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KIDD BREWER'S Raleigh Roundup

The fabulous offer to Meredith College subject of a long, formal, conference in Raleigh with representatives of Meredith and a member of the family back in...

ED HERE... One of the things we had to sit on until it was the bad feeling Wake Forest Board of...

in this column more ago that there was a section among two or three of the board members of the president of Wake...

denials came from all places. In fairness to thought we misunderstood the situation. I would like to say they were deeply sincere feelings — and I am sure the tolerance they showed me for the state of affairs in this column...

ERS... I bumped into one of Wilson, member of the Senate and chairman of the Appropriations Committee in Atlanta last week. He was returning from a business trip to New Orleans...

Wildecat Completion of the new Allen Oil Field. The new oil field in Allen Parish has been named the M. G. Ray No. 1. Sec. 56-SW.

LENDERS... While in Texas a few days ago William Jennings Bryson had gone to school in Winston-Salem and played with at Duke. He was a Big Bill.

Several days ago word that the thing...



RECOGNITION FOR LONG SERVICE—Recently James S. Compton of Cedar Grove relinquished his duties as chairman of the Orange County ASC committee after 21 years of service in this capacity. At a banquet held at Colonial Inn on December 9, Mr. Compton, right, was presented a certificate of service and 20-year lapel button by E. W. Avent, district ASC fieldman, who is in charge of this area of the agricultural agency. Mr. Compton had headed the county committee since its inception early in the Roosevelt administration.

County Tax Listers Meet, Make Plans For Annual January Work

The tax listers of the county met at the courthouse Tuesday for a meeting to discuss the 1956 tax listings. The school was under the supervision of S. M. Gattis, County Tax Supervisor. During the meeting, tax listing forms were given to list takers as well as information and instructions on the procedures for the tax listing which begins in the county on January 3rd.

Gattis stated that the law requires every resident of the county regardless of age, to give in his personal and real property for tax purposes. In order to make it easier for tax payers, Gattis stated that the list takers at a future date will announce a schedule as to where they will be during the period. It was also stressed to the registrars by Gattis, to get correct name, age and address of tax payers. Gattis pointed out that all male's 21-50 years of age are liable for poll tax, unless specially exempted by law.

As a yardstick for obtaining the values of automobiles, the county commissioner voted to use again valuations as set up on cost loan value in the National Used Car Market Report. Tractors will be valued in accordance with the National Farm Implement Book based on an average cost value. A complete list of livestock schedule to be used for 1955 tax listings has been approved, including horses, mules, hogs, milk cattle, beef cattle, and bulls. Each lister has a guide to follow in listing personal property. Prepared by the tax supervisor upon instructions of the County Commissioners, the guide contains average values for various types of personal property such as electrical appliances and farm machinery at various ages in their existence to enable the lister to check on items given in by the taxpayers. This is designed to secure more uniform and equitable listing and fairer values on the tax books in line with those of real property. Also handed the list takers were the new values for livestock of all kinds. They are: Milk Cattle — purebred, \$105; good, \$70; Grade, \$35. Beef Cattle — pure bred bulls, \$105; pure bred heifers over 15 months of age, \$105; pure bred heifers under 15 months of age, \$70; pure bred cows, \$50; other heifers over 15 months, \$50; other heifers under 15 months, \$30. Hogs — on foot, \$15; pigs under 10 weeks, \$4. Chickens — hens (heavy, 5 lbs. and over), 70c; hens (light, less than 5 lbs.), 30c; broilers, 30c; biddies, 10c. Horses — first class, \$50; other grades scaled down. Mules — first class, \$60; other grades scaled down. Inventories must be listed at cost January 1, 1956, and provisions must be listed at 15c per pound.

Pre-Christmas Rush Grips County As Holidays Near

ASC To Attempt To Reach More Folks In '56

One objective of Agricultural Stabilization and Conservation office in the county next year will be to reach every farmer who has not participated in ASC's conservation program for a number of years. A. K. McAdams, office manager of the local ASC, reports that all counties in the State have been requested to make a special analysis of participation in the ASC program for 1952, '53, '54, and '55. The results of this analysis will be used in each office in a concerted attempt to reach new farms and new farmers. January 3rd through 23rd has been set as the time for signing up for ACP practices for the coming year. Farmers in Orange County as well as throughout the State in 1956 will have an opportunity of making better use of their ACP. (See ASC, page 4)

Cole Is Named Exchange Club's "Man Of The Year"

E. Wilson Cole, an assistant vice president of Durham Bank & Trust Co. and manager of the Hillsboro Branch, has been named "Exchangeite of the Year" by his fellow members of the local civic club. Announcement of his selection was a feature of the club's annual Christmas Party and Ladies Night event last Thursday evening at Schley Grange hall. Cole's selection was announced by George A. Cannady, last year's recipient of this recognition, who was in charge of arrangements and balloting for this year's event. Cole has been one of the most active members of the club for many years and this recognition climaxed his leadership of the club as president during the past year, in which a number of successful projects were carried out and an ambitious community park project was inaugurated.

