

Hawkins Takes Seat On Board

Three Resolutions Occupy School Board At Monday Meeting

The Board of Education passed three resolutions of major importance at its regular monthly meeting Monday after installing a new member who was attending his first regular session as a board member.

The new member, John E. Hawkins of Cedar Grove, took the seat formerly held by Harry P. Breeze of Efland.

One resolution formally called upon the Commissioners to hold a bond election for providing funds for school improvements after citing needs totalling \$1,171,932 for carrying out the constitutional requirements to conduct the "six months school term."

A second was designed to implement the provisions of the State Employees' referendum held last year which authorized participation of teachers and other state employees in the federal Social Security system.

The third expressed appreciation of the Board for the services of Breeze during the past five years.

In other actions the board accepted the resignation of Mr. Hawkins as an Aycove school committeeman, discussed the plans for the bond issue election and authorized the payment of \$100 toward the expenses of C. D. Jones as a delegate to the National School Board Association meeting in Atlantic City February 15-18.

The text of the resolution praising Breeze was as follows:

"Whereas, Harry P. Breeze was nominated by the voters of Orange County to the Orange County Board of Education in the Democratic Primary of 1950 and appointed by action of the 1951 N. C. General Assembly as required by law (General Statutes 1372, Ch. 115, Article 5, Sec. 2), and has served five years, and

"Whereas, the said Harry P. Breeze has given freely and unselfishly his time and effort to the duties of his office and rendered intelligent and efficient service to the cause of education, and

"Whereas, the said Harry P. Breeze resigned as a member of the Orange County Board of Education effective January 31, 1956,

"Now, Be It Resolved, that the Orange County Board of Education, acting through its members, C. W. Stanford, Clarence D. Jones and John E. Hawkins, now take this opportunity to express to Harry P. Breeze its sincere appreciation for his able, faithful, and cooperative service and sound leadership to the county schools during his five years of service, and wish for him a long, prosperous, and happy life.

"Let a certified copy of this resolution be sent to the said Harry P. Breeze.

Commissioners Endorse 5-Member School Board

The Board of Commissioners last Monday endorsed the recent action of the Democratic Executive Committee in recommending the increase of the size of the Board of Education from three to five members, and added a new specification of its own.

On an approval motion by Commissioner Henry Walker, the board inserted the provision that no more than two members of the board could come from the same township.

In other actions during the routine monthly session the board:

- (1) Heard a number of road petitions, including Clyde Roberts of Hillsboro, Rt. 2, Mrs. Elijah erts of Efland, Route 1, and G. O. Reitzel of Hillsboro, and agreed to make an inspection thereof.
- (2) Authorized the Clerk of Court to proceed with efforts to obtain a special term of court, but reserving the use of the courtroom on April 9 for a three-coun-



New School Board Member John E. Hawkins of Cedar Grove takes the oath of office from Clerk of Court E. M. Lynch at the courthouse Monday, while in the picture below he receives the glad welcome from fellow Board Member Clarence D. Jones of Hillsboro while Superintendent G. Paul Carr looks on approvingly.



Many Road Improvements Noted In County During '55

During 1955, the State Highway Commission accomplished a vast number of road improvements in the Seventh Highway Division.

Division-wide, the primary highway system was renovated by paving 47.95 miles of relocated highways, 46.51 miles of resurfacing, 2.34 miles of paving and construction of concrete curb and gutter.

The county road system in the Seventh was greatly improved by 339.41 miles of stabilization by soil and stone surfacing, 264.39 miles of road oil retreatment, 35.6 miles of grading, and 18.05 miles of grading and hardsurfacing. In addition, grading, structures, and paving were finished on 6.81 miles, and 6.05 miles of base and paving were completed. A total of 5.85 miles of county roads were resurfaced also. Many county road bridges were widened, rebuilt, or replaced with pipe and fill.

The Commission commended the State highway forces in the Sev-

enth for their fine road accomplishments of 1955.

Orange Improvements

In Orange County, a total of 2.2 miles of bituminous plant-mix resurfacing, 22 feet wide, was completed on US 15 from the Durham County line to intersection of US 15-A near Chapel Hill.

County road improvements in Orange included 2.78 miles of grading and paving from a point on NC 86 about 6.5 miles north of Chapel Hill, north to old No. Ten, 1.5 miles south of Hillsboro. The newly paved road is 24 feet wide. A total of 6.81 miles of grading, paving and structures were completed on the Orange Grove-Calvander Road; the newly-surfaced road is 18 feet wide. The work included three structures: one 8 x 9 foot reinforced concrete box culvert, one double 7 x 9 foot reinforced concrete box culvert, and one triple 10 x 13 foot reinforced concrete box culvert; the job was done under contract.

