

## KIDD BREWER'S Raleigh Roundup

**OTHER SHOE...** Remember the story about the big-footed fellow in the rooming house who had labor up the stairs each night, retire to his room early around while, and then begin his preparations for bed by taking off his shoes, size 12. He would take off one, let it hit the floor, and then just sit there—so many of us do—and think a spell before removing and slipping the other shoe. While said cogitation was in progress each night, the rest of the house sat tensely downstairs. Conversation halted. The air was thick with expectation while everybody waited for that other shoe. Everybody knew that, sooner or later, it would hit the floor with a resounding thump. Then, and only then, could everything get back normal. The other shoe dropped this past weekend. Echoes of the thump still hitting barnsides from the end of the state to the other. Mr. Scott dropped the first shoe a year ago when he said something to the effect that, "they so darned afraid I'm going to run against Willis Smith..." Well, the world-shaking announcement that Scott would indeed run for the U. S. Senate came at 6 o'clock Saturday afternoon.

**LOVE THAT PAPER...** W. Kerr Scott lives on publicity. If you don't know what makes him tick, take a long look at the press radio. He particularly loves Sunday morning paper. First of all, it has the biggest circulation. And, just as important, people have more time for reading it. Monday morning papers are being read and the newspaper boys, giving for copy, will come up with a refresh and new angles on important news, breaking on Monday afternoon.

And, too, people gather together in little groups before and after church throughout the State once-over-thoughty discussion of day's events. All this, plus the fact that Scott announced for Governor six years ago on February 6, made it almost a must that he drop that brogan last Saturday. Late as last Friday morning he was saying around Raleigh he had decided to take the stage at a speech to be made in Chapel Hill on Wednesday night. As of Friday afternoon vagrant spers said Haw River would spill to overflowing come Saturday at 3. And so it did. For a man who likes to spring surprises, Kerr Scott came a cropper on this one. And, as day follows day for the next few weeks, we will see just how carefully chitlin'-loving' man planned supposedly casual announcement and the booming pronouncement which came after.

**MACHINE MAN...** Due to the fact that Gov. William B. Umstead reappointed so many Scott wards and has given such little attention to building political ties, the Haw River product undoubtedly is regarded as Machine Man in the race. For, he has been out of the governor's office only a few days for a year now and his contacts are still strong throughout every part of North Carolina. There is a town, hamlet, or crossroads touched by Kerr Scott. He's a shine man—road machines, that is—and the wheels have been carefully oiled during the past year out of public office. He is going to be real interested to watch them start grinding in.

**CORNER...** Now in the other corner, wearing white trunks, a head weighing in at 190 pounds, the challenger: Alton Lennon, sometimes known as the heifer in Hanover. Now were it not for the fact that David took Goliath—to quote the scripture—Samson laid low those Phillistines with the jawe of an ass, and one Harry Truman slipped a mickey finn the entire Republican Party, H. V. Kaltenborn, Gallop, Kiplinger thrown in, you would

## Tax Appeal Procedure Is Given

**Hillsboro Property Values Being Mailed By Tax Supervisor**

HILLSBORO — Notices of new valuations placed on both real and personal property in Hillsboro Township are being mailed to property owners this week, according to County Tax Supervisor S. M. Gattis.

This procedure of notifying property owners of their new values was chosen after the appraisal firm failed to complete its work in Hillsboro prior to the beginning of tax listing on January 1. Scattered property which had not been re-appraised in other townships is also being included in the owner notification program. In townships other than Hillsboro, however, property values had been placed on the tax abstract forms prior to listing time at 70% of market value and owners were notified at the time of listing.

In his letter to property owners Gattis advises them that in the event their values are out of line with similar properties, or if errors are noted, they should review their values by visiting the tax office in the courthouse.

This general procedure has been adopted in handling complaints of tax valuations. The protesting owner will be given a form to appeal the value placed on his real or personal property, which he will execute giving his own estimates of the value. When this has been returned to the tax office, the appraiser will visit the property with the owner if an appointment can be arranged. If they agree, the new value will be fixed at that time. If they can't agree, the complainant will be asked to file a notice of appeal to the Board of Equalization and Review and appointments will be scheduled for sessions of this board beginning on March 15.

