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KIDD BREWER'S Raleigh Roundup

DEMOCRACY ... Although a preliminary poll might have indicated that most of them thought President Eisenhower might run the Democrats who gathered all 700 of them for the Jefferson-Jackson Dinner last night seemed very, very optimistic about their party's chances to elect a President and to keep their control of the White House this year.

RALEIGH ... If memory fails, this was the biggest record for the dinner. It was \$32,000 for the Democratic battles during 1956, with Raleigh coming up with \$2,150, Mecklenburg at \$1,825, Wake County at \$1,550, and Forsyth with \$1,200. Money came in on a basis of one dollar per plate. The 100 counties participated with more than a fourth of the total going over their quotas.

USUAL ... Saturday was a beautiful day in Raleigh—North Carolina, for that matter. There were wind and rain from the mountains to the east and so some of us that the bad weather cut attendance.

It didn't—not in the least. Scores of new ones. Governor Luther Hodges did a thing—and a smart thing. High State offices, and most here, are closed on Saturday. The Governor's office kept the Governor's office open Saturday morning for the Democrats here for the first time in a long time.

Unusual, perhaps, but not unusual on the Governor's part and deeply appreciated by the Democrats who can't get together very often.

DEVELOPMENTS ... The dinner of the best Hotel Sirrine has come up with for one of the best dinners in the state. It developed not a moment too soon. Three days prior to its beginning, Benas of Charlotte filed forss against Incumbent Raper Jonas in the Tenth district.

A time if had looked as if would not have much, if opposition. When it was fingered by the Democrats in Raleigh—led by Chairman McConnell—that an opponent would be found, the nod went to Douglas, Charlotte business-former mayor, and until a week ago head of the State Department of Conservation and Forestry.

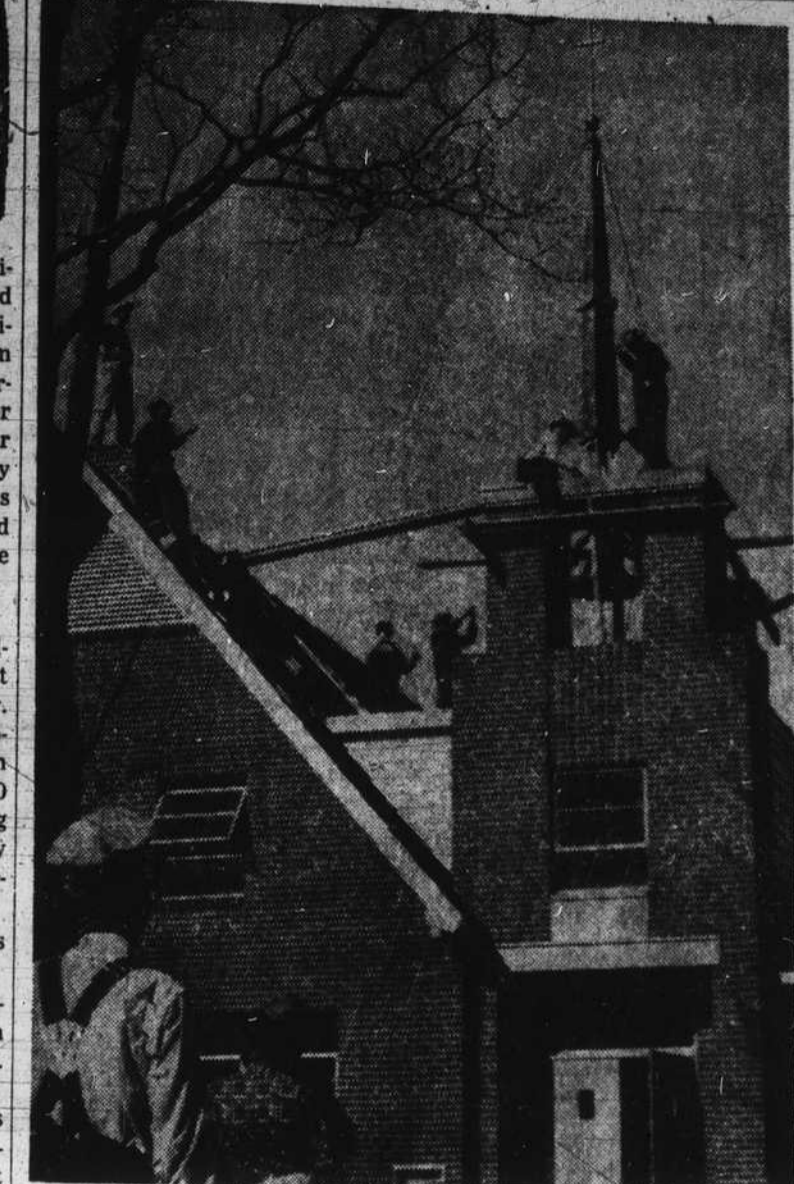
Candidacy attracted some attention, but a little fire into a which offers little Democratic excitement as far as State Democrats are concerned, and generated strength to the party. It made Democrats, defeated by Jonas in 1952, feel a whole lot better.