State forces placed a base and paved with a bituminous surface treatment the following county roads, and their lengths, in Orange: New Sharon Road from St. Mary's Road to New Sharon Church, 18 feet wide, 1.9 miles; Greenwood Drive near Chapel Hill from end of pavement north 0.25 miles, a soil base for 856 feet long, paved 18 feet wide, and 438 feet long, paved 12 feet wide; Purefox Road from US 15-A to Mason Farm Road, soil base, 0.6 miles; Orange Church-Calvander Road, soil base, paved 18 feet wide, 3.3 miles; and Barelay Road from Airport Road to dead end, soil base; paved dual 12-foot lanes.

State forces completed grading, 30 to 35 feet wide, the following roads, and their lengths, in Orange: Hawkins Road from NC 86 to Walnut Grove Church, 3.6 miles (a new 36-foot long bridge was built); McDade-Carr Road from McDade to county road No. 529, 2.2 miles; Law's Store Road from Walnut Grove Road to NC 157, 3.3 miles; King's Pond-Carr Road from Pentecost to Carr, 2.1 miles. State Road-oil forces placed new bituminous surface treatment on 6.6 miles of roads.

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Falcon Flies Low, Caught By Mann

The Falcon, the slick movie detective who thrilled the hearts of millions who viewed his heroics on film a few years back, failed to impress Orange County's Highway Patrolman Mann Norris Jr.

As a result, he's cited to appear back here on March 5 to answer charges of speeding 80 miles per hour on Highway 70 last Thursday night. A \$50 bond may not insure his presence before Judge L. J. Phipps but it will insure that the county and school fund will receive the fine and costs to which they would be entitled as result of his misdeed.

Patrolman Norris said he arrested John Calvert, 44, near Doc Griffin's Service Station. He said the actor was enroute to New York from Charlotte where he had just inked a new \$45,000 contract, for more screen detecting.

Mule On Road Causes Mishap

The car of Mr. and Mrs. W. R. Blackwelder of Ruffin Avenue was wrecked and a mule hurt so badly that he had to be killed Tuesday morning around 8:30 o'clock on Highway 70-A, one mile east of Hillsboro near White's Furniture Co.

Mrs. Blackwelder was enroute to work when the mule, which had broken out of the Hillsboro Delivery Stable approximately two hours earlier and was being chased, darted in front of the car. Mrs. Blackwelder tried to dodge the animal and in so doing lost control of the car which went into the embankment. Damage to the car was set at \$400.

Mrs. Blackwelder was taken to Memorial Hospital and was discharged with minor bruises.

"Ben Johnston Dam" Official Designation

Board Names New Facility At Hillsboro

Hillsboro's new \$50,000 dam was officially named "The Ben Johnston Dam" at a meeting of town Board of Commissioners Tuesday night.

The commissioners thus unanimously recognized and paid tribute to the man generally conceded to be the father of the town of Hillsboro's municipal water system, who is serving his 12th term as Mayor.

Older citizens recall it was shortly after his election as Mayor in 1933 that Mayor Johnston began work toward a town water system which was finally approved in 1935. Prior to that time all water in the town was provided by wells. Now the system extends to all sections throughout the incorporated town and far beyond its limits, with more water customers living outside the limits than within.

The Mayor likewise led the drive to secure approval of a bond issue to build the new dam which was completed last fall.

In its action officially naming the dam, the town board directed that a bronze plaque be erected on the dam containing its designated name and other appropriate data such as officials' names, builders and engineers in charge, dates, etc.

Mayor Johnston, a native of Alabama County, has resided in Hillsboro for most of his adult life, is married to the former Miss Thelma Rosemond and the father of two children, Mrs. Jack Snipes of Greensboro, and Mrs. Kay Winecatt of Hillsboro.

