

KIDD BREWER'S Raleigh Roundup

WAKES OUT ... Decision of other Hodges to go direct to the people for support of program could have some far-reaching political results. Elevating Kerr Scott from Commissioner of Agriculture to position of Governor and then sending him to the U. S. Senate are people of this State very clearly indeed that they want a man who will speak forthrightly, and fight for the people's best for North Carolina.

ACCORD ... Right down to the moment he began his radio and television broadcast, were many legislators of opinion that he would reverse what had happened mentally in the few weeks he had taken the oath of

in the General Assembly. It is just as certain that he will merely give anew his preferences—taxes on soft drinks, raising the tax limit above \$15, etc.—not press the issue.

A minority of the legislators in Raleigh were of opinion prior to the Governor's to the people to bone up on the problems facing the 1955 of the General Assembly. Particular senators and representatives—plus a handful very close to the Governor—on Monday before he went to Raleigh Wednesday that Luthgens was getting a lot of calls in opposition to the tobacco tax. The Governor had a few visitors, too, urging him to take it easy on that

GOVERNOR SCOTT? ... One old legislator was heard to muse on Wednesday as to whether Governor Hodges was to be a Hoey or a Scott? He replied that he meant, the other replied that both Hoey and Scott were popular Governors even though they were different.

He pointed out, never anybody mad, was friendly, polite, and easy at all times. On the other Scott as Governor liked a his man reminded, and at could be exceedingly handed.

It would be the better for Gov. Hodges to take the road or the Scott as he prepared to go to Raleigh with his first report.

ATTENTION ... Well, you know that the Governor made known as a "fighting" He let it be known in certain terms that he is going to stand steadfastly by the amendments he made to the constitution.

tion of the legislators was, say, mixed. Some liked Others seemed not to like it—particularly as regards the tobacco tax.

REPORTER? ... Reports were town last weekend that the Governor's tax were asking the radio station for the same amount of money they gave the Governor so they might answer him.

ALTERNATIVES ... You may take picture come down to three alternatives: a tax on tobacco; a sales tax on food; or a raise in taxes at all. There is some feeling developing that efforts will be made to raise more money—without cutting the services—in our educational setup. However, North Carolina must not take a step backward in education—now or

OUT OF WAY ... John Larimer, former State senator and legislative liaison for Governor Hodges, made a few days ago and quipped



AT ZONING HEARING—More than 125 persons filled the courtroom of the Chapel Hill Town Hall to capacity on Monday evening for the hearing on the proposed suburban zoning ordinance before the Chapel Hill aldermen. Rural opposition to the measure from some residents on the Durham Road and the Mt. Carmel and Smith Level communities was as strongly voiced as its been expressed during the past four years that the zoning measure has been under consideration. Planning Board Chairman Frank Umstead is shown at the left in front of the big zoning map while Chapel Hill Mayor O. K. Cornwell (background) puts a question to him.

Commissioners Deny ABC Vote Petition

The County Commissioners this week unanimously denied the Parent-Teacher Association's request for a county-wide referendum on ABC stores.

Meeting in Hillsboro Monday a. m. the board discussed the proposal at length and held the matter open for further discussion until afternoon. But during the discussion Commissioner Edwin S. Lanier—an already outspoken opponent of the proposal—moved that the PTA's request for the referendum be denied. Immediately and simultaneously, Commissioners Dwight Ray of Carrboro and Henry Walker of St. Mary's seconded Mr. Lanier's motion, thus committing a majority of the five-man board to pass this motion.

A lengthy statement from the Chapel Hill-Carrboro Ministers Association in opposition to the setting up of ABC stores in this community was presented to the board in the afternoon. Passed at the group's weekly meeting last Thursday, the statement was signed by 16 members of the Association.

Three-Part Opposition It applied only to the placing of liquor stores in Chapel Hill, declaring, in brief, in its three parts, that: (1) "We believe that this issue should be considered with regard to the total welfare of our community; (2) "We believe it should be considered with regard to a certain uniqueness of our community; and (3) We believe a moral issue is involved here." The text of this statement is carried in full below.

At the commissioners meeting held Monday letters were presented from five other church groups in opposition to the holding of the referendum. These were from: The Mt. Carmel Church, the members of which See ABC, Page 8

Ministers Statement

"We believe that this proposal is detrimental to the larger interests of our community," said a statement adopted last week by the Chapel Hill-Carrboro Ministers' Association concerning the possible opening of ABC stores in town. The statement said the group which is interested in the opening of ABC stores here "reaches the conclusion that we open the way for ABC stores on the basis of its opinion for one community problem (more revenue for the schools) rather than on basis of a consideration of the total community situation. We are concerned about the problem of insufficient funds for our schools, but we do not think that this is the best answer," said the Ministers' statement.

In considering the opening of ABC stores in a University community such as Chapel Hill, the statement said, "Drinking is a problem in student life, just as it is with other groups. It might be argued as to whether or not the presence of ABC stores would aggravate the problem, however, both logic and experience seem to suggest that 'easy availability' brings an increase in the sales of a product."

