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EIGHT PAGES THIS WEEK

## Something Approaching Wilmington Situation

### Local Pastor Says Obscene Pictures Are Problem Here

Reckard Says Young Minds Being Exposed To Lewd Publications

HILLSBORO — The Rev. C. H. Reckard, pastor of the Hillsboro Presbyterian Church, in a sermon partially prompted by last week's scandal in Wilmington, last Sunday called upon all Christian people to challenge the suggestive and lewd publications which grace magazine racks here and in other nearby communities and charged that something approaching the Wilmington situation is happening here.

In a sermon entitled "It's Your Mind He Needs," Mr. Reckard in referring to the Wilmington episode in which prominent school officials and others were exposed as makers and distributors of lewd photographs, said, "Not only are obscene and suggestive photographs passed about in the student body of our local school, but perhaps even more serious lewd cartooned booklets depicting the most intimate relationships between the sexes."

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Following are excerpts from the sermon: "We were shocked to learn about the scandalous activities exposed this past week in Wilmington. Sitting peacefully, as we do, in the pleasant surroundings of Hillsboro, we would hardly suspect that anything remotely approaching these obscene activities could happen here."

"Well, something approaching this situation is happening here. Not only are obscene and suggestive photographs passed about in the student body of our local school, but perhaps even more serious lewd cartooned booklets depicting the most intimate relationships between the sexes. All are designed to appeal to the lowest sensual responses of the mind."

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"It may well be that in the business of living you have not recently observed the sanctioned publications which strike at the mind in a similar fashion. I suggest you make it your business to inspect the contents of the magazine racks of some of the Hillsboro, Chapel Hill, and Durham stores. Your eyes will be opened! It is not only that daring and suggestive photographs grace the covers of some magazines, but the article titles in bold lettering thereon are enough to excite the most beastly instinct in the human breast. They are designed to sell at the expense of the minds of young and old with utter disregard for the damage which follows."

"It is one thing to defend the right of the individual to face reality and to make his or her choice. It is quite another thing as Christ-loving people to place a stamp of approval on these lewd publications by failing to challenge them in the light of the moral problems which they raise!"

"I am in the good company of Paul when I say there are thoughts worthy of the Christian mind. 'Finally, brethren, whatsoever things are true, whatsoever things are just, whatsoever things are lovely, whatsoever things are of good report, if there be any virtue, and if there be any praise, think on these things.' As a Christian people we cannot afford any longer to allow young minds to be weaned on this debasing trash without voicing active protest!"



CONTOUR FARMING, with tobacco rows arranged by the string row method, protects the land and provides for a better crop on Mr. and Mrs. Knox Wood's HILLCREST FARM, in their Rural Progress program. (Photo by Soil Conservation Service)

### Contour Farming Gives Farmer Luck—Often Called Foresight

The Rural Progress Program is giving Orange County farmers a chance at a double benefit from their contour farming.

Besides using summer showers as a sort of natural irrigation, contour farming is one of the practices that earns a ticket which may be one of the lucky ones at the drawing at the end of the Rural Progress year.

But whether the ticket is lucky or not, the farmer that has the benefits of the land protection and better crops that result from farming on the contour has the luck that is more properly called foresight.

Every rain of any consequence finds up and down hill rows as tracks for racing from the field. Rows on the contour are a different story. Then each row fences in part of the water, helping store it for the crop's later use. And the soil and fertilizer that is thereby prevented from escaping remains to grow future crops better.

With most tobacco farmers making Rural Progress, contour farming is carried a step further. There, where water must not be allowed to stand, the rows are arranged to drain slowly from end to end.

The string method of laying off the tobacco rows is used to make sure that the water will move slowly and yet not pond. This, too, entitles the farmer to a ticket, possibly good for a Rural Progress Program prize.

With the string row method the See CONTOURS, Page 4

### QUESTION, ANSWER

The age-old question, "May I pay box rent for a year," can now be answered "Yes," under certain conditions.

The box rent accounting year ends June 30 of future years. The changed regulation allows patrons to rent post office boxes for 12 months when paid June 21 to June 30 inclusive.

### Store Gets New Manager

HILLSBORO — A new manager has assumed the management of Pope's 5c to \$1 Store, which is undergoing extensive renovation preparatory to beginning operation as a completely self-service store.

A new addition has been constructed at the rear of the building and a new front, including display windows, is being rushed to completion at the site on Churton St. here.

