

Mayor Proclaims 'S-D Day'

Mayor Ben Johnston today proclaimed Wednesday, December 15, "S-D Day"—and pledged the full support of the city government in making the project a success. He urged all citizens to do their utmost to keep Hillsboro entirely free of accidents on December 15.

"S-D Day" is sponsored by the President's Action Committee for Traffic Safety in cooperation with various national organizations, and State and local officials. It is a day to demonstrate that traffic accidents can be reduced materially when all motorists and pedestrians do their part.

Following is the Mayor's proclamation:

"Whereas the President of the United States has asked all Americans to unite in a Nation-wide demonstration that traffic accidents can be avoided if all motorists and pedestrians do their part; and

"Whereas, the Governor of our State has asked all of the communities in North Carolina to support this worthy effort;

"Now, therefore, as Mayor of the Town of Hillsboro, I hereby proclaim Wednesday, December 15th, as 'S-D Day' in this community, and ask all citizens to drive and walk on this day so as to keep the entire 24-hour period free of traffic accidents."

Governor Hodges has officially proclaimed December 15th as "S-D Day" throughout the State of North Carolina. Governors of other States have issued similar proclamations, in support of this Nation-wide undertaking, as the result of the appeal of President Eisenhower.

In pledging support for the program, Mayor Johnston said:

"This is an opportunity for every citizen to join in a common effort against a common enemy: the traffic accident toll. He can help as an individual, and as a member of groups with which he is associated: his church, his PHA, his club or fraternal society, his union, his association—any and all individuals and organizations can and should participate actively.

"Most of us are not aware how serious the traffic accident problem has become, or how much it concerns everyone of us. Yet, there probably is not a man or woman in this community who does not have a neighbor, a friend, or a member of his family who has been injured in a traffic accident at some time.

"It may sound unbelievable, but it is true, that last year there was an injury in traffic in the United States every 24 seconds. A total of 1,350,000 persons were injured to the point where they were disabled beyond the day of the accident. The price we paid for these accidents, in terms of medical expense, property damage and other costs was roughly \$4 billion.

"A problem that takes a toll of these proportions is one that we simply cannot let go unchallenged. That is one of the reasons for 'S-D Day'!

"This day is resiganted to make us realize, among other things, that the place to attack the traffic problem is right here in our own community. And, the responsibility rests upon each individual—not 'the other fellow,' but you and I."

"The Mayor pointed out that experts from all over the country have been studying the traffic problem for many years, and they have worked out certain basic steps which can bring about safety on our streets and highways.

"But," Mayor Johnston commented, "none of these proven methods can be successful unless there is public support for them. So, I am hopeful that 'S-D Day,' and the activities which lead up to it, will help us all to realize that traffic safety is something which we must strive for continually.

"On this day—Wednesday, December 15th—let us all do the very best we can to give our attention to these things:

"1. Observe the letter and the spirit of all traffic regulations.
 "2. Be courteous to every driver and pedestrian—practice sportsmanship.
 "3. Give full attention to driving and walking.



The county's first five-man Board of Commissioners assumed office Monday morning. Above: R. J. M. Hobbs of Chapel Hill, second from right, repeats the affirmation from Clerk of Court E. M. Lynch, Henry S. Walker, St. Mary's, Edwin M. Lanier, Chapel Hill, and Simon E. Eiland of Eiland, standing, left to right.



The three major elective officials at the courthouse posed for this oath-taking scene after the more formal ceremonies. Clerk of Court E. M. Lynch, left, took the oath first from Judge Leo Carr, and then in a mass swearing in ceremony in the courtroom administered the oaths to newly elected Betty June Hayes, register of deeds, and Odell H. Clayton, sheriff.



Three outgoing officials of Orange County seemed to be enjoying the situation Monday during the ceremonies opening new terms for all major county officials. None of the trio were candidates for reelection. From left to right above, they are former Sheriff S. T. Latta, former Register of Deeds, J. E. Laws, and former Chairman of the Board of Commissioners, Robert O. Forrester.

Fire District Vote Set For April 12

The Board of Commissioners Monday afternoon went through the formality of approving a Chapel Hill fringe area petition calling for an election to establish a fire district and provide fire protection for these suburban areas.

The matter had been delayed for the action by the new board.

The board set April 12 next as the election date. A maximum of 10¢ per \$100 valuation could be levied for fire fighting purposes.

The board expressed concern that it would be liable to provide protection as soon as the tax was levied while at the same time being unable to provide adequate protection. It would take several years to accumulate enough for a good department, it was estimated.

The Rev. R. C. Masterton, representing the sponsoring group, pressed for action by the board Monday. He said the law left the board no discretion, and a check by several members confirmed this. After considerable discussion on the board set the date for the voting.

DEATH IN CROWDED BED
 The two-months old baby of William Wiley and wife was found dead in bed with his parents Tuesday morning at the home near Laws store in Cedar Grove township. The child apparently died from accidental suffocation. Another child of the Wileys was sleeping in the same bed.

Tobacco Test On Varieties Is Announced

A Tobacco Variety Performance survey is being conducted in Orange County to determine how various varieties compared in yield and value during 1954 on tobacco farms.

As many farmers as possible are being contacted so that the information gathered will represent a sizeable portion of the tobacco grown in the county. Growers are being asked what total yield and value he received from each variety he grew in 1954.

Cards are being sent to a representative group of growers in the county and the growers who receive cards are urged to fill out the card accurately and return it to the county agent's office. Everyone who receives a card should send it in regardless of whether his yield is low or high. This is essential if the summary of the data is to represent the actual performance of a given variety in the county land state.

This information is also being accumulated by other counties.

