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DD BREWER'S Raleigh Roundup

LOSS OF GREAT MEN... Raleigh's most prominent family lost one of its great men in Dr. Edwin McNeill a few days before Christmas. He was the outstanding leader of the leading family in the county. His father, Hubert Poteat, was a first-class lawyer. His father-in-law, William L. Poteat, was head of the leading family in the county for many years. His father, William L. Poteat, was head of the leading family in the county for many years. His father, William L. Poteat, was head of the leading family in the county for many years. His father, William L. Poteat, was head of the leading family in the county for many years.



HONORED FOR LONG SERVICE—Two long-time officers of the Hillsboro Building and Loan Association were honored at the recent Christmas party held for the Directors of the organization, their wives and guests. A 35-Year-Certificate of Appreciation from the North Carolina Building and Loan League was presented to W. John Clayton, president of the association, and a 25-Year-Certificate went to B. S. Carr, vice president, in recognition of their respective periods of service as directors of the building and loan association. Mr. Carr is shown at left, above, and Mr. Clayton, center, with Edwin J. Hamlin, publisher of The News of Orange County, who presented the awards on behalf of the State organization and as a representative of the community.

County Tax Listing Begins Next Week; Announce Plans

Appointments Of List Takers Are Revealed

January is tax listing time by law in North Carolina. By virtue of this requirement list takers in each of the seven Orange County townships begin work Tuesday in an effort to get all taxable property on the books during the remainder of the month. A schedule of appointments in various parts of their areas may be found on another page of this edition. This has been set up by the list takers to more conveniently serve the taxpayers and facilitate the listing program.

Monday is a holiday, but tax offices at the courthouse will be open on Tuesday and listers will be making appointments in many of the townships. Most of the township list takers who do not begin their scheduled visits to centralized listing places until Tuesday can be reached at their homes or business places. Each list taker has already been furnished by Tax Supervisor Sam Gattis special books, showing the values of the various automotive vehicles and farm equipment as well as schedules of valuation of a number of other types of property.

Taxpayers throughout the county are urged to list their taxes early during the month to avoid the last minute rush that always develops toward the end of the month. All real estate and personal property is required to be listed for taxes and all male persons between the ages of 21 and 50 are required to list polls during the same time.

In connection with the listing farm owners or tenants are required to furnish facts about farms which is for information only and is not used for tax purposes. For instance, the tax lister must be informed the acreage of each crop harvested during the calendar year 1955. The number of cows, sows and hens on a farm January, 1956, must be reported, as well as the number of people living on the farm on January 1, 1956. All of the information is confidential but is needed in making up various agricultural reports for the counties in the state. This year, for the first time, dog owners will be given a county dog license when the dog is listed and wearing of the tag received from the tax lister is mandatory at all times. See Tax Listing, page 8

Top News Stories Of Year

Population, Schools, Economy Growth Big Problem Of 1955

An expanding Orange County bustling with energy and gaining in population and industry became the top news story of the year in 1955, as newsmen looked back over the developments of the 12 months past. Late in November the statisticians discovered that Orange County's gain in population during the first four years of the decade was the fourth highest among North Carolina counties, that the county's population gain was twice as high as the national average. The University and its connected institutions had continued to expand, home-building had soared to big-business proportions in the Chapel Hill-Carrboro area and concerted efforts to find new industry which would fit into the community's pattern took on serious aspects as several firms became "prospects" as new industries for the county and public officials wrestled with financing propositions for water and other facilities.

None of this new industry had actually materialized by the year's final week, but a county-wide Development Commission had been set up by direction of the Board of Commissioners, was functioning with new enthusiasm and a concrete program to increase farm income had been drafted as one phase of the overall effort. A new lingerie manufacturing

firm came to Hillsboro in the early summer and soon machines were humming merrily, the management was pleased with its reception and progress and there was talk of expansion if larger quarters can be obtained. A 5c pay raise was presented to most textile workers in August and the establishment of a new truck weighing station near Hillsboro brought revenue to the county from its round the clock employees as well as fines into the county coffers from violators. The Town of Hillsboro received a scare from the 1954 drought and early in 1955 began plans for eliminating the danger of water shortage in future by voting bonds and building a nice new dam on the Eno river near the site of the Old Dimocks Mill dam which had washed away several years ago.

