

## Bank Names Cole An Asst Vice President

E. Wilson Cole, who for several years has been branch manager of the Durham Bank & Trust Company's Hillsboro office, was named an assistant vice president last week at a meeting of the bank Board of Directors.

He was one of six such officers so recognized.

George Watts Hill, Chairman of the Board, explained in connection with the promotion of Cole and five other Branch Office Managers that, "Two factors have led to our decision, the first and most important being that we wish to give tangible recognition to the very major role that our Branch Managers have played in the overall operation of the Trust Company and that, in addition, the title of 'Branch Manager' does not truly indicate to the people in our branch communities the real degree of responsibility which we place on the shoulders of those operating our Branches."

Hill went on to say that Cole "has more than lived up to our very strong desire to have all of our Branch Office Managers become a true part of their respective communities. From President and Secretary of the Exchange Club through the Presidency of the Merchants Association, Chairman of the Red Cross and member of the Diaconate of the Presbyterian Church in the few years that Wilson has been living and working in Hillsboro is a record which few can boast of. We have never considered our 'Branches' to



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be subsidiaries of the Main Office but rather have always considered them as a true bank of the community. Cole's predecessor, Mr. Johnson, certainly fulfilled this desire and we know that Wilson will continue it. We expect an outstanding job from him and hope that this new title, while reflecting credit for the job which he has already done, will also be a clear indication to the people of Hillsboro that our interests are the interests of the community as a whole and that we expect to have the best possible man as Head of

## Coming To Orange Each Month

### Over \$33,000 Monthly In Social Security Pay

In Orange County, at the end of last year, 363 retired workers were receiving \$19,600.00 in monthly social security payments, according to figures just released by Nina H. Matthews, Social Security Administration district manager in Durham.

In addition to the retired workers themselves, 450 people were receiving \$13,755.00 a month as dependents of aged workers or as survivors of those who had died. These amounts represent a considerable increase over the benefits being paid at the end of 1953. Mrs. Matthews pointed out, due primarily to the 1954 Amendments to the social security law, which increased all benefits.

One of the changes in the law made it possible for the first time for the survivors of some workers who died after 1939 and before September 1950 to qualify for payments.

Beginning in September, 1954, the amendments permit the "dropping out" of up to 5 years of lowest earnings in figuring the worker's average monthly wage. This has the effect of increasing the average earnings, from which the monthly payments are figured. Other improvements in the law did not go into effect until the first day of 1955; although these changes had not affected the payments that were being made at the end of 1954, they will contribute to further increases in the total amount of benefits payable in Orange County during this year.

Among the amendments that went into effect on the first of the year, one changes the rules for receiving payments while the beneficiary is working, one extends coverage to many kinds of work that did not count toward social security benefits before 1955, and another increases the maximum amount of annual earnings creditable toward benefits from \$3,600 to \$4,200.

A major change made by the 1954 Amendments was provision of a method by which totally disabled workers can protect their future benefit rights by "freezing" their social security wage records while they are disabled. This can increase the payment now being made to many people who are already 65 but were disabled for a considerable period before they reached 65.

These local figures for old-age and survivors insurance payments reflect a national trend, it was pointed out: In the country as a whole, there were 6,886,480 people receiving benefit payments at the end of 1954—nearly a million

## Urge Vote On Wheat Saturday

Polls To Be Open For Referendum From 8:30 a.m. To 5 p.m.

A. K. McAdams, office manager of the Orange County ASC, today urged county farmers to vote in the Wheat Referendum which is scheduled for Saturday at the Agriculture building in Hillsboro.

McAdams stated that if a farmer a.m. to 5:00 p.m. McAdams reminded farmers.

grows more than 15 acres of wheat on their farm, or if he plans to grow more than 15 acres in 1956 will be eligible to vote in the Wheat Referendum, June 25.

He stated also that there are some farmers who have the idea that they could cast an unfavorable vote in the Referendum, and be voting against their acreage allotment. That impression is entirely wrong, he pointed out. As a vote for or against Marketing Quotas will have no effect, whatsoever, on the allotment that each wheat farm will receive for the 1956 crop.

There are actually only two issues at stake in the Referendum. The first issue is whether farmers want a maximum level of price support that will be available under Secretary Benson's flexible program or whether they want this support rate to drop to 50 per cent of parity. A 50 per cent support rate for 1956 would be around a dollar-twenty a bushel.

