

## KIDD BREWER'S Raleigh Roundup

**EDERS.** The Carolina Motor is finally knuckling under orders from the North Carolina Department of Insurance. You have been following the action here in the column, you that Carolina Motor Club— is regarded in many quarters as principally an insurance agency— has given numerous employees free memberships in the club.

It has been moving along for some time. The Carolina Motor has been granted the franchise or something— anyway, it's agent— to sell automobile license plates for the State.

At the State Insurance Department the Carolina Motor Club has been violating the law giving away insurance.

Now the club has written the agents of the free memberships telling them they must pay the insurance provision of the free memberships or return insurance provision.

Although nothing about it has hit the press, it is understood at least a few of the State employees are returning the insurance portions of their free memberships in Carolina Motor.

**ING SEASON.** But the Carolina Motor Club has just completed their big season selling license plates. We have no report on the number they sold. However, unless you live in the Raleigh or Winston-Salem vicinities, odds are that you got your tag via Carolina Motor Club through a local agency acting for them.

We maintain that the State could handle the sale of the license tags. Or, if it must have an agency, bid it out to the lowest bidder organization that will sell them at least expense to the State.

Under no circumstance should license plates be sold or distributed through a company that sells insurance or anything else.

It has been figured that approximately 1,400,000 license plates will be sold in North Carolina next year. The Carolina Motor Club gets 17 cents for each plate sold by them.

Now our arithmetic says more than \$200,000 will be expended to get the plates sold, with most of it going to the Carolina Motor Club. That is \$200,000 out of the taxpayers' pockets. That is \$200,000 that would be used by the State Highway Department if it weren't moving in another direction.

Know the simplest way to buy your license plates? When you get your card from the State, just enclose check or money order, return it, and the tags will be sent by return-mail.

**POE'S "LUCK"**... Unless you know where to look for it, you can come to Raleigh 500 times without seeing it and you wander over Wake County without finding one of the most famous homes here.

I refer to Longview, the home of Dr. Clarence Poe, who last week formally retired as president of the Progressive Farmer. He came in on losing that home and everything else of monetary value back in 1930.

Writing in the Winston-Salem Journal and Sentinel about Dr. Poe and the Progressive Farmer last Sunday, Davis said: "... In 1930, when Poe had the double-barreled disaster of overextending himself buying the Southern Ruralist (one of 14 farm journals absorbed by the Progressive Farmer)— just as farm prices were completely to pieces, the operation came close to bankruptcy. Poe had to rent Longview, his lovely 800-acre estate. Salaries on the Progressive Farmer were slashed to subsistence level (one month no salaries were paid) as subscriptions lapsed and advertising income collapsed. Fortunately, the company had its money in the only banks in Raleigh and Birmingham that did not fail.

"Clarence Poe mentions good luck when he talks of the depression and the fact his banks survived. In analyzing the reasons for his success he says, 'I should

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# The News of Orange County

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EIGHT PAGES THIS WEEK

## Industry Development Gets Boost At Meeting

### School Board Approves Line Between Units

**HILLSBORO**—Several actions centering around the Carrboro School were handled at this week's meeting of the Orange County Board of Education.

In addition to approving the closing of a street behind the school, the board accepted the Carrboro committee's approval of a White Cross—proposed line between the two school areas which correspond with the voting precinct line between the two communities. Dwight Ray, John McLaughlin and Ernest Hearn approved the agreement for the Carrboro School.

A delegation from Carrboro composed of Walter Clark and Mrs. Edith Kaylor called upon the board to expedite the construction of a new building and also to provide money to improve the grounds of the old building.

Superintendent G. Paul Carr told the board the maintenance department had complied with the Grand Jury request for fire extinguishers in the new school buildings and repair of those in the old buildings. He announced that both Aycock and Efland school groups had purchased discarded school buses for \$150 each to be used as activity buses, purchased insurance and placed titles in the name of the Board of Education in accordance with the Board's established policy. A delegation from Cedar Grove school requested an additional school bus or re-routing of present ones in order that children will not have to stand enroute.