The unsatisfied property owners are asked to visit the tax office within 10 days of receipt of their values in order that the tax work can proceed on schedule.

## 6 From Orange Will Attend Party Dinner

CHAPEL HILL — At least six party stalwarts from Orange County will share the pronounced southern flavor of the annual Jefferson - Jackson Day dinner of North Carolina's Democratic party in Raleigh Saturday night.

Mrs. Charles W. Stanford, party chairman, said yesterday that Orange County's \$300 quota had been raised, which will entitle the county to six seats at the party banquet. No announcement was made as to who would be the actual recipients.

Dinner chairman is John D. Larkins, Jr., of Trenton. The principal speaker, U. S. Senator Spessard L. Holland, is not the only Florida item on the program at the Hotel Sir Walter. Larkins said: Two items on the banquet menu, the grapefruit and the asparagus — will also be Florida products. Even the piece de resistance, prime ribs of beef, may have its origin in Florida, since that state is a major cattle producer.

The dinner this year will be complete with Democratic banners, Larkins said, in the form of the special hand-painted cravats showing a series of very lively Democratic donkeys and dispirited GOP elephants. The neckties will be worn by the first 50 county executive committee chairmen, or their designates, who fully subscribe the suggested dinner quotas of their counties.

The fund-raising effort this year is aimed toward at least equaling the \$29,000 raised for the party in the 1953 event, the dinner chairman said. A dinner reservation is made for the respective counties for every multiple of \$50 subscribed.



W. KERR SCOTT  
Haw River Squire off on Senate race... opens speaking campaign in Chapel Hill last night.

## New Rector Comes To Hillsboro To Serve St. Mathews Church

The Rev. Lorton W. Pettit has assumed his duties as the new rector of St. Mathews Episcopal Church, Hillsboro, and conducted his first service there last Sunday.

The Rev. Mr. Pettit comes to the Hillsboro church from St. John's Episcopal Church in Halifax, Va., where he has served since 1947.

With Mrs. Pettit, their daughter, Elizabeth Anne, 8, and son, Lorton II, 3, the new rector is residing in the Ross Porter home while the parsonage is undergoing repairs.

Mr. Pettit is a native of Lockport, N. Y. He attended Hobart College in New York State and later graduated in 1942 from the Virginia Seminary, in Alexandria. Following his ordination, he served for two years as assistant rector at St. John's Church, Buffalo, N. Y., from whence he came to Norden, Va., where he served five churches in the mountains and coal fields of that area. He went to Halifax in 1947.

Mrs. Pettit is a native of Rochester, N. Y., a graduate of the University of Rochester and attended Colgate Rochester Divinity School. Later she served as director of religious education at St. James Church in Batavia, N. Y.

The Pettits will be introduced to members of other church denominations in Hillsboro at a reception to be held Sunday afternoon from 4 to 6 p.m. in Strudwick Hall in the Hillsboro Presbyterian Church.

## JUDGE SHARP COMING

HILLSBORO — Judge Susie Sharp, the precedent-breaking woman jurist of the North Carolina Superior Court, will preside at a week's special term of civil court to begin here next Monday.

Forty three cases have been docketed for trial.

The demand for the multiflora rose is becoming greater each year, since it serves as a permanent fence in four or five years after setting with proper soil preparation, fertilization, and cultivation the first year. It also serves as a nice hedge when properly located.

The plants are made available by the N. C. Wildlife Resources Commission as a part of their program of protecting the wild life of the State. Donald J. Hankla, the District Biologist, supervises

## Dimes' Fund Runs Behind '53 Receipts

While contributions are still being accepted in both Hillsboro and Chapel Hill, a partial report of receipts was released yesterday by leaders in the March of Dimes fund raising effort.

Although a number of reports are still awaited and all of the coin collection boxes remain to be counted, County Chairman E. C. Smith in Chapel Hill estimated that total receipts would be short of the \$12,000 raised in last year's drive.