The new manager is John Norris, who with Mrs. Norris, has come here from Pittsboro where they have been employed by one of the Pope stores there. Both are natives of Radford, Va.

Mrs. H. E. Gulick, who has been store manager for a number of years, is convalescing after her recent attack of pneumonia. She will continue to be associated with the store when she is able to return to work.

### Chapel Hill Girl Wins College Fiction Contest

CHAPEL HILL — Louise Hardeman, Chapel Hill, a 1954 University of North Carolina graduate, has been named winner of the Mademoiselle College Fiction Contest.

She is the second Consolidated University student to win the honor in two consecutive years.

Mrs. Doris Betts, wife of a University law student in Chapel Hill, won the contest last year while she was a student at Woman's College in Greensboro.

Miss Hardeman's short story, "The Lost Beach," is a poetic story about childhood which she wrote for Dr. Hugh Holman's creative writing class in the English Department here last semester.

The story will be published in Mademoiselle's college issue this summer and Miss Hardeman will receive a \$500 cash prize.

"The Lost Beach" also won the annual fiction contest sponsored by the Carolina Quarterly, campus literary magazine, this spring. Paul Green and James Street, well-known Chapel Hill authors, judged the story best of the group submitted by students. It was published in the Quarterly's spring issue and the winner received a \$50 prize.

Miss Hardeman is the daughter of Mrs. Julia S. Hardeman of Chapel Hill. She was a practice teacher in the Chapel Hill High School during the spring term.

### Club Women Entertain Student From China



Fang Wang, Chinese student at the University of North Carolina, recently spent the weekend in the home of Mr. and Mrs. R. E. Hughes at Cedar Grove. While there he was entertained by the Fairfield Home Demonstration Club and also the women from Chapel.

## Welfare Pay Increase, New Worker Request Are Denied

### 1,500 REA Members Expected For Annual Meeting Saturday

HILLSBORO — At least 1,500 of the 5,000 member consumers of the Piedmont Electric Membership Corporation are expected to converge on Hillsboro, Saturday, to attend their 15th Annual Members Meeting.

F. E. Joyner, manager of the cooperative, stated that preparations were being made for members from Orange, Durham, Granville, Person, Caswell and Alamance counties. The Cooperative serves rural electric service to about 5,000 members in six counties over a net work of more than 1200 miles of line. Loan funds from the National REA makes construction of these lines possible. Payments, with interest, are made on the loans quarterly.

Saturday's program calls for annual reports from the officials and management, nine directors will be elected from a slate of 18 candidates and any other business that might come before the meeting.

Refreshments and a program of entertainment are planned for later in the program with a drawing for many valuable prizes, including an electric refrigerator.

William T. Crisp, Executive Manager and General Council of the Tarheel Electric Membership Association, will be the principal speaker. Mr. Crisp with headquar-



WILLIAM T. CRISP

ters in Raleigh heads the organization representing all the electric Membership Corporation in North Carolina.

The Treasurer's report will show that of the \$2,156,200.00 borrowed from the REA almost \$300,000.00 in principal payments have been made, a sizeable amount being paid in advance of due date.

The Manager and Directors urge all members of the Cooperative to attend the meeting which will be held at the Hillsboro High School, starting promptly at 1:00 o'clock P. M.

### 14 Hillsboro People Man Posts During Nationwide Defense Test

The Hillsboro Ground Observer Post was on a twenty-four hour alert this week in conjunction with the nationwide civil defense test, "Operation Alert."

The local post in the fire-tower southwest of Hillsboro was manned and in operation from 10 o'clock Monday morning until 10 o'clock Tuesday morning. Fourteen members of the local post worked in shifts of two to four hours, with two observers to each shift.

Nine calls were made to the Durham filter center reporting planes seen from the post. Information was given as to the type of planes, number of planes, direction and distance from post, and direction plane was heading. This information is plotted on a map in the filter center and with reports from other posts makes a track of plane movements.

Members of the Hillsboro post on duty for the period were: Ray Barnes, Kay Winecoff, Jack Reckard, Harry Neal Brown, J. G. Goodwin Sr., Curtis Brown, Paul Carr Jr., Ted Smith, Joe Rosemond, Walter Wrenn, B. P. Gordon Jr., Mackie McBane, Wallace Robinson, and J. L. Brown Jr.