If the Referendum carries, the 1956 crop of wheat will be supported at the maximum rate permitted by law, under current supply conditions. If the Referendum does not carry, that support rate will drop to 50 per cent or \$1.20 a bushel.

The 1956 wheat marketing cards are ready and may be obtained if called for or by written request. Guthrie reminded farmers.

## Summey Opens Own Shoe Shop

Lawrence Summey, who for the past nine years has worked as shoe repair man in the Parker and Iron shoe shops here, has opened his own business in the former Latta Coop Dairy building on E. King Street.

Summey announced that he has installed new and efficient equipment to enable him to handle any type of shoe repair and invited all his friends to call on him at his new place.

He is a native of Hillsboro, a graduate of the local schools, and the son of Mr. and Mrs. T. O. Summey. He is married to the former Miss Janice Johnson and the father of four children.

## Increased Budget Requests Keep Commissioners On Job

'District' Terminology Confusing

### Unit Would Pay Bonds, Attorney General Says

Should the Chapel Hill school administrative unit issue bonds, following vote of the people, as provided in Representative John Umstead's permissive legislation passed on May 25th, it would not be entitled to a per capita allocation from the county for debt service on such bonds.

This was the information here today in a special Attorney General's opinion prepared by Assistant Attorney General Claude L. Love at the request of Mr. Umstead and School Board Chairman Carl Smith.

The ruling of the Attorney General had been sought following publication of a report from county sources, based on an interpretation from the Institute of Government, that the Chapel Hill district would be entitled under provisions of the new general school statutes to a per capita share of the county debt service revenue in the event it should vote additional school debt upon itself in accordance with the Umstead local statute.

House Bill 177, ratified on May 26, provides that the county school debt service fund shall include "a per capita apportionment to each local district" based on the county-wide debt service.

On the other hand, House Bill 1278 authorizes the issuance of school building bonds in behalf of the Chapel Hill administrative unit, but provides that they "shall be made payable exclusively out of the taxes to be levied in such district or such unit, except that the Board of County Commissioners of Orange County may pay from county funds any part of the principal and interest of said bonds or notes."

In the Attorney General's opinion the expression "local district" used in the State act referred to areas within a county administrative unit which may owe debts contracted prior to 1933 when all school districts in the State were abolished for certain purposes. Wrote Mr. Love: "It would seem (in view of certain previous definitions) that the legislative intent in enacting paragraph 4 of Section 3, Article 9, of the new school law was to take care of old districts, which still owe debts that have not

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## 5 Robberies In Cedar Grove Area This Week

A wave of robberies and break-ins has swept the Cedar Grove area, five in five days, to be exact. Sheriff O. H. Clavton and deputies are pressing their investigation in each case but no arrests have been made.

Another break-in was cleared up this week with the arrest of Junior Cobb, Negro, of Eiland on a charge of breaking into the Club Naha on Highway 70 near Hillsboro. Cobb is now free under \$1,000 bond.

Last Friday night thieves broke a plate glass window at Reitzel's service station on Highway 49, Cedar Grove township, and stole merchandise amounting to \$200.

Sunday night two wheels and two tires were stolen from an irrigation pump on the John Poteat farm in Cedar Grove township. The same night two motors, valued at \$100 were stolen from Oliver's garage at Cedar Grove.

Monday night a saw and belts valued at \$400 were taken from the J. E. Cross Sawmill on the Claude Pope farm in Cedar Grove township and Tuesday night merchandise valued at \$150 was stolen from Coy Long's store after entrance was gained by the thieves by breaking the front door.

## 74¢ Tax Rate Required If Requests Met

The County Commissioners are burning the midnight oil this week and literally scratching their heads to reach a decision that is "right" on the annual puzzle that is the budget for the county government, which includes schools.

Again, it is the struggle to hold the line, if possible, on taxes and still provide the service that the times demand, the departments request, and the people desire.

Total budget requests from the various departments of county government for the fiscal year which begins just eight days from today amount to \$888,629.00.

At the present stage of consideration, according to County Accountant Sam Gattis, a tax rate of 74¢ per \$100 valuation would be required to meet the budget. This is an increase of 12¢ per \$100 valuation.

