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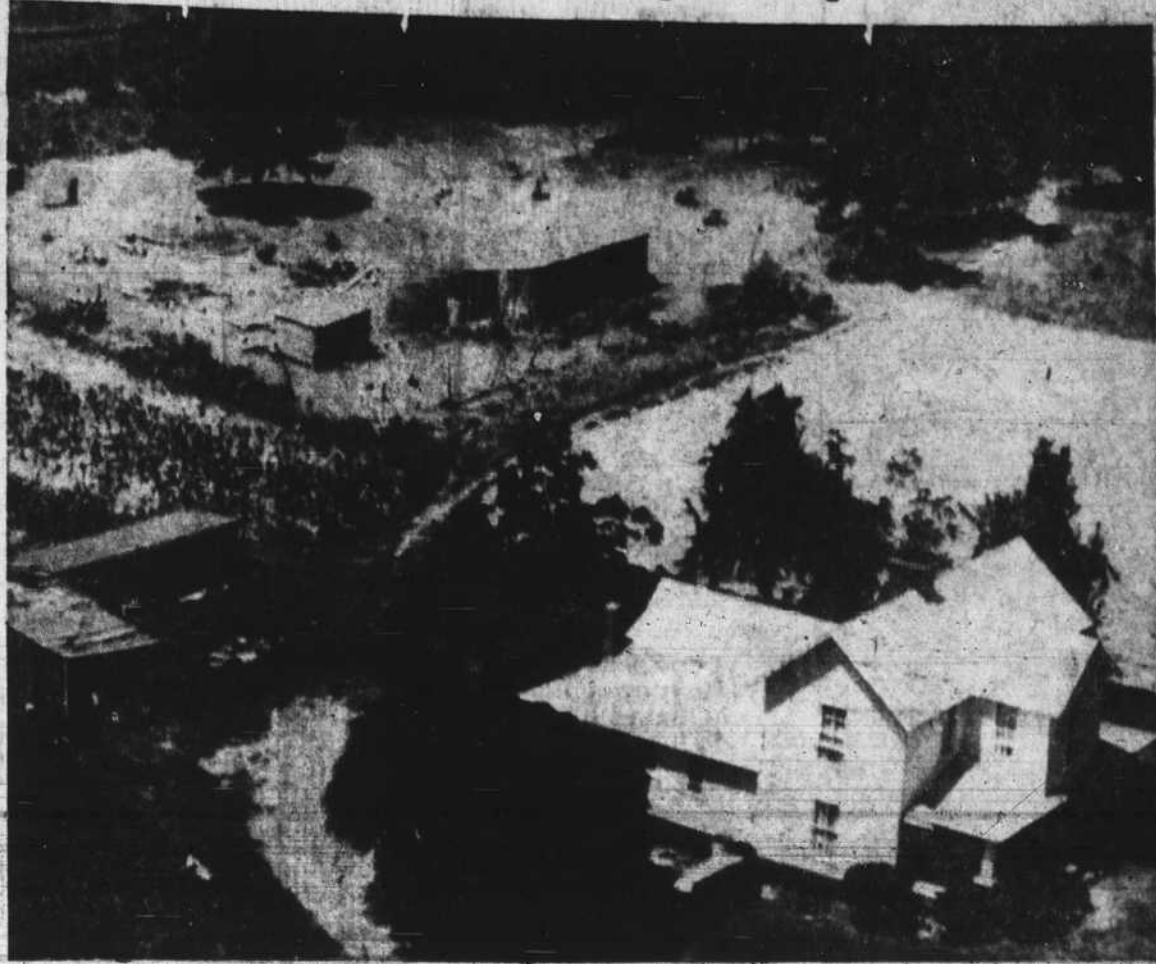
HILLSBORO AND CHAPEL HILL, N. C., THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 9, 1954

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Mystery Farm Of The Week . . . No. 3

Who Owns This 'Mystery Farm'?