Superintendent G. Paul Carr who handled the drive in the county school system said \$1,628.36 was collected in that division as compared to last year's \$2,114.03. A breakdown of the contributions by schools was as follows: Hillsboro \$400.51; West Hillsboro \$129.05; Murphy \$108.40; Efland \$144.72; Aycock \$169.47; Carrboro \$334.08; White Cross \$103.00; Caldwell \$31.50; Efland Negro School \$37.37; Cedar Grove \$69.10; and Central \$101.16.

Chapel Hill school children raised \$1,181.92. The Mother's March in Chapel Hill netted \$751.22, the Jaycees road block \$343.92, and the Carrboro Civic Club campaign directed by Mrs. H. C. Riggsbee and Mrs. Earl Settlemyre cleared about \$700.

In the Hillsboro area Chairman Vance Isenhour said that \$1108 had been received with a benefit show still to be held on February 19 and coin boxes yet to be counted. He urged that those who had not yet contributed to send their donations to him as soon as possible. The Hillsboro campaign netted \$1181.71 last year.

## Negro Farmers Win Top Rural Prize Too

## Odell H. Clayton Files For Sheriff

**3-Man Race Virtually Assured; Clayton Is Former Latta Deputy**

HILLSBORO — At least a three-man race for the office of Sheriff of Orange County was virtually assured this week when Odell H. Clayton, well known local citizen and a former deputy sheriff, filed his candidacy for the office with the Chairman of the Board of Elections.

Clayton paid the \$41 filing fee required for the office early Monday morning and announced he was in the race.

In his announcement he said: "After giving the matter thoughtful consideration, I have decided to offer myself as a candidate for the office of Sheriff of Orange County. This decision was based on my desire to serve all the citizens of the county in a position in which I feel myself qualified by experience and interest."

"If elected I promise to fulfill the duties of this high office to the best of my ability, giving equal consideration and effort to each man's problems. It will be my purpose to improve, if possible, the services of this office to the citizens of Orange County in line with the best principles of law enforcement and the opinions and suggestions of any citizens will be appreciated by me."

"I am a life-long Democrat and my candidacy is subject to the will of the majority as it will be expressed in the forthcoming Democratic Primary this May."

Clayton, 39, is a native of Hillsboro, the son of Mr. and Mrs. W. John Clayton. He was graduated from Hillsboro High School and attended Elon College. He had served under Sheriff Sam Latta as a deputy for about two years



ODELL H. CLAYTON

when he entered the Army in 1941. After four and a half years in service, two of which were in the European Theater, he returned to his former post as Deputy Sheriff, completing seven years in the Sheriff's office before resigning several years ago to take a position with the Eno plant of Duke Power Company.

He is a son-in-law of W. R. Roberts, who is currently a deputy sheriff under Latta. Meanwhile, Sheriff Latta, although he has made no formal announcement, indicated he would be a candidate to succeed himself in the office he has held since 1928.

In Chapel Hill young Charles W. Johnston, service station operator and active Jaycee, is still contemplating entering the race for Sheriff. He expects to file very shortly, say his friends. The News, which first reported Johnston's potential candidacy last week, erroneously referred to him as Sam C. Johnston. It gladly makes this correction.

## Chapel Hill Post To Present Iron Lung To Memorial Hospital

### POLIO BENEFIT

CHAPEL HILL — An iron lung, recently purchased by the Chapel Hill Post, the American Legion, will be presented to the North Carolina Memorial Hospital here Sunday at 3 p. m.

Congressman Carl T. Durham, a charter member of the local post, is expected to make the presentation during the ceremonies in the Hospital's auditorium on the fourth floor. Orange County Representative John W. Umstead will accept the gift on behalf of the Board of Trustees.

Dean William Wells will represent the University and Dr. Robert R. Cadmus, director of the hospital, will accept in its behalf. Colonel Henry Royall is in charge of the presentation program for the post and Frank G. Umstead, post commander, will introduce Mr. Durham.

The iron lung was purchased at a cost of approximately \$1,600 by the Chapel Hill post.

The Hillsboro Club's 1954 March of Dimes Show has been re-scheduled for February 19th at 8 P.M. at the Hillsboro High School Auditorium.