The Ground Observer post is open for volunteers. Anyone interested is urged to contact one of the following: J. L. Brown Jr., supervisor; Ted Smith, chief observer; or B. P. Gordon Jr., assistant chief observer. Many more volunteers are needed to carry out the work of the post.

FISH FRY AT SCHLEY GRANGE  
The annual fish fry of the Schley Grange will be held on Saturday, July 3, instead of July 4.

The beginning basic rate of pay for substitute clerks is \$1.615 per hour. Applicants must have reached their eighteenth birthday but must not have passed their fiftieth birthday on the date of filing applications. These age limits do not apply to persons entitled to veterans' preference.

Necessary forms and further information may be obtained from the local postmaster at the Hillsboro Post Office or from the Fifth U. S. Civil Service Region Office, 5 Forsyth Street, N.W., Atlanta, Georgia.

### Family Night Events Planned On Summer Recreation Program

The Exchange Club this week announced their plans for the summer recreation program.

The tennis court, which is located behind the Presbyterian Manse will be open for free tennis lessons from 9 to 10:15 o'clock every morning.

The wading pool, located in the back of the Methodist Church will be open from 3 to 4:45 every afternoon. Free swimming lessons will be given from 10:30 to 11:30 in the morning for children not knowing how to swim. Age for the swimming pool is all children up to 10 years of age.

### Hillsboro PO Job Exams Announced

The U. S. Civil Service Commission, Atlanta, Ga., has announced an open competitive examination for indefinite or permanent appointment to the positions of substitute clerk in the Hillsboro Post Office.

Applications will be accepted from persons who reside within the delivery of the post office named or who are bona fide patrons of such office. Persons employed in the post office will be considered bona fide patrons of the office.

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### BIBLE SCHOOL

The New Sharon Methodist Church will hold its Bible School from June 21 to June 25 from 9 until 11 o'clock in the morning. All children are invited to attend. If there are any children without transportation, please call Mrs. C. T. Walker, Hillsboro 2982.

### Commissioners Study Retention of 20-Cent School Tax Supplement

HILLSBORO — The Board of Commissioners for the second consecutive meeting Tuesday night withstood a strong appeal from the Welfare Department for pay increases and additional supervisory personnel in next year's budget, and last night took on another thorny problem involving increased appropriations and increased taxes.

Continuing their budget study sessions, the commissioners last night heard the Chapel Hill school administration's request for retention of the 20c school district tax supplement and \$75,000 for capital outlay funds.

While the News went to press as the session got underway, no formal action was expected last night on the Chapel Hill request.

In preliminary discussions of the problem, the commissioners served notice that they intended to scrutinize carefully each item of the proposed current expense budget, which the Chapel Hill Board of Trustees wants increased by close to \$50,000 for the forthcoming year. Approval of the current expense budget in the past has been a routine matter with the commissioners, accepting the Chapel Hill per capita figure without studying the need for each item. With the question of levying the supplement on the recently increased property valuation involved this year along with the pressure being applied by school leaders to retain the 20c supplement and thus double the revenue to be received, they have promised that each item will have to be justified to their satisfaction before the proposed budget is approved.

Main items in the capital outlay request were for six classrooms at the Glenwood school and a new high school gymnasium.

Main questions involved in Tuesday night's discussion with Miss Annie Strowd, welfare superintendent, and members of her board, Henry Hogan, H. S. Walker and Mrs. Robert E. Hughes, were a \$10 per month pay increase for all welfare workers and the addition of a new case worker supervisor to the staff to help the superintendent with her work load. The proposed budget presented by the department had set up \$3,480 for the new worker, plus additional for travel.

Members of the Board of Commissioners were unanimous in their decision to hold the line on the welfare program. Commissioner S. J. M. Hobbs sounded the keynote of the board's thinking when he said "We would like somebody to put the brakes on this mounting welfare problem."

The commissioners previously had approved small increases in a number of the assistance programs carried on in cooperation with the federal and state funds, but turned humbs down on the increases in the administrative costs.

Following is a breakdown of the county's portion of the budget that he board finally approved Tuesday night: Old Age Assistance, \$13,000; Aid To Dependent Children, \$9,286; Aid to the Total and Permanently Disabled, \$2,600; Aid to the Blind, \$2,004; Administration, \$14,225; Boarding Homes (children), \$3,400; Boarding Homes (adults) \$1,400; Hospitalization, \$8,000; General Assistance, \$1,800; pauper burials, \$150. Total \$55,865.