Therein lies the crux of the problem. What can be cut? How much tax increase is fair and just for the people who pay the taxes? How can everybody be satisfied? What is the best thing to do? These are the questions, the commissioners are asking themselves, each other, and the various delegations: officials and official boards who are making appearances in support of their own budget requests.

Meetings were held last week on Monday and Wednesday nights of this week and another is scheduled for next Monday night. Monday the commissioners heard the county school officials, last night the Welfare Board, and Monday night it will be the Chapel Hill school board.

By far the largest part of the tax dollar goes for schools, and here the pressure for larger apportionments from the county is the greatest. The county administrative system total \$398,358.50, or 45 percent of the total request. Of this, \$118,569 is for current expenses and \$55,477.50 for debt service. The remainder is for capital improvements for which the county request is \$110,422 and Chapel Hill, which has one third of the students, has asked for \$113,890. Delegations have appeared in favor of increasing the district supplement to 20¢ and increasing the general appropriation.

The Welfare department has asked for a new case-worker, increases in funds in each category, and salary increases for most personnel. Requested increases in funds are: administration from \$47,363 to \$52,680; old age assistance from \$101,540 to \$108,680; aid to dependent children from \$95,142 to \$97,920; aid to the totally and permanently disabled from \$26,120 to \$32,420.

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## PM vs Chief In Civil Suit; \$700 Awarded

Postmaster Thomas E. Bivins this week was awarded \$700 in a civil suit brought by him against Hillsboro Police Chief D. Tom Roberts for injuries suffered in an automobile accident last year at the corner of Churton St. and Margaret Lane.

The Bivins car was stopped on the lot of Strum's Esso station when struck by the Roberts car, as it careened away from another car driven by a Negro man traveling down Churton Street at high speed.

The suit came about when Robert's insurance company and Bivins could not agree on the amount of damage.

In other cases, the court, Judge William Y. Bickett, presiding, confirmed a judgement of \$171 in favor of the plaintiff Roy Home wood vs. George O. Athorne and wife, Gladys, originally awarded by Justice of Peace Paul H. Robertson in Chapel Hill.

Divorces were awarded the following: George T. Holman vs. Lizzie Mae J. Holman; Basel Jones vs. Mattie Maud Farrow Jones; Arthur H. Simmons Jr. vs. Mary Alice Simmons; Henry A. Tilley vs. Lucille A. Tilley; Paul H. Blake vs. Blanche H. Blake and Bertha Vernell Royals Davis by her next friend, S. T. Royal, vs. John Edward Davis with the plaintiff being awarded custody of child, James Thomas Davis.



JOINS AIRCRAFT FIRM — Donald Chance, son of Mr. and Mrs. W. M. Chance of Hillsboro, left Sunday for Baltimore, Md. where he has joined the staff of the giant Glenn L. Martin Aircraft corporation as an engineer. He graduated earlier this month from N. C. State College in Raleigh with a degree in mechanical engineering.

## Orange County Is Having Ship Named For Her

Orange County is being honored by having a fighting ship named for it.

The vessel to be renamed the USS Orange County is a Landing Ship Tank, or LST, and is one of 158 such Navy ships which have previously been designated by number only. The LST's served throughout World War II as workhorses of the Navy's amphibious forces. The ships which carried troops, tanks and many other kinds of mobile arms and vehicles, played a large part in every major landing operation, including the Normandy invasion and numerous amphibious actions throughout the Pacific. Originally constructed to meet the World War II need for an ocean-going ship that could be beached in landing operations, LST's are identified by their large bow doors which open to discharge tanks and other cargo over beaching ramps.

An official ship-naming ceremony will be held at a later date for the USS Orange County. Representatives of Orange County, original sponsors of the ship when she was commissioned, and dependents of personnel assigned to the ship have been invited to attend the ceremonies.

## White Elephant Sale Saturday

The Hillsboro Exchange Club's annual White Elephant Sale will be held at 1 p.m. Saturday, June 25. Sales Chairman Mutt Cannady announces.

The sale will be held in the lot beside Coleman's Laws, with Robert Nichols auctioneer.

The proceeds from the sale will be used for the development of the Recreation Park now under way on Highway 86 south of Hillsboro.

Some of the articles, new and used, for sale are electric stove, refrigerator, television sets, radios, chairs, dishes, china closets, hardware, window screens, sashes, screens, lamps, studio couches, antiques, and other items.

