

KIDD BREWER'S Raleigh Roundup

PROMISE . . . Within the next three weeks thousands of words will go zinging out as to this plan, this and that one for removing taxes, raising taxes, and stripping of idle conversations.

Beginning this week and for the remainder of the session, the Legislature will concern itself with bargaining with the Governor.

Have a dear friend, a friend whom you have the highest respect, love, and admiration. You owe him many a favor. He has helped you frequently, too, in position so to do again. He would do almost anything for you now his requests are such despite your love for him, he is not sure you can comply with them. So you plead with him to lighten the load a little—the burden he is placing on you.

Major Umstead is the friend of the Legislature, and vice versa. Most of his bills haven't passed his bills for which he has fought—gone sailing with a whisper of opposition? The Legislature wants to go along with him all the way—and may do so—but the burden is heavy on this week begins efforts to compromise. And it is going to be a friendly give-and-take between the Legislature and Governor Umstead until this session of the Assembly calls it a day. The Legislature is apparently going to give Governor Umstead anything he wants so long as it doesn't call for an increase in

the way it looks as if we are to see an innocent bystander.

IT . . . You may be sure that at least one member of the Legislature is pushing hard for a raise for State employees.

Richard Mauney of Cherokee One reason he believes in salaries for State workers is of season, he is assistant in Treasurer Brandon Hodges'

did most of his campaign for long distance. And Cherokee is lucky to have him.

DIAMOND ANNIVERSARY . . . written anything for the Digest?

M. Radford of Marion, N. C., recently received \$100 from this magazine for the following: "Will you show me something for my diamond anniversary?" requested a distinguished elderly gentleman standing near me in the jewelry store. Examining several diamonds selected a man's ring.

"Aren't you going to buy something for your wife, too?" asked the clerk.

"I have no wife—I'm a bachelor."

But you said 'diamond anniversary' . . . The gentleman smiled. "The girl I was engaged to jilted me to marry another man. She drove him to suit. She married another and I'm celebrating my diamond anniversary of the day I DIDN'T marry her."

THE ANSWER? . . . To many a North Carolina school principal and superintendent of schools, the news comes with stink-toilet comes news this week in odorless, colorless germicidal disinfectant which can, within less than a minute, knock to kingdom the smell of an onion, the stench of rotting flesh, and spread nothingness those rather intimate nostril-ticklers which hover about a lover loath to leave—round the kitchen, basement, bedroom and

from the Division of Purchase Contract this week went this to all State institutions. The State of Pennsylvania has been using considerable quantities of this product in their hospitals

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EASTER SEAL BOY OPENS CAMPAIGN—State Treasurer Brandon P. Hodges receives the first sheet of Easter Seals from six-year-old Roy Edward Piner, Jr., of Wilmington, thus officially opening the 1953 Easter Seal campaign in North Carolina of which Hodges is State Chairman.

Edward is official ambassador of the North Carolina Society for Crippled Children and Adults which is sponsoring the 20th annual drive to raise funds for crippled children and adults in North Carolina. The appeal is being conducted on a statewide basis and continues for one month, ending Easter Sunday, April 5.

Only Three Complaints Heard On Tax Values

Major Lucas Gets Citation For Leadership

Hillsboro—Major George G. Lucas has recently been awarded the Commendation Ribbon for his outstanding record of leadership in the Korean effort last year.

The award was based on Lucas' quality leadership of a detachment vital in the flow of men and supplies into Korea. He was cited as having "reflected great credit upon himself, the Far East Air Forces and the United States Air Force."

The following citation was sent to his father, George V. Lucas, of Route 2, Hillsboro.

"Major George G. Lucas distinguished himself by meritorious service from 23 of November 1951 to March 8, 1952. During that period Major Lucas commanded Detachment 4, 6127th Air Terminal Group at K-9 Airfield in Korea. This detachment was a vital hub in the flow of personnel, material and supplies into Korea in support of the Korean effort. Despite continuing personnel losses of both officers and airmen, the capabilities of Detachment 4 remained high and its mission was accomplished in a superior manner. By utilization of good management methods and sound principles of leadership, Major Lucas maintained a high state of morale among his assigned personnel and instilled in them a desire to continually improve their operations. By unswerving devotion to duty, loyalty and ability, Major Lucas reflected great credit upon himself, the Far East Air Forces and the United States Air Force."

