

Unopened Bid Controversy Settled By Commissioners

At Request Of Orange County

Carrboro, White Cross School District Divided Into Two Units By State Board Of Education

Carrboro and White Cross will be separated into two school districts, the State Board of Education ruled last week. The state board acted at the request of the Orange County Board of Education.

In a letter to Carrboro and White Cross District and Advisory Committee, Supt. G. P. Carr said, "As you probably know, the new district division will cause the County Board of Education to terminate your appointments as committeemen because the district for which you were appointed committeemen no longer exists. Two new district committees, one for each of the two new districts, will have to be appointed. We will not use advisory committees for these districts."

Supt. Carr also called on the former committeemen to suggest "desirable persons" for the two committees.

The reason given for desiring a division of the school districts was the difference in background and occupation in the two sections. However, 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.

District 4-B, White Cross: Beginning at the Glenn Neville house and running in a southerly direction by Bethel Church, Gates Service Station, and the old Claude Neville place to the Chatham County line; thence in a westerly direction along the Chatham County line to the Alamance County line; thence in a northerly direction along the Alamance County line to the farm of George Lasley; thence in an easterly direction to Dodson's Cross Roads, following an unnamed county road from Dodson's Cross Roads in an easterly direction to Glenn Neville, which is the point of origin.

Here are descriptions of the new districts:
District 4-A, Carrboro: Beginning at Glenn Neville's house at the northeast corner of the White Cross School District and running in an easterly direction to Eubanks; thence with the tracks of the Southern Railway (State University Railway) in a southerly direction to Main Street in the town of Carrboro; thence south 4° 21' east along the eastern boundary of the property of the Carrboro Woolen Mills to the town limits; thence with town limits in a westerly direction to the intersection of the town limits and county highway 558; thence in a southerly direction following the back of the property lines on the left side of the county highway 558 to the Chatham County line; thence in a westerly direction with the Chatham County line to the southeast corner of the White Cross District; thence in a northerly direction by the old Claude Neville place, Gates Service Station, and Bethel Church to the Glenn Neville home which is the point

International Bankers' Visit Set Thursday

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The group will go first to Schley Grange, the county's main farm assembly point, at 10 a. m. where a panel of farm officials will explain the farm setup in Orange. These will include County Agent Don S. Matheson and Assistant Ed Barnes; Miss Ruth Thompson, home demonstration agent; Quentin Patterson, soil conservationist; and Lacy Gibson, Farm Credit Administration local representative.

Following lunch the group will visit some of the diversified farms of the area, representing the poultry and dairy development of the county, including the farms of Larry Coleman, Ted Coleman, Henry Johnson and Will Crabtree.

Hillsboro's Walker Completes Army Course

Pvt. Allen H. Walker, Jr. of Hillsboro will graduate this week from the Teletypewriter Operation Course, one of the many courses offered at The Southeastern Signal School, Camp Gordon, Georgia. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Allen H. Walker Sr.

The Teletypewriter Operation Course, which is 8 weeks in length, trains selected enlisted men to operate teletypewriter equipment for transmitting and receiving messages over military communication systems.

During his training, Pvt. Walker received a technical education worth thousands of dollars. He will now be reassigned to an active unit of the United States Army.

The Southeastern Signal School is a component of the Signal Corps Training Center, a mammoth communications college, which supplies trained signal technicians to Army units all over the world.

"We wish to express our sincere appreciation to everyone of you for your quick and efficient help on July 31, when fire destroyed a portion of our property. Had you not been here, we feel we would have lost everything we own."

"We as an Orange County farmer are more than proud to be a subscriber in the Rural Fire Department and are proud to know each of you are our friends and ready to help in time of need."

"Enclosed you will find our check for twenty-five dollars, which we feel is small, but hope the department can use it for gas, repairs etc."

"Thanks again for your help."

H. D. Crockford Is Appointed Director Of New Navy School

Commander H. D. Crockford of Chapel Hill has been named the director of the new Naval Reserve Officers' School in the Durham-Raleigh area.

The announcement was made by Captain D. W. Olney, USN, Director of Training for the Sixth Naval District in Charleston, S. C. Commander Crockford will assume his new duties immediately.

The new school will open the third week in September. Mission of the school will be to provide Naval Reserve officers in the area an opportunity to complete their annual requirements for promotion and for retirement credit.

Born in Philadelphia, Cdr. Crockford graduated from N. C. State College in 1920. He also holds a master's degree and a doctor's degree from the University of North Carolina.

Cdr. Crockford is a member of the University of North Carolina faculty in the Department of Chemistry, a job he has held since 1926. Commissioned in the Navy in 1936, he served on active duty during World War II from 1942 to

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Board Moved Correctly, Says A. H. Graham

The rhubarb over what to do about M. S. Howerton's irregularly submitted low bid to complete the basement section of the new Orange County courthouse dropped with a resounding thud on the advice of the county attorney at a meeting of the commissioners on Tuesday night.