This show was originally planned for January 22nd but had to be cancelled because of snow. Local Talent and Woody Mashburn's Wanderers of the Wasteland will be featured, will all proceeds going to the Orange County March of Dimes.

All tickets sold for the January 22nd performance will be good for the February 19th show.

## Multiflora Rose Becomes Popular For Fencing

Dr. Foy Roberson, East of Chapel Hill, put out several thousand multiflora rose seedlings last year to serve as a permanent fence.

The Commission has been unable to fill all the orders this year because of the great demand. It is hoped that there will be a greater supply next year.



MULTIFLORA ROSE replaces wire and posts with a living fence on some of Orange County's farms. Above is a multiflora rose fence E. M. Fowler, of Mt. Moriah Community, is using in his soil and water conservation system. (Photo by Soil Conservation Service)

## Orange Makes Clean Sweep Of Top Awards In Progress Program

HILLSBORO — Orange County this week was declared the County of the Year in Rural Progress among Negroes in North Carolina, thus giving the county a clean sweep of total first prize money of \$1,500 donated in the contest.

M. C. Burt, Negro County Agent, was notified of Orange County's selection Monday.

Early in December Orange was designated the County of the Year and winner of the \$1,000 first prize in the state-wide challenge contest among the White farm organizations.

In Orange County both White and Negro farmers participated in the same program. Last year the Orange Negro program was judged among the first five in the State. The \$1,000 prize won by White farmers and \$500 in the Negro division will be presented by the State officials at special ceremonies to be held at the courthouse on February 25, which will also serve as a kickoff meeting for the 1954 Rural Progress Program for both White and Negro divisions. Neighborhood leaders, business interest, and members of the Agricultural Workers Council will be asked to attend.

The \$500 prize was donated by the Progressive Farmer magazine. Members of the committee visiting Orange County to make the winning selection included Dr. R. E. Reed, dean of the school of agriculture, A. & T. College; R. E. Jones, state farm agent for Negro work, N. C. Extension Service; E. F. Corbett, director of Public Relations, A & T College; and A. W. Solomon, State field representative for the Farm Bureau.

Other counties in the running for the top prize included Roberson, Edgecombe, Duplin and Rockingham.

## Strowd Named On Draft Board To Fill Vacancy

HILLSBORO — F. Eugene Strowd, Chapel Hill businessman, has been recommended for appointment by President Eisenhower to the vacancy on the Orange County Selective Service Board No. 69.

The recommendation is tantamount to appointment. He will succeed Clarence Pickard, who resigned several months ago because of ill health.

Strowd, a partner in the furniture firm of Johnson-Strowd-Ward, was nominated by a committee composed of Clerk of Court E. M. Lynch, School Superintendent G. Paul Carr and Elections Board Chairman E. J. Hamlin and Governor Umstead has forwarded their nomination to Washington for the President's action.

Other members of the local board are G. O. Reitzel and Samuel Hughes.

## Prayer Day Is Proclaimed At Hillsboro

HILLSBORO — Mayor Ben Johnston yesterday proclaimed March 5 as a Day of Prayer in Hillsboro in connection with the joint program being planned by the churches for that day.

The proclamation: "WHEREAS, there are conditions of tension and uncertainty in the world today, and it is recognized that many problems confronting us can be solved only with the help of Almighty God; and

"WHEREAS, March 5, the First Friday of the Lenten season has been declared a world-wide day of prayer in one hundred and four countries;

"NOW, THEREFORE, I Ben G. Johnston, Mayor of Hillsboro, do hereby proclaim March 5, 1954, as a Day of Prayer in Hillsboro, North Carolina.

### DEMOCRATIC MEETING

HILLSBORO — The Orange County Democratic Executive Committee will meet at the courthouse Monday afternoon at 2 o'clock to nominate Democratic members of the County Board of Elections.

The date for the meeting coincides with that designated for the entire estate by the State Democratic Executive Committee for acting upon the elections board members.

### EAGLE SCOUT

Gordon Proctor, son of Mr. and Mrs. Ben Proctor of Carrboro, was awarded Eagle Scout honors at the Court of Honor held in Chapel Hill Sunday night. He is a member of Explorer Post No. 20.