### Farm Program Schedule Set

**HILLSBORO**—The complete program for the presentation of information on latest science and research developments to Orange County farmers at the series of meetings February 9-12 was announced by County Agent Don Matheson as follows:

Tuesday, February 9—9:30 A. M.—to 11:30 A. M.

John L. Gray and V. G. Watkins—Forestry outlook for small woodland owners—Individual practices needed in wood lot management—Money from planned timber growing

Motion Picture—"When a Fellow Needs a Forester"

Poultry—1:30 P. M.—3:30 P. M. W. G. Andrews—Producing and preparing a high quality egg for market.

C. W. Williams—Trends in marketing of poultry products.

D. W. Fletcher—The need for producing hatching eggs.

Wednesday, February 10—Horticulture—9:30 AM to 11:30 AM: (See **FARM**, page 8)

### Four Named To UNC Faculty

**CHAPEL HILL**—Four new faculty members have been appointed and approved by the Executive Committee of the Trustees of the University of North Carolina staff at Chapel Hill, it was announced today by President Gordon Gray and Chancellor Robert B. House.

They are Dr. Dwight M. Bissell, as professor of public health administration; Dr. Christopher Theodore Bever, associate professor of psychiatry; Dr. Joseph Candler Hutchinson, assistant professor in Romance Languages; and Miss Mary Vida Cheek, assistant professor, School of Nursing, and director of Nursing Service, N. C. Memorial Hospital.

#### BAKERY SALE

**CARRBORO**—The Carrboro Civic Club's annual Bakery Sale will be held Friday February 12 beginning at 1:30 o'clock at Andrews-Riggsbee Grocery Store. All kinds of homemade pies and cakes will be on sale for the benefit of the Well-baby Clinic, the Library and other projects of the club.

### C&D Representatives Urge Listing Of Sites As An Important Step

**HILLSBORO**—Got a piece of property which might be used as a building site for a future Hillsboro industry? Or better still, do you have a building that might be leased or sold for industrial purposes?

Such a list of definite sites was described as being of prime importance in any community seeking new industrial development by representatives of the Department of Conservation and Development meeting here with a group of business men, county and city officials and civic leaders Tuesday.

E. E. Huffman, industrial analyst, and Dallas T. Daily, development engineer, both of the State Department of Conservation and Development, met with a score of local folks Tuesday morning at the Mayor's Office in one of a series of state-sponsored Development Workshops to study the possibilities of industrial development in Orange County to balance the present agricultural and limited industrial economy of the county.

Mr. Huffman described the workshop as a follow-up on the regional meetings held last Fall and said such meetings have proved to be helpful in those counties in which they have already been held. "We want to get down to brass tacks on your problems in developing your community industrially," he said. "Most people don't realize what a community has to do to get new industry," he continued. "It's a man-sized job. Industry does not come knocking at your door."

He suggested if such interest was available, that local citizens form a so-called Industrial Development Corporation to help finance a new building for a prospective new industry if one should show a local interest. Often the spending of such monies as may be raised or pledged to such a purpose is never used, he said, but serves as an aid in showing the community's interest in industrial progress. "Often the best financed firms like to have local community participation," Huffman said.

The importance of having information easily accessible was emphasized strongly, in the event a plant official paid a quick visit here and asked what the town had to offer a new industry.

The representatives of the Department of Conservation and Development were taken on a tour (See **INDUSTRY**, page 8)

## Local Events Set For 44th Scout Anniversary

Boy Scouts of Orange County will hold their annual Court of Honor in Chapel Hill on Sunday, February 7, at 8:00 p. m. in Gerard Hall.

At that time awards for achievement in Scouting will be made to individual Scouts from the five troops now active in Chapel Hill, Carrboro, Efland, and Hillsboro. The occasion will be the feature event of the Orange District's celebration of national Boy Scout Week, February 7-13.

Troop 9 of Chapel Hill will be host troop for this year's Court of Honor. Dick Jamerson, chairman of advancement for Troop 9, is in charge of arrangements. The troop's Scoutmaster is Jimmy Wallace.

