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KIDD BREWER'S Raleigh Roundup

OT AGAIN. . . It develops
one reason many people are
g they are for Kerr Scott for
J. S. Senate is that they want
with a winner and at this
figure he is the surest thing
a shoo-in we have had in this
in many a year.

let that critter get by me
said a Western North Car.
oldtimer this past weekend,
this time around I'm latching
early and riding him clean to
barn."

hat he meant was as follows:
e had the opportunity on two
sions to support Scott or one
is candidates. 2 He failed to
the light. 3 He now sees the
and 4. Will follow the gleam
through the night.

llows of this ilk aren't worth
powder it would take to blow
up, as a usual thing, but now
then you do find a real stal-
citizen who sincerely believes
playing the game that way.

NOUGH. . . I know of a coun-
and perhaps you do, too, that
for Fountain in 1932, for Dr.
McDonald in 1936, for Wil-
P. Horton in 1940, and for
Donald again in 1944.

1948, having suffered, bled
died, they cried out, "Boys,
e had enough. We're tired of
bing about of the dirty end of
stick. This time we are going
it right."

ou guessed it. They went
ght down the line for Charlie
son playing it right. They say
e votes rolled in from across
State the night of the runoff,
lf-dozen of them half-threaten-
e shoot themselves, two dozen
e had nervous breakdowns;
three of the leaders nearly
ed to death on tobacco juice
Johnson conceded defeat.

as there a wave of suicides
veral Republican states when
man took Dewey in 1948? And
know H. V. Kaltenborn has
been the same. "My-son-
" is doing most of the talk-
these days.

WHY THEY COME. . . We had
Democrats from all sections of
the State here for the Jefferson-
Jackson Day Dinner this past
weekend. A nice amount of cash
was raised for the Democratic Par-
ty and a good time was had by all.
Nevertheless and howsoever,
Democratic coffers could have
been enriched without the dinner
with everybody staying at home
and highway perils, getting a
good night's rest, and being up
bright and early for Sunday School
church on Sunday morning.

But, no, they had to come to Ra-
leigh. Question is, why did they?
They came to see and to be seen,
to wine, to dine, to lie a little, to
talk politics a lot, and to "find out
what's going on".

Most of them found that, like
everything else, the anticipation
was greater than the realization.
—in a way—they enjoyed it.

ENNON FIRST. . . They found
Ennon first in the hearts of their
countrymen. This caused little sur-
prise, for it was that way with
Ennon at the dinners in early
1938. He lost. So they returned
home addleheaded.

Ennon picked up some band-
wagon-type strength at the Jeff-
er-Jackson Day Dinner. That was
to be expected, for Kerr Scott has
never had too many of the organ-
ized boys with him.

AR AFIELD. . . It is a strange
indeed, but undeniably true,
that the foundation strength of
Kerr Scott frequently lies far a-
field from the foundation strength
of the Democratic Party in North
Carolina.

In other words, the vast majori-
ty of the party workers in the
counties, the fellows whom the
Democrats look to in general elec-
tions to carry them to victory—
chairmen, the members of the
executive committees, the haulers,
poll-holders, the county organ-
izations, are in the main not Kerr
Scott people. They may be this time, but
aren't been in the past.

Why is this? Well, principally,
because Kerr Scott is the lone wolf type,
one-man show. He's not just

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Elections Nominees Selected

Democratic Committee Selects Truesdale As Vice Chairman

HILLSBORO — Reappointment of the two Democratic members of the Orange County Board of Elections is virtually assured as the result of the action taken by the County Democratic Executive Committee in session here Monday afternoon.

Committee members in a brief and harmonious meeting voted unanimously to recommend Elections Board Chairman E. J. Hamlin of Hillsboro and Secretary C. A. Kirkpatrick of Chapel Hill for the two board positions.

In compliance with the request of the State Democratic Executive Committee that three names be submitted, the county committee added the name of Cooper Compton of Cedar Grove township.

In addition to action on the Elections Board, the Democratic leaders selected G. C. Truesdale of University Station as vice chairman to succeed the late J. D. Mont Eskridge.

Mrs. Charles W. Stanford, county chairman, said the names of Hamlin, Kirkpatrick and Compton would be submitted to the State committee in that order. It is customary for the State Committee to submit the names in the same order to the State Board of Elections which almost always appoints the first two members to the County Board of Elections.

The third member of the Board is always a Republican. Chairman M. L. Cates Sr. has not announced his party's nominees for the post now held by his son, M. L. Cates Jr.

Observer Unit Seeking Help

HILLSBORO — The Hillsboro Post of the Ground Observer Corp is in need of volunteers to help carry on this important phase of civil defense. This is the work of spotting aircraft and reporting them to the filter center in Durham. There they are traced and if they are not supposed to be in this territory interceptor planes from Army bases go out to check on them.

The post observation point is now in the fire tower southwest of Hillsboro. The post was manned Sunday on a four hour alert by five members. Six planes were reported during the four hours.