The ministers' statement said, "We are considering a particular community problem and the moral issue concerned in it." "The moral issue, as we see it, whether or not we as a community want to become in effect 'silent partners' in the distribution of a product which aggravates, possibly creates, serious personality disturbances in its patrons," said the ministers in their statement.

The statement concluded, "The chief argument advanced for opening the ABC stores is that of

securing revenue for the schools. There are many reasons for questioning on legal and economic grounds this method of financing local schools. Even if these did not exist, we believe that the moral weakness of the proposed plan would eliminate it from our consideration. We believe that there are other possible answers which can meet the needs for the schools without posing serious problems to the community."

The Chapel Hill PTA's request for a referendum vote on the opening of ABC stores here was denied Monday by the Orange County Commissioners.

Talent Contest Winners Named At Event Featuring 4-H Week

National 4-H Club Week is one of the most important events of the year to 4-H Club members. It is a week to inform the public of the far reaching values of the 4-H program. This week also club members are urged to take inventory of their 4-H Club activities and set higher standards of achievement.

The theme for 1955 is "Improving Family and Community Living." This week Orange County's 730 club members join with 146,803 club members over North Carolina in this 4-H Club Week observance.

Club members in Orange County are informing the public of their activities by bulletin boards, posters, leaflets, and chapel programs. 4-H Club work has given millions of rural and urban youth an opportunity to improve themselves in the art of living through a program that has been planned to meet their needs. Club work has made a contribution to the nation and world and it is with pride that 4-H members everywhere honor their organization this week.

Orange 40 & 8 Plans Nursing Scholarship

Paul H. Robertson, Chief de Gare of Orange County Forty and Eight Voiture 1268, has announced that the local Voiture will initiate a program of sponsorship of an Orange County girl in a nursing school.

The first girl will be selected to begin her course of study during this year. The method of selection will be announced in the near future.

This program of awarding a scholarship in the field of nursing will be in line with similar programs sponsored by 40 & 8 Voitures throughout North Carolina and in many parts of the nation. Believing this to be one of the most needed programs in our county today, the local Voiture voted unanimously in regular meeting last Friday to undertake this most worthwhile project.

In making this announcement, Robertson stated that the organization has set the wheels in motion to raise the funds needed to carry on this project. Frank Umstead of Chapel Hill will head the first portion of the fund-raising drive, which will be a Bingo party at the Chapel Hill Legion Hut, on Friday night, April 8. A second such party will be given at some later date in Hillsboro.

Chief de Gare Robertson and Chairman Umstead have expressed the desire for full cooperation of all the citizens of the County in this effort to raise the necessary funds to award this nursing scholarship.

Commissioners Oppose Bill To Reduce Taxing Authority

The Board of County Commissioners this week registered strong opposition to legislation now before the General Assembly which would whittle away a portion of its budgetary and tax levying authority. In doing so the county board took cognizance of a concerted effort by Chapel Hill school authorities to bring pressure on the commissioners to restore the full 20c per \$100 special supplementary school tax, which last year was cut to 12c. Commissioners at that time took the position that the revaluation should not be used as a vehicle to raise additional revenues. Nevertheless, under the 12c rate the Chapel Hill schools received more than previously under the 20c levy.

In taking action, the board studied carefully an editorial appearing in Sunday's Greensboro Daily News on the subject, moving first to commend this in its entirety to Orange County representatives in the General Assembly, later deciding to draft its own resolution and adopting it unanimously. The Daily News comment is reproduced in an adjacent column at the request of members of the Board.

The Orange County Board of Commissioners' resolution in its entirety reads as follows:

"Be it resolved: "First, that the Board of Commissioners of Orange County is opposed to that section of the school bill now before the General Assembly which makes it mandatory to levy the maximum amount of supplementary taxes authorized by the voters in special elections, in spite of property revaluations by the county, because we believe it unwise to divide the tax-levying and tax appropriating authority of the Board of County Commissioners.

"Second, that the Board, therefore, urges Representative John W. Umstead and Senator Ralph W. Scott to oppose enactment of the proposal."

Flexible Tax Levies

A sleeper bill pending at Raleigh would force county commissioners to levy the full amount of supplementary taxes authorized by the voters in special elections.

The bill grew out of a spat between school officials in Chapel Hill and the Orange County commissioners. School officials would force commissioners (who set the tax rate) to boost Chapel Hill's 12-cent supplementary school tax up to the full 20 cents authorized. As we understand it, the bill would make the same sort of thing mandatory in other counties with special levies, such as Guilford and Forsyth.

The bill, we think, is dangerous, divisive and unsound. It would authorize a situation very much like two people trying to ride a motorcycle with one guiding and the other feeding the gas. As of now county commissioners have authority to set the tax rate. The pending bill would take authority for regulating school levies out of the commissioners' hands. It would definitely discourage revaluation by making supplementary tax rates inflexible and unmanageable by the very officials authorized to set those rates.

As the law now works, commissioners may set special levies "up to" a certain maximum. If that maximum were made mandatory, it would have adversely affected Guilford's recent revaluation project in which tax rates were lowered by commissioners as valuation of property was raised.