There will be an automobile for sale, in good running condition. Anyone having any articles for donation to the project may arrange to have them picked up by contacting G. A. Cannady or Marshall Cates.

## Hobart Lee Arrested For Attempted Rape

Hobart Lee of Graham who in 1951 was tried but acquitted for the murder of Miss Rachel Crook of Chapel Hill, is again in trouble on a sex charge.

He was arrested last Thursday night by the Algonquin County sheriff on a charge of attempted rape. He was freed on a \$1,000 bond. There have been three other sex offenses charged to Lee, including that involving Miss Crook.

The latest is an accusation contained in a warrant sworn out by Doris Martin, a Negro woman of Route Two, Snow Camp, a rural community a few miles west of Chapel Hill.

She said that last Tuesday Lee came to her neighborhood "to see about some chickens." He suddenly attacked her and tore her clothing, she asserted.

She said Lee was unknown to her and she had had no previous

dealings with him. The sheriff's office at Graham said today that no date had been set for the preliminary hearing. Records in the clerk's office at Graham show that on March 1, 1938 Lee was charged with assault with intent to commit rape. He obtained a nol pros with leave. On Nov. 25, 1941, he was charged with assault on a female, a less costly offense. Prayer for judgement was continued on payment of costs.

Then came the case of Miss Crook, 71 years old, who lived alone at her fish and produce market on West Franklin Street, this city, near the Carboro line. Her beaten body was found in the woods near a branch road in the New Hope community, a few miles north of Chapel Hill. Money found on her person was untouched.

## Mystery Farm of the Week—44

### Who Owns This Mystery Farm?



GUESS THE IDENTITY of the farm above and if you are the first to correctly identify it you will receive a free subscription to The News of Orange County. Last week's Mystery Farm was named first by Mrs. Peggy Cannady, as belonging to Luth; Craig of Durham. Newton L. Johnson is living on the farm, which is located 4 1/2 miles south of Hillsboro on Highway 86. The farm consists of around 80 acres. Other early correct identifiers were: Mis: Dathene Summey, Donald Walker, Mrs. Lacy Wilkerson, Mrs. Jennie Summey and John N. Johnson.

## KIDD BREWER'S Raleigh Roundup

Y DEFAULT ... Waldo of Charlotte, who was a appointee to the position of oner of Insurance, was last week for a couple on business.

wasn't necessarily news. as president of the Ince Life Insurance Com- the Queen City, returns Raleigh haunts every two weeks for brief visits.

he had to say to close however, made news. He n they could pass the ng to all and sundry that her Hodges would not be d for Governor without n. that's definite", said

just who will be Luther opponent?" he was ask- out it down that he will have one", answered

as taken to mean that self, would be a candi- Governor on the Demo- ket next spring if no- has the nerve to take an who has held the top since last November.

a hearty Wake Forest 42 years old, and a Baptist layman, was re- on of Kerr Scott's very pinments. He has been as gubernatorial timber past four or five years; known to be politically

COTT ... Cheek is using approach in talking possible candidacy as Scott in 1948 when he iding whether to run State Treasurer Charles how had been an avo- late for Governor for- at year before Agriculture oner Kerr Scott began aleful eyes in that di-

ody is going to have to inst Charlie Johnson", ld say. if reports are correct, t actually went about State looking for some- n against Johnson. ot to have opposition", uld say. It became a h him. the fellows who would against Charlie began Scott in effect: yourself, Scott."

ke the little red hen of r fame, he did. OE. DEFENSE ... Ever summer when he made thing remark about late Detroit area, Defense Charles Wilson has rded as one of the real of the Republican Par- find Republicans right maintain that the GOP in control of Congress leadership had harness- soon enough prior to ms last fall. grapevine talk reaching rect, Wilson is gradually ved out of his top-rank- one of the most pow- the face of the earth- ation for the all-out, big al race next year. Chapel Hill they are at Greater University Gordon Gray is even g groomed for Secre- fense post. They point otherwise, he would not pted the place as As- retary. us in upper echelons of ter University is that ray is gone, as far as ad of the Greater Uni- s concerned—and they dy conducting informal for a worthy successor. may be nothing to this ill street-corner chatter, ms to make some sense yet has not been denied.