Meeting Of VFW Planned

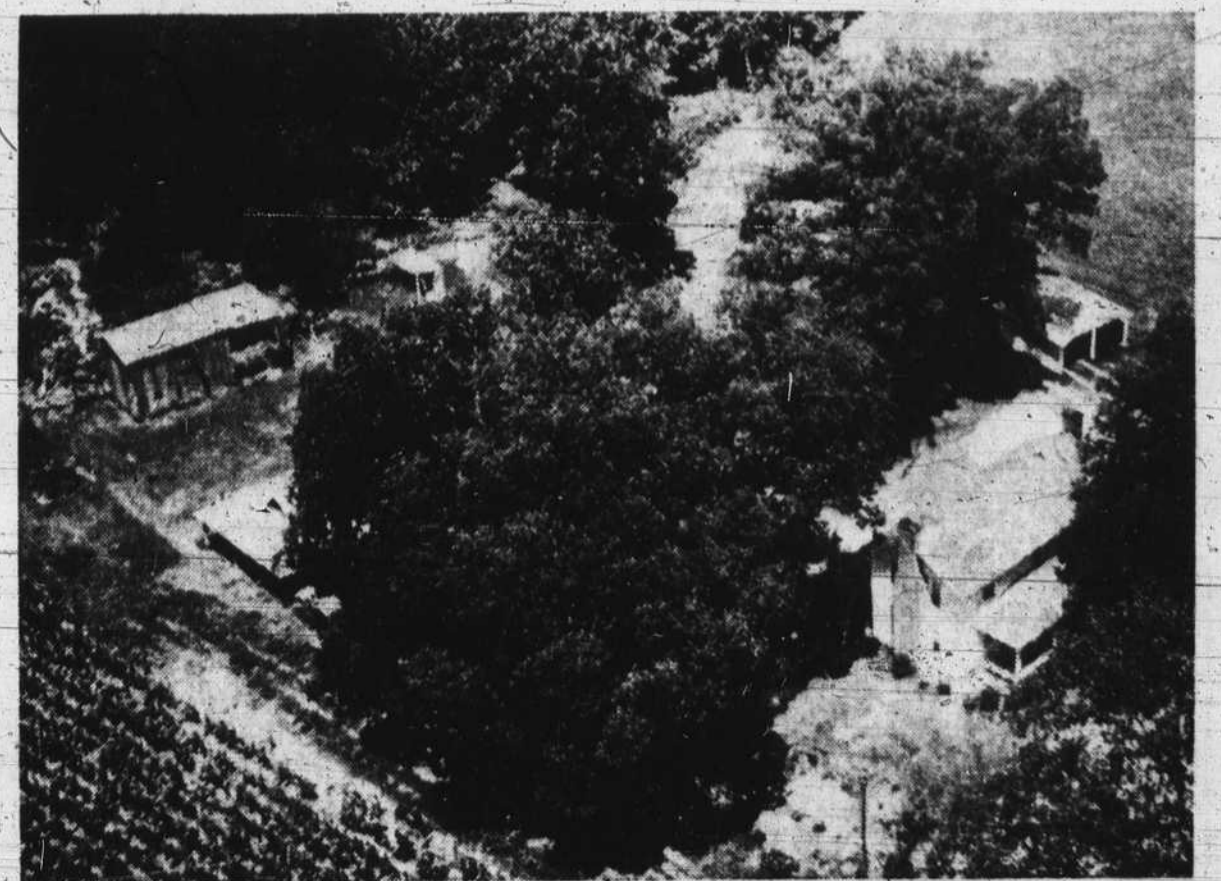
The newly-organized VFW post for Orange County will meet at the old courthouse in Hillsboro February 16 at 8 p.m.

An invitation is extended to all veterans in the county with overseas service to attend this meeting and to join the local post. An active program is being planned of benefit to all.

The new post last Sunday was awarded an attendance plaque at the VFW district meeting in Oxford for having the largest percentage of members in attendance.

Mystery Farm Of The Week

Who Owns This Mystery Farm?



Orange County's agricultural workers held a monopoly on mystery farm identification last week. Soil Conservationist Quentin Patterson said last week's mystery farm belonged to John Arch Terrell who lives northwest of Efland on the High Rock road. He was the first caller, followed by James W. Simpson of the local F.H.A. office who added that the second house in the picture belonged to Terrell's son-in-law, Ellis Bradshaw. The owner can receive a beautifully mounted picture of the farm free by calling at the News office as can the owner of this week's farm pictured above. First caller to correctly identify the mystery farm each week receives a free year's subscription to this newspaper.

Sheriff, In Hurry, Loses Deputy, Or Vice Versa

Sheriff Odell Clayton lost a deputy and a few years growth from fright last Saturday night.

In the Efland area to arrest a woman charged with public drunkenness, the sheriff and Deputies W. R. Roberts and Buck Knight made the arrest and then prepared to return to the jail. Clayton and Roberts got into the front seat and Deputy Knight ushered the drunken woman into the back seat.

The driving Sheriff heard the back door shut and drove off. Unfortunately, Deputy Knight

had only closed the door on the woman's side and was walking around the back of the car to get in on the other side when the Sheriff drove off. He hitched a ride back to town in another car which happened to be in the area a few minutes later.

It took the Sheriff some time to shake off the shock of finding the deputy missing when he got back to town and it's taken him still longer to find an answer to the kidding his friends at the Mayor's office have sent his way since the incident occurred.

School Bond Issue Hearing Feb. 20

A formal order authorizing the issuance of \$2,000,000 in bonds for the improvement of Orange County schools was passed by the Board of County Commissioners here last Monday.