Can you recognize your farm from the air? If you live on the farm pictured above, stop at the office of the News of Orange County and tell them about it. They will give you with compliments of Durham Bank and Trust Co. a beautifully mounted photo of your farm. Watch for a new "Mystery Farm" every week. The next one might be yours.

Sewer Disposal Problem Solved At Estimated Cost of \$7,000

At an estimated additional cost of \$7,000-\$8,000, the County Board of Education worked out sewage disposal troubles that delayed the projected Cameron Park Elementary School in Hillsboro.

The problem, revealed for the first time last week, came about when it was discovered that a sewage line would have to run several feet above the ground at some places and as deep as 16 to 18 feet below at others.

The unraveling of the problem means that work on the badly needed school can get underway.

Chapel Hill Engineer John Gove recommended that a septic tank be constructed on the school site. This tank, he said, could be connected with the Eno River in such a way that most of the pipeline would be on school property.

Total cost of the additional sewage equipment is expected to run between five and six thousand dollars, and the 1,250 feet of sewer lines involved should be built for approximately \$1.50 per foot, or about \$1,875.

The Board moved on to a discussion of the Hillsboro area's water shortage, eventually deciding to delay action for awhile. (Tuesday night the Hillsboro

Commissioners asked that the three schools in the area would operate only during hours).

Supt. G. P. Carr passed around to board members only, a form letter from the National Assn. for the Advancement of Colored People. It is understood that this is the usual form letter that other counties in the state have been receiving. The letter calls for an end to school segregation.

The Board's policy on segregation, decided earlier this summer, is to maintain separate schools for the coming year. Supt. Carr said that board would not discuss the letter, but he asked for their written comments on the envelope of the letter. He declined to discuss the matter with a reporter, saying the board wished no "publicity" on it.

Supt. Carr reported on summer repairs in the county schools, which amounted to a total of over \$30,000.

School repairs included \$7,895.73 work in Hillsboro; asphalt tile for Eiland-Negro school, \$1,475; floor refinishing, new chalkboards and painting for Aycock School, \$1,557.44; roof, painting and Celotex at Eiland School, \$8,236.21; roomwork and roof paint at Carboro School, \$1,100; and termite treatment at White Cross School, \$170.

Total labor cost for all painting done was an additional \$4,319.87, and furniture and shades in the schools cost \$7,992.70.

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Emergency Measures Taken To Relieve Water Shortage

Pond Grants Now Available In Orange

Farmers in Orange County can now receive a helping financial hand from the Government to build irrigation ponds.

A maximum of \$200 per farmer—about 20 percent of average pond costs—will be set aside to help irrigation planners in the county. To receive aid, farmers must have the ponds approved by the local soil conservationist.

An additional grant of \$15,000, by the State, will make the pond program possible. The pond grants will be available as long as the funds last. Total funds available will be the new \$15,000 grant plus whatever amount is now left from an original grant of \$30,000.

Rate of payment for the ponds will be ten cents per cubic yard of dirt.

Farmers who want to obtain a pond grant may apply at once at the County ACP Office in Hillsboro. A. K. McAdams, county ACP secretary, will handle requests.

County Agent Don S. Matheson pointed out this week that the grants will be administered on a first come, first served basis.

This new aid for county farmers is expected to increase the number of irrigation units greatly. Although the grant only covers a small part of the unit, the success of the dozens or so irrigation units already in operation throughout the county seem to indicate that more will be used.

Farmers who used irrigation, particularly for tobacco, had excellent results this dry season. About 50 farmers in the county went on a tour recently to see existing irrigation in action. Reaction among those on the tour was generally favorable toward this method. Letters have been mailed to county growers explaining the new pond grants.

Weaver Wins Oats Contest

Raymond Weaver of St. Mary's Community is the winner of the Chapel Hill Rotary Club's third annual oats contest.

Weaver's winning yield was 92 bushels per acre in this competition designed to increase the yield of oats in Orange County.

Second place winner is Walter Reitzel of the Fairfield Community with a yield of 89 bushels per acre. John H. Cate of Calverdale Community with a yield of 79 bushels per acre was third.