Larkins, as State Democratic chairman, also saw the challenge. He said: "I like the opportunity to the Democrats redeem that." He thus decided to stay in Raleigh as chairman for the Democratic Party in North Carolina rather than to run for Governor. That was the news, for a lot of people thought that John might be the Jefferson-Jackson Dinner as an appropriate place to announce his candidacy for Governor.

GOVERNOR IN '60? ... Immediately after Larkins' decision got around, talk began that he most certainly would be a candidate for Governor in 1960.

North Carolina has not had a Governor from east of the mountains in 24 years—J. C. B. Eshelby of Eltham City was the last one, in 1932—this rumormongers a lot of sense. Although he has been one of the most prominent men in the Democratic Party in this State

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TOPPING A NEW CHURCH—Workmen place the 18-foot steeple atop the new New Hope Presbyterian Church into place as one of the final touches toward completion of the building. Final services in the old church will be held this coming Sunday and the first services in the new building, the following Sunday, March 11. The bell from the old church has been placed under the steeple in the new building. Given by the Rev. Irving Craig, native of the New Hope community, it was placed in the old building 40 years ago as a gift from the Rev. Mr. Craig's First Presbyterian Church in Reidsville. Distance from the tip of the four-foot cross atop the steeple to the ground is 57 feet. The new church and two-story educational building is of modern-colonial brick construction.

Last Service In Old Building

New Hope Cornerstone Will Be Laid Sunday

The New Hope Presbyterian Church, now observing its 200th anniversary, will hold its final service in its old building, 5th in the church's history, next Sunday morning at 11:15 o'clock.

A cornerstone laying ceremony for the new church will take place immediately following this last service in the old church. During the construction of the church

Red Cross Fund Drive Is Underway

"Join and serve," became the word as the Orange County Chapter's 1956 Red Cross Campaign for members and funds got underway this morning.

"This is the time to join and serve," Membership and Fund Chairman Joe Hughes, points out. "The tornadoes, hurricanes, and floods of last year have just about exhausted our Red Cross resources."

"The next few months are normally the ones that bring most of our disasters. We must be prepared for them."

"We must also think of the many other services for which we are dependent upon the Red Cross, the Home Service that links our service-men and their homes, the Safety Services of First Aid, Water safety, and accident prevention, the Gray ladies who help in the local veterans hospital, the Blood Program, and others."

Some of the people working with Joe Hughes in providing an opportunity for everyone to join and serve wherever help is needed this coming year are:

- Business Division - Charlie James, Chairman
 - Schools Division - Mrs. Irene Pender, Chairman
 - Efland Mill - Lillie Mae Andrews
 - Aycock - Mrs. Katherine McDade
 - Caldwell - Mrs. Mary Mitchell
 - Murphy - Mrs. Nancy McKee
 - West Hillsboro - Mrs. Margaret Phelps
 - Hillsboro - Mrs. Mary Leigh Webb
 - Mrs. Evelyn Patterson
- (See RED CROSS, page 8.)

Lake Talk Is Slated By Patriots

Organizational Meeting March 16 At the Courthouse

Former Assistant State Attorney General I. Beverly Lake will speak at an organizational meeting for an Orange County Unit of the Patriots of North Carolina in Hillsboro, it was announced here today.

The meeting, open to the public, is to be held in the County Courthouse on March 16. Plans for it are still being made, according to Prof. W. C. George, President of the statewide pro-segregation body.

