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Mystery Farm No. 50

Who Owns This Mystery Farm?



Last week's mystery farm was the Tom Sparrow home on the Mt. Carmel Road, Route 3, Chapel Hill. The correct identity came from Mrs. C. L. Diggs of Route 3, Chapel Hill. First to identify this week's mystery farm, pictured above, will receive a free subscription to the News of Orange County and the owner of the farm will receive a beautifully mounted photo by verifying the correct identification.

Two New Principals Named For Carrboro And Aycock

Two new principals have been named for Orange County schools. Reid Suggs will take over his duties at Carrboro, and J. L. McDaniel will become principal of Aycock School with the beginning of the coming academic year.

Mr. Suggs, 34, was reared at Methodist Orphanage in Winston-Salem. He attended Winston-Salem schools, and received his AB degree from the University of North Carolina in 1946, his MA the following year.

Mr. Suggs was assistant principal of an elementary school in Winston-Salem for five years, and was principal two years. He came to Chapel Hill because of the illness of his wife's mother.

Other teaching appointments made by the County Board of Education this week include those of Arwye McKee, Fred Claytor, Clyde Enwin, Jane Byrd, Margaret Richmond, Jean S. Dew and Caine Ruth Coker as teachers at Hillsboro school, Marion L. Crawford and Nancy B. McKee at Murphree, Arnold Strough, Caroline Ballance.

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Gone To Geneva

Rep. Carl Durham Feels Solons Did 'Pretty Good'

Chapel Hill's sixth district Congressman, Carl Durham, home for the weekend to attend Senator Kerr Scott's watermelon rally, said that he thinks this year's Congress has done a "pretty good job" — but the executive department is another thing.

Mr. Durham said he feels the "Democratic Party has functioned very well" in both Houses of Congress. "Of course," he added, "the executive branch of the government is another party."

Mr. Durham left Monday for Geneva, Switzerland, to attend the international "Atoms for Peace" meeting, which will be held August 8-22. As a Vice-Chairman of the Joint Atomic Energy Committee,

Mr. Durham is an American delegate to the meeting.

"Pretty Good Support"

This year's Congress, he said, has provided "pretty good support" for the South. "We've maintained the status quo on the farm program," he said, and "we're getting good prices for our other products, although income has dropped overall."

As for the current problem of Japanese textiles, Mr. Durham said "people have seen that coming for quite a long time." Recently the United States agreed to lower its tariffs on Japanese textiles. Numerous Southern textile manufacturers complained that the result would be another "Pearl Harbor" for the American industry.

May Be Biased, But . . .

Staff Says Scott Measured Up Well During Initial Washington Session

Judging by comparative standards and tradition on Capitol Hill, North Carolina's Junior Senator W. Kerr Scott has borne up mightily well during his first session in Washington.

Two Chapel Hillians, his private secretary Bill Cochran and his press secretary Bill Whitley — though their opinions should be biased — consider their boss has made a record to be envied by many of his senior contemporaries in the last nine months. The Squire from Haw River has been appointed to the all-important Agriculture Committee, participated in the sponsorship of about 10 major bills, delivered several major speeches, and personally engineered to a successful conclusion a bill of particular importance to this section of North Carolina.

At the age of 59 now he's been reported in top-notch health during his first tour in Washington. — And his heavy-duty morning constitutional may well contribute to that. He generally arises at 6 ("at little later than he's used to at home," notes his staff) from his apartment at the Carroll Arms Hotel and goes for a full hour's walk, checking in at his office by 8 or 8:30. Committee meetings begin at 10 and the Senate convenes at noon, often staying in session

until midnight.

If the Squire looked a little peaked to constituents who saw him at the Democratic rally at his Hawfields Farm on Saturday it (See KERR SCOTT, Page 8)

Orange Gets New Deputy

Burch C. Compton, 25, of Cedar Grove this week assumed duties as a deputy sheriff in the additional position created in the new budget by the County Commissioners.

Announcement of the appointment was made Monday by Sheriff Odell H. Clayton and Compton was sworn in the same day by Assistant Clerk of Court Lucius Cheshire.

The new deputy is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Compton and recently has been associated with his father in farming. He is a graduate of Aycock High School and attended High Point College. He has also served in the armed forces. He had had no previous law enforcement experience.

Compton's appointment brings to six the number of deputies now in the department.

Yesterday Mrs. Sue Pope, deputy clerk of court in the office of Clerk Edwin M. Lynch, moved into the Sheriff's office under an arrangement worked out with the County Commissioners and the two elected officials. Mrs. Pope will continue to handle other duties as stenographer and record keeper for the Sheriff. The Commissioners Monday agreed to make any salary changes retroactive to August 1 which may come about as result of the job classification survey now being made by the Institute of Government. Her new classification will reflect her duties in both offices.

