

KIDD BREWER'S Raleigh Roundup

COLLEGE. We've been doing a little checking with the N. C. Department of Public Instruction on the number of kids we have in colleges and other institutions of higher education this year. The total is 42,911.

This is 3.7 per cent more than last year and 2,000 less than in 1949 when the colleges were swarming with GI's.

There are 24,537 boys in the college education group, with 18,374 girls. About a fifth of these students are Negroes. While there are more whites in higher education this year than in 1949, there are more Negroes than seven years ago.

PAY SCALE. You might be surprised in knowing, by the way, that the annual salary paid Negro principals in North Carolina last year was \$3,151.99. The average salary paid white teachers in the state was \$3,058.65.

Principals of white schools received an average of \$4,945.79 for the year; Negro principals, \$4,993.37. State supervisors got an average of \$3,901.03; Negro supervisors, \$3,960.68.

VEHICLES. Things may be a little warm in the Dept. of Motor Vehicles before long now. On Wednesday of this week, officials of the N. C. Association of Insurance Agents and those of N. C. Association of Mutual Insurance Agents, along with their attorneys, met with Motor Vehicles Head Ed Scheidt to discuss the matter of the Carolina Automobile Club selling license plates. That is, collecting taxes and getting a percentage so doing.

Information is that a rather thorough study of the entire situation is being made. Chances are that the license tags be sold by a public agency rather than through a private firm.

The meeting with Scheidt could bring the problem to a head—or it might go to the Governor's office and finally go to the Legislature. After all, there are approximately 50,000 insurance agents in North Carolina, and it looks as if they are determined to be heard on this thing.

THE TEXAN. Readers of Al Resch's paper, Chatham News, will recognize the following story carried in the Resch sharp column recently and being passed on to you:

Follow had done a favor for a Texas multi-millionaire and the Texan wanted to show his gratitude.

"What is it you want that I can get you?" asked the Texan.

The man tried to shrug off the offer but the Texan kept on insisting.

Finally the man said: "Well, I'd like to have some golf clubs."

The Texan said: "I don't play golf myself, but if you'll tell me how many golf clubs you need, I'll be glad to get them for you."

Man said fourteen clubs would do and they parted company. Nothing was heard from the Texan for about three months. One day the two men met on the street.

"You must think that I've forgotten about those golf clubs," the Texan said, "but I haven't. I've had a little trouble, but I have bought them now. Six of them with swimming pools."

ADLAI STEVENSON. Speaking of Adlai Stevenson, the boy graduated at Wake Forest College in 1914.

He was a native of Clyde, Haywood County, and lived in Davidson County at the time he entered Wake Forest.

At the age of seven the little fellow was admitted to the Baptist Orphanage from which he went to Wake Forest in 1910. He entered the Army in 1917. A telegram from the War Department to the Orphanage dated October 27, 1918, disclosed that "Sgt. Adlai Stevenson, machine gunner, was killed in action in France, September 27, 1918, less than two months before World War I ended.

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ECC Choir Sings Tuesday At Hillsboro

The East Carolina College Choir, now making its first extensive tour in North Carolina, will sing in Hillsboro on Tuesday, March 23, at 2:30, in the Hillsboro High School.

Selections ranging from the best of early sacred music literature to modern American arrangements, light and tuneful in nature, will be included in the program to be offered.

The ensemble of fifty-eight men and women students, an outstanding music organization at East Carolina, is now making a tour of seven North Carolina towns and cities, where they will be presented in a total of eleven concerts. The itinerary includes Kinston, Goldsboro, Raleigh, Hillsboro, Burlington, Graham, and Chapel Hill.

Dr. Elwood Keister, faculty member of the college department of music, is director of the College Choir. A graduate of the Eastman School of Music and of Teachers College, Columbia University, he has had experience as a member of well-known music organizations and as a faculty member at Iowa State Teachers College. He has been a member of the famous Robert Shaw Chorale and of the Columbus, Ohio, Philharmonic Symphony.

