00 and costs; Sylvester Poteat—Illegal possession of non tax paid whiskey—costs; Booker T. Edwards—Reckless Driving—Not Guilty; W. W. Faw—Reckless Driving—costs; W. W. Faw—Driving after license revoked—\$200.00 fine and costs and 4 months to roads, suspended; James C. Horn—Reckless Driving—Not Guilty; Thomas Bradley Trammell—Failing to stop for red light—\$10.00 and costs and 30 days to roads, suspended; Thomas Bradley Trammell—Illegal possession session and discharging pyrotecnics—30 days to roads and pay costs, jail sentence suspended; Arvil Lee Austin—Illegal possession and discharging pyrotecnics—costs; Calvin Wagner—Illegal possession and Discharging pyrotecnics—costs; Talmage Bell, driving drunk—

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New Deacons, Elder Elected By Presbyterians

At a congregational meeting of the Hillsboro Presbyterian Church on Sunday Harry Lake Brown was elected Ruling Elder and Ben Johnston and E. Wilson Cole, Jr. were elected Deacons.

Mr. Brown was formerly an Elder in the Venton, Virginia, Presbyterian Church and since his coming to Hillsboro has been teacher of the Men's Bible Class and an active churchman. He is in the employ of the Piedmont Packing Co.

Mr. Johnson, Mayor of Hillsboro and businessman, and Mr. Cole, cashier of the local branch of The Durham Bank and Trust Co., have been outstanding laymen in the church.

Plans for the installation of Mr. Brown and the ordination and installation of Messrs. Johnson and Cole have not been set as yet, it was announced but will be held in a few weeks.

Baptists Plan Special Services At Chapel Hill

Chapel Hill—The Baptist Church of Chapel Hill will observe Christmas with two special Services on Sunday, December 21. At the 11 o'clock hour the Church will hold its annual Service of Carols and Candelighting in which the whole congregation participates.

At six-thirty o'clock p.m. the Annual White Christmas Service sponsored by the Sunday School will be conducted. A Playlet directed by John W. Parker, of the Carolina Playmakers will be presented. The congregation will bring gifts of goods and clothing to fill Christmas baskets which will be taken to various homes in the Community.

Board Proposes Equal Voice For Rural Folks In All Zoning

Chapel Hill—The Board of Aldermen, seeking ways to make the proposed zoning ordinance palatable for all factions—both urban and rural, said in effect Monday night that rural residents have the same right to rule on zones in Chapel

Hill as the urban folks have participated in zoning outside of town.

Thus, it was agreed at a joint meeting of that body with the Chapel Hill Planning Board, enlarged Monday night that amendments to the present enabling act

would be sought from the next General Assembly to give rural residents:

1. Equal representation on the planning board, enlarged, increasing that board's membership to five Chapel Hillians named by the Aldermen and five rural residents named by the County Commissioners.

2. Equal representation on the board of adjustment, making that body also a 5-5 board, appointed in the same manner as the planning board.

In addition it was proposed that all restrictions be removed from territory proposed to be zoned as "agricultural," if this would be constitutional. This would remove much of the objection that has been previously raised by rural residents.

A formal meeting to consider final action on the proposal was set for January 12. In order to assure that the equalizing amendments to the act would be included, it is likely that adoption at that time would be tentative only, effective at some subsequent date if and when the amendments are passed by the legislature.

Four public hearings have already been held on the bill, first proposed by the Town Planning Board over a year ago. The aldermen have the power, given them by an enabling act of the 1951 General Assembly, to zone the territory for a four-mile radius around Chapel Hill, exclusive of Carrboro.

Town attorney John Q. LeGrand was directed to secure a ruling on the measure's constitutionality. Although the comprehensive 45-page ordinance was drawn after consultation with the Institute of Government, a number of its opponents have challenged its legality. Almost all of the opposition to its enactment has been from farmers, although the Calvander Grange—representing 65 farm families—recently endorsed it.