A hearing on the issue, to be subject to approval of the County's voters in a referendum on March 27, will be held at a special meeting of the Board here on February 20. Resolutions asking for the money to build new schools and improve present buildings had been approved earlier by the County's two school boards. The Commissioners filed a formal notice of intention to apply for permission to issue the bonds last month.

In the order the Chapel Hill Board asked for \$828,066 and the County Board, \$1,171,932—the approximate sums each had agreed upon earlier when the decision to seek a voter-approved bond issue was reached. It was directed in the order that a record of the County's financial debt be placed on file with the Clerk of Court, to be available for public inspection pending the February 20 hearing. At this hearing any citizen may protest the proposed issuance of the bonds.

Before adjourning their meeting for the noon recess Monday the Commissioners discussed in detail the report of delinquencies.

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Committees For Election Are Named

Forty-two additional Orange citizens this week were named as members of four working committees promoting the forthcoming two million dollar school bond issue scheduled for March 27.

Announcement for these groups was made by Co-chairmen William S. Stewart and R. J. Smith Sr., who are leading the drive for passage of the bonds.

Named as co-chairmen for the committees were: Speakers Committee, Dr. Roma Cheek and Mrs. Beth Roberts; Finance, A. K. Kink; Precinct (registration and voting) R. O. Forrest and Frank Umstead; Publicity, Orville Campbell.

Other personnel of the committee roster are: Speakers—Rev. Charles Hubbard, Rev. J. R. Manley, Hubert Robinson; Walter Clark, Leslie Van Kenyon Jr., Bonner Sawyer, A. L. Stahback.

Finance: Marshall Cates Jr., Joe Hughes, Roosevelt Warner. Precinct: Alex Heard, Mrs. Raymond Andrews, Mrs. Wallace Bacon, Clem Cheek, Luther Corbett, Hurley Green, Mrs. Dewey Guess, C. P. Jones, Mrs. Glenn Kennedy.

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KIDD BREWER'S Raleigh Roundup

Things weren't around here last week. Other person you met was coming down with, or recovering from, a spell of the flu. The physicians were at the 24-hour flu—a day of the no-contest, sick, nausea and bone-aching experienced. With most the attack went much more the 24-hour period.

after serving as the meeting all week of the group for a big home for the Presbyterian College, Raleigh informed it was off the list was no longer under consideration. This knocked in, apparently, any plans to go to Winston-Salem for the Presbyterian to take over the Meredith

revenue collections were far beyond expectations in the State, money literally coming in here from the sales of the income tax. But there trouble on the farm front—Raleigh seemed to join with Raleigh and Washington, D.C., as one of the focal points for getting into the problem. There hearings, rumors of hearings and statements of all kinds, sometimes get the feeling in Raleigh that we are in the middle of everything. Maybe feel that way in your own community.

away, around here, if it isn't Fatum, Wake Forest, Gray, and the State College football team, it's the weather. The winter here in many a tobacco, cotton, Dr. Tribbevaux, Gov. Luther Hodges, and segregation.

There's never a dull moment in these parts. But with all the things that are going on, it's hard to find a path for the future. The rest of us made no decisions—just went on with our 24-hour flu.

IS IMPROVING? We that Mrs. Ellen Winston, says that the jail situation in North Carolina is improving.

ould be—and Mrs. Winston to know, because her department is charged with the responsibility of jail inspection.

right here lately two articles made the front pages. Court Judge Q. K. Nisbaker ordered two jails closed in Columbus County. The grand said the jail at Tabor City was without toilets and that the jail is without an agent to open a cell so a prisoner can be taken to the toilet.

at's bad enough, you might but consider the situation in whose jail also made the There, on a recent Saturday night, one of the prisoners of the place, sawed his out. Since a piece of hackblade was found on the jail there is grave suspicion was used in the breakout.

light with a hat Mrs. Winston there is still room for improvement in these North Carolina jails.

TS EDITOR DIES. Raleigh one of its leading citizens best analytical thinkers a days ago in the sudden death of Felix Grissette.

ly 55 years of age, he seemed to be in perfect health on Monday, January 26. But early morning, January 27, a heart attack killed him.

Valdensian, Felix Grissette headed Capus Wayne as of Health Publications when Wayne became an ambassador. When curtailment of Federal health funds in the states crippled this project, he started a weekly four-page statistical bulletin which he called "Facts". The publication appropriately named, for it always full of facts. We of-quoted it here.

ends of Grissette doubt that venture was ever a financial loss, but it did a lot of good, it showed how North Carolina stands in so many widely (See ROUNDUP, Page 2)