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Smith, Stewart Will Head County School Bond Drive

Merchants Plan Sales Next Week

A three day sales event "Ground Hog Days Sale" has been scheduled by the members of the Hillsboro Merchants Association for the weekend of February 2, 3 and 4.

At the Merchants Association meeting last Thursday it was decided to have this sale. It is to be a town-wide affair with merchants having a sale on winter merchandise, giving the customers a chance to get bargains.

Five new members were welcomed into the Association, they are: Clayton Oil Co., McDade TV Service, Bait's Radio and TV Service and C. and M. Furniture. This brings the total of members to around 55.

During the business session the parking situation was discussed with some improvement being noted. The group decided to send a letter to the State Utility Board asking for information that will be needed to be presented to them by the delegation which plans to go there to try to get some action on the party line phones, business phones and new phones in where people have been on the list for over three years.

POLICY

The News of Orange County will publish an announcement picture at no charge for any candidate in the forthcoming elections who makes one of suitable size available to it.



WILLIAM S. STEWART



REMUS J. SMITH SR.

Democrats Endorse 5-Man School Board

Hawkins And Latta Named For Vacancies

The Orange County Democratic Executive committee Tuesday night placed its endorsement on a proposal for a five-man county Board of Education and made appointments to fill two vacancies on boards caused by the resignation of incumbents.

John Hawkins of Cedar Grove was named to fill the unexpired term of Harry P. Breeze on the Board of Education and former Sheriff S. T. Latta of Hillsboro was appointed a member of the Orange County Board of Elections to fill out the term of E. J. Hamlin who recently resigned as member

and chairman of the latter body.

Hamlin submitted his resignation, after serving as chairman for the past six years, to the State Board of Elections several weeks ago. The Democratic committee's action was in the form of a recommendation to the State Board, but such recommendations usually are tantamount to election. Latta after serving a long tenure as sheriff did not seek reelection in 1954. He was likewise recommended as one of the three Democratic nominees to be submitted to the State Board for the full term appointment, an action which the county body had scheduled for February 8.

Others recommended for the full term were C. A. Kirkpatrick and Clyde Carter of Chapel Hill. The Democratic committee, with eight members present and others represented by proxy, voted unanimously to ask the County Commissioners and the representatives in the General Assembly, when they are chosen, to support a proposal advanced by Chapel Hill area school officials to increase the membership of the Orange County Board of Education to five members.

Changing the size of the board requires a special act of the legislature.

Five Named Development Board Members

Five members have been appointed to serve with the officers as an executive committee for the proposed Hillsboro Development group.

They are Bonner D. Sawyer, R. J. Smith Sr., James Freeland, M. L. Cates, Jr. and R. O. Forrest.

They, with Chairman Wilson Cole, Vice Chairman C. D. Jones, and Secretary N. L. Mauroner, will form the executive committee of a group seeking to form a development corporation and eventually to construct a building to keep Reverie Lingerie, Inc., in the community and to enable it to expand its operations.

Vote Is Moved Up 1 Week To March 27th

The formal campaign in behalf of the proposed two million dollar school bond issue got underway this week with the appointment of co-chairmen and the drafting of preliminary organizational plans at the first meeting of a 40-member steering group named last week.

Named as co-chairmen of the campaign by the county's two school boards were William S. Stewart of Chapel Hill and Remus J. Smith Sr. of Hillsboro.

Organizational plans followed an announcement earlier that the election will be held on March 27th, one week later than had originally been set by the Board of County Commissioners, because of legal requirements dictated by the New York bond attorneys handling the issue.

It was revealed late last week that the County Commissioners, although calling the election at their November meeting for March 20, had failed to consult bond attorneys to determine the timetable for the publication of various legal notices and the meeting of other requirements to carry the election through. When bond attorneys were finally consulted last week, it was ascertained that sufficient time did not remain to meet legal requirements.

A notice of intention to apply to the local government commission for approval of the bonds may be found elsewhere in this edition. Citizens may file objections to the proposed issue anytime in the next 10 days and the consideration of such objections will be before the Commission in its determination of whether or not it may hold a public hearing on the matter.

Under the present timetable registration books will open on March 3 and remain open through March 17 with March 24th as challenge day.