He joined the faculty of East Carolina College last fall and became director of the College Choir, which has appeared during the year in various programs and on both radio and television broadcasts. During the 1953 Christmas season he directed a chorus of 125 members in a college-community performance of Handel's "The Messiah," which was heard by an audience of more than 3,000 people from a wide area in Eastern North Carolina.

Music chosen for performances on tour includes Antonio Lotti's "Crucifixus," "Hospodi Pomiliu," which is chanted and sung in the service of the Greek Orthodox Church; a series of six folk melodies by Brahms; and "Jacob's Ladder," "Tee Roo," and "While We're Young," modern arrangements.

Bids On Highway 70 Relocation In County Sought By Commission

Raleigh — The State Highway Commission called for bids on 221.89 miles of road improvements. The letting will be held March 30. There are 25 projects.

The 28 counties which will share in the road work include: Martin, Beaufort, Greene, Sampson, Wilson, Columbus, Alamance, Orange, Rowan, Cleveland, Gaston, Buncombe, Avery, Craven, Carteret, Brunswick, New Hanover, Edgecombe, Halifax, Johnston, Wayne, Stokes, Cumberland, Robeson, Richmond, Montgomery, Forsyth, and Haywood.

A Wilson job calls for 4.58 miles of grading and structures in the relocation of US 301 around the east side of Wilson. The bypass



East Carolina College Choir Director Dr. Elwood Keister (shown above) will direct the East Carolina College Choir when the vocal ensemble appears in concert in Hillsboro on Tuesday, March 23, at 2:30 p.m. at the Hillsboro High School.

Willie M. Laws Week's Only New Candidate

HILLSBORO — Filing activity in connection with the forthcoming political campaign experienced a lull this week with only one candidate tossing in the proverbial hat.

He was 29-year-old Willie M. Laws of near Hillsboro who took the plunge in his first political venture Monday morning.

Laws' entry brought to four the number now running for Sheriff to succeed Sam T. Latta Jr. who is not seeking reelection to the post he has held for the past 19 years.

Laws is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Fred S. Laws of Route 3, Hillsboro, and has lived in this county since he was one year old. He now engages in farming, is married to the former Miss Mary Jaber and is the father of 3½-year-old twins. He attended Hillsboro High School.

In a prepared statement regarding his candidacy, he said:

"If elected, I will do my best to carry out the duties of the office in the best and most efficient manner. I am desirous of serving the people of Orange County and am willing to listen to their advice and criticism."

Four drunken drivers were tried during the second day of this week's session and one of them, facing a second offense, was fined \$250 and costs and given a six-months sentence suspended with driver's license revoked for three years. He was James Curtis Horn of Hillsboro, whose license had previously been revoked in Granville County. In other cases of drunken driving, Prince Hairston, Sandy Foushee, and Harold M. Pendergrift all received 60 days suspended and \$100 fines. A drunk driving case against Lacy Herman-Carson was still underway yesterday.

David Green, for assaulting a female, was given 60 days suspended and \$25 fine, and Sandy Foushee on a whiskey possession charge received six months suspended on

Methodist Church Women Meet Sunday

Hillsboro — Methodist Women of Orange County will meet on Sunday afternoon, March 21, at 2:30 o'clock at the New Sharon Church of the Hillsboro Charge for their spring meeting.

All members of the WSCS meet at this time to exchange ideas and to gather inspiration for the work ahead.

Mrs. John R. Poe, secretary of the Hillsboro District, will be present to tell of all aspects of the work on a district level. It is hoped that Mrs. Frank Hanft, district secretary of student work, will be there to speak for her department.

A group of girls from Woman's College, Greensboro, representing the Wesley Foundation of that institution, will present a program of songs, talks, etc., designed to better acquaint those present with the manner in which the Methodist Student program actually helps students in their religious life. Miss Polly Roberts, president of the Wesley Foundation, and a local girl will lead the group.

The Orange Sub-District includes seventeen churches, which are as follows: Carr, Carrboro, Cedar Grove, Chestnut Ridge, Efland, Eno, Hebron, Hillsboro, Lebanon, Merritts, New Sharon, Orange, Palmer's Grove, Prospect, Union Grove, University and Walnut Grove.