With the severe drought for the past few years in the summer and fall, oats have been increasingly important both as a grain crop and hay and silage crop.



This picture graphically illustrates Hillsboro's critical water supply, which resulted in the adoption of emergency measures by the municipality's only public water source, has dwindled to a three-inch stream a few hundred yards above the water plant west of town. The pipe, shown above, eight inches in diameter, was improvised by POLAROID PHOTO BY BILL MITCHELL.

Commissioners, Welfare Dept. Argue Over Financial Question

The Board of County Commissioners and the county Welfare Department locked horns again this week over the issue of more county money for three major assistance programs.

Miss Annie Strowd, making her final regular monthly appearance before the Commissioners relinquishing the superintendency to Mrs. Jane Parker on September 15, told the commissioners that her department while operating under the policies of the State and Federal security programs was over-spending the county appropriation each month on three programs: Old Age Assistance, Aid to Dependent Children, and Aid to the Permanently and Totally Disabled.

At the rate of current spending on these programs, she explained, the welfare department will incur a deficit of \$3,737 under the present fiscal year budget. Spending at the current rate, the department will need \$13,868 for OAA, \$11,307 for ADC, and \$3,648 for APTD. The sums of \$13,000, \$9,286, and \$2,600 were set up for the operation of these programs respectively.

Miss Strowd said: "We have studied the policies and done everything we could to keep expenses down and keep within the eligibility requirements." She reiterated a previous request that the commissioners reconsider their previous budget allotments in these programs, and referred to correspondence between the county and R. Eugene Brown of the State Department of Public Welfare, relative to increasing county's share of the state-county jointly financed programs.

Both Miss Strowd and Mrs. Parker requested the commissioners to hold a meeting with the State officials, Brown, to iron out the difficulties.

The commissioners, with Chairman R. O. Forrest as spokesman

Hillsboro Asks Federal Aid For Pipeline

The Hillsboro Board of Commissioners moved swiftly this week to combat a shortage in the town's water supply which several commissioners termed "critical" and "dangerous to the future welfare of the town."

The actions were unprecedented locally and as late as a year ago when other towns were suffering water shortages in the second severe drought year in a row their prediction would have been branded as ridiculous. As late as Tuesday afternoon Mayor Ben Johnston refused to see the shortage as serious.

At the meeting of the board a few hours later, however, his colleagues, voting unanimously, took the following actions:

1. Declared the existence of an emergency condition in the community and called upon the Board of Education to reduce school operation in the city's three schools to the morning hours only. Superintendent G. Paul Carr moved immediately to put the requested restrictions, school operation from 8 to 12:00 a. m., into operation to day.

2. Directed the Mayor to proceed with plans to obtain emergency pipe from the federal government in order to connect the town's water plant with Edgar Bivins' lake on the Orange Grove road, two miles away over Eno Mountain.

3. Agreed to proceed with the rebuilding of the dam at the old Dimmock's Mill site to provide adequate water storage facilities for the town's needs.

4. Directed the immediate dispatch of a letter to all water users asking for voluntary conservation measures to conserve the rapidly diminishing supply.

Most officials agreed that the community had an eight-to-10 day supply of water at the present time behind the shallow dam owned by the Eno Mills in its West Hillsboro village, but West of the water plant, Eno Rivers, which officials had thought would always provide a never-ending ample supply of water, but all agreed more water was being used than was coming in. The entire river, at this point, "poured" through an eight-inch measuring pipe at an estimated one-third to one-half capacity.

At the dam, the water level was six to eight inches below the top, and below the dam there was only such water in the river as trickled through small leaks.

Meanwhile further down the river, the town continued to pour its sewage from several outfalls into the river bed with only its own sewer works, to carry it off.

If the emergency pipe is obtained from the government, a measure which was used by Roxboro, Raleigh and Burlington in last year's drought, it would be laid through the now dry Sandy Branch from the Bivins Lake to the water plant. Officials say a 60 to 90 day supply might be available from this source.

