

KIDD BREWER'S Raleigh Roundup

LOW-UP . . . The State Insurance Dept. has notified the Motor Club that they are providing free insurance for members of the insurance club. The State officials are one benefit that has resulted from the little investigation and its beginning right here in the little old column.

UNDERING . . . Some of Kerr's avowed best friends are beginning to wonder if the Squire of the River really is going to stay in Raleigh. A few of his most ardent admirers are beginning to cool off in their enthusiasm for him to run. It is not that they don't love him more. And . . . it's not that they wouldn't like to see him in the U. S. Senate.

They've begun to think a bit of a subject that Kerr Scott has been thinking about for a long time. His health.

It's a matter what you may hear, was pronounced: "fit as a fiddle" by his physicians recently. It's no secret that Kerr Scott thought considerably about his health in recent years.

There's Scott's reasoning: He says that he can't take things. If there's a fight going on where within a country mile, he is to be in it.

And he usually gets in it. K. Scott knows that his temperament is very similar to that of late Senator Smith's. He says that Willis Smith went to Washington a healthy and well—but drove himself literally to death in trying to carry out his responsibilities.

Scott and Smith had vastly different philosophies. But as men, they were similar. All of this is to be going through Kerr Scott's mind these dark wintry days.

And what's more—as we have noted before—Miss Mary Kerr is hankering for Husband Kerr to get into any more dogfights. That's why a great many people who are so sure Kerr Scott will announce his candidacy come February 10 might just get fooled.

RUMBLINGS . . . It may be hard to detect, but there's more than a little discontent about the selection of Florida's Senator Spessard Holland as this year's keynote speaker for the Jefferson-Jackson Dinner in Raleigh.

And the rumbling (or is it rumbling?) is coming from those who lean towards the ultra-liberal. (See **ROUNDUP**, page 2)

B&L Story Of Continued Growth Told

Hillsboro—A story of continued growth was related to stockholders of the Hillsboro Building and Loan Association at their annual meeting held Tuesday night at the offices of the association.

All officers and directors were elected for new terms by unanimous vote. They included: W. John Clayton, president, B. S. Carr, vice president, Ira A. Ward, secretary-treasurer, along with the other directors Bonner D. Sawyer, W. H. Walker, J. H. McAdams, W. T. Murray, R. T. Taylor and C. Scott.

Total resources of the association gained 28 percent during the past year, Secretary Ward, told the stockholders in his report in which he used colored bar graphs to illustrate the general increases. Total assets at the close of 1953 were \$1,397,342.59.

Savings in the association increased about 25 percent or about a quarter of a million dollars during the year. Two hundred and twenty-three loans totalling half a million dollars were made during 1953 for new home construction, repairs, improvements and repairs.

A tenfold growth for the past 10 years was noted along with the currently sound financial structure of the association.

'Oak Ridge On Wheels'

Atomic Exhibit Is Opening In Chapel Hill Today



ATOMIC FOOTPRINTS—Above is illustrated one of the most spectacular and realistic exhibits in the entire atomic energy exhibit open to the public in Chapel Hill today through Sunday. A 250,000-volt Van de Graaff generator creates artificial lightning, and a Wilson cloud chamber shows "atomic footprints." Both instruments are museum-size working models of giant research tools.



MAKES MONEY RADIOACTIVE—The atomic energy exhibit at Chapel Hill today through Sunday provides this free service for attendants. It's explained this way: One part of the exhibit demonstrates the production of radioisotopes by making some of the silver in a dime radioactive. The dime is then encased in a plastic and lucite container and returned to its owner as a souvenir.

Civic Groups Sponsor Show For The Public

CHAPEL HILL—The nation's most complete atomic energy show, now on tour in the State, will be shown in the Morehead Building at the University today through Sunday, under the auspices of the National University Extension Association, Chapel Hill Kiwanis Club, Chapel Hill Rotary Club, Morehead Planetarium, and the University Extension Division.

The public may view the exhibit without charge from 9 a. m. to 12:30 p. m., from 2 p. m. to 5 p. m. and from 7:30 to 10 p. m. on Thursday and Friday; from 10 a. m. to 5 p. m. and from 7:30 to 10 p. m. on Saturday; and from 1 p. m. to 10 p. m. on Sunday.

