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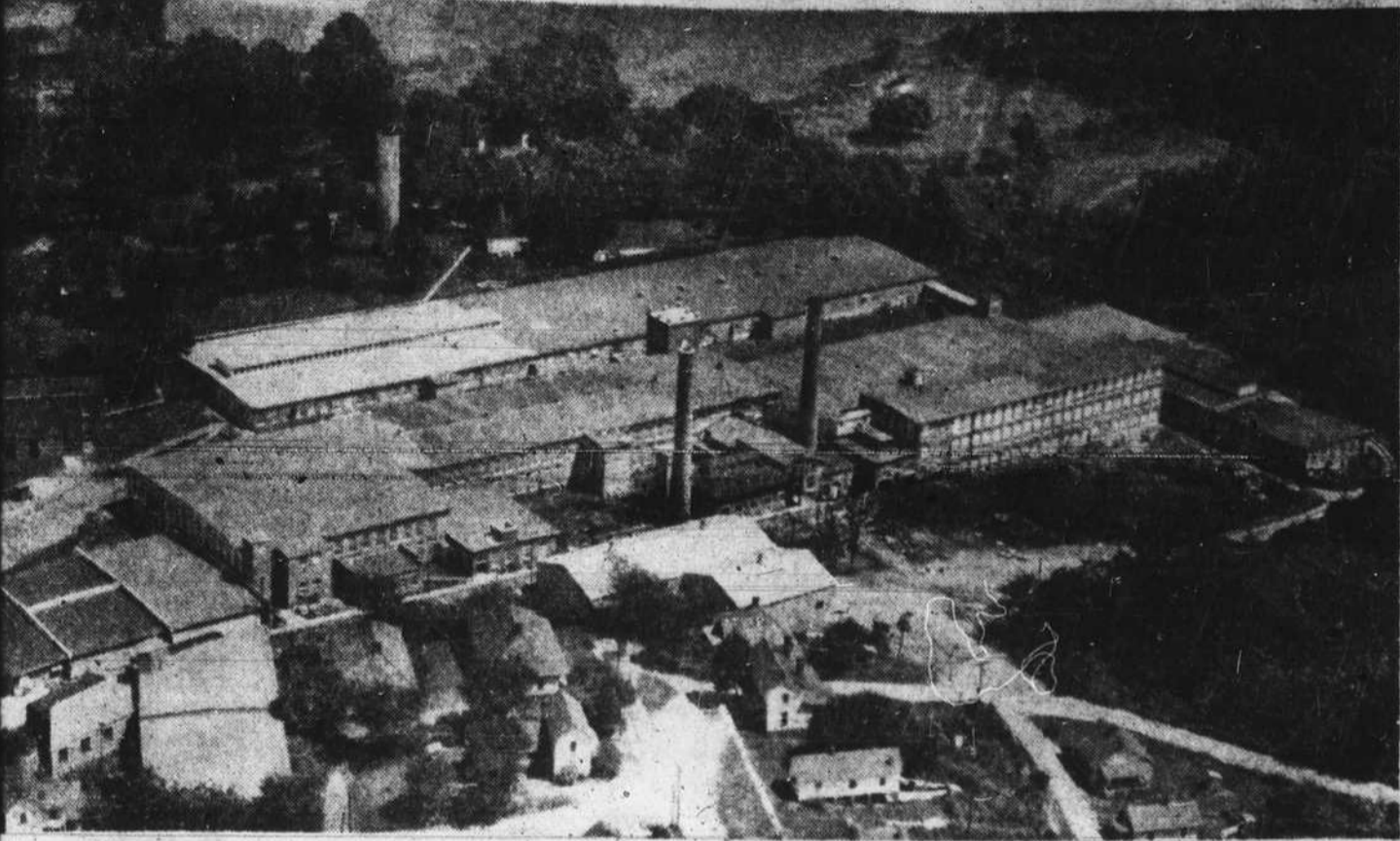
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A view of the Eno plant of Cone Mills, established as a local institution by Hillsboro residents in 1896.

Orange Population Gain Fourth Highest In NC During 1950-54

County's Gain Twice As High As US Average

Orange County is growing in population faster than 95 other counties of North Carolina, three and half times as fast as the State as a whole, and twice as fast as the nation.

These facts, previously unrealized apparently by local citizens or county officials, were obtained yesterday by The News from the North Carolina Research Institute, headed by Felix Grisette of Raleigh, who edits the institute's weekly publication, North Carolina Facts.

In its bulletin of November 5, Mr. Grisette reported that Orange County had gained 14.2% in population between 1950 and 1954, which was the fourth highest rate of gain among the North Carolina counties. Only three counties, all with military installations, had higher rates of population gain during this period.

They were: Onslow with 24.37%, Cumberland with 16.24% and Craven with 15.26%.

Next in order behind Orange were New Hanover with 10.30%, Mecklenburg with 9.76%, Gaston, Carteret, Lee, Wake, Guilford, and Alamance. The latter in eleventh place gained 8.23%.