Stewart is judge of the Chapel Hill Recorder's court and has been active in civic and political affairs in the University community for the past several years.

Smith is a member of the Hillsboro town board and is in the furniture business at the county seat. He is a former teacher in the Hillsboro schools, a former chairman of the county board of elections, and active in many phases of the church and community life.

A strong representation of the steering group and school officials from all parts of the county braved the snow Monday night for the school bond meeting, during which promotional strategy and plans for financing were discussed.

The co-chairmen are expected to announce committees soon to handle publicity, finance, speaking, precinct organization, liaison with various organizations. Members will come from inside the steering group and outside, it was agreed.

BASKETBALL GAME

A March of Dimes benefit basketball game will be played by the Central High School faculty team vs. Cedar Grove faculty team Wednesday night at 8:00 o'clock February 1st 1956, in Hillsboro.

Commotion Fails To Wake Man At Still, Awakes In Handcuffs

Sheriff O. H. Clayton and Deputies captured another still in northern Orange Sunday afternoon but not before one operator provided a comic touch to the proceedings.

When the sheriff's party closed in on the still, they found a trio hard at work running the 50-gallon steam still. When the Sheriff flushed the group from one side the trio ran, the Sheriff in hot pursuit. Yelling and making noise to attract the attention of the waiting deputies, Clayton ran through the still area and helped capture two of the men while a third made good his escape. A shot was even heard above the uproar. When the group finally returned to pour out the 13 gallons of moonshine already and the 180 gallons of



HILLSBORO MASONIC OFFICERS INSTALLED: New officers of Eagle Lodge No. 19 A.F.&A.M. were installed on January 6. They are front row, left to right: George Smith, treasurer; Wayland Sharpe, senior warden; Hubert Bivins, Master; Everett Forrest, junior warden; Chandler Cates, secretary. Back row; W. L. Smith, Tyler; J. M. Harris, senior deacon; Delmar Brown, junior deacon; N. L. Mauroner, steward; and Milton Smith, steward.

Editor To Seek Senate Seat In Spring Primary Election

Chapel Hill Attorney Announces Candidacy

Edwin J. Hamlin of Hillsboro, editor and publisher of this newspaper and The Alamance News at Graham, yesterday announced he would be a candidate for the Orange-Alamance seat in the State Senate, subject to the Democratic primary on May 26.

He has not heretofore sought elective office. He is 40 years of age.

In announcing his intention to seek the office which has been held by Ralph H. Scott of Alamance for the past six years, Hamlin issued the following statement:

"Following consultation and with the approval of a number of Democrats in all parts of the county, I have decided to offer myself as a candidate for nomination to the Orange-Alamance seat in the State Senate, subject to the Democratic Primary of May 26, 1956.

"In so doing I am mindful that there may be others who have held office heretofore or may be now holding office in this good county who may share similar aspirations to mine. I seek approval for an elective office for the first time. I make this announcement now in order that the voters may have ample time to weigh all the factors and select the man of their choice.

"I represent no special group or interests; but rather it is my desire to represent fairly and intelligently every citizen of Orange County. Inasmuch as my work brings me into continuing contact with people and with activities throughout the county, I believe I can more accurately reflect the sentiment of Orange and more satisfactorily serve her people.

In addition to editing the local newspaper, Hamlin serves as business manager of The Chapel Hill News Leader, which he organized in 1954, and as head of the printing firm which prints the three newspapers and The Daily Tar Heel, student newspaper at the University.

Hillsboro Ground Observer Post To Expand For Continuous Duty

Hillsboro's Ground Observer Post, faced with a request for continuous operation, is seeking volunteers in order to increase its strength to 125.

Under the plan for continuous operation, members will be expected to be on duty for only three hours per week.

J. L. Brown Jr., the Supervisor for the local Ground Observer Post reported that he had had an emergency meeting with T. Sgt. Bryant of the Durham Filter Center yesterday concerning the shortage of personnel to man the Observer Post. The Corps will go on a continuous alert all over North Carolina beginning Feb. 1.

Brown said: "With the threat of Communist aggression more than ever near it is important that our country be wide awake to an attack. None of us want to hear that some lonely Observer Post



EDWIN J. HAMLIN

Benefit Game, Cake Sale Set For Dimes Fund

A March of Dimes benefit game and cake sale will be held tonight at the Aycock School gymnasium for the benefit of the polio fund campaign now in progress.