A. H. "Sandy" Graham, who handles millions in bids every year as chairman of the State Highway and Public Works Commission, had a ready answer for the dilemma in which the commissioners found themselves after the local carpenter sent in a sealed bid some \$3,000 below the accepted one, but failed to get it opened when he did not comply with specific instructions in the specifications to bidders.

The formal resolution of the board accepting the low bids submitted on July 29, Graham told the commissioners, "completed the contract between Orange County and these successful bidders." He said they would be open to suit if this were broken.

The attorney's ruling completely vindicated the action of Architect Archie Royal Davis and Chairman R. O. Forrest in refusing to open the Howerton bid when it did not contain a contractor's license as required by the specifications.

Davis told the commissioners he would have been subject to a fine of \$500 and Howerton another \$5,000 under state statutes if he had opened Howerton's bid and it had estimated \$20,000. All previous estimates and all bids opened prior to Howerton's were above the \$20,000 mark. Said Davis: "Legally we couldn't open it, legally he couldn't even bid."

Howerton had neither a contractor's license from the licensing board or the \$100 privilege license which the State of North Carolina requires of all bidders on jobs as high as \$10,000. This later deficiency was soon rectified by the State Department of Revenue following publication of the bid, the commissioners were told.

Graham said it was incumbent upon Howerton, knowing that his bid was under \$20,000 and knowing that a contractor's license was required above that, to have been present at the letting and advised the commissioners, who could then have opened the bid in safety. Howerton first bid slightly over \$17,000 and then raised it about \$2,000 to \$19,915 between the time it was returned to him and his resubmission on August 2, after other bids were published.

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Mrs. Cheshire Of Efland Wins National Contest

Mrs. James Cheshire Jr. of Efland won \$25 for herself and \$20 for her grocer, B. S. Carr, in a national contest sponsored by the Sauer Company last week.

Mrs. Cheshire sent in three rhymes concerning products of the sponsors of the contest.

FARM BRIEFING

Orange County farm officials will be in Greensboro today for a briefing on new phases of the Agricultural Conservation Program and the Nickels-For-Know-How election to be held in mid-October. Those attending include Don S. Matheson, county agent; Quentin Patterson, soil conservationist; and A. K. McAdams, secretary of the ASC.



WORK IS WELL UNDERWAY on this new, shortened link of the Hillsboro highway. It will be two miles shorter than the present road via Airport Road to N.C. Highway 10 and into Hillsboro. The new road will leave the present highway just north of New Hope Church at the junction shown above and join it again at the Farmer's Exchange Livestock Market on N.C. Rt. 10 a mile east of Hillsboro. The State Highway Department is building the road with Orange County work crews.

Special Drive For Polio Fund Is Underway

Orange County will cooperate in the nationwide emergency March of Dimes this month.

E. Carrington Smith, campaign chairman for the county chapter of the National Foundation for Infantile Paralysis, said that contributions could be sent right away to C. W. Gardner, drive-treasurer, Box 70, Chapel Hill.

Mr. Smith noted that the Central Carolina Convalescent Polio Hospital in Greensboro was \$100,000 in debt now and would not be able to meet its payroll next month unless this emergency drive is successful.

In an appeal to all people of the county to help the foundation pull out of its present critical financial plight, Mr. Smith pointed out that North Carolina has been hit tremendously from the generosity of this organization.

The Chapel Hill drive will be conducted through the Jaycees, who are planning a house-to-house campaign.

Chapter funds are used, almost exclusively to aid patients, Smith pointed out. This primary obligation also constitutes the largest financial load of the National Foundation headquarters; perhaps as much as \$33,500,000 may be needed for patient care this year, he said.

The vaccine field trials and the greatly expanded gamma globulin program will take up to \$26,500,000 by the end of the year. Added to all this, Smith noted, continued research, training of doctors, nurses, physical therapists and other professional workers, improved treatment techniques, medical and community services, and administrative costs of operating 3,100 chapters, state offices and national headquarters will take \$19,800,000.

"The 1954 March of Dimes raised \$55,000,000 yet this fall at least \$20,000,000 short of meeting the minimum needs of the current year for polio prevention and patient care," Smith said. "Polio incidence throughout the nation is disturbingly high. In the first half of 1954, it was one-third higher than the average for the same period during the last five years."

Gradual Opening Set For Tobacco Auctions

A new policy of opening the tobacco marketing season gradually on the Eastern, Middle, and Old Belts was adopted this week by the Bright Belt Warehouse Assn.

The association's Board of Governors charted the new course in allowing the following relatively early opening dates for the flue-cured belts:

North Carolina Eastern to open Aug. 16; North Carolina Middle, Aug. 24; and North Carolina-Virginia Old Belt, Sept. 2.

However to assure Georgia-Florida tobacco men that they would have sufficient buyers to clean up their sales, the governors decreed that:

Eastern Belt sales during the first week would be limited to 60 percent of the piles permitted to be sold during a regular season sales day. Middle and Old Belts were limited to a 50 percent basis until their respective opening dates of last year.

Last year the Middle began sales Sept 8 and the old on Sept. 21. The association's Sales Committee was given leeway to declare 100 percent basis on the Eastern Belt on the fifth sales day if conditions warrant.