Mr. Grisette said that Orange County made its population gain at the expense of other counties and other areas of the country.

Eighteen North Carolina counties actually lost, he said, the state as a whole, he said, did not gain as fast as the nation or as fast as the South during the four-year period. North Carolina's population gain was 4% in 1950-54, the nation's 7%.

Mr. Grisette explained that Orange County is "a beneficiary of the very high migration rate over the country" and said that the hospitals at Chapel Hill and Orange County's attractiveness as a place for living were all factors in the tremendous increase.

Orange County's population in 1950, according to the census, was 34,435, its 1954 population 39,263.



AS LEGIONNAIRES HONOR FOOTBALLERS—The Hillsboro American Legion Post honored the Hillsboro High School Football team Tuesday night at a chicken barbecue supper and presented a trophy to Quarterback Ronald Gattis, chosen by his teammates as the year's most valuable player. Above, Post Commander Kay Winecoff presents to Coach Glenn Auman for the school a plaque on which will be inscribed this and future winners of this honor in all sports. Approximately 50 players and legionnaires attended the event to hear Gattis lauded as a fine leader both on and off the gridiron. He was the leading scorer during the past season. Below are some of the legionnaires who put on the feed, left to right, John Simpson, Walter Wren, Foy Cole, Clarence Rosemond, Fred Clayer, Roland Scott and Kay Winecoff. The News' a nature photographer who covered the event drew a blank on his picture of the presentation of the trophy to Gattis for which apologies are offered.



Cone Corporation To Honor 5 Local Long-Time Workers



Thomas Doherty Mrs. Nelie Belle Faucette William Henry Dixon

Sixty-five employees of Cone Mills Corporation's Eno Plant will be honored at a dinner on Saturday night, November 19 for having completed 25 years or more service with the company. Three who have achieved half a century or more service will receive special honors.

Herman Cone, President of Cone Mills Corporation, will be the speaker for the event which will take place at West Hillsboro Graded School at 6:30 p.m.

Those to be honored for 50 years of service are Mrs. Nelie Belle Faucette, who came to Eno in 1901; Allen Thomas Doherty, 1903, and William Dixon 1905. President Cone will present them with special awards.

Blue and gold Cone Mills 25-year Service Pins will be presented by James Webb, a Cone Mills vice president, assisted by Eno Plant Superintendent Joseph P. Hughes. Sydney Green, Eno Plant Manager, will be master of ceremonies. Entertainment will be by the King Sisters Trio.

The 65 employees who have had 25 years or more service at Eno join 1,500 other employees in Cone plants in North Carolina who are wearers of the company's service emblem. The three Eno 50-year employees join 20 others who have served Cone Mills for half a cen-

Youths Charged With Shooting Special Recognition For Three Employees

The three employees of Eno Plant of Cone Mills Corporation who will be honored next Saturday night for 50 years or more service have a combined record of 156 years with the company. They will receive special awards from Cone Mills President Herman Cone.

Of these three the one with the longest service record is Mrs. Nelie Belle Faucette. She came to Eno on November 15, 1901. Allen Thomas Doherty began his employment at the plant on August 15, 1903. William Henry Dixon started to work at Eno on June 15, 1905.

Mrs. Faucette, the former Nelie King, was born in Person County in 1883. She is in the Eno Spinning Department where she has performed many different jobs. She married James G. Faucette on July 1, 1911 in Hillsboro which has been their home ever since. They have two children, Lenora Faucette Green, who lives near Raleigh, and James M. Faucette head of the Cost Department at Eno Plant.

Mrs. Faucette is a member of the Eno Methodist Church. She is a good cook and likes to work with flowers in her garden.

Mr. Doherty was born in Caldwell, Orange County on September 3, 1892. He is also employed in the Eno Plant Spinning Department. He married Miss Bessie Chisenhall of West Hillsboro in 1917 and they had three children. Allen, Jr., See RECOGNITION, Page 8



Herman Cone

Edwards Speaks At Farm Bureau 'Kickoff' Tonight At Cedar Grove

Alonzo C. Edwards, Chairman of the House Agricultural Committee, will be the featured speaker at the annual "kickoff" meeting of the Orange County Farm Bureau to be held at the Aycock school Thursday night, at 7:30 o'clock, it was announced today by county president, Wyatt Phelps.

"We are fortunate," Phelps stated, "to have a man of Edwards' ability to bring us a message to our annual outing." In addition to being a member of the General Assembly, Phelps said, Edwards is probably the only member of the Governor's Advisory Budget Committee who really understands the true picture of today's farm problems. A native of Green County, Edwards has long been a leader in North Carolina Agricultural circles.

In an effort to strengthen the membership of the county organization, Phelps said that prizes would be awarded the lucky ticket holders of those who join or renew their membership in the organization prior to or during the Thursday night meeting.