Roy Armstrong, past president of the Oconeechee Council, will welcome Scouts, Scouters, parents, and others in attendance.

G. Paul Carr, of Hillsboro, chairman of the Orange District, has scheduled the monthly meeting of the district executive committee for February 11, at 6:30 p. m. in Hillsboro's Colonial Inn.

#### WEAVER TO SPEAK

**CARRBORO**—Fred Weaver will speak on "University Traditions" when the Carrboro Civic Club meets next Wednesday at 3 p. m. at the club rooms. Hostess for the occasion will be Mrs. Harry Sefton.



Robert L. Collins  
to live at Chapel Hill

## District Gets New Executive For Boy Scouts

**CHAPEL HILL**—Robert L. Collins will join the professional staff of the Oconeechee Council, Boy Scouts of America, on February 15, it was announced this week by Spurgeon P. Gaskin of Raleigh, Scout Executive.

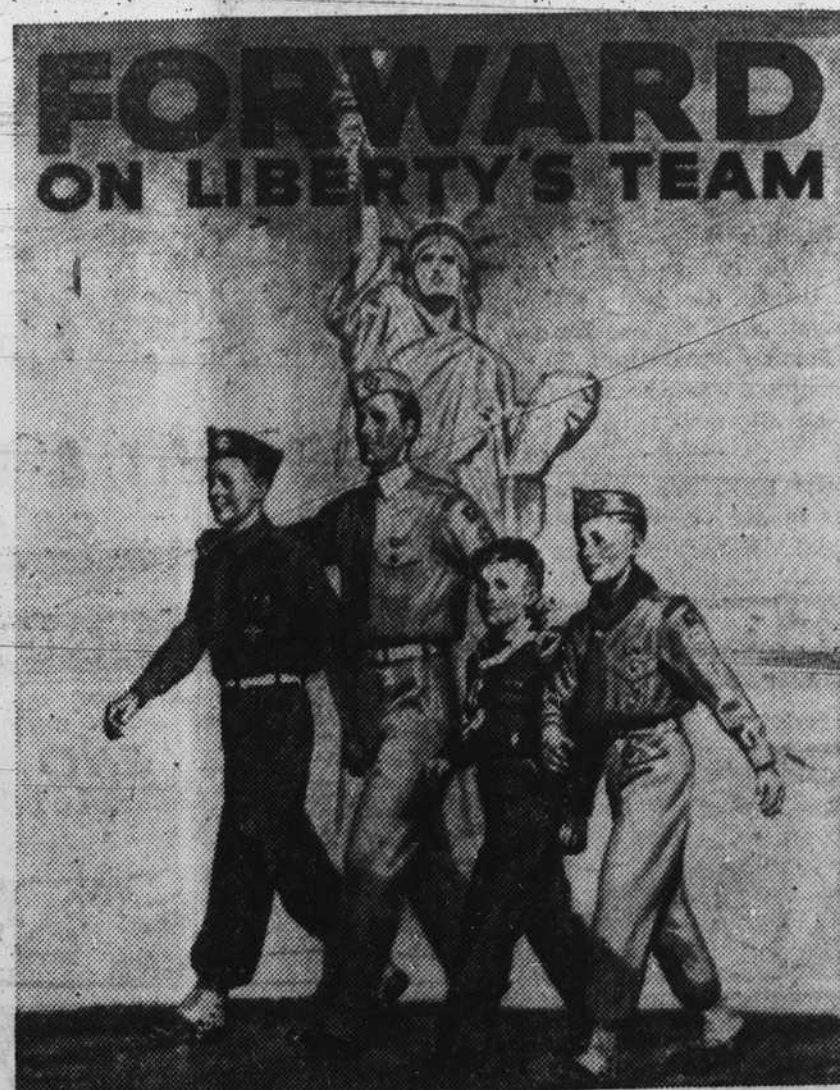
At the present time a District Scout Executive at Wadesboro, N. C., Collins will make his home in Chapel Hill and will serve the Scouters of Orange and Chatham Counties where there are a total of thirty-six units of all types, including 1,066 members.