The association's new gradual opening policy was meant to serve a dual purpose. It was meant to satisfy Georgia-Florida Belt Growers who complained of the drain of buyers from their markets when the more northern started their sales. In previous years there was no gradual beginning of sales—they started full blast.

Secondly, the northern growers have become more insistent on having earlier opening dates for their marketings.

By limiting opening sales on the Eastern, Middle, and Old Belts, the association in effect keeps buyers on the more southerly belts from moving north.

Winston Of Chapel Hill Takes Part In 'Seafair'

Fifty-five ship Task Force 12 will give the residents of the Puget Sound area an impressive and spectacular view of U. S. naval might upon their arrival in the Pacific Northwest Saturday, July 31, to take part in the annual Seattle "Seafair" and visits to Seattle, Tacoma, Everett, and Bellingham, Wash.

Taking part in the "Seafair" festivities and visiting Seattle aboard the destroyer USS Orleck is Robert A. Winston, steward first class, USN, of Chapel Hill.

Fired Catawba Professors Lose First Round Of Legal Battle

Two fired professors who are suing Catawba College lost the first round of their legal fight this week at a hearing before Superior Court Clerk Edwin Lynch.

Lynch ruled that the former professors, Mr. and Mrs. Christopher J. Thomas, were not entitled to a long list of college documents, which they say are necessary in the suit. Lynch ruling in favor of Catawba College lawyers, said that only four of the papers requested by the teachers had to be granted.

The Thomases' attorneys, W. R. Dalton and Barney Jones of Burlington, filed notice of appeal to Superior Court Judge Leo Carr. The hearing date has not been set.

The Thomases are suing Catawba College for what they call an unfair dismissal. They were dismissed in 1952 for what the college administration called "disloyalty" to the administration.

Despite the lack of audience, attorneys for both sides of this case seemed bent upon sharp orations, which rose in volume as the case progressed.

In presenting the Thomases' side of the case, Dalton declared, "These folks were discharged on the pretext of spreading rumors. In the first place, they were not guilty of spreading rumors, and in the second place, if they did the rumors were true."

Dalton continued, "We plan to show that this college was being robbed to the hilt. These folks were fired because they (the college administration) didn't want to bring out these financial irregularities."

Stahle Lynn took the position that the request for all but the four documents granted were "vicious and so far from relevant that it represents nothing but venom and ill will and an effort to destroy the institution."

Dalton contended that the college had charged Mr. Thomas with slander when he reported student protests that a faculty member under him made homosexual advances. "That's what the trustees called slander. He didn't slander. He reported to the president what students had told him."

Dalton explained that he wanted financial records to show that a college engineer, a man called Selfridge, stole, "and effected the basic standards of the college."

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Grading Tips Given Growers

Flue-cured tobacco growers would do well to follow the on-the-farm grading practices being stressed by Tobacco Associates and other agricultural leaders in an effort to correct the unfavorable position their tobacco is now being faced with overseas.

This is the generally-held opinion of a group of men who should know—leaf leaders, who buy for the export trade.

To help keep growers informed on the current complaints being



MR. AND MRS. CHRISTOPHER J. THOMAS

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CDR. CRAWFORD

1945.

From 1946 until recently he was Training Officer for the Naval Reserve Surface Battalion 69 in Durham.

Cdr. Crockford is married to the former Helen Delamar. They have two married daughters.

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KIDD BREWERS
Raleigh
Roundup

SYMPATHY ... Blessed
political temperament, North
Carolina Senator Sam Ervin may
stride his duties in the six-
month investigation team studying
charges against Joseph
McCarthy, the man we all
know so well via tele-
vision. That's the long distance
affection that suits us in
particular instance to a tee-

Ervin has our sympathy.
He has an opportunity to
make a great and lasting contribu-
tion to the general restoration of
prestige to a rapidly diminishing
body on

Ervin's appointment to
committee might cost him the nom-
ination when he again faces the

RECEPTION ... Hats off and a
blast of the whistle to our
new president of the N. C.
understand he is organizing
inspection tour of the railroad.
long overdue.

MEMORABLES ... Miss Merle
only child of Gov. and
William B. Umstead, is en-
joying the cool climate of Camp
Walden—watch that spelling,
—just out from Boone. This
camp, despite the name, has
one of the best known in
the country.

THE LADDER ... Andy
Surr County boy who be-
came famous with his "What It
Was Football," stands to
upwards of \$50,000 this year,
to his friend and original
promoter, Orville Campbell.

NEW RECORD ... "Swan Lake,"
to be catching on "take
out the pickings hands off"
here and there about the
state. The football record—the
talking heard on a record
1919 days of Uncle Josh—
dusted off for another jog
of the lot this fall.

GUNS ... You can't get
to speak for quotation,
talk around here last week
that the State is getting ready
to put his big guns on George
Lexington milk magnate.

PECK OF TROUBLE ... The
publicly circulated last
week to the effect that he
had been penalized \$50,000 for
peaches he has paid for milk in
Carolina since the State Milk
Commission began its operations
a year ago.

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