SQUARE DANCE

The Safety Committee of the Carrboro Elementary School P.T.A. is sponsoring a square dance for Adults Friday night, March 20, at 8 o'clock in the school auditorium.

Chairman J. Alvin Williams stated that the proceeds of the dance would be used to provide an award for the Safety Patrol of the School for the fine work they have done this year in helping to keep the school free of accidents. He went on to say that the best way to show appreciation for their efforts is to attend the dance and enjoy it.

NEW BUILDING

A new building is being erected on Carrboro's Main Street by R. S. Lloyd of the Lloyd Electric Company in Carrboro. The new building is of cinder block construction and adjoins Mr. Lloyd's electric shop and will be used for business purposes.

Estate Of Eccentric Valued at \$500,000

Church Is Biggest Beneficiary In Will Ed Thompson's Will

Hillsboro—Will Ed Thompson, the wealthy Orange County eccentric who died last week, left an estate valued at an estimated half million dollars by his executor who was directed to spend most of it "in his discretion" for the benefit of the Efland Presbyterian Church and its cemetery.

Mr. Thompson's last will and testament was filed for probate Monday morning in the office of Clerk of Court Edwin M. Lynch by Graham Attorney Clarence Ross, who was named executor of the estate and trustee of a trust fund set up therein, as well as one of the major beneficiaries.

The 74-year-old Will Ed, as he was known to thousands of people in Orange, Alamance and neighboring counties, died last Wednesday afternoon in Watts Hospital, Durham, where he had been a patient for a greater part of the last four years. He was one of the most personally wealthy residents of Orange County, despite that vast sums had been expended for hospitalization in recent years.

Funeral services were held last Friday afternoon at the Efland Methodist Church and interment followed later in the Chestnut Ridge Methodist Church cemetery. These occurrences became unusual, however, in the light of the first provision of the will. This section directed the executor to "have erected a granite or marble mausoleum at Efland Presbyterian Church cemetery in which my earthly remains are to be placed; the price therefor to be solely in the discretion of my said executor and the amount so expended by him therefor shall be deemed as

a part of my necessary funeral expenses."

In other provisions of his will Mr. Thompson left \$5,000 each to six nieces and nephews, his only close relatives, and to three of them in addition he bequeathed his 502 acre farm and homelace in Cheeks township, Orange County. His only other private bequest was \$10,000 "to my friend Clarence Ross for the many favors and services he has rendered to me during the last past 20 years."

After payment of these legacies and bequests, the will directed the executor to sell at either public or private sale in his discretion the remainder of his real properties located in Durham, Orange, Alamance and Guilford counties and place such funds derived with other assets in a "trust fund to be handled by the executor and by him used in his sole discretion for the enlargement, beautification, maintenance and upkeep of the Efland Presbyterian Church Cemetery in Orange County and in his discretion for any remodeling or improvement of the church building itself and the executor can in his discretion use both interest and/or any or all of the principal for either or both of said purposes."

For those who might attempt to break the provision of his will, Mr. Thompson also had a word. In the paragraph following his bequests he said if any devisee or legatee, named or unnamed fail to abide by the provisions of the will as written or institute or causes to be instituted or becomes a party to any caveat or suit instituted for the purpose of annulling the will or any provision shall be excluded

from any claim or share in the property or proceeds from its sale.

Mr. Ross in filing the will estimated the estate at \$500,000.

Much of Mr. Thompson's property had been disposed of in recent years. Close associates, however, said he at the time of his death still owned 75 houses and a number of valuable business places in the four counties from which he was deriving rentals. At one time he was said to have owned the entire business section of Maxton, North Carolina. More recently he held an entire block of buildings in Graham.

Mr. Thompson was known throughout his life for his frugality and it apparently pleased him greatly to affect the appearance of poverty in conversation as well as dress. He was known throughout his life as a shrewd trader and made much of his fortune in buying and selling property and in trading in the open market.

Many of his exploits in trade and his eccentricities have become legend in this area during the years. The Efland church to which most of his money will go is a small wooden structure on Highway 70 at the intersection with the Cedar Grove road. The cemetery is across the street. Membership in the church is small and composed largely of one branch of the Efland family.