All interested persons are cordially invited to attend.

Chapel Hill Man Gets Sentence For Sorority House "Peeping"

HILLSBORO — A young Chapel Hill man charged with his second offense as a "peeping tom" drew a six-months road sentence in Superior Court this week.

He was Marvin Morgan, who witnesses charged was caught on a fire escape looking into a room of the Alpha Gamma Delta Sorority house in Chapel Hill. Morgan offered no defense. He is currently serving a term for a similar offense imposed by the Chapel Hill Recorders Court.

Four divorces included: O. H. Brewington from Gertrude M. Brewington, Harry A. Sylvester from Rita Davis Sylvester, William Carlton Thompson from Elizabeth Jocelyn Mackey Thompson and Sophie Stephens Martin from Edward W. Martin. All were on grounds of two years' separation.

Other cases disposed of included: Robert Cheek, public drunkenness, 30 days or costs; William David Watson, same offense, same sentence; Buddy Norwood, same offense, 30 days or \$15 and costs; James Farrington, disorderly conduct, 30 days or costs; Joseph Smith, breaking, entering, larceny, not guilty; Charlie "Tuck" Durham, disorderly conduct and obstructing an officer, 30 days on the former, 60 days on the latter, to run concurrently; Benjamin Mason, public drunkenness, disorderly conduct and resisting arrest, four months suspended and pay costs; James Fountain McCollen, speeding, \$35 and costs; S. Floyd Headen, extended probation one year.

Heated Talk Marks Equalization Session

Suits For Personal Services

Will Ed's Money Sought By Four

HILLSBORO — Since the death of Will Ed Thompson, the wealthy Efland eccentric who left the bulk of his estate last year for the improvement of the Efland Presbyterian Church and cemetery with broad discretionary powers to the executor, there has been wide speculation as to what action would be taken to set aside or alter the provisions of the will.

This week the answer came. Durham Attorney Victor S. Bryant and nieces and nephew, Patsy C. Stanford, James Crutchfield and Bertie C. Moore served notice with the Clerk of Superior Court Edwin M. Lynch that they would file suits for personal services rendered the deceased. Defendant in the suits would be Clarence Ross, the Graham attorney who was named executor by Thompson and one of the major beneficiaries.

The clerk granted an extension of time to file the complaints until March 29. The amounts being sought as reimbursement by the plaintiffs is not known, therefore, pending the filing of the complaints.

The wily Thompson who had large property holdings but always affected the appearance of poverty left a farm and \$5,000 each to the nieces and nephew bringing the suit, but left nothing to Attorney Bryant, who himself had a will dated prior to the one filed by Ross which made him a major beneficiary. Bryant served Thompson as attorney for a long period of time, some of which was during the latter's long tenure at Watts Hospital prior to his death.

Three other nieces and nephews, members of the Sharpe family of Efland, were not parties to the suit. They were each left \$5,000. Ross was given \$10,000.

The will contained a clause which attempted to exclude any beneficiary from sharing in the estate if he should be a party to any action attempting to break the will. The legal validity of such a clause, however, is said to be in doubt among members of the legal profession.

In the final will now on file, Thompson instructed his executor, Ross, to have a mausoleum constructed for his body in the Efland Church cemetery as one of the first uses of the money left.

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Smaller Group In Attendance Than Expected

HILLSBORO — With verbal brickbats flying thick and fast from a thoroughly angry group of some 40 citizens, the County Commissioners began their tour of duty this week as members of a Board of Equalization and Review to adjust tax valuations of those who consider they have been valued unjustly by the J. M. Clemenshaw Co., which was hired to do the quadrennial revaluation by the commissioners nearly two years ago.

The group attending the first session was much smaller than had been expected for the first session, during which the procedure for carrying through appeals was explained by Chairman R. O. Forrest.