In a brief flurry early in the year, the Chapel Hill PTA went on record in favor of holding a county-wide liquor election as a means of getting more revenue for schools, but the usual uprising by church groups brought enough pressure to enable the Commissioners to kill the proposition with dispatch and only scattered regrets. Parents in Orange as elsewhere wrestled with the Salk vaccine problem. Some 1,152 took the first dose but the number dwindled to less than half after the nationwide furor over its early handling.

An Orange County farmer was fined \$1,256 for violation of acreage quotas, and a controversial issue, rural zoning, was finally adopted in an area surrounding Chapel Hill. The school attendance problem became acute when Chapel Hill school authorities, using a new found power, declined for a time to accept assignment of some 400 students from Carrboro and county while they negotiated with the city. As a part of the problem a county for \$12,000 in tuition money to get the Carrboro and White Cross areas into the Chapel Hill tax district was begun by some groups and the whole problem was still in the air as the County Commissioners called for a \$2 million dollar bond issue election to be held next March 20 for school improvements. As the year grew older, there was usually big news every meeting from the County Commissioners now grown to 6-member size, until shortly after mid-year and then there were four members only to solve the problems of the day. Commissioner Jim Eiland had left for parts unknown, as far as his colleagues knew and his seat was still vacant as the year leaped toward its finale — no resignation, no indication when or if he would resume his activities as the senior member in length of service.

Emergency Designation Is Extended

The U. S. Department of Agriculture yesterday extended through Dec. 31, 1956 the designation of 31 North Carolina counties—including Orange—as areas where the Farmers Home Administration may make emergency loans to farmers. The emergency relief provision was set up late in 1954 because of prolonged drought and other unfavorable weather conditions.

In addition to Orange, counties eligible for the emergency loans include Alamance, Alexander, Anson, Ashe, Caldwell, Caswell, Chatam, Davidson, Durham, Wake, Watauga, Wilkes and Yadkin. Meanwhile, L. A. Gibson, county supervisor in charge of Orange and Durham counties, said recently that some 200 farmers in the two-county area availed themselves of the emergency loan opportunity last year. He estimated that about the same number have asked for loans this year.

He said farmers generally have had only one good crop in three years now and that the extension for another year will help the farmers recover economically. Gibson suggested that farmers interested in more information concerning the loans should contact his office in the Agriculture Building in Hillsboro.

ACP Sign-Up Period Opens On January 3

Orange County farmers who wish to participate in the 1955 Agricultural Conservation Program may sign up for the desired spring practices during the sign-up period from January 3 to January 23, 1956. According to A. K. BeAdams, County Office Manager, Orange County ASC, the 1956 ACP will be divided in two parts — the spring program and the fall program. The spring program will be from January 1 to May 31, 1956. Farmers who wish to participate will file a request at the County ASC office for the practices they wish to carry out. Immediately following the close of the sign-up period approval will be made for all applicants within the limits of available funds. Applications made after the initial sign-up period will be approved provided there are funds available. All spring practices must be carried out and reported not later than the end of the season. See ACP, page 8.



B & L DIRECTORS—A part of the table scene at Colonial Inn when Directors and employees of the Hillsboro Building & Loan Association, their wives and guests, held their annual Christmas party prior to the holiday season.