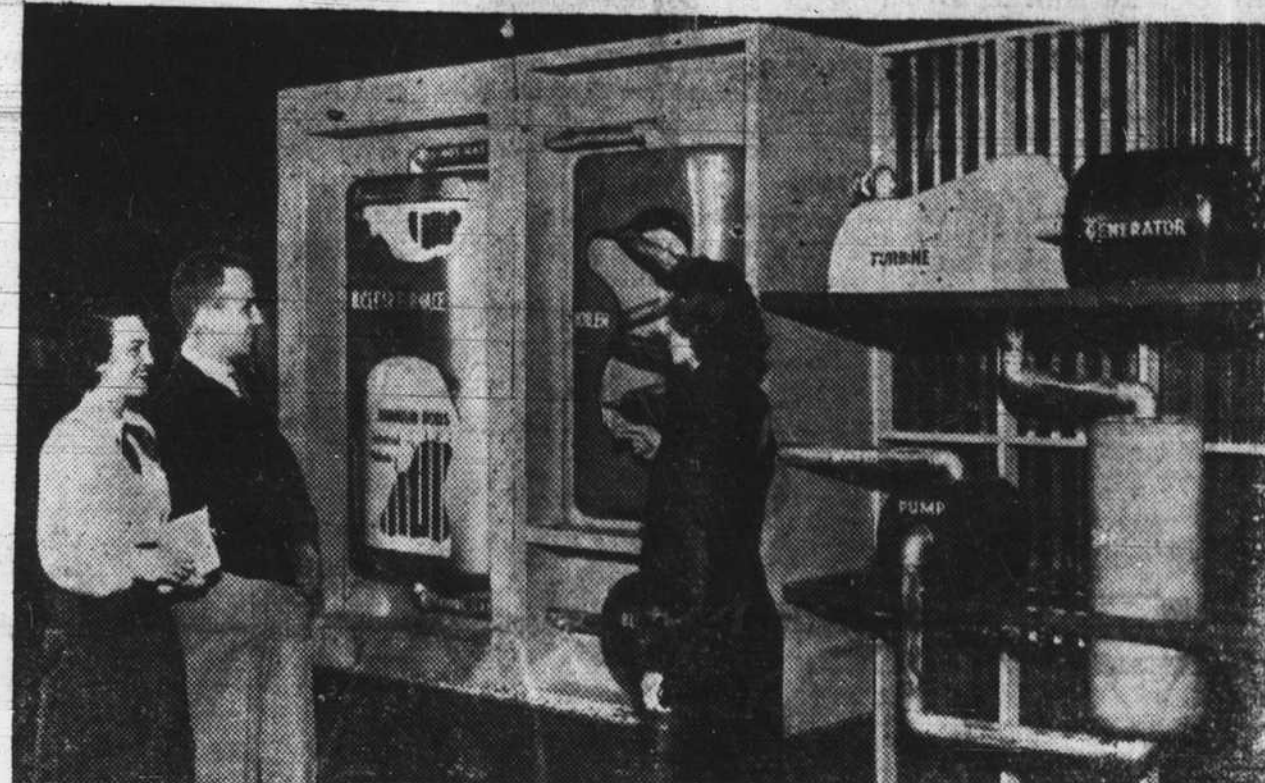
The show will be on display in three exhibit rooms on the ground floor of the Morehead Building. Russell M. Grumman, director of the University Extension Division, is in charge of local arrangements for the show.

During the same period visitors may see the current Morehead Planetarium show, "The Heavens Tonight," which will be shown at 11 a. m., 2 p. m., and 8:30 p. m. on Thursday; at 2 p. m. and 8:30 p. m. on Friday; at 3 and 8:30 p. m. on Saturday; and at 3, 4, and 8:30 p. m. on Sunday.

The atomic energy show is being provided by the American Museum of Atomic Energy at Oak Ridge, Tenn. The Museum, only one of its kind in the world, is operated for the United States Atomic Energy Commission by the Oak Ridge Institute of Nuclear Studies.