Anyone desiring to volunteer or information please contact, one of the following: Walt Wrenn, B. P. Gordon Jr. or Lucius Brown.

THURMAN TO SPEAK

HILLSBORO — The Reverend W. R. Thurman of Chapel Hill will speak at the morning worship on February 21, at the Hillsboro Presbyterian Church. This service brings to an end a week of emphasis on the mission work of the church.

Mr. Thurman's sermon will be on "The King's Command."

Schools Push Improvement Of Reading

The Orange County Schools are making an intensive effort to improve the reading of children at all grade levels.

In order to understand individual differences in reading and other school subjects a comprehensive testing program has been carried out in all schools.

Mrs. Mary Downing, a reading consultant, demonstrated the latest methods in the teaching of reading in the White Cross, Efland, Hillsboro and Aycock Schools last Thursday and Friday.

Fifty elementary teachers from the county schools observed the demonstration lessons.

Mrs. Downing worked with children from the second, third, fourth and fifth grades.



Betsy Forrest . . . likes people

Hillsboro Girl Salem College's 'Miss Student Teacher Of 1954'

Betsy Forrest of Hillsboro, who wants to be a teacher "because I like people," last week was named Salem College's Miss Student Teacher for 1954.

Miss Forrest, a senior, will com-

pete next month with representatives of other North Carolina colleges for the title of Miss North Carolina Student Teacher. The contest will be held during the state convention of Future Teachers of America in Raleigh.

Miss Forrest won the Salem honor in competition with six other students who were nominated by a committee of the college's Future Teachers of America chapter. From the seven, five were selected by the chapter membership for presentation to the student body, which in turn selected three of them to appear before the judging committee.

The other two finalists were Anny Moye of Tarboro and Doris McMillan of Galax, Va. They each gave brief talks on their philosophies of education to the committee yesterday afternoon.

Miss Forrest is president of the Salem Future Teachers of America chapter, vice president of the student body, vice chairman of the May Day committee, business manager of Sights and Insights, the college annual, a member of Pierettes, dramatic group, and the home economics club.

A daughter of Dr. and Mrs. D. E. Forrest of Hillsboro, she at first planned to study for a career in merchandising but decided on a teaching career just before beginning her junior year at Salem. She has done practice teaching during this school year at Kernersville and at Gray High School.

In declaring it a mistrial the judge automatically placed the Chapel Hill case on the calendar for next term.

In other actions, Marion H. Higgs was granted a divorce from Wade B. Higgs and a jury awarded nothing to J. Lawrence Sprunt, whose father owns Orton Plantation in South Carolina, for damages to his station wagon he alleged were caused by James A. Spivey.

APPEAL FOR BIRDS

The Hillsboro Garden Club this week issued an appeal to local citizens, especially parents of boys with air rifles, to prevent the killing of birds in the community.

The killing of any birds within the town limits of Hillsboro is a misdemeanor by virtue of the fact that the town was declared a Bird Sanctuary by the legislature in 1950.

Hobbs Is Seeking County Board Job

Incumbent Member Is First To File For New 4-Year Term Of Board

County Commissioner R. J. M. Hobbs of Chapel Hill this week became the first candidate to file for a seat on the new 5-man Board of County Commissioners which will be elected this year.

Hobbs, the only incumbent to enter the race thus far, paid his filing fee and announced he would seek the four-year term. In this year's election three men will be elected for four-year terms and two will be elected for two-year terms. Hereafter all terms will be for four years.

Mr. Hobbs is serving his first term as Commissioner, having previously served for a long period as an Alderman and Mayor Pro-tem of the Town of Chapel Hill.

Meanwhile, political speculation continued.

Much talk has centered around the Scott-Lennon senatorial campaign since the former opened his formal drive for votes in Chapel Hill last week and named an Orange County woman his woman's division chairman. He took the Chapel Hill appearance to announce the appointment of Mrs. C. W. Stanford to this post in a move which completely surprised the appointee. Later he announced that Durham reporter Bill Whitley, who lives in Chapel Hill,



R. J. M. Hobbs . . . files for board

would serve his headquarters as publicity man.

Talk on the many-sided race for Orange County Sheriff has continued. One day a rumor that J. Hubert McAdams, Farmer's Exchange Manager, was running for Sheriff spread like wildfire throughout the county but Mr. McAdams, who had been away for a period, nailed it as a false rumor upon his return.

Odell Clayton for Sheriff, Mr. Hobbs for the County Board and John W. Umstead for the Legislature are the only official filers thus far.

30 Taxpayers Checking Property Values Daily In County Office

HILLSBORO — Tax Supervisor Sam Gattis told the Board of County Commissioners Tuesday night that 70 persons had filed complaints with his office regarding the new values on their real property and that approximately 30 taxpayers were coming to his office each day to talk about their values or check up on comparable property.

The commissioners met in special session to discuss some of the values and procedures used in arriving at them with Adolph Pell, head of the group working in this county for the J. M. Clemenshaw Company, and Henry Lewis of the Institute of Government, who has consulted with the Board in an advisory capacity on several occasions in connection with the revaluation.