Commissioners Make Changes In Dog Laws

Under provisions of amendments to the state Dog Warden Law, passed by the 1955 legislature, the Board of County Commissioners this week passed a resolution setting the period for holding a lost or strayed dog in the County Dog Pound as "not more than one week."

The commissioners further decreed that in cases where the owner requests it, the dog warden must destroy a dog "in a humane manner" in less time than the required holding period. Dogs suspected of rabies must be kept no less than 15 days as required by law.

The commissioners were advised, further, of other provisions of the dog law which permit the use of other than dog program revenue, that is ad valorem taxes and other revenue sources, for supporting the dog program. Heretofore support of the dog program was required from dog taxes and rabies control revenues only.

The new law provides that every dog in the county shall be required at all times to wear a collar with the owner's name and address stamped on or otherwise firmly attached to the collar. Each year at tax listing time all dogs (See COMMISSIONERS, Page 8)

Fire District Plans Heard; Charges Hurlled At Board

Wilson Charges Voters Getting Unfair Deal

Charges of failing to keep faith with the voters by refusing to provide funds for an attendance officer for the county schools, and gross inequities in the listing of personal property, especially in Chapel Hill township, were hurled at the Board of County Commissioners this week by Hugh Wilson, dairy farmer of Hillsboro, Route 3.

Wilson was a candidate for county commissioner in the last Democratic primary and was defeated. In a lengthy discussion at Monday afternoon's board session, Wilson referred to a tape recording of the candidate's meeting held at the Carrboro school prior to the primary, during which he said all commissioner candidates pledged their support of the attendance officer idea. Members of the board did not comment on this phase of the charge.

The attendance officer fund was included in the original budget request of the Board of Education but later deleted when the Commissioners began seeking items to cut to bring the budget within available funds.

Wilson asked the board to investigate the mistaking of personal property and charged that real property owners were bearing a heavier proportion of the tax burden since the revaluation.

He cited as an example an apartment house in Chapel Hill, which he did not identify, which he said contained 60 furnished apartments with personal property listing of only \$1,000. Fraternity houses and some business establishments, he said, were also flagrant examples.

Otherwise the Commissioners spent a good part of the day arguing over whether screens should be placed over windows of the basement floor or over the entire building. Dr. O. D. Garvin had requested that the entire basement be screened because of the need for sanitation at the health offices there.

These were later approved with Commissioner Sim Efland refusing to vote, while holding out for screening the whole building if any part at all. At one point in the long harangue, Commissioner Ed Lanier offered to second Efland's motion for a full screening, but when Efland called for a reading by the Clerk of his motion he decided to let the matter drop.

Teer Co. Low Bidder

On Road Resurfacing

Nello L. Teer Company of Durham was low bidder for resurfacing the existing lane of the Durham-Chapel Hill highway in bidding last week.

Teer's bid was \$113,812.50 for resurfacing the 6.52-mile stretch from the Chapel Hill bypass to University Drive, outside Durham's city limits.

Ranson Explains Administration Of New Chapel Hill District To Commissioners

The administration of the newly effective July 1: (Planning Board) authorized Greater Chapel Hill Fire District was outlined to the County Commissioners in Hillsboro this week by Orange County Attorney Paul Ranson.

The commissioners can run the affairs of the district themselves or name a commission of three qualified voters for two-year appointments, to serve under their supervision and at their discretion, according to North Carolina General Statutes cited by Mr. Ranson. At their special meeting last Thursday evening the commissioners formally adopted the tax rate of \$.10 per \$100 valuation for the Fire Protection District, as well as a \$.15 rate for the Chapel Hill Special School Tax District and the 1955-56 county budget of approximately \$670,000.

Current Taxes

It's anticipated that about \$7,500 a year will be netted from the Fire District tax at the \$.10 rate. This will be billed on current taxes to be mailed in October. The commissioners, Mr. Ranson said, will be liable for fire protection up to the amount of money actually collected and can give this protection through the following means:

The appointment of three Fire District Commissioners to administer the affairs of the Greater Chapel Hill Fire District was placed on the agenda for the next monthly meeting. In the meantime recommendations will be sought from interested persons in the area from whom the appointments possibly will be made.

(1) By contract to a municipality or incorporated non-profit community fire department; (2) by furnishing protection through a county fire department if such exists; (3) by establishing a district fire department; (4) by utilizing two or more of these methods.

The board also agreed to proceed with the issuance of \$34,000 in bonds as earlier authorized for capital outlay purposes in the county and Chapel Hill school systems. Chapel Hill's half of this sum is to go toward the Lincoln High School gymnasium, bids on which are to be called for this month.