The Institute is a non-profit educational corporation comprised of 30 Southern universities, including the University of North Carolina and Duke University. It conducts a broad program of research, training and education in the nuclear sciences through a contract with the AEC.

The exhibit will be brought to Chapel Hill in a large truck-trailer fitted out to haul the show.



HOW ELECTRICITY may someday be generated through the use of a nuclear furnace will be shown in the atomic energy exhibit which opens in the Morehead Building tomorrow, and continues through Sunday. The traveling exhibit, a part of which is shown here, is jointly sponsored by the UNC Extension Division, National University Extension Association, the Atomic Energy Commission, the American Museum of Atomic Energy, and Chapel Hill civic groups.

Umstead Announces For 10th Term As Assembly Member

Aid Sought For Fire Victim

An appeal is being made for clothing and household articles to aid the family of Lewis Dixon, who lost everything in a fire which destroyed the Eno mill house they occupied on Monday night.

The cause of the fire is unknown. The father was at work and the mother was in Durham visiting her father.

The family consists of Mr. and Mrs. Dixon, two boys ages 14 and 12, and a girl, age 11.

Mr. Dixon wears shirt size 15, sleeve length about 33, pants size 33 by 33 and shoes size 7 1/2. Mrs. Dixon wears dress size 20 1/2

and shoes 7E. The boys are about the same size and wear, pants, 14, shirt 12 and shoes 5. The girl wears dress size 10 and shoes, size 1.

If you have anything this needy family could use, please contact Mrs. Edna Ellis or Mrs. Louise Clayton, Phone 2724, during the day or at their homes after 5:00 p. m. and arrangements will be made to have the articles picked up.

SCOTT A CANDIDATE

At least one member of the Alamance County Scott family apparently is definite about his intentions to seek public office in the forthcoming Democratic primary.

Senator Ralph Scott of the Orange-Alamance Senatorial district told Columnist Lynn Nesbitt in Raleigh last week he would seek his third term this Spring, despite reports some time back in the News and Observer's Under the Dome column and later in Nesbitt's own State-circulated column that the seat reverted to Orange this year.

The News prepared an article at the time correcting the false impression but it was crowded out of that edition and lost its timeliness. By agreement, Alamance supplies the senator for the district three consecutive terms and Orange two. If the present agreement is continued Orange will next supply a senator for the 1957 term.

Legislator Promises To Support Anti-Secrecy Bill At First Session

Representative John W. Umstead Jr. of Chapel Hill yesterday announced his candidacy for Orange County's seat in the House of Representatives.

The term for which he announced will be his eighth in the General Assembly's lower house. He has also served two terms in the Senate.

In length of service, the colorful Orange legislator is one of the real veterans of the Assembly. During the last term he served as chairman of the House committee on Mental Institutions and as member of the Education, Appropriations, Conservation and Development, Health, Penal Institutions, Retirement and UNC Trustee committee. In fact, during his tenure of office, Mr. Umstead has served on every important committee with the exception of the Judiciary.

In his formal announcement of candidacy, Mr. Umstead at the request of The News included a statement of his position on the controversial Secrecy Issue, which has been the subject of widespread discussion since the 1953 term. He said if elected he would join with others in introducing an appeal measure at the first meeting of the House, and added he thought the first act of the 1955 session would be to strike it from the Statutes.

Mr. Umstead is the first local candidate to announce for political office subject to the Democratic primary in Orange County this Spring.

His announcement was as follows: "After discussing the matter (See **UMSTEAD**, page 8)

Voting Precinct Changes To Be Given Study

CHAPEL HILL—A committee to study revision of the voting precincts in the Town of Chapel Hill has been appointed and its first meeting is scheduled for tonight at 8 o'clock at the Town Hall.

Recommendations of the committee, which was appointed with equal representation from the two existing precincts by the respective Democratic party chairmen, will be presented to the Orange County Board of Elections, which has final jurisdiction in this matter.

