

## Carrboro, Aycock Principals Hired

### School Board Agrees Homes Should Be Built For Principals

The County Board of Education hired two new principals this week, then turned to a plan for the future — providing homes for county principals.

Supt. Carr said he "sowed the seed" by suggesting that the board undertake to provide homes for principals in the near future. "We lost three good principals this spring simply because we weren't paying them enough," Carr said. He pointed out that many other counties provide such homes for their principals and that this would be a way to supplement salaries without a school tax supplement.

"Actually the board will do nothing now but look for suitable sites for homes. It may be a year before we are able to take more action on this. But it is something that is badly needed," Carr added.

E. Dale Davis was named principal of Aycock School and William Ramsey was named principal of Carrboro School.

Davis, who has been principal and a teacher at Fremont School in Wayne County for the past two years, replaces John T. Smith. Smith resigned to take a better paying position as principal of Choctawhatchee Union School in Beaufort County.

Originally from Wendell, Davis is a graduate of Wake Forest and is doing graduate work at the University. His previous school is a 14-teacher one. Davis is 24 years old, married, and has two children.

A native of Lincoln, Ramsey has been teaching at Asbury Elementary School in Lincoln County for the past five years. His appointment as Carrboro principal is his first post as a secondary school principal. Ramsey replaces Thomas S. Turbyfill, who has accepted the principalship of Odell School in Cabarrus County.

The board this week also approved the school calendar for the coming academic year: School opening is Sept. 8; Thanksgiving holidays, Nov. 25 and 26; Christmas holidays, Dec. 23-31; Easter Monday, April 11. School ends on June 9th.

Chapel Hill schools will open on the same days as county schools.

A plan to divide the Carrboro-White Cross school district into two separate districts, District 4A — Carrboro — and District 4R — White Cross — was approved unanimously by the board and submitted to the State Board of Education. The state board will consider the motion at its meeting today (Thursday).

Reason given for dividing the district was "the difference in background and occupation of the two sections." But it is understood that White Cross was suffering because it was in the district with Carrboro. White Cross has four teachers and 102 pupils, while Carrboro has 12 teachers and 374

pupils. White Cross has been losing pupils to the Carrboro School, and a division of the district will channel students back to White Cross.

Carr said that the county needed two new classrooms at Hillsboro in which two new elementary teachers are supposed to teach. "We don't have any place to put them until Cameron School is built," he declared.

The new \$225,000 school won't be completed before a year from this September.

Carr told the board that he has been unable to rent space for the two classrooms in the home of Miss Rebecca Liner, who lives next to the school.

"It looks like we're going to

have to hold those classes in the hallways and lunchroom. I don't know where else we could put them," Carr added.

A plan to send a news-letter to school parents was considered. The proposed pamphlet would deal chiefly with the financial affairs of school and would be sent out annually. The board agreed to obtain some price estimates on the news-letter.

Next meeting of the board will be September 7, the Tuesday after Labor Day.

### \$1,250 Check Is Received Here To Assist Local Polio Victims

Evidence of the gravity of the national polio situation arrived in Orange County in the form of a

check for \$1,250 from the National Foundation for Infantile Paralysis last Wednesday.

### Training Held For Leaders Of Recreation

Two Home Demonstration schools for recreation leaders were held in the county last week, and both were successful, according to Home Demonstration Agent Ruth Thompson.

Those who attended the conference at the Methodist Church in Chapel Hill were Mrs. Homer Tapp and Mrs. Roland Durham of New Hope.

Mrs. Grady Crawford and Mrs. Walter Lloyd of Bethlehem, Mrs. Jeter Lloyd, Mrs. Weston Lloyd and Miss Martha Lloyd of Antioch Road, Miss Bernice Ward of White Cross, and Mrs. John Williams of Mt. Carmel.

Attending the conference at Schley Grange Hall were Mrs. Harvey Ray and Mrs. Ralph Webster of Gravelly Hill, Mrs. R. E. Hughes, Mrs. R. D. Hughes and Mrs. Jack Wells of Aycock, Mrs. Henry Walker, Mrs. Mildred Walker and Mrs. Reid Roberts of St. Mary's, Mrs. Allan Latta and Mrs. E. H. Kennedy of Schley, Mrs. A. H. Davis of New Hope, Mrs. B. F. Spenser and Mrs. R. F. Paschall of Homemakers, Mrs. Hurdle Miller, Mrs. Erskine Parker and Mrs. Fred Mangum of Caldwell.

"This financial help is not enough to cover all of the local chapter's outstanding bills but is part of a national foundation arrangement to provide needy chapters with immediate emergency aid," according to Col. F. C. Shepard, chairman of the local national foundation chapter. This money will be used to help pay for treatment already provided to polio patients here, he said.