Sidney Green, top local official at the Cone-owned Eno plant, appeared before the board to stress the critical nature of the water situation and agreed to contact the home office of the corporation for possible help to the town in restoring the Dimmock's dam which washed away several years ago and was never replaced. It provided a large backlog upon which the town could draw in time of need.

Mayor Johnston scheduled a meeting with Town Manager Tom Rose of Chapel Hill yesterday morning to seek the engineer's advice on rebuilding the dam.

In the appeal to water users, the Commissioners urged citizens to use such as automobile washing (See Emergency Measures, page 8)

'Open House' Scheduled For New Courthouse

An "open house" to enable Orange County citizens to view their new courthouse has been scheduled for Monday October 4.

The Board of Commissioners decided Monday to hold formal opening ceremonies in the new building in the afternoon of the first session of Superior Court to be held in the new building on October 4. Judge Leo Carr, resident judge of the 10th judicial district, has requested assignment to the bench for this historic session in the new building.

The Commissioners, although they have not worked out detailed plans for the event, tentatively plan to invite Chief Justice Barnhill of the Supreme Court, President Gordon Gray and Chancellor Robert House of the University, former Chairman of the Board of Commissioners Collier Cobb Jr., and a number of other Orange County dignitaries, along with officials from nearby counties.

The entire citizenship of Orange County is invited to inspect the new building, which has been termed the most beautiful courthouse ever constructed in this State. Light refreshments will likely be served in the Home Demonstration club laboratory following the ceremonies.

Moving from the old courthouse will begin on September 24th and most offices will be open in the new building on September 27.

The death of Senator Burnet R. Maybank last week was a blow to the textile industry in South, as well as to the nation as a whole.

Maybank was one of the first to oppose a White House order three years ago which gave preferential treatment to the textile mills in New England states.

He directed that government contracts were to be awarded to the New England factor in unemployment existed, and whether Southern workers realized immediately

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West Hillsboro's PTA Leaders Hold Meeting

The Executive Committee of the West Hillsboro Parent and Teachers Association held its first meeting at the West Hillsboro School, Tuesday, August 31.

Mrs. J. M. Harris, parliamentarian, presided over the meeting. Devotional was held by the Rev. Frank Kernodle, after which refreshments were served by Mrs. J. I. Peede, president.

The appointments of the committee chairmen for the various committees were announced. Program plans for the new year were discussed by the following newly appointed committee chairmen:

Program Committee, Mrs. Dewey Guess; Historian, Mrs. Hurley Dickey; Parliamentarian, Mrs. J. M. Harris; Budget and Finance, Mrs. Frank Kernodle; Hospitality, Mrs. George Smith; Membership, Mrs. Lynwood Brown; Magazine, Mrs. Garland Rippey; Publicity, Mrs. Clyde Gregory; with Mrs. Roscoe Riley, co-chairman; Devotion, Rev. Frank Kernodle; Ways and Means, (See West Hillsboro, page 8)



AN HISTORIC MOMENT—Participants in the courtroom scene in Hillsboro last Friday paused briefly to reflect over the last 109 years as the last Superior Court case to be called in the old county courthouse was brought up for trial. When the next term of court is called late in the fall it will be in the new \$250,000 courthouse across the square. Shown above, during the case of W. T. McAdams vs. Mrs. Louise Jefferson are (left to right) J. Q. LeGrand, Mrs. Jefferson's attorney; James R. Farlow, attorney for Mr. McAdams; Sheriff Sam

Left: the 12 members of the jury; Superior Court Clerk Edwin Lynch; Assistant Clerk Lucius Chesliffe; and Judge Clifton Moore of Burgaw. On the jury were A. H. Poe, Joseph A. Helguera, C. D. Wilson, Jr., Luther Atwater, H. A. Snipes, V. L. Pendergraft, B. G. Greenberg, R. H. Marks, Charlie H. Ford, Cecil Jones, and Gattis Cates. The present courthouse was built for \$8,000 in 1845. —News Leader Photo.