The long-pending Planning Board and Board of Adjustment for the Greater Chapel Hill Zoning District was put into business this week with the formal appointment of five non-Chapel Hill residents to each board. The Chapel Hill aldermen have already appointed five residents of the town to the two 10-man groups.

This week the commissioners made the following appointments:

Forester Tate Gives Report For Six Months

County Forester Hugh A. Tate this week presented his six months report to the Board of County Commissioners and praised the work of the county smoke-chaser and district forest wardens as being "invaluable aid to the county forester in suppressing fires."

"Through the work of these people," said Mr. Tate, "many fires that would have reached large size were extinguished while still very small."

Mr. Tate summarized his work during the past six months as follows:

Forty-four fires extinguished, 11 fire prevention talks, 200 fire prevention posters put up, six fire prevention movies shown, 350 fire prevention leaflets distributed, 215 acres burned by fire;

Average acres burned per fire was 4.9, 748 burning permits issued, \$2,422.25 damage done by fire, eight fires on which tractor and fire plow were used.

He also answered 62 requests for service, examined 17 woodlands and 648 acres, marked 11 woodlands for harvested, marked 207 acres for harvest, marked 462,000 feet of timber, marked 206 cords of pulpwood, showed six forestry movies and made four forest talks, distributed 340 pieces of forestry literature, wrote eight newspaper articles and delivered 50,750 seedlings.

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Sales Event Planned Here For Next Week

A three day sales event, town-wide in scope, has been scheduled by members of the Hillsboro Merchants Association for the weekend of next week, August 11, 12 and 13.

Twenty six firms in various types of merchandizing and service have indicated their plans to join in the promotion and a wide variety of genuine bargains and drastic reductions will be offered, according to officials of the association.

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Cancer Drive Raises \$4,017 In The County

The Orange County Unit of the American Cancer Society announces that to date the 1955 Campaign total is \$4017.05.

This amount is 138% of the quota assigned to this county.

"The people of Orange County should be proud of this record," said Roy Cole of Chapel Hill, chairman, in announcing the final results.

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DRESSED FOR MELON FETE—They didn't need the slickers to eat the watermelons at Saturday's Young Democrats rally at Senator Kerr Scott's farm in Alamance, but those in the Orange County delegation who had raincoats fared far better during the proceedings which were thrice-interrupted by rain. Shown above enjoying the melons following the formal program are (left to right) Mrs. Charles W. Stanford, O. A. Allen, Donald Stanford, and Mr. and Mrs. L. J. Phips of Chapel Hill.

KID BREWER'S Raleigh Roundup

CO PRICES ... Al are saying much for publication, tobacco privately are not much at prices being paid golden-weed on South and Georgia markets.

day averages were not as last year—but they in a lot lower within the to fifteen years.

the inside of the pic-plain it by pointing to production of this sea-ting specialists believe nds-per-acre records will all sections of the State

y of a commodity almost rings higher prices. The be considered is that the average of tobacco is illing in the decreased on planned for—thanks vorable weather.

the more new cars you and, the better buys you ooking around. It's likely somewhat the same way see this season, accord- tips I've been able to from those in the know.

RMELOON ... That water- east on Sen. W. Kerr arm last Saturday pre-ore water than melon.

there wasn't plenty of eat, there was. It just that the rain came so that we had to do our sewer.

a grand occasion, de- weather, and good for eratic Party.

ntally, Agriculture Com- L. Y. Ballentine is hav-annual watermelon feast Dept. employees and t Pullen Park this week.

folks in the know feel Ballentine may have the nitation of the "world- bend" to challenge "blend" in his bid for —if anybody does.

The salary of Mot- Chief Ed Scheidt was st Thursday from \$11,000 0 per year, thus making e ten most highly e officials.

notable raises, too, were at week's end, end- stance, the traffic death the State stood about 15 higher than at the end last year: 581 to 489. But more cars, more traffic, consensus is that Scheidt is the State's checker —is letting no move es-

less, albeit, and how- the king's row to many seemed little closer last in July of '54.

ND TIME ... Since it out only every two The State" cannot be ex- to stay on top of every velopment in the news Carolina.

ly 30, under the title of "lication", the Sharpe magazine said: "THIS N-RALEIGH is the title ndy weekly publication ings to see and do in Bradford W. Johnson is director. The address Publications, Box 586,

the same hour the an-ent appeared in "The st week, the new public- gun last spring and a ractive little thing—de- would discontinue opera- a while . . . and mayhps Insufficient advertising the mare go—but it was try nevertheless, and a the publication wide i-

THAN HALF ... It is to report that, with all mobile accidents and our highway death rate, less than half the total of people killed by ac- North Carolina in 1954. accidents of all kinds, in- auts, ranked in third among the leading causes in the State, according to ette, Raleigh statistical leads the death list? at place last year came 50 per cent of our peo-

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