March Of Dimes Drive Sets Goal Of \$10,000

The annual March of Dimes drive will begin in Orange County Tuesday morning with \$10,000 as the goal. E. Carrington Smith of Chapel Hill who has served as county chairman for many years, again will direct the campaign. He said the Hillsboro Lions Club will be in charge of the drive in Hillsboro and various other civic organizations throughout the county will assist in the sponsorship of various fund raising activities in behalf of the campaign. A chairman for the Hillsboro drive has not been announced. The drive will continue throughout January. Mr. Smith appointed Miss Mary Frances Kellam in charge of the mail phase of the drive, Mrs. Jesse West as Carrboro chairman, and C. William Gardner as treasurer. He announced that school children would not be given appeal cards this year, so that all residents are asked to respond to the mail campaign.

NO RECORD

The mail volume at the Hillsboro postoffice broke no records this year, according to Clerk-in-charge Ernest Patterson, but folks were more cooperative than ever. Patterson said yesterday he had made no comparisons on Christmas business this year with previous years but thought the volume was about the same as in years past. The rush, however, was not as great as usual as result of the public's beginning the big mailing operation earlier than ever before. As result the Christmas mailing was spread over a longer period. "We wish to thank everyone for their cooperation and understanding during the pre-Christmas season," said Patterson.

Mystery Farm Of The Week

Who Owns This Mystery Farm?



Last week's mystery farm was the Samuel McKee home south of Caldwell, on Route 2 Rougemont, 10 miles north of Hillsboro. Mrs. Clarence Gates of Route 3, Hillsboro was the first to correctly identify the farm and for this has received a free year's subscription to the News of Orange County. Mrs. Roy Woods also correctly identified it. The farm consists of 190 acres. Tobacco and grain is raised. The McKees have two sons, Earl Thomas who is 3 1/2 years old and David who is 19 days old today. Mrs. McKee is the former Miss Geraldine Gray of Timberlake. The owner has received a beautifully mounted photo of his farm and if you are first to identify the above you will receive a free year's subscription to this paper.

Christmas Holidays Quietest Remembered

According to Orange County law enforcement officers, the Christmas holidays just past were the quietest that could be recalled. The Sheriff's department reported a few calls during the holiday period but the disturbances were of a minor nature. Chief George Hunt at Hillsboro reported seeing only one man intoxicated on the streets and he quickly caught a taxi and went home. The Highway Patrol reported only one accident in the county

Several Local Businesses Are On Move Now

A number of business changes are aking place on the Hillsboro scene. Botsford's Radio & TV Service has bought the inventory and equipment of Hillsboro Radio & TV, owned by R. J. Smith, and moved into the latter's former quarters next door to Coleman-Laws on North Churton street. The Western Union and Phil Thomas Accounting firm, which occupied quarters with Botsford in Miss Sue Hayes' building, also moved with the Botsford firm, which at the time of the move retired from the retail phase of the appliance business. McDade Radio & TV Repair firm announced it was beginning full-time operations. Sis's Shoe Store shortly will move from its present location to the building being vacated by Botsford.

ALPHA ZETA INITIATE

Joseph Freeman Dickey of Route 2, Hillsboro was one of the twelve top-ranking students at North Carolina State College initiated as members of the college chapter of Alpha Zeta, national honorary agricultural fraternity last week. Election to membership in the society is regarded as one of the highest honors open to students in the college's School of Agriculture.

\$755,000 Increase In Poultry Is One Goal In Farm Program

(Another in the series discussing the new 5-year plan for increasing agricultural income in Orange County) **POULTRY**
Present Situation
The 1954 census shows 152,000 layers on 540 farms producing 1 1/4 million dozen eggs grossing \$600,000. In addition 8,000 broilers for hatching eggs on 12 farms produced hatching eggs valued at \$40,000. 23 producers sold 3/4 million broilers for \$180,000. This all adds up to \$800,000 from poultry. Suggested 1960 Goal and How It Can Be Reached
1. 200,000 commercial layers on 550 farms producing 2 million dozen eggs valued at \$800,000.
2. 20,000 layers for hatching eggs on 25 farms producing hatching eggs valued at \$100,000.
3. One million broilers produced on 40 farms valued at \$650,000.
This makes a total poultry income of \$1,550,000. Recommendations for achieving this goal would be to increase production by 50%. See Poultry, page 8