A graduate of the University of North Carolina where he majored in Sociology, Mr. Collins has worked for the past three years as a professional Scout leader. Prior to that time, he served with the Research Department of N. C. State College and with the Public Welfare Department as a case worker.

During World War II he served with the U. S. Air Force for two and one-half years, being discharged in 1946. As a Scout in his native Georgia, the rank of Eagle was attained, and he later became an Assistant Scoutmaster.

The new District Executive becomes the first professional Scout of the Council to make his home in Chapel Hill, replacing Bill Roth of Sanford who has been promoted to Director of Explorer Scouting in the Council.

In commenting on Mr. Collins' appointment, G. Paul Carr of Hillsboro, Chairman of the Orange District, said: "We are fortunate to secure the services of such a fine Scout leader. He has a wonderful record of Scouting achievement in the districts with which he has worked. His coming to Orange County is a part of our long-range program to assure a still better Scouting program and more complete professional guidance than we now enjoy."



44th ANNIVERSARY 1954  
BOY SCOUTS OF AMERICA

Official Boy Scout Week Poster

## Umstead Protests Road Extension Before Promised Roads Stabilized

### Representative Says 75 To 100 Miles Still On Unimproved List

**HILLSBORO**—Representative John W. Umstead vigorously protested the proposed early extension of the Chapel Hill-New Hope road into Hillsboro at this week's meeting of the Board of County Commissioners and promised to carry his objection to the Highway Commissioner at his next public hearing.

"I don't think we should build any new roads until those promised under the bond program have been stabilized," he said in his remarks as spokesman for a group of citizens who had protested to him about the proposed new road, which the Highway Commission expects to begin in the early Spring.

"There are still 75 to 100 miles of roads which were promised stabilization," he continued. "They have no right to lay off roads through the woods when these people are still in the mud."

Mr. Umstead was chairman of the Better Schools and Roads bond campaign held in North Carolina during the early part of the Scott term as governor.

Highway Commission Chairman A. H. Graham has announced that the extension would be built by Orange County maintenance forces with the exception of an overhead bridge on which contracts will be let. The new stretch of road will shorten the distance from here to Chapel Hill by two miles and will be designated Highway 86 to replace the old road between the two communities.

In other actions the Commissioners heard another lengthy letter from Court Stenographer Miriam Cox expressing her resentment at the Board's refusal to pay her for a court term which was cancelled, on which she claims \$100 is due because she was notified only 13 days prior to the beginning of court; again denied liability for the claim; and set new dog vaccination rates for the forthcoming year at 75 cents at the rabies clinics conducted by the Dog Warden, \$1 at the pound after the clinic and \$1.50 when it is necessary for the Dog Warden to go to the owner's home.

The Commissioners were told that the \$80,000 bond anticipation notes sold to complete present courthouse construction contract were bought by the R. S. Dickson Company at a rate of 1.44%.

Requests were received from both the Bank of Chapel Hill and the new University National Bank (See **PROTEST**, page 8)

#### Filing Season Opens

## Politics Move To Forefront As Primary Speculation Hot Topic

The subject of politics is already beginning to creep into conversations in this year of 1954, a big election year for Orange, when citizens will be called upon to fill all major county offices, including for the first time a new 5-man board of County Commissioners.

Potential candidates are sending out "feelers", and the rumor mill is starting to squeak and will grind out a steady flow of possible opponents for some of the present office holders.

Elections Board Chairman E. J. Hamlin said forms for filing notices of candidacy for the primary election of 1954 had been received along with instructions for filing from the State Board of Elections. The filing deadline is still two and a half months away, however. Candidates for county and township offices have until 6 p. m. Saturday April 17 to pay their filing fee.

Only announced candidate thus far is Representative John W. Umstead Jr. for the General Assembly. Mr. Umstead announced his intentions a week or so ago and filed his notice and paid his \$13.50 filing fee yesterday.

Much speculation is rampant regarding candidates for the enlarged Board of Commissioners as result of the increase in size authorized by the last legislature and the dissatisfaction with the revaluation program sponsored by the current board. There is sure to be a large field for these posts and at least two members of the present board have given indications they do not plan to run.