Col. Shepard explained that even the record March of Dimes fund raised nationally last January is almost exhausted, with chapters in many parts of the country drawing heavily on fast dwindling national resources. This unprecedented drain is in addition to the costs of polio prevention, the foundation's newest program.

Polio prevention calls for greatly increasing the supply of gamma globulin and conducting the field study of a trial vaccine against polio. This program alone is costing approximately \$26,500,000.

"We have in Orange County," said Col. Shepard, "a good example of how the local chapter and national headquarters have always worked together. In the past, if we ran in the red, the national foundation sent us whatever sum was needed to pull us out."

However, in spite of the record nationwide March of Dimes last January, we wound up \$20,000,900 short of our actual need.



DR. GENE L. REESE

### Doctor Reese Opens Office In Hillsboro

Dr. Gene L. Reese this week announced the opening of his office in the Hillsboro Clinic building for the general practice of dentistry.

Dr. Reese is a graduate of the first class of the University of North Carolina School of Dentistry this past June and has been a resident of Hillsboro while a student at Chapel Hill.

A native of Boone in Watauga County, Dr. Reese completed his undergraduate studies at Appalachian State Teachers College receiving a Bachelor of Science degree in mathematics and science, and taught four years in the schools of Watauga County and Shalotte. He served in the Navy during 1945-46.

His family here consists of his wife, who has taught in the Hillsboro School for the past two years, and two small children.

Dr. Reese said that entrance to his office may be made directly at the rear of the clinic building, which is also occupied by Drs. N. L. Mauroner and F. E. Kappep, general practitioners.

### Hawkins Of Cedar Grove Promoted To Sergeant

2ND DIVISION, Korea—Kenneth T. Hawkins, 22, son of Mr. and Mrs. Walter Hawkins, Route 1, Cedar Grove, was recently promoted to sergeant while serving with the 2nd Infantry Division in Korea.

The "Indianhead" division, which captured Heartbreak Ridge and Old Baldy, is now undergoing intensive training as part of the U.S. security force on the peninsula.

Sergeant Hawkins, who is assigned to a 57 mm recoilless rifle section in the 23rd Regiment of the Company L, joined the unit last September. He entered the Army in December, 1952.

## Commissioners Want Voice In Selecting Welfare Head

### Unopened Bid Brings Discussion

### Technicality May Have Cost County Taxpayers \$3,275

The Board of County Commissioners this week declared that it should have more voice in picking the superintendent of Welfare.

Both Sim Efland of Efland and R. J. H. Hobbs of Chapel Hill expressed this view while discussing the selection of a new Welfare superintendent with Miss Annie Strowd, who is retiring.

Efland this week called on retiring Supt. Annie Strowd to help the Board of County Commissioners pick her successor.

After praising her for doing a good job, Efland told Miss Strowd that other counties have had trouble with their welfare superintendents. He cited the squabble in Alamance County between Commissioner J. B. Long and Welfare Superintendent Gerald Anderson.

Miss Strowd reminded Efland that Alamance's trouble seemed to be caused by "one person (Long) doing the criticizing."

"The reason I'm bringing that out," Efland explained in reply, "is that we've had good relations with our welfare superintendent and want another good one."

Efland added, "I understand that it's quite an ordeal getting rid of an unsatisfactory one."

Miss Strowd pointed out that it was up to the Welfare Board to pick a new superintendent. She said that only those persons who have certain qualifications set up by the State merit system were eligible to apply.

"When you go off to Commissioner conventions, you always hear people talking about 'that old merit system.' It seems like the commissioners should have more voice in it. How can we get rid of one that unsatisfactory?" said Efland.

Miss Strowd told Efland that if it can be shown that a welfare superintendent is unsatisfactory, one can be dismissed. Usually a hearing is held," said Miss Strowd.

"Have you ever heard of one being dismissed like that?" asked Efland tersely.

Commissioner Hobbs declared, "We should have some say-so in picking a superintendent. After all, we're putting the money out."

Miss Strowd said that in several counties there is a commissioner on the Welfare Board. The commissioners approved a \$180 monthly increase for the Welfare Department's expenditures.

In other action, the board accepted a petition from P. L. Miller for road work on the Cole-

However, it is known that Davis opened the bids in the presence of only one commissioner—Forrest—who was not present at this week's meeting.

Asked by the News, if failure to affix the license number to the sealed bid could be termed an "informality," Commissioner Hobbs said that "it could and it couldn't." He added, upon further questioning, that "it was up to the Commissioners" and that he wasn't present when Howerton's bid was returned. Efland said at the meeting that omission of the license number could be considered an "informality."

Hobbs charged, during a telephone interview, that the newspapers were "just trying to get something bad on the Commissioners." He questioned whether "you want the facts or do you just want to cook up something against us."