About 80 per cent of the area outside corporate Chapel Hill is zoned into largely unrestricted agricultural territory under the bill's provisions. However there would still be some restrictions on the locations of new buildings, and a requirement that building permits be secured from the town's building inspector for new construction.

Monday night the aldermen generally appeared favorable to taking off all restrictions in the proposed agricultural districts—if the measure would still be constitutional. In earlier hearings on the ordinance some zoning commission members and they didn't think it would be legal to have "spot zoning," or restrictions on only a part of the total area. The main restrictions as the law now stands, would be on strips along highways leading out of town, since the measure was initially intended primarily to restrict commercialization of the new Durham-Chapel Hill Boulevard.

The aldermen and the zoning commission jointly agreed to ask the General Assembly to increase rural membership on the commission from three to five persons. The five planning board members in addition to three rural members now constitute the zoning group. Also, under the new proposal, the total 10-man body would have jurisdiction over matters inside corporate Chapel Hill, which are now the function of the planning board alone.

During the meeting the aldermen also considered an overall plan to remedy traffic congestion along Pittsboro highway in the vicinity of the University Medical Center. This provides for a regular four-way traffic light at the Victory Village intersection, a series of three traffic signal lights at the "triangle" intersection of Raleigh Road, a 20-mile speed limit throughout the zone, and a "no parking" area on the highway between the hospital entrances. The plan was to be taken up today with a committee representing Memorial Hospital.

Among other matters of business last night the Board appointed Dr. Gordon Blackwell and Richard L. Jamerson to the Recreation Commission succeeding Dr. Harold Meyer and Roy Barham.

CUB SCOUT PACK MEETS

Pack 438, Cub Scouts, will meet Friday evening at the Presbyterian Church at 7:30. An informal Christmas program is being planned. Any friends of Scouting are cordially invited and especially cub parents. Boys between the ages of eight and ten who are interested in cubbing are more than welcome to bring their parents and attend.

Grand Jury List Of School Needs Termed Accurate

Hillsboro — The Grand Jury meeting in connection with last week's session of Superior Court came up with a detailed listing of minor needs at the various schools of the Orange County and Chapel Hill systems.

In commenting upon the report, County Superintendent G. Paul Carr said: "I think the Grand Jury report was fair and accurate. Some of the things mentioned as being needed had not been reported to the Superintendent's office and some were in the process of being cleared up."

Central Negro School at Hillsboro received the only completely clean bill of health by the Grand Jury. The only comment here was "This school is in excellent condition." Of all three Hillsboro schools, the report said: "The principals of these schools are doing an excellent job."

Among the items listed, the following were typical: West Hillsboro, drains need attention; Murphy, brick arch needs repair, floor and doors need repairing; Caldwell, lunchroom needs screens; Carrboro, road near building should be closed; Chapel Hill Colored Schools, boiler grate burned out, roof drains in bad shape, spigots need repair, playground washing badly; Chapel Hill High Schools, no fire extinguishers, faulty bus brakes, roof leaks; Aycock, floor covering on lunchroom, water fountain needs repair.

"Wherever possible all of the items reported are being taken care of," said Carr.

Grange Youth Conference Set At Schley Hall

The annual Winter Conference of Grange Youth will be held December 27-28 at Schley Grange Hall near Hillsboro, state Grange headquarters announced this week.

Approximately 100 boys and girls are expected to attend from North Carolina—from as far west as Cherokee County and as far east as Robeson County.

Dr. I. G. Greer of the North Carolina Business Foundation at Chapel Hill will give the keynote address on the night of December 27. The Grange Girl and Boy of the Year will be announced at the night meeting, which will follow a buffet supper served by members of Schley Grange.

Reports on youth activities at Summer camp, the state Grange convention, at local Granges present and at the National Grange Convention will be heard Saturday morning. Kenneth Walker of Old Fort will make the national report.