The time is 7:30 o'clock. Players will be an all-star basketball contingent representing the Hillsboro and Cedar Grove communities. Cakes will be baked by ladies of the community.

Last Saturday afternoon the ladies of the Carr community conducted a cake sale for the March of Dimes and realized a total of \$143, plus an additional \$12.90 which was contributed outright.

Sheriff O. H. Clayton is serving as chairman of this year's drive in Hillsboro and Northern Orange. He urged that all citizens contribute generously to a fund which each year has been insufficient to take care of the needs of our own county and which has been augmented by additional funds from national sources. "Polio is not yet licked," he pointed out, "and there are still thousands in iron lungs and on convalescent beds who will attest to this. Give as much as you can."

Mystery Farm Of The Week

Who Owns This Mystery Farm?



Last week's mystery farm brought a division of opinion as to its identity, as has occurred so often in the past. First callers thought it was the Doc Corbett farm in the Carr Store section of Northern Orange, others said it was the J. E. Lat farm in the Schley community. The owner has not yet come forward with positive identification. Deputy Sheriff Buck Knight was the first caller for the Corbett side while Mrs. Bill Miller was the first to mention the Latta possibility. One or the other will receive a free year's subscription to this newspaper as first prize when the owner, who himself will receive a beautifully mounted photo as it appeared in the newspaper, comes forward. A. F. Thompson and Gordon Linger were other early callers mentioning the Corbett place.

KIDD BREWER'S Raleigh Roundup

SEASON. The old almanacs used to advise you this month to cut back your vines, clean up your hedge, complete your plant bed, and prune your apple trees. Sap time was just around the corner.

over a political column carried last week, one of the dailies in North Carolina ran the headline: "Stokes begins rising in N. C. Politics."

That's pretty good headline-making, and it tells a story. Even though every member of the 1955 Legislature lost a minimum of \$1,000 in cold cash through participating in the longest session, the majority of those who were here last year plan to run again for office.

Each day you pick up the paper, you see about somebody else's opinion. Of course, because of the nature of the counties of the senators will not be—and we are losing some men because of that—but majority will. And it's so the House were you have 120 members.

The old veteran, Jim Vogler of Mecklenburg, announced last week, and the only female member of the 1953 and 1955 sessions—Mrs. Grace Taylor Rodenburgh of Stokes County—announced she would be a candidate to succeed herself.

There will be many a frost before Primary day—and the wind still hovers over us—but the political sap is arising and interesting announcements are in the offing.

Why do they want to come back to Raleigh, when seven short months ago they were up-and-down they would be back? The answer is in the wheels of State Government, like the prestige of the office, the being a part of the making of laws, and they got sick out of renewing acquaintances with the most prominent people from all-over North Carolina.

Some who have served in the legislature will tell you that there is something fascinating about most of the members' frankness living in Raleigh—and a large number of former legislators live here—and, when they come for announcing, they use a few words of encouragement, so they're gone again.

The 1957 session of the N. C. General Assembly may not be as long as last year's—but in many ways it could be a thousand times more interesting.

INCREASE. Figures just released by the N. C. Department of Motor Vehicles show that 34,000 more new cars were sold in North Carolina during 1955 than in the preceding year.

It's easy to believe. Every time you go out to one of the baseball games at Reynolds Coliseum here, we are impressed at the number—and widely varying—of new cars.

It's getting so you seldom see one of these black jobs any more. Understand a dignified gentleman went in a Raleigh agency the other day and wanted to look at a black car. They were pretty taken-aback at the request.

After some consultation, they decided that neither they nor any of the dealers in an umpteenth radius had a black car in stock. They ended up ordering him one.

ONLY ONES. Frankly, about only black cars we still know in Raleigh belong to the Governor's Mansion, to the funeral homes, and to the Brewers. Black cars are more conspicuous than ever on the highways these days.

SECOND YEAR. For the second year, according to figures released by the N. C. Dept. of Motor Vehicles, Ford led Chevrolet in new car sales in North Carolina in 1955. Chevrolet sold 32,925, with Ford at 34,341. In 1954, Chevrolet totaled 27,000. See ROUNDUP, Page 2.