Nieces and nephews who will receive the \$5,000 and equal shares in the 502-acre farm are Bert Crutchfield Moore, Pattie Crutchfield, Stanford and James Crutchfield, all of Efland. Those named for the \$5,000 bequests were Margaret Sharpe Thompson, Harold Sharpe and Victor Sharpe.

Offer \$2,000 In Prizes To Farm Families

Hillsboro—Merchants, bankers, and professional men in Orange County have donated approximately \$2,000 in prizes which can be won in the 1953 Rural Progress program.

Every family living outside the city limits, cultivating three or more acres of cropland is eligible for these prizes. All that is necessary to do is to carry out one or more of the sixteen points in the Rural Progress Program. For every point carried out between now and November, the farm family will be given a ticket with duplicate numbers on it. Each ticket will give the family a chance at winning some of the many wonderful prizes.

Neighborhood leaders have been selected for every section in the county. They will be glad to give anyone a copy of the 16 point program with full instructions about the contest.

Listed below are the prizes and the donors:

Andrews and Riggsbee Tractor Co., Carrboro—1 Dearborn tractor wagon with tires; Bank of Chapel Hill, Chapel Hill—\$200.00 in cash; J. L. Brown and Sons, Hillsboro—18 inch Moto-mower power lawn mower; Coleman-Laws Co., Hillsboro—1 Westinghouse television set; Durham Bank and Trust Company, Hillsboro—\$100.00 Savings Bond; Clarence Jones of Western Auto, Hillsboro—1 Bedside Radio; Forrest and Forrest, Efland—1 Oliver 2 bottom tractor plow;

Mechanics and Farmers Bank, Durham—\$25.00 in cash; North Carolina Mutual Life Ins. Co., Durham—\$25.00 in cash.

Nu Tread Tire Co., Durham—a full rep for 4 passenger tires and 1 General Electric pop-up toaster; Piedmont Electric Membership Co., Hillsboro—prize to be announced later; Richmond Motor Co., Hillsboro—credit of \$200.00 on purchase price of new Ford (transferable).

Smith Furniture Co., Hillsboro—1 General Electric Washing Machine; John Umstead, Chapel Hill—\$100.00 in cash; Walker Milling Company, Hillsboro—10 bags of feed; Farmers Exchange—\$100

GUEST MINISTER

Hillsboro—Dr. T. Henry Patterson, executive secretary of the Orange Presbytery, will be the guest minister at the Hillsboro Presbyterian Church at the Sunday morning service. Dr. Patterson resides in Greensboro and his office is the administrative agency for the 78-member church organization.

Much Progress Noted In First Aid In County

Hillsboro—During the past year the Orange County Chapter of the Red Cross has made progress in first aid, according to the report of the County Chairman of First Aid, Mrs. Irene Pender.

Many valuable activities have taken place in this work such as the following:

A standard first aid course was taught by Earl Hollowell from the University of North Carolina to a class of thirty-six ladies in the Cedar Grove community. The interest was very high as a result, five members of the class continued the study by enrolling and completing the Instructor's Course in First Aid at U.N.C. At the final session, Mrs. Glenn Auman, Mrs. R. W. Isley, Mrs. Irene Pender, Miss Marie Wells, and Mrs. Louise Winslow were presented certificates to become instructors.

Mrs. Louise Winslow has instructed two Standard Courses in the Aycock High School and Mrs. Isley has recently completed the instruction of a Junior Class in First Aid.

Last July a class composed of eighteen ladies in the Fairfield community was organized and taught by Miss Marie Wells and Mrs. Irene Pender who worked cooperatively in instructing the group. The meetings were held at night in the Fairfield Church.

Mrs. Auman has also taught two Standard Courses in the Hillsboro School with assistance from Mrs. Irene Pender.

Not only has the Orange County Chapter assisted in training for First Aid, but it has furnished the First Aid room in the Efland School; also, it has furnished cots in the West Hillsboro and Hillsboro Schools.

Town Election Plans Made At Carrboro

The town of Carrboro will call an election on May 4th 1953, for the election of a Mayor, to serve for a term of two years; three commissioners to serve for a term of four years and three commissioners to serve for a term of two years.

Polls will open on May 4 at 6:30 a.m. and will close at 6:30 p.m. On that day. All voting will be at the town hall in Carrboro.

R. B. Studebaker, will serve as registrar, and Wiley P. Franklin and Bruce Riggsbee have been appointed as judges of the election.