ALONZO C. EDWARDS

And, while we are relatively small here in Orange County from a numerical standpoint," Phelps said, "our farming progress through the Farm Bureau, is limited only to our imagination and aggressiveness. I strongly urge that every farmer in Orange County attend this meeting."

Eno Cotton Mills Company was established by members of the Ruffin and Webb families in 1896. Thomas H. Webb was the first manager. In 1904, James H. Webb was elected secretary and treasurer. Operation of the mill was in his charge until his death in 1927.

Although Eno Cotton Mills did not become a part of Cone Mills until 1932, a close association with the Cone Export and Commission Company (now Cone Mills Inc.) as Eno's selling agent had been up until then one of 20 years duration.

In 1952 it became Eno Plant of Cone Mills Corporation.

Eno started out as a 10,000 spindle yarn mill and later progressed from plaids to broadcloth to corduroy. Cone corduroy made at Eno has won the acclaim of top designers of apparel and home furnishings.

The first looms were installed at Eno in 1904-05, and although there were only 200 at that time, today there are 668. There are now 30,176 spindles in the plant.

Reckard Will Speak At Union Services Wednesday Night

The Annual Union Thanksgiving service for the town of Hillsboro will be held Wednesday night, November 23, at 7:30 p.m. in Saint Matthew's Episcopal Church.

The Reverend C. H. Reckard of the First Presbyterian Church will be the guest preacher for this special service. The Reverend Dr. Charles E. Maddy and the Reverend A. M. Williams will participate in the conduct of the worship service. It is hoped by the sponsors that everyone will make a special effort to attend this service of Thanksgiving and honor God for all the blessings of this life. Members of the several church choirs are invited to lead the congregational singing.

Formal Organization Of VFW Post Planned At Courthouse Tonight

A charter will be presented for the organization of a Hillsboro post of the Veterans of Foreign Wars tonight at 7 o'clock in the old Hillsboro Courthouse.

John E. Couch, temporary chairman, announces that election of officers is planned and all eligible veterans are being urged to attend this meeting.

Joe Pridden, adjutant of the Sixth District of the state VFW organization and Commander Ralph Riddick of Durham will be present.

MERCHANTS MEETING

The Hillsboro Merchants Association will make final plans for the Christmas Opening to be held Dec. 2, when they meet today for luncheon at 1 o'clock in the Colonial Inn. All merchants are urged to attend.

Lions Selling Thanksgiving Game Tickets

The Hillsboro Lions Club this week began the sale of tickets to next Thursday's Duke-Carolina Freshman football game at Chapel Hill for the benefit of the Cerebral Palsy Foundation to which all funds are donated.

This annual affair which aids the Cerebral Palsy Hospital program at the Durham hospital has become the "big game of the day" in these parts. The local Lions Club is handling the sale here as a community project and derives no benefit from the proceeds. Tickets are \$1 each.

R. O. Forrest is in charge of ticket sales for the club and they may be obtained by calling members of the club.

Post Office Inspector Promises Probe Of Advertising Firm

A full-scale investigation of the local operations of a Durham advertising firm to ascertain if mail fraud is involved has been promised by the postoffice inspector for this district.

This information was received yesterday from M. L. Cates Jr., president of the Hillsboro Merchants Association, who contacted the postoffice department following complaints from local merchants and private citizens.

"I will make a full-scale investigation of this company and its activities," Inspector H. F. Beam of Raleigh, resident postal inspector, said in a communication with Cates. Materials used by the company, the Alleghany Advertising Agency, and information regarding its activities, subsequently, have been sent to Atlanta for further study.

District Committees Favor Merger Vote At Early Date

The possibility of a vote on the merger of the Carrboro and White Cross School Districts with Chapel Hill and a proposed district-wide tax supplement of 15c loomed larger today as result of last Friday night's meeting of the two district committees and interested citizens with the Orange County Board of Education.

Sentiment expressed by committee members Friday night indicated a preponderance now in favor of submitting the question to the people for their decision. Mechanics of the election, however, seemed

to be a major hurdle to overcome. An attorney general opinion and recommendations from the Institute of Government are being sought prior to another meeting of the groups scheduled for Wednesday night, at which time a definite decision may come.

Two Questions Discussion last Friday night centered around two pivotal questions: (1) Whether or not a vote can be called to decide two issues at the same time, i.e., joining Chapel Hill with its 20c limit supplementary tax, or staying in the county system with a proposed 15c tax supplement.

(2) Whether or not the two districts, Carrboro and White Cross, could vote simultaneously, or would have to vote separately.

On motion of Raymond Andrews, seconded by Ernest Hearn of the Carrboro group, the committees voted for the Superintendent of Schools to query the Attorney General for answers to the legal aspects of the questions and consult the Institute of Government for advice as to their practicality. A meeting was set for Wednesday night to hear the results.

At Friday's meeting the White Cross committee reported results. See MERGER, Page 8