Voters will also pick a sheriff, clerk of court and register of deeds among major offices and a nominee for one seat on the Board of Education. Chairman C. W. Stanford's term expires. None of the present full-time office holders has announced their intention in

the forthcoming primary, but all are expected to run again.

Speculation around Chapel Hill has centered around one potential candidate for Sheriff, Sam C. Johnston, service station operator, who friends say is considering making the race. He has not formally announced his candidacy. Registration books open Saturday, May 1 and the first primary will be held May 29.

## Scott Slates Talk At Hill On 'Big' Day

**CHAPEL HILL**—Former Governor, possible candidate, W. Kerr Scott has announced he will reveal his intentions in the U. S. Senatorial race on or before February 10.

A tipoff as to his intentions, therefore, seems to be inherent in his acceptance of an invitation to speak here in Chapel Hill next Wednesday February 10 at 8 p. m. in the High School auditorium.

Unless he has formally announced his decision by that time it would seem he must of necessity announce it here in accordance with his stated intention. Few there are who believe he is not already a candidate and the general belief is the announcement will come this weekend or either Monday or Tuesday.

Scott Publicist Bill Whitely yesterday announced plans for the Chapel Hill speech and said this would be the ex-governor's "one visit" here in acceptance of an invitation of a number of groups. Mrs. Charles Stanford, chairman of the Orange County Democratic committee, will preside.

## Negro Rural Progress Program In Top Five; Decision Today

The Negro Rural Progress Program in Orange County has been selected as one of the five top counties in the State for the second consecutive year to compete for the \$500.00 award given to the county for making the largest contribution to rural progress among Negroes in the State by the editor of the Progressive Farmer Magazine.

The State Committee is composed of Dr. W. E. Reed, Dean of School of Agriculture, Greensboro; S. B. Simmons, Greensboro, assistant supervisor of vocational education; R. E. Jones, State Agent, Greensboro; Mrs. Lucy F. James, Durham, supervisor, vocational home economics; Mrs. Ruth Lawrence Woodson, Raleigh, supervisor, N. C. Negro Elementary Schools; E. F. Corbett, director of public relations, A. & T. College, Greensboro; and Dr. S. E. Duncan, Raleigh, supervisor N. C. Negro High Schools. This committee will meet with county agricultural workers and county officials, farmers and business interests, at Central High School Thursday, February 4, at 10 o'clock, to evaluate the progress made in Orange among rural Negro farmers in 1953.

During the Agricultural Workers' Council meeting Monday, in the Agricultural Building, the tentative Rural Progress Program was approved for 1954. The program will be adopted at a meeting of neighborhood leaders, business interests and members of the Agricultural Workers' Council at a meeting at the County Courthouse on the night of February 25. Already a number of prizes have been donated by business firms to date. Any firm wishing to make a donation to the Rural Progress Fund please call one of the following: A. K. McAdams, E. R. Dowdy, M. C. Burt, J. M. Murfree, or Don S. Matheson.

## Buckner New Area Forester

Edward R. Buckner of Chapel Hill has been appointed forester for Alamance and Orange counties.

Buckner will replace Jerry Robinson, who recently entered the armed forces. He will reside in Mebane.

The new forester is a native of Brevard, but has spent the past 12 years in Chapel Hill. He has a BS degree in geology from the University of North Carolina and an MA degree in forestry from Duke University.

## "Hungry" Families In County, Reports Welfare Department

The following announcement relative to needy families in Orange County was made this week by Miss Annie Strowd, welfare superintendent.

"During the months of December and January there have been several applications for general assistance. Some are able bodied men, heads of families with no employment, and completely without food and other necessities. Others have had an occasional job but their wages have not been adequate to supply even food for their families.

"The Welfare Department has no funds with which to meet the needs of these people. Church groups or civic clubs interested in helping in these emergency situations are asked to notify the Superintendent who will be glad to work with these organizations in helping to meet the needs of hungry people of the county."