Officers for 1953 will be elected at the Saturday afternoon business session and will be installed at the meeting that night. Kennedy Sharpe of Hiddenite is outgoing president. A worship service will be held at 10 a. m. Sunday, December 29. The speaker will be Rev. Homer Goode, pastor of the Stony Point Baptist Church which has been recognized by the state Grange as the Rural Church of the Year.

Other speakers during the two-day conference will include State Grange Master Harry B. Caldwell and Mrs. Caldwell of Greensboro; Mrs. T. W. Ferguson of Ferguson, Grange youth leader, and an exchange student.

Exchange Plans Ladies Night

The Hillsboro Exchange Club's Annual Ladies Night Christmas Party will be held at the Schley Grange Hall tonight (Thursday) at 7:30 p. m.

A highlight of the meeting will be the presentation of the first "Exchange of the Year" award. A special election was held at the last Club meeting and the recipient was elected by secret ballot. The name of the man selected will remain a secret until announced by president Carl C. Davis at the (Continued on Page 4)

HOLIDAY ACTIVITIES

Pre-Christmas activities are taking the stage in Orange County today and this weekend and most citizens prepare for the traditional holidays beginning next Thursday.

In general most citizens will observe a two-day holiday but county employees and employees of most of the industrial plants will be idle the entire weekend.

One plant, Belle Vue Manufacturing Co., will remain closed all next week, as will county schools which close Friday and reopen on Tuesday, December 30.

The great increase in mail going through the postoffices has already begun and extra employees are already at work in the various postoffices to handle the great volume of Christmas mail.

Stores generally will be closed Thursday and Friday and re-open on Saturday. The courthouse will be closed Thursday, Friday and Saturday.

TB Committee Is Sponsoring School Project

The Chapel Hill-Carrboro Tuberculosis Committee in Cooperation with The District Health Department and the public school teachers is sponsoring a series of activities for schools as a means of promoting tuberculosis education with special attention focused on the prevention of the disease.

The present activities are a Newspaper Project and an Art Project. Teachers, health educators and public health nurses are assisting in the project. Reading materials, films, etc., are being furnished by the sponsoring agencies.

In order to give evidence of an intelligent study of the subject presented, schools will submit to competent judges original studies in Art or Literature and all schools participating will be given awards for their work.

The schools participating are the Chapel Hill Elementary School, the Carrboro Elementary School, the White Cross School and the Northside School.

The schools entering the School Press Project presented by the National Tuberculosis Association and the Columbia Scholastic Press Association are the Chapel Hill High School, the Lincoln High School and the Northside School. Only schools publishing school papers are eligible to this contest "presented in the interests of sound health education and good journalism."

Choral Service At Hillsboro Church Sunday

Hillsboro — A Christmas Choral Service in a candlelight setting will be held in the Presbyterian Church here on Sunday afternoon, December 21, at 5 o'clock, according to an announcement today.

The Chancel Choir of the local church augmented by a newly organized Junior Choir of twenty voices will present a program of traditional Christmas music under the direction of Mrs. C. D. Jones with Mrs. Harry Lake Brown, organist.

The program will include "Silent Night" sung by the Junior Choir; "Hosanna", a traditional Moravian Christmas antiphonal chant; "Let All Mortal Flesh" by Holst, with Nazareth followed by two carols Mrs. T. P. Smith as soloist; Gounod's "The First Noel" and the Appalachian carol, "I wonder as I wander" with Mrs. Oliver Clayton, soprano, and the choir singing the latter. Gervart's "Joyous Christmas Song" will be followed by Stairs, "Virgin's Lullaby" with Mrs. J. W. Dickson, alto, and the choir performing again this lullaby that has been part of the program for the past two years. An unusual arrangement of Handel's "Joy to the World" and Blow's setting for the Nunc Dimittis will conclude the choir portion of the program.

J. Dumont Eskridge will read portions of the Christmas story from the Gospels