Most of Tuesday's meeting was consumed in discussion of values placed on machinery in the county's various industrial establishments.

On advice of Pell and Lewis the Board turned down a suggestion that the new values of all parcels of real property in the county be advertised in county newspapers in order to enable the public to compare values and to aid them in deciding if equalization had been achieved. This suggestion had been made to board members by a number of persons throughout the county.

EXCITEMENT REIGNS

Hillsboro—An orchid colored Cadillac and a long shock of curly blond hair on a male torso set the girls at the courthouse agog one day last week.

It all came about when the wrestling behemoth with the feminine affectation, Gorgeous George, rode through the "whammy" being operated by highway patrolmen on Highway 70, and his manager, the driver, was booked by Patrolman T. P. Smith for speeding 65 miles per hour.

The "gorgeous" one came with his manager into the courthouse to pay the \$10 fine and costs before proceeding on their way.

Drive Leaders For Red Cross Are Revealed

Quentin Patterson, 1954 Campaign Chairman of the Orange County Chapter of The American Red Cross, announced leaders today that are to conduct the Red Cross Drive for funds this year.

The drive will begin with a kickoff meeting on March 1st.

Leaders for this drive are as follows: Business: Bart O'Neal; Industrial: W. V. Fryer and Vernon Truesdale; Hillsboro Residential: Mrs. Ted Smith; Efland; Mrs. John Forrest; School: Mrs. Irene Pender; Special Division: Mrs. E. E. Patterson.

The rural areas have been divided into sections with Charles Langston overall rural leader. Assisting Langston will be Ed Barnes, Frank Spencer and Hubert Carter. A. L. Stanback will head the drive for the Colored Division.

State Of University Conclave Opens Today

Chapel Hill — Some 200 faculty members from the three units of the Consolidated University of North Carolina will open a two-day State of the University Conference in Chapel Hill this morning.

The Conference theme will be "How Can the Consolidated University of North Carolina More Nearly Meet its Full Responsibility in the Areas of Instruction and Research." The subject will be considered as it relates to students through the sophomore year, as it relates to students above the sophomore year, and as it relates to continuation and extension.

Progress Gifts Come Next Week

Poe, Mann To Make Presentation Of Top Rural Progress Prizes

HILLSBORO — Orange County farm leaders who directed the program which led to the county's designation as the State's first in Rural Progress in both White and Negro divisions will receive their reward next Thursday night.

And at least a part of the presentation will come from the man who originated the contest and donates the major portion of the overall prize money, Dr. Clarence Poe, the veteran editor of the Progressive Farmer.

Presentation of the \$1,000 "County of the Year in Rural Progress" Award will be made here at a meeting to be held at the Courthouse Thursday night, February 25 at 7:30 o'clock by Dr. Poe, while the \$500 State award for the county making the most progress in the Negro division will be presented by M. G. Mann, head of the Farmers Cooperative Exchange, also one of the donors to the contest fund.

Expected to attend will be the farm-neighborhood leaders from throughout the county who directed the program, extension, conservation and vocational agricultural personnel, county officials and business interests. The public is given a cordial invitation to be present.

In addition to the presentation, announcement is expected as to the use to which the prize money will be put.

Hillsboro PTA Hears Address By Armstrong

HILLSBORO — Roy Armstrong, director of Admissions of the University of North Carolina, was the guest speaker of the Hillsboro Parent Teacher Association on Tuesday night.

He said the greatest challenge of today is Adult Leadership, stressing the need of a closer relationship of parents with children, especially with the older children who need guidance. Children need an education for preparation for making a living. We are faced with one of the greatest problems of education, according to statistics given by Mr. Armstrong, in the increased number of children in school and the great shortage of teachers and crowded conditions already existing.

Mr. Armstrong stated how the P. T. A. could help these conditions. He advised the parents to become school conscious and through school surveys learn the needs of the school and cooperate with the school, but not try to run the school.

He expressed appreciation to Orange County as a member of the Oconeechee Council of Region Six in winning an award for the best job of Boy Scouting in America.

Mrs. Clyde Ray's fifth grade had charge of the devotional exercise and won the attendance award.

NEW CHURCH

Chapel Hill—The sponsorship of a new Mission Baptist Church in the Glen Lennox-Greenwood area of Chapel Hill will be discussed at a Church Dinner on Thursday evening, February 18, at 6:30 o'clock at the Baptist Church of Chapel Hill.

Guest speakers representing the Missions Committee of the Mt. Zion Association will be presented by the pastor, Dr. Samuel Tilden Habel. They will be Dr. Clyde Chapman of Swepsonville, Rev. E. C. Chamblee and Rev. E. C. Wilkie of Burlington.

The public is invited.

FIRE AT COURTHOUSE

Fire threatened the new county courthouse Monday afternoon when a pile of excelsior caught fire and spread rapidly on the porch of the building. The fire department was called and damage was confined to scorching of the brick and window sill.