More Holiday Time

Addition Christmas holiday time has been granted the Orange County schools by the Board of Education. Under a plan approved Monday, schools will be dismissed at noon on Wednesday, Dec. 22.



Orange County got a new sheriff and three new deputies Monday. When they assembled following the taking of the oath of office, the photographer recorded the scene as shown above. Sitting (left to right) are Senior Deputy W. R. Roberts and Sheriff Odell H. Clayton. Standing (from left to right) are Junior Clark of Carrboro, C. D. Knight of Hillsboro, Malone Long of Cedar Grove, and Earl Bush of Chapel Hill, all deputies. Clark, Long and Bush are new appointees as county officers.

New Board Moves Fast To Tighten Court, Tax Policies

A five-man Board of Commissioners with a new chairman and a new member majority took office at Hillsboro Monday and immediately set the tone of its administration by calling court officials on the carpet for running a "credit court," arranged for a tax attorney to handle delinquent tax collections, and institute land sale suits if necessary, reappointed all appointive officials whose terms were completed, and handled a variety of other matters incident to the beginning of a new term.

Reappointed were Judge L. J. Phipps and Solicitor of the County Court, John Q. LeGrand, S. M. Gattis, tax supervisor, George Cannady, assistant coroner, and the firm of Graham and Ranson as county attorneys.

Chapel Hill attorney Emory B. Denny, Jr., was authorized to proceed with the collection of all delinquent tax beyond five years, to be paid 10% on all collections outside of court, \$25 for all suits instituted except more complicated ones on which the attorney will negotiate his fee with the board sufficiently in advance of the institution of the suits.

The new court officials, along with Sheriff Odell Clayton and Assistant Clerk of Court Lucius Cheshire were told that the "sizeable amount" owed to court in unpaid fines and costs was "very disturbing." All were requested to coordinate their efforts to bring about a reduction in such accounts.

It was estimated that between \$7,000 and \$8,000 was owed to the court going back several years, and Judge Phipps later commented that this was about the sum total of one month's business for the court which had been in operation since 1946.

Other than the reappointed incumbents, Attorney Roy Cole of Chapel Hill was the only candidate for a county job. He applied for the position of county court solicitor.

Commissioner R. J. M. Hobbs, one of the two hold over members of the previous board, was elected chairman on secret ballot on a suggestion from Commissioner Sim Eiland. Eiland counted the votes but declined to divulge the margin by which the chairman was elected.

The three new members of the board, all elected for four year terms in the November election, are Edwin S. Lanier, former Mayor of Chapel Hill; Dwight M. Ray, businessman of Carrboro, and Henry S. Walker, prominent farmer of the St. Mary's Community.

Christmas Eve, Christmas Day and January 1 were set as holidays for the county employees.

The court officials were directed to present a master list of delinquents who owe the court to the Board of Commissioners and (See New Board, page 5)



Baptist Church Calls Cresson To Aid Pastor

The Rev. Bruce Cresson has been called as Assistant Pastor of the First Baptist Church of Hillsboro.

Mr. Cresson is from Lenoir, a graduate of Wake Forest College, and a senior in the Southeastern Theological Seminary at Wake Forest.

He has charge of the work of the young people and is assisting Mrs. Harry Lake Brown with the music. They are training the Junior, Intermediate, Young Peoples' and Adult Choirs of the church.

In the absence of Pastor Maddry from the pulpit the assistant pastor will preach.

First Returns In Seal Sale Total \$213

First returns from Christmas Seal letters mailed out to residents of Hillsboro and vicinity reach a total of \$213.00 in the first quarter of the Hillsboro Tuberculosis Committee's campaign for funds to fight TB.

Reporting today that 175 people sent in their contributions during the opening weeks of the campaign, J. G. Goodwin, Christmas Seal Sale Chairman, said he expects more people than ever before in the county's history to buy Christmas Seals. The campaign will continue through December.

"The people of this community know what Christmas Seals do to make this a healthier place to live," he said. "They know that 75 per cent of Christmas Seal money is spent right here in Hillsboro and Orange County; that the remainder comes right back to us in services from the state and national association."

For 1955, he explained the TB committee is planning to intensify its efforts to get everybody in the community to get an X-ray during the year. "If we are to prevent the spread of TB, we must first find and isolate the case, Goodwin said.

Tax Listers Reappointed

All tax listers in the county's seven townships were reappointed Monday by the Board of Commissioners on the recommendation of Tax Supervisor Sam Gattis, who praised the work of all of the incumbents.

The group will begin their schedule of appointments throughout their townships on January 3. The listers are as follows: Hillsboro, Remus Smith, Jr. Chapel Hill, Lemuel Cheek. Cedar Grove, R. C. Compton. Little River, Arthur Wilson. Eno, Mrs. J. D. Griffin. Bingham, Jeter Lloyd. Cheeks, Henry R. Heath.

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KIDD BREWER'S Raleigh Roundup

PRESIDENT? At the of the Democrats held Orleans last week to el chairman to succeed Step-tchell, there was talk prospective Presidential for the party in 1956. house, Adlai Stevenson's as at the top of the list.

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arty included Fred Mor- O. Max Gardner, James then Undersecretary of asury, and myself.

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ugh O. Max Gardner was high in the hierarchy of Government at that time Stuart Symington, and de- ne fact there were other talkers on the trip—ex- myself, of course, who have much to say—it was ton who took and kept the ve.

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umber of Elks Clubs are g high school bands to pate in the festivities. I een in touch with officials palachian, including Coach Duggins, and it looks as if ll have a good crowd hono- the Appalachian Club at the open house after the

INE SCOUTS. I went to line bowl game in Char- east week, saw about three football scouts for every ROUNDUP, page 2)