Books will be opened at the Carrboro town hall for registration on Saturday, April 11th 1953 and continue open except Sundays, until Saturday, April 25th.

Officers elected, will take office May the 12th.

Saturday, April 25th, 1953 shall be designated as challenge day.

Seniors End Course On Family Relations

The Hillsboro High School with the cooperation of the District Health Department has now completed its annual Family Relations Course announces G. A. Brown, Principal.

The course is offered each year only to the senior class. This year the course was under the guidance of Miss Clyde Hogshead, Senior Public Health Nurse, District Health Department.

Subjects discussed and speakers appearing on the program included: Courtship and Marriage—Mrs. Arnold Nash, Marriage Consultant, University of North Carolina; Emotional Problems Facing the Family—Dr. Roger Howell, Mental Hygiene Department, University of North Carolina; Human Growth and Development and How It Effects Family Life—Mr. Joseph H. Huff, Health Educator, District Health Department; Family Economics—Miss Auman, Home Economics Teacher, Hillsboro High School.

Youths Get Terms For Break-Ins

Hillsboro—Four of five teenage youths involved in a series of break-ins and robberies in this area during the month of December received sentences in Superior Court this week.

Arvil Lee Austin, 19, West Hillsboro, four felonies and four misdemeanors; three years in State Prison with a recommendation that he be sent to a camp for youthful offenders, and two years in Orange County jail. The later term which would have run at the expiration of the first was suspended.

Calvin Wagoner, 19, Hillsboro, five felonies and five misdemeanors, not less than three nor more than five years in State Prison with a recommendation that he be sent to a camp for youthful offenders, and two years in Orange County jail suspended, to run at the expiration of the first sentence.

Vernon Wilson, West Hillsboro, one felony, 18 months suspended for three years and placed on probation.

Thomas B. Trammell, 17, four felonies and one misdemeanor, five years suspended and placed on probation for five years.

Jimmy Long, the fifth of the youthful quintet, was said to be in a Tarboro hospital and unable to stand trial.

The group faced a long list of charges for breaking, entering and larceny from West Hillsboro school, Bill's Place, Robertson's Oil Co., Wilkerson Service Station and larceny of gas from several school busses, from an air compressor, at the Rock Quarry, and from a truck of Coleman-Laws Co., Hillsboro. Pleas of nolo contendere were entered by all of the defendants through their counsel.

Earlier in the session which has Judge Chester Morris on the bench, the grand jury issued indictments for murder against Paul Morgan and Thomas Robinson, Negroes.

J. D. Burnette, white man of about 30 years, was sentenced to 15 years in the State Prison for assaulting his mother with intent to commit rape. Judge Morris directed that prison officials give the defendant a complete psychiatric examination at the beginning of his sentence.

Six defendants were convicted of drunken driving charges during the first two days of the session. All got four-month sentences suspended and either \$100 or \$150 fines. They were Thurmon Jones, William A. Riggsbee, Thomas Sparrow, James G. Cousins, Bruce Whitmore and James F. Terry. Cousins and Jones received the lesser fines.

Hazel McKee, white woman, drew eight months suspended and a \$75 fine for fornication and adultery and was ordered to stay out of Orange County for three years. William B. "Billy" Painter was given 18 months for forgery. Thirty day sentences were handed to James Austin, Woodrow Durham, Gales, Andrews, John Whitt Jr. and Herbert Lyde for public drunkenness.

Divorces were granted to eight plaintiffs on the first day of the term. They were Margaret Hayes Wilkerson from Joseph W. Wilkerson, Joanna Albright Andrews from J. C. Andrews; Hallie Woods Medlin from Thomas Sidney Medlin; Iris Watson Hill from D. A. Hill Jr.; William B. Brakefield from Lottie Brakefield; Peggie Nunn from James Nunn, John Bynum from Frances Bynum and Ethel E. Hall from Ellis Hall, all on grounds of two years separation.

Fund Report Due Tuesday

The second progress report for Division Chairmen for the Red Cross Fund Drive will be at the Colonial Inn, March 24, at 7:30 p.m. Fifteen Divisions have turned in a complete report to date.

The goal for the fund drive for this year is \$2200. and every adult a member.

After the second progress report a thermometer will be placed in the court square to show the progress of the drive.