After Monday morning's general protest session, the Commissioners will be meeting each Monday and Wednesday for personal interviews with taxpayers to hear their complaints and make such adjustments as they see fit to assure that all citizens pay taxes on a basis of equality and by the same yardstick.

Acting on instructions of the Commissioners, the appraising company valued real property at current market value and the board later set 70% of this as the value to be used for tax assessments. In the process the total taxable value of the county property was increased more than 2½ times the previous value.

Many of the speakers at Monday's session bitterly protested the hiring of the outside firm, others were more reasonable and asked the board to make adjustments to bring their values in line. Most of the dissatisfaction seemed to be over the idea that the values were "too high." Threats of political retaliation for what one man called "the insult to the intelligence of Orange County" were numerous, as were questions regarding the authority for calling for the revaluation. When it was explained that the Clemenshaw company's headquarters was at Cincinnati, several charged that such values "might be all right around Cincinnati" but "you certainly made a mess when you started it (the revaluation) here."

A petition signed by a hundred or more citizens of Chapel Hill Township asking for a hearing on the subject of revaluation was presented at the meeting which had been set by law for that purpose. No further action was taken on the request.

Prior to throwing the first session open for all to have their say, Chairman Forrest made an introductory statement in which he explained the background of the program, the reasons behind it, and the procedures to be used in appeals to the Boards for equalization. He said "the program of (See TAXES, page 5)

Leader Course In Cub Program Is Announced

Chapel Hill — A special leadership training course for Cubmasters and Den-mothers of the Orange District Boy Scouts will be held in Chapel Hill during April. Sponsored by the district leadership training committee, of which the Rev. Richard L. Jackson is chairman, the course will consist of a series of sessions to be held at the Congregational Christian Church on all Thursday evenings in April except April 15.

James E. Wadsworth will serve as course director. Assisting him will be Virgil Mann, Mrs. J. S. Warren, Mrs. Charles Millner, and Lindsay Neville. Those in attendance will include Cubmasters and Den-mothers from Cub packs in Chapel Hill, Carrboro, Hillsboro, and Efland.

Decision to hold the course was reached last week at a well-attended planning session in Chapel Hill of the Orange District Committee to which Scoutmasters and Cubmasters from all organized units in the County were invited.

SCHOOL HOLIDAY

Schools of the Orange County system will observe a holiday tomorrow and units of the Chapel Hill system a half holiday to permit teachers to attend the sessions of the North Carolina Education Association in Raleigh.

The holidays were set up by decree of the school boards on the regular holiday schedule prior to the beginning of the year. The teacher's meeting holiday is an annual event.

COLLECTIONS OFF

HILLSBORO — Tax collections on the 1943 levy in Orange County have not been as good as in previous years according to reports to the Grand Jury this week. Only 76.75 percent of the 1953 levy had been collected at the beginning of this month as compared to 78.73 percent of the 1952 levy last March and 78.17 percent of the 1951 levy on March 1, 1952.

Cool Reception At Jail

Grand Jury Finds School Needs, But Condition "Generally Good"

HILLSBORO — Leaky roofs, missing window panes, and fire extinguishers seemed to be the main complaints the Orange County Grand Jury could present following their inspections of the county schools during the term of Court this week.

In its report to Judge Q. K. Nimocks, the Grand Jury said the schools were "generally in good condition" but went on to list minor discrepancies in all but four. The members, however, "were pleased to find that all repairs which had been recommended by the December Grand Jury have been satisfactorily carried out."

After "enjoying an excellent meal" at the prison camp at the State's expense, the jurors found

the buildings and grounds "in splendid condition."

All in all, the jurors found window panes needed at Hillsboro High and Efland, roofs needing repair at Hillsboro High and White Cross, fire extinguishers needed at Hillsboro Elementary, West Hillsboro and White Cross, coats of paint needed on the auditorium at Hillsboro High and the lunchroom at Murphy, along with a screen door at the latter, danger of fire in the wiring system of the footlights in the Efland School auditorium.

Reading between the lines, the Grand Jury apparently got a cool reception at the jail where members reported no heat and several panes out and at the Welfare Department where one pane was out.