Hobbs contended that since Howerton did not meet the conditions prescribed for submitting a bid that there was no question about the situation. He emphasized that the contract had already been let.

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### Raleigh Office To Serve In Farm Census

Preliminary plans for the first North Carolina agricultural census since 1944 were released here this week.

More than 1,500 persons will be employed for periods of from two and one-half to four months in gathering the census data.

The actual census-taking won't start until October, but key personnel in five field offices established over the state will begin work August 30.

The offices will be set up in Raleigh, Charlotte, Fayetteville, Rocky Mount and Salisbury. The Raleigh office will serve Orange County and other counties in the Fourth Congressional District, as well as counties in the fifth and sixth districts.

Each field office will have a supervisor, assistant, and two clerks. Ninety-four crew leaders and about 1,400 enumerators will do the actual census-taking.

Applications for jobs as crew leaders and enumerators will be accepted after field offices are opened. The count is expected to take about two months after the enumerators take the field

### Three Orange Farms Damaged By Fires Caused By Lightning

Three Orange County farms this week suffered heavy fire damages caused by electrical storms.

Over \$3,000 damage was done at Will and Carl Walker's farm in the St. Mary's community near Hillsboro. Damages estimated at \$6,250 were suffered at Shelton Merritt's farm in the Smith Level community near Chapel Hill. At Joe Dickey's place on Rt. 2, Hillsboro, near the Cedar Grove community, two cows were lost.

Lightning—which hit a large tree next to the Walker's feed barn, jumped from there to the barn, then to a clothes line which connected to the smokehouse, and then to the home where it burned out an electrical water heater and knocked out the telephone—resulted in the loss of 300 bales of straw, 75 bushels of wheat and considerable corn. Also destroyed by the fire were a four-year-old tractor and some tractor equipment which were in a feed barn

that burned. Mrs. Carl Walker yesterday expressed her thanks to volunteer firemen, who battled for three hours to save the buildings.

She said that a new truck and a new manure spreader were saved due to the firemen's efforts.

Lightning knocked a hole in the slate lining of the smokehouse where Mrs. Walker had stored her canned goods, but it—as well as a larger barn, the home, and other nearby buildings—was saved.

Shelton Merritt lost a barn, 4,000 bales of hay and two cows in a fire caused by lightning Monday night. The lightning struck at 5:30 p.m. and at 10 o'clock Merritt and his neighbors were still standing by, with a garden hose to wet down the adjoining buildings threatened by the blaze.

Dairyman Joe Dickey lost two cows when lightning struck a fence and jumped to the cows.

### Second Orange '54 Polio Case Is Reported

The 23-year-old wife of a University of North Carolina student this week became Orange County's second polio case this year.

The victim, Mrs. Helen Wilkinson, was reported as "recovering from a mild case of polio without paralysis" by Dr. O. David Garvin, district health officer. She is receiving treatment at Memorial Hospital in Chapel Hill.

This year's first polio victim, Edward Lee Mitchell, a senior at UNC from Goldsboro, has been released by Memorial Hospital and has returned home, according to Dr. E. M. Hedgepeth.

Dr. Garvin said he was encouraged by the mildness of Mrs. Wilkinson's case. He declared that most adults who are stricken by polio usually have more serious cases than children.

"It indicates," he said, "that polio in this area this year will probably not be too serious. Last year there were no polio cases reported in Orange County."



OCONEECHEE MOUNTAIN CLIMBERS — Scaling the high mountains of New Mexico during the 10-day hike at the famous Philmont Boy Scout ranch proved no problem to six Orange County Boy Scouts who were among a group of 20 from the Occaneechee Council.

All of them made the long and arduous trek and recently arrived back home none-the-worse for wear. Rare is it, say those of experience, that a group as large as Occaneechee's can make the hazardous hike without mishap or some members falling by the wayside.

Three boys from Efland and two from Hillsboro were in the group, led by Richard Davis, an Efland teacher, who made the trip by chartered bus to the 120,000-acre ranch owned by the Boy Scouts

of America. They included Lindsey Efland, standing fourth from right, son of Mr. and Mrs. John Efland Jr.; Vernon Petty, third from right, son of Mr. and Mrs. E. E. Petty Jr. of Hillsboro; Mason Sykes, standing far right, son of Mr. and Mrs. Odell Sykes; Efland; Kenneth Farrar, kneeling first from left, son of Mr. and Mrs. Neil Farrar; Efland; Richard Davis, seated second from left, Efland teacher and leader of the group; and Bruce Richmond, seated middle row right, junior leader, son of Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Richmond of Hillsboro.

While on the hike the boys walked from four to 15 miles each day between the various camp sites in the mountainous terrain, some places so rough and steep even a burro cannot travel, carrying with them their own bedding, clothing, shelter and enough food to reach the next camp.

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