Decorations, Yule Spirit In Spotlight

Orange County merchants have reported heavy Christmas buying as citizens this week made last minute plans for the Christmas holidays. Christmas spirit has appeared throughout the county this week as residents have decorated and lighted their trees and home decorations. In general the county and the various communities will observe a two-day holiday period. Schools in the county closed yesterday to open again on January 2nd. The traditional Christmas parties, programs and the exchange of gifts highlighted the school holiday closing. Many industrial plants in the area are limiting employees and...



E. Wilson Cole, left, receives the Exchange Club "Man of the Year" plaque from George A. Cannady, who handled the arrangements for making this year's selection.

Six Cars Pile Up On Icy Road Early Tuesday

Six cars piled up on Highway 751 near Duke University in Orange County Tuesday morning. No one was injured. Investigating patrolman Tom Brown of Durham blamed ice on the road for the accident. He estimated damage to the cars at \$1,025. Brown said the accident series began when Peggy Joyce Walker of Hillsboro, driving south in a 1954 model car, skidded on the ice and went partly into a ditch. Mary Ruth Vinson Thompson, also of Hillsboro, stopped behind the wrecked car in a 1946 model. Van Leslie Kenyon Jr. of Hillsboro stopped behind her in a 1955 model and was struck in the rear by Joe Dallas of Kannapolis in a 1950 model car. The impact knocked the cars ahead into each other. Dorothy Newall Layton, also of Hillsboro, was next along in a 1949 model car. She put on brakes to avoid the wrecks ahead and skidded to the left across the road and knocked down a cedar tree. The last car, a 1955 model driven by Waylord Austin Godwin of Chapel Hill, crashed into the rear of Dallas' car.



ALONG WITH THE MANY HEARTY WISHES of a Happy Holiday given by your friends and ours upon the following pages, please accept our own. At this season, the News family, is especially mindful of the contributions of a host of people to whatever success the News has enjoyed. Subscribers, advertisers, correspondents, subscription solicitors, carrier boys, postal workers, all have helped to make possible the work of the News staff in giving Orange County people coverage of news and opinion. The merriest Christmas to everybody!

Prize Winners Named In Home Decorations Contest For Area

The grand prize winner and winner in the major divisions of the Home Decorations contest sponsored by the Hillsboro Merchants Association were announced yesterday following judging by an out-of-town panel Thursday evening. First prize went to Mr. and Mrs. Nat Ellis for their home on Highway 70-A west of Hillsboro. In the religious division, first honor went to Mr. and Mrs. Marshall Cates Jr. and second awards to Mr. and Mrs. Bill Lynch. Mr. and Mrs. C. B. Parris took first place in the Best-Lawn division, with second prize going to Mr. and Mrs. Harold Bivins. For the Small Homes Division, Mr. and Mrs. O. P. Cole were judged first prize winners and Mr. and Mrs. John R. Lynch second. Among Large Homes, Mr. and Mrs. Herman Strayhorn took first honors and Mr. and Mrs. Marion Allison second. A number of gifts and services were contributed by local merchants and distributed among the prize winners, all valued at about \$100. (See DECORATIONS, page 4)

No Stranger To Financial Spotlight

Washington Success Story Involves Orange Man

A newspaper article headed "Washington Success Story" and involving an Orange County native who has a sister in Hillsboro and many other relatives and friends throughout the county recently appeared in the business section of The Washington Post. He is James M. Johnston, sister of Mrs. D. E. Patterson, who was reared in the New Hope community, and has recently made a number of substantial contributions toward the construction of the new New Hope Presbyterian Church and other improvements. By S. Oliver Goodman, Financial Editor. Thirty-five years ago a young pursuit pilot, fresh out of the Air Force and World War I, risked \$3333 of his life savings in a new venture. Lt. James M. Johnston went into the investment banking business. (See JOHNSTON, page 6)



This is the first group picture ever taken of the six operating partners of Johnston, Lemon & Company, which is headed by James M. Johnston, a native of this county and brother of Mrs. D. E. Patterson. Mr. Johnston is shown seated in the center. On his right and left are James H. Lemon, and Bernard J. Nees, seated; standing (from left) are Ralph S. Richard, Harvey B. Gram Jr. and Donald Childress.

Local Soldier Writes Poem

Private William H. Crawford, son of Mr. and Mrs. C. L. Crawford of St. Mary's road has a tender feeling for the lonely soldier on guard duty at Christmas time. Although he's home on leave now, he remembers only days ago when he pounded the same lonely beat. Last week his poem, "Christmas Sentinel," was published as the frontispiece of the Fort Sill 77th Field Artillery Group paper, The Shell Blast. We present it herewith: CHRISTMAS SENTINEL 'Twas the night before Christmas and hearts were filled with joy, While in a deserted motor pool walked a lonely soldier boy. Only his fading footsteps could be heard in the chilling winter air. He must have felt forgotten, but a mother said a prayer. She thanked the Great Creator for giving her a son, And prayerfully hoped that his would be a job well done. Private of the guard is he, walking post number two. There's one reason he's out there, Friend, and that reason is you. There's many more like him who love the folks back home. In Korea, Japan, Germany... the names go on and on. And as they continue to walk their post, They've one big thought in mind, and that's their desire To keep peace on earth for all mankind. So as a special favor when you say your Christmas prayer, Won't you utter a few kind words for that lonely soldier out there? And let's be especially thankful on this holy Christmas Day. Our guns are silent, our spirit strong, may God keep them that way.