Members of the committee are L. J. Phipps, Paul W. Wager, W. E. Thompson, R. C. Andrews and Mrs. George Nicholson of South precinct, and T. B. Creel, John W. Umstead Jr., W. E. Merritt, William S. Stewart and Mrs. Evelyn Rush of North precinct. County Elections Board Chairman E. J. Hamlin will meet with the group in an ex officio capacity.

Agitation for splitting of the present two voting precincts has been noted here since the heated Graham-Smith election in 1950 when prospective voters had to stand in line at great length to vote.

SIGNS OF THE TIMES

HILLSBORO—One-man stills seem to be the latest development in the illegal whiskey manufacturing trade in Orange County.

Sheriff's deputies Tuesday captured a 10 to 15 gallon copper unit in the attic of a West Hillsboro home and said a similar one had been found several weeks ago in another part of the county. Both units, they said could be operated by one man.

Ike Pugh was charged with illegal possession of materials for manufacturing whiskey. Reports and indications at the scene were that Pugh's outfit had last operated last Thursday.

Research Data To Be Given Here

Four-Day Meeting Is Scheduled In Hillsboro To Present Information

New research results that deal with farming enterprises common to Orange County will be presented at a four-day series of farmer meetings in the courthouse at Hillsboro February 9, 10, 11 and 12.

County Agent Don S. Matheson declared the meetings are part of an extensive new program of the State College Extension Service. "The Extension Service is taking advantage of the winter months to speed the flow of practical new information to farmers," he said.

It is sending 70 specialists in such fields as tractor maintenance, irrigation, tobacco, pastures, field crops, animal husbandry, dairying, farm management and marketing, poultry, insect control, forestry, horticulture, and plant disease control to virtually every county in the state. The specialists will remain in each extension district for one week, except in the west, where they will remain two weeks, alternating between counties.

Fifteen of these specialists will bring the latest information on poultry, horticulture, forestry, livestock, feed production and housing to Orange farmers.

One of the major problems to be discussed in most schools will be the economical use of land made by cuts in acreage allotments according to Matheson.

The specialists will also discuss enterprises in which you may not now be engaged, but which may be ideally suited for your farm. Matheson cited sheep as such an enterprise. They require little labor and most always return a nice profit.

More efficient use of fertilizers will also be discussed. Matheson said the need for this is acute. In corn, for example, the average use of nitrogen is 40 pounds per acre, but it is highly profitable to use up to 100 pounds.

Farmers will also become acquainted with new, cheap sources of nitrogen.

New crop varieties, such as Wade snapbean that has commanded a premium on the market since its introduction, and other crops with disease resistance will be discussed, according to Matheson.

Caldwells To Present

Travelogue To Grange

HILLSBORO—North Carolina State Grange Master Harry B. Caldwell and Mrs. Caldwell will be guests of the Orange County Pomona Grange on Monday, January 25th.

The Caldwellwells will present a travelogue of their trip to Italy last summer, where they participated in the International Agricultural Conference.

The Pomona Grange will meet in open session at 8:00 p.m. The public is cordially invited to attend.

Chapel Hill Aldermen Lauded For Enforcing Frat Fire Law

The Board of Aldermen has recently been lauded by the State Insurance Department for its action in condemning local fraternities and sororities until adequate fire escapes had been installed.

Referring to the recent Pi Kappa Phi fraternity house fire, which came a year and a day after the houses had been condemned, Kern Church, engineer and deputy fire marshal of the State Insurance Department, wrote Town Manager Thomas D. Rose as follows:

"I shudder when I think what might have happened in this fire, or in a fire in one of the other fraternities or sororities, had the fire escapes not been installed and had the students not been aware of the hazardous condition

of these buildings. The action taken by city officials on December 16, 1952, when all but two of the fraternities and sororities were condemned until fire escapes, etc., were installed, brought public attention to this hazard.

"I personally think the city officials deserve a lot of praise for their perseverance in taking the necessary action to make the fraternities and sororities in Chapel Hill safer."

Since the fraternity house fire last month, University Dean of Students Fred Weaver has asked all fraternities and sororities to have fire drills and also to have their wiring and heating systems inspected. Rose has asked the fire department to assist in carrying out these precautions.