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### Crippled Children's Camp Set At New Hope

CHAPEL HILL — Final plans for a camping program for crippled children have been completed by the North Carolina Society for Crippled Children and Adults, Dr. J. D. Messick, Greenville, president, announced at the Society's headquarters here.

"Happy, lasting friendships and self-reliance are quickly built up during a camping experience—and that's why 60 North Carolina crippled children will return home next fall with a never-to-be-forgotten camping period behind them," President Messick said.

One two-week period between August 15 and August 22 will be held at the Orange Presbyterian owned Camp New Hope near Chapel Hill for victims of cerebral palsy, polio, multiple sclerosis, accidents, muscular dystrophy and other crippling conditions. Any orthopedically disabled child from 6 to 15 years of age is eligible to attend. Children must be ambulatory, toilet trained, and able to dress and feed themselves.

Albin Pikutis, executive director of the Society, said that campers will be selected chiefly on recommendations of county Easter Seal Societies, physicians, nurses, and social workers.

"A well-trained staff will provide for the personal care of the campers and camp activities," he added. "There will be a registered nurse in camp at all times, with a camp physician available on call. The services of a physical therapist will be available to children requiring periodic treatment throughout the camping period. A camp director, counselors and other trained personnel will plan all camp activities. Picnics, overnight in the woods, swimming, games, craft work, trips through the forests are all part of the program."

He said that a fee of forty dollars will be charged for the two-week period. "This is about half of the cost; the remainder will be paid by the Society from Easter Seal contributions," he explained. Camperships will be available through Easter Seal units, clubs and individuals.

"Crippled children who can benefit from this experience should be referred to the Society or to the local Easter Seal unit or to some individual or club willing to arrange details and help finance the trip."

Children attending should arrive at Camp New Hope between 2 and 5 p.m. on Sunday, August 15, for their physical check-up and assignment to quarters, Pikutis said. The camping activities will begin on Monday, August 16.



CAMP FOR CRIPPLED CHILDREN — A typical scene at Camp New Hope, the Orange Presbyterian camp near Chapel Hill, which will be used August 15-29 by the North Carolina Society for Crippled Children for the benefit of crippled children. Operation of the camp is made possible through funds contributed to the Easter Seal campaign.

### KIDD BREWER'S Raleigh Roundup

HINT... The Wall Street Journal in an editorial carried this week said that the "North Carolina poll (Ed. note: our May 25 poll) will be the first hint of reaction to high court ban."

The same token, a Scott trial would be read to mean that voters no longer can be swayed over the race issue.

Scott won, but the Tar Heel are, nevertheless, "stirred" plenty over the segregation question.

... We haven't had opportunity to see them, but we get are that Governor Umstead's mail for the month has been fully loaded with letters—many of them really from white families whose education, and experience generations stand like a wall in opposition to their sending children to school with colored children.

Some of these letters come from communities, where Negroes will be forced to ride same school buses. A lot of the letters are from good, though white people who say they no funds with which to send their children to private schools cannot permit them to go to school with Negroes. You have no idea of the vastness of the problem you have not lived in the areas of Eastern North Carolina.

LONG FIGHT... Although final decisions must come from the U.S. Supreme Court be white and colored will be by law to attend the same schools, most of us are not yet ready to the serious problems face thousands of families — both white and black — throughout the South.

going to be a long, hard fight. There will probably be bloodshed here and there, indictments, lawsuits, and moving through the various stages on this charge and that of non-compliance with the law and stubborn violations of it. The big change will require a lot of Christian patience, tolerance, and understanding between races. Even then, it may be 25 years before we see full compliance with the law.

NEW SOUTH?... We speak of New South. This move from segregation to nonsegregation of races will prove just how New are. Can we stand the test? Time will tell. But the important thing to remember is that the test of the South's real strength is not something that will be in the far distant future. It's really here on us, right now. We are ready for it, individually and as a state, as a united front of the United States? If then now—not tomorrow—is time to start preparing our minds for the test. That isn't easy. The first requirement is that we must close our eyes to yesterday's wrongs.

NEGRO IN POLITICS... Turn from the segregation question to the role of the Negro in South politics, the Wall Street Journal reports that "in some areas of the Negro vote"—if it's cast anything like a block—may even hold the balance of political power between Democratic candidates in intra-party fights, or in presidential elections as between GOP candidate and the Democratic nominee.

According to GOP estimates, 120,000 Tar Heel Negroes

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