Supporters of the Orange County bill defend the right of the people to levy taxes on themselves to "educate their children." Surely they have that right, but responsibility for setting tax rates must ultimately rest somewhere. County commissioners should not be stripped of their authority in this field. It would bring on added troubles. —The Greensboro Daily News.

Hillsboro Bond Vote Is Set For May 3rd

Citizens of Hillsboro will vote on the proposed \$50,000 bond issue for building a dam for additional water storage in the event of drought at the same time and place as the regular biennial municipal election on May 3.

The decision was reached at Tuesday night's meeting of the town commissioners when a bond ordinance setting up the machinery for the referendum was approved unanimously.

The books for the regular town election and the bond election will be opened on April 9 and close on April 23, with April 30 as Challenge Day.

The deadline for candidates to file for the offices of Town Commissioner and Mayor is 12 o'clock noon on the first Monday in April.

Board Notes Commendation For W. Wren

The Board of County Commissioners received a letter commending Veterans Service Officer Walter Wren for his efficient service in behalf of veterans of the county.

The letter came from Paul Fenner, North Carolina Department Service Officer, The American Legion, whose office conducts liaison with the Veterans Administration. The commissioners voiced their own pleasure for the recognition accorded Wren.

In other matters, the Board handled a number of requests for road improvement; approved a long list of changes in welfare department grants; studied a lengthy request from J. W. Hamlet and wife of West Hillsboro asking for help in getting their landlord, Fred Cates Sr., to remove a tree hanging precariously over their small home since Hurricane Hazel came through; heard a report on the new Farm and Home Efficiency Program now underway from County Agents Don Matheson and Ed Barnes; inspected former quarters occupied by the Welfare Department to see if the owner, Gilbert Ray was due anything for damages suffered during the occupancy; and listened to various other assorted details of county business.

The board approved the writing off of a shortage of \$53.10 in the accounts of the County Tax Department as an error in tax computation, after officials reported diligent efforts had failed to explain the shortage.

Two Held On Morals Charge

Two Efland area men are free under \$1,000 bonds on charges of carnal knowledge of a 13-year-old Mebane RFD girl.

They are Luther Cook, 26, and Thomas Knight, 23.

This pair was said to be the first of several men who picked the girl up on a Saturday night two weeks ago on an escapade which found her missing from her home for several days before authorities finally found her in Danville, Va. One of the men she was with during the evening, she reported, carried her to the Virginia line from which she walked across into the other state.

A 15-year-old Chapel Hill youth was also arrested this week charged with criminally assaulting a six-year-old child in Chapel Hill.

Phipps Elected Bv County Bar

L. J. Phipps, local attorney and Judge of the Orange County Recorder's Court, has been elected President of the Orange County Bar Association for the coming year.

The vice-president of the Association this past year, he succeeds Bonner D. Sawyer of Hillsboro. The dozen-odd members of the group elected officers at their monthly meeting here last weekend.

Henry A. Whitfield was chosen vice-president and Emery B. Denny Jr., re-elected secretary-treasurer.

SCHOOL TOUR DEFERRED

The scheduled tour of county schools which Superintendent G. Paul Carr and the Board of Education had arranged for the County Commissioners this month has been deferred as a result of a school board decision Monday that more time was needed to study budget requests and future building needs prior to the visits.

SCHOOL GOES FOR \$150

The County School Board Monday authorized the sale of the abandoned Damascus school building for \$150 cash.



4-H WEEK OBSERVERS—One of the features of 4-H week in Orange County was the county-wide Recreation Night held at Schley Grange. Winners in the talent contest held at this event are shown above: left to right, Pat Ray, Nancy Felmet and Judy Ray of White Cross, Joe Forrest of Efland, Nancy Wilson and Sandra Wrenn of Cross, and Joyce Ward of Efland. Parents of the group are Mr. and Mrs. C. F. Ray, Mr. and Mrs. D. R. Felmet, Mr. and Mrs. Turner Forrest, Mr. and Mrs. Alfred Wilson, Mr. and Mrs. Hassell Wrenn and F. A. Ward.



Other 4-H'ers spread the word about their organization by distributing mail box signs to the members. Above, pretty Viola Ferguson, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. D. C. Ferguson of White Cross, attaches one of the signs to the family mail box.



At right, a group of 4-H'ers displays the distinctive signs which will later adorn their own mail boxes. They are, back row left to right, Gail Ford, Ann Morrow, Viola Ferguson, Eleanor Lloyd; front row, Billy Ford, Nancy Felmet and J. C. Ward.

CHARGED IN BREAK-IN

Two Eno township men have been arrested and charged with the break-in at Doc Griffin's service station on Highway 70 last Friday night.

They are Roy Brown, alias Roy Webb, and Jack Burton, both of Linden Road. About \$100 in merchandise was taken, according to Sheriff O. H. Clayton.

PROGRESS CREDITED

Credit operations of the Orange County Recorders Court dropped off two-third last month as compared to January, the Board of Commissioners were told Monday. Clerk Edwin M. Lynch reported that \$256 was added to the credit ledger in costs and fines during February while \$569.15 was collected on old accounts.