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## KIDD BREWER'S Raleigh Roundup

CHANGE ... It is interesting to note that the man who heads the North Carolina contingent at the Democratic National Convention in Chicago, this week was even listed as an alternate delegate four short years ago. This gives you some idea of how fast Gov. Hodges has picked up when he finally decided to enter politics. In 1952, he had been nominated Lieutenant Governor.

... he is one of the bellwethers of the boys from Dixie. His judgment and decisions carry weight—and he is recognized as one of the leaders in the South.

VETERAN ... In contrast, there is John Larkins of Trenton, chairman of the State Democratic Executive Committee. He is one of the ram-rodgers in the "F. D. Roosevelt to a third term" and went to Chicago in 1940 as a delegate.

NATIONAL PUBLICITY ... Magazine this past weekend featured a big map of the South on the cover. The caricatures are excellent. Time Magazine is a picture from the Wilmington Evening Star. As you look at it, you seem to observe that a ghostly figure with three Marines. At first, you might think the figure was a Ku Klux Klan follower. Not so. Read the caption in Time.

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WILL SUITT'S BARN—AFTER THE STORM

### Struck By Lightning ...

## Flames Level Will Suitt's Dairy Barn

Flames destroyed the large dairy barn of Will Suitt's in the Orange Grove Community after it was struck by lightning during Friday afternoon's cloudburst.

Mr. Suitt said that 60 Holstein cows were in the 20-year-old barn for milking when the bolt struck about 4:30 p.m. Within a few moments the flames were noticed, and the cows were evacuated, with the exception of a heifer and three calves that were lost.

Lightning arrestors on the barn did little good, inasmuch as the building apparently suffered a direct hit. The jolt caused cows in the milking stanchions to break

down before they were taken out of the barn. Electricity was knocked out, some water pipes melted, and pumps put out of commission, hampering the fighting of the flames.

Except for the assistance of dozens of neighbors who hauled water from the nearby farm pond and the milk cooling shed to wet down nearby buildings all of them, and possibly the Suitts' home, would have been destroyed, too. Mr. Suitt expressed his appreciation for the many who helped during the fire and on through the night and the next day, too.

All equipment in the barn and hundreds of bales of hay were lost. The 64 by 90-foot structure was leveled within an hour and the ruins were still smoking late yesterday. Twice a nearby shed caught fire, but was successfully doused with buckets of water.

Working until long past midnight, Mr. Suitt's neighbors set up stanchions in his farm machinery shed so that the milking operation could be continued. "I certainly want to thank all of them," said Mr. Suitt. "We wouldn't have anything except for their help."

## Ensign Talks On New Hope Development

The 200-year-old New Hope Church community has been transformed through the spirit and dedication of its people into the kind of community more and more people are wanting to live in and rear their children.

These thoughts were projected to members of the Hillsboro Lions Club by the Rev. John Ensign Tuesday night in an address in which he described the development of the Presbyterian Church camp at New Hope and the new \$85,000 church building which was built almost exclusively, except for brick laying, by volunteer work of the community.

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### Body Held For Ransom, Says Ross

## Will Ed's Tomb Remains Empty

In the midst of a neat, grassy area across the highway from the Efland Presbyterian Church in the middle of this western Orange County community sits a shiny new mausoleum erected for the body of the late Will Ed Thompson, the wealthy eccentric whose last will and testament has kept tongues wagging off and on since his death back in March, 1953.

The brick and marble structure was completed about two months ago, but in the words of Graham Attorney Clarence Ross, the executor of the estate in whose discretion most of the estimated half million dollar estate was to be spent, "The tomb is empty."

According to Ross, "they're holding him for ransom" up at the Chestnut Ridge Church cemetery,

a few miles to the south of Efland, where his burial was directed by his family before the terms of the will later filed by Ross were known.

Ross, through his attorney, Thomas C. Carter of Burlington, filed an action some time ago in Alamance Superior Court to have the body moved, but resistance came from the Memorial Association of Chestnut Ridge and members of the Board of Trustees who are claiming \$800 in damage and \$375 in attorney fees. The matter now rests with Resident Judge Leo Carr for settlement. G. P. Sykes is president of the church Memorial Association.

Mr. Thompson directed that the mausoleum be built for his body in the Efland Church cemetery, that certain nominal sums and property be left to each of his six nieces and nephews, \$10,000 to the executor Ross, and the remainder to go into a trust fund to be spent at Ross' discretion for the benefit and beautification of the Efland Presbyterian Church and cemetery.

Durham Attorney Victory Bryant, who himself had an earlier will by Will Ed in which he was a major beneficiary, and some of the relatives sought to break the will that was probated, but the effort was in vain.

# Largest Summer Renovation Program Near End In Schools

The Orange County School system is now in the process of completing the largest summer renovation program in its history, in preparation for the Fall opening less than three weeks away.

Some of the work has been by contract but by far the greatest amount has been accomplished on a "labor and materials" purchase basis with the regular maintenance force greatly augmented for the improvement program.

The buildings at Hillsboro High and Elementary schools have literally been transformed as additional space is made available as a result of the opening of the new Cameron Park school. Expenditures are in the neighborhood of \$15,000.

Among the improvements:

- (1) A new library has been developed with over 1500 square feet by combining two classrooms of the Elementary building.
- (2) Thirteen classrooms have

been refloored and sanded.

- (3) Six classrooms, have been enlarged from less than 600 square feet to more than 700 square feet in accordance with best school planning recommendations by removing cloakroom partitions.
- (4) New ceilings of acoustical tile have been installed in eight classrooms located in the basement.
- (5) Elementary building painted throughout.

- (6) Two classrooms restored to Home Economics and Commercial departments which had been utilized for other classes.
- (7) New heavy-duty electric service installed to High School building to be adequate for heavy load.
- (8) New light fixtures installed in lunchroom and entire lunchroom repainted.
- (9) Partition removed in Agriculture building and building repainted.
- (10) Principal's office rearranged to allow private office for him.
- (11) Teachers' lounge rearranged in what was old Library and additional textbook storage space provided.
- (12) New furniture, seats, desks, chairs, installed in four classrooms.

## Carrboro Tax Vote Put Off For Two Years

The Carrboro District School Committee has voted to request a public referendum in its area on the levying of a \$.15 supplementary school tax not later than 90 days after the completion of its new school, now in the planning stages. Thus such a vote, if it comes, is not seen likely in the next two years.

The Committee first sought to have this vote taken in a resolution passed last October. However, Committee Chairman Carl Ellington said, work on this proposal was stopped until "a reasonable length of time has elapsed after last spring's County school bond referendum."

In the new resolution the Committee decided to continue work on this plan approved last fall with the amendment that the Committee go on record as asking the vote "not later than 90 days after the new school building in Carrboro has been completed and accepted by the County Board of Education."

Preliminary plans for the new school were revealed for the first time last night to the Committee members, the County School Board, and interested citizens of Carrboro. Mr. Ellington said everyone present seemed to approve the proposal. (See CARRBORO, Page 6)

## Large Still Cut Near Blackwood's

One of the largest whiskey-making operations in Orange County in recent years came to a sudden end Tuesday night when the operators returned to their boldy-conceived location to the waiting arms of the Sheriff and his deputies.

Caught in the haul: two men, a 1941 model automobile, 700 lbs. of sugar, 17-cases of whiskey, four bags of coke, 20 case of empty fruit jars and 3,000 gallons of beer in process.

Sheriff Odel Clayton said the still had been operated within 500 yards of the late S. P. Lockhart home on the famed turkey farm near Duke Forest, just east of Blackwood Station. The home has been unoccupied since Mr. Lock-

hart's death about five months ago.

Arrested in connection with the still were Charlie Griffin, who resides in the old Sunnyside Service Station on Highway 70-A east of Hillsboro and Homer Griffin, from Franklin County, Virginia. Charlie Griffin escaped from the still site but was later arrested at his home while the Virginia man, said to be in his fifties, was caught at the scene.

Water for the operation was secured through a plastic hose run from the Lockhart yard. Sheriff Clayton said about 40 barrels of mash were in process and with the sugar and other materials being brought in another large run appeared on the way.

## Tour Of Aromatic Tobacco Area Scheduled For Next Wednesday

Next Wednesday afternoon, August 22, at 2 o'clock a tour will be held of some of the producers of Aromatic tobacco in Orange County.

The tour will start at the Claude Pope farm at Cedar Grove. Those attending will see various phases of production of this new type of leaf. This will include a visit to

the field where the leaf is grown, a demonstration of the priming of the leaf, and observing the qualities desired in Aromatic tobacco. Following the field visit, the group will observe the "wilting" or "yellowing" of the tobacco and the curing process. Mr. Pope has constructed an excellent curing house. (See TOUR, Page 6)

### TWO CARRBORO EVENTS