The University Medical School faculty member said there seemed to be considerable interest in the formation of the Orange unit, but that at this time there was no way of knowing how many persons were already members of the state organization on an individual basis. He added that a number of persons here had joined through him and the Patriots movement, and other local persons interested in

Graham Discounts Story Of Two 4-Lane Highways At Hillsboro



COUNTY'S FIRST—Orange County recorded its first two traffic deaths of the year on the 57th day of the year Sunday morning as two Carrboro men, Joe Baldwin and Clem Atwater, perished in their car as it smashed through the Neville's Creek bridge on the University Lake Road two miles west of town. Above, officers inspect the wreck as it is hauled up on the creek bank prior to removal of the bodies. Amateur photographer Paul Sparrow Jr., Field Representative of the University's Bureau of Visual Education, snapped this photo as officers inspected the wreck after it was hauled up on the creek bank prior to removal of the bodies.

First In Orange For '56...

Crash Kills Two

Two Carrboro men became Orange County's first traffic death statistics for 1956 Sunday morning as their car ploughed through a bridge and landed upside down in Neville's Creek three miles west of town.

Dead were Joseph Baldwin, 27, and Clem Atwater, 35, both next door neighbors on Davie Road in Carrboro.

The wreck occurred a mile past the University Lake Road's intersection with the new Greensboro highway. In the five years the new highway has been open, officers recalled today, there have been 10 traffic deaths within a one-mile radius of the cut-off point of the new highway from the Lake Road.

Cause of Sunday's accident was not definitely known, according to Highway Patrolmen T. B. Winborne and E. S. Robinson. There were no brake marks on the paved road, though the tire tracks showed signs of skidding along the right shoulder about 30 feet before hurtling into the wooden bridge railing.

The main spar of the 50-foot span went completely through the front grill of the car and came out the trunk, the car traveling about half-way across the bridge before plunging 10 feet.

Coroner George Cannady said Baldwin died of multiple fractures and Atwater, owner and believed the driver of the vehicle, was drowned after sustaining a possible broken neck. The 1946 Ford was pulled from the muddy waters after being almost completely submerged upside down for around a half-hour.

There were no known eye-witnesses to the wreck, which apparently occurred about 9:45 a.m. The pair was last seen around 8 a.m. when they left the home of Atwater's brother in Carrboro, bound for a farm owned by Baldwin in Chatham County.

Sees Present Plans Adequate For 25 Years

Hillsboro and Orange County folks got a mild shock last weekend in daily press announcements that plans were afoot to have two 4-lane highways passing by Hillsboro: one to the north and the other to the south, with the two connecting at Eno River and Durham county line.

The reaction generally might be described as amazement. The bubble, which nobody locally had taken seriously anyway, was scratched by Highway Commissioner A. H. (Sandy) Graham who said that it will be a long time before there will be anything like two 4-lane highways going around Hillsboro.

The current route that serves as a link in the new interstate expressway between the Durham County line and Efland, and which is to be widened to four lanes, will be adequate to carry the traffic "for 25 years to come," he stated.

Misunderstanding Claimed

Graham, at times irritated over questions about the two four-lane highways reportedly scheduled to go around Hillsboro, said his program was generally understood.

"It's the people around Greensboro who don't bother to understand," he said. Efforts have been made to get Graham to provide funds for making the interstate freeway between Greensboro and Efland a dual two-lane highway, as is much of the rest of the highway.

Graham said that a primary highway north of Hillsboro would not meet the federal interstate requirements, but it wasn't necessary.

Federal Requirements

Under the federal requirements, one of the major factors is limited access. Another is stringent right-of-way provisions.

According to Graham, a number of sections along the highway, in (See HIGHWAY, page 8.)



ELECTIONS CHAIRMAN

Former Sheriff S. T. Latta is the new chairman of the Orange County Board of Elections. He was elected by the two other members of the board at a recent meeting following his appointment by the State Board of Elections to succeed E. J. Hamlin, who had served for the past six years.

YDC Planning Meet Tonight At Inn Here

There is to be a general meeting of the Young Democratic Club tomorrow at the Colonial Inn in Hillsboro.

The purpose of this meeting is to plan the rally and to kick off an Orange County membership drive.

Miss Betty June Hayes, arrangements committee chairman, announces that those wishing to have dinner with other YDC members should come at 6:30 p.m. Then coffee will be served to all members at 7:15 and the general meeting will begin at 7:30 p.m.

At a February 20th meeting the following committees were appointed by Mr. Alexander: Membership committee, Harold Edwards and Odell Clayton; Rally Chairman, Don Stanford; Publicity Chairman, Roy Cole; Arrangements Committee, C. B. Hodson.

Seeking Reelection

Congressman Durham Announces Formally

Congressman Carl T. Durham, who has represented the 8th District since 1938 and currently heads the joint congressional Atomic Energy Commission today formally announced his candidacy for reelection.

State Senator Ralph Scott of Alamance County has previously indicated his intention to oppose Mr. Durham.

The Chapel Hill representative is generally conceded to be one of the best informed men in Congress or out on the national Atomic Energy Program. He is a former Orange County commissioner and a native of the county.

"I have today mailed my filing fee to the State Board of Elections and now announce my candidacy for the Democratic Party nomination to serve as Representative of the Sixth North Carolina Congressional District in the 85th Congress.

"In seeking re-election to the position I have been privileged to hold for the past seventeen years, it is my purpose to try to serve all the people of the District to the best of my ability. In the past I have endeavored to represent all of the people of the District without regard to any special groups or interests. This will be my policy in the future if it is the will of the constituency to return me to Congress.

"The work I am presently carrying in connection with important Committee assignments in the Congress is very heavy, but I expect

to wage a vigorous campaign. There will be many important legislative measures in the House of Representatives in the weeks preceding the Democratic Primary which will necessarily require my close attention and my presence in Washington. Despite this fact, I will use whatever spare time is available to me in renewing my contacts with the people of the Sixth District, who have placed confidence in me and in my efforts in the past and who, I trust, will see fit to extend that confidence in the coming elections.

"I believe my record in Congress speaks for itself. I will continue to try to do what I believe to be the right thing."



CARL T. DURHAM

Winds Damage Great; Lattas Thank Helpers

Many Orange County residents thought Hurricane Hazel had come back to the area for a return engagement last Saturday afternoon as strong winds with gusts estimated at 75 miles-per-hour raced across the county, ripping down trees, raising shingles and twisting television antennas.

The wind caused major damage at scores of places on the Piedmont Electric Membership and Duke Power Company lines and power was out on some lines until after 9 o'clock Saturday night.

About 100 feet of a 200-foot long chicken house on the farm of Latham Latta, north of Hillsboro, was picked up and blown some distance and the remaining 100 feet of the building was flattened. The building contained some 2,400 chickens about two months old and about 100 of them were lost.

One local insurance firm estimated it had received about 25 damage claims early this week, and it is assumed that other agencies had similar damage reports. Friends pitched in and helped the Lattas rebuild their chicken house and take care of the shelterless chickens. In a statement the Lattas expressed their appreciation.

Mystery Farm Of The Week

Who Owns This Mystery Farm?



Can you identify this "Mystery Farm"? If you can, you will receive a free subscription to The News of Orange County, provided you are the first to correctly identify it. Last week's farm was no puzzle to many of our readers. The first to call was Donald Walker who correctly identified it as being the home of Mr. and Mrs. Parker Hall, northwest of Hillsboro at Cedar Grove crossroads. It is known as the Dr. C. B. Hall place. Other early identifiers were: Scott Cates, A. K. McAdams, R. O. Reitzel, Mrs. Mildred Thompson, Earl Walker, Walter Reitzel, Marylin Phelps, Helen Miller, Pat Clayton, Mrs. Lizzie Long and Howard McAdams.

NAMED TO COMMITTEE

Clarence D. Jones has been appointed a member of the legislative committee of the State School Board Association by Dr. Charles E. Jordan, state president. Jones currently is chairman of District 7 of the state association. Duty of the committee is to present the cause of education to the citizens of the state and to keep members of the legislature informed as to its needs.

SNIPES BOY IMPROVES

Lloyd Snipes, 5-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. Alfred Snipes Jr., who suffered a broken leg and other injuries when struck by an automobile driven by George Gilmore on W. King Street last Wednesday afternoon, continues to improve at Duke Hospital. The child reportedly fell from another vehicle into the path of Mr. Gilmore who was unable to avoid the accident.

Hubbard to speak On Bonds Tonight

The Rev. Charles Hubbard of Chapel Hill will speak tonight at 8 o'clock at the St. Mary's Grange on the forthcoming School Bond issue. This meeting is open to the public and all are extended a cordial invitation to attend. The regular monthly meeting of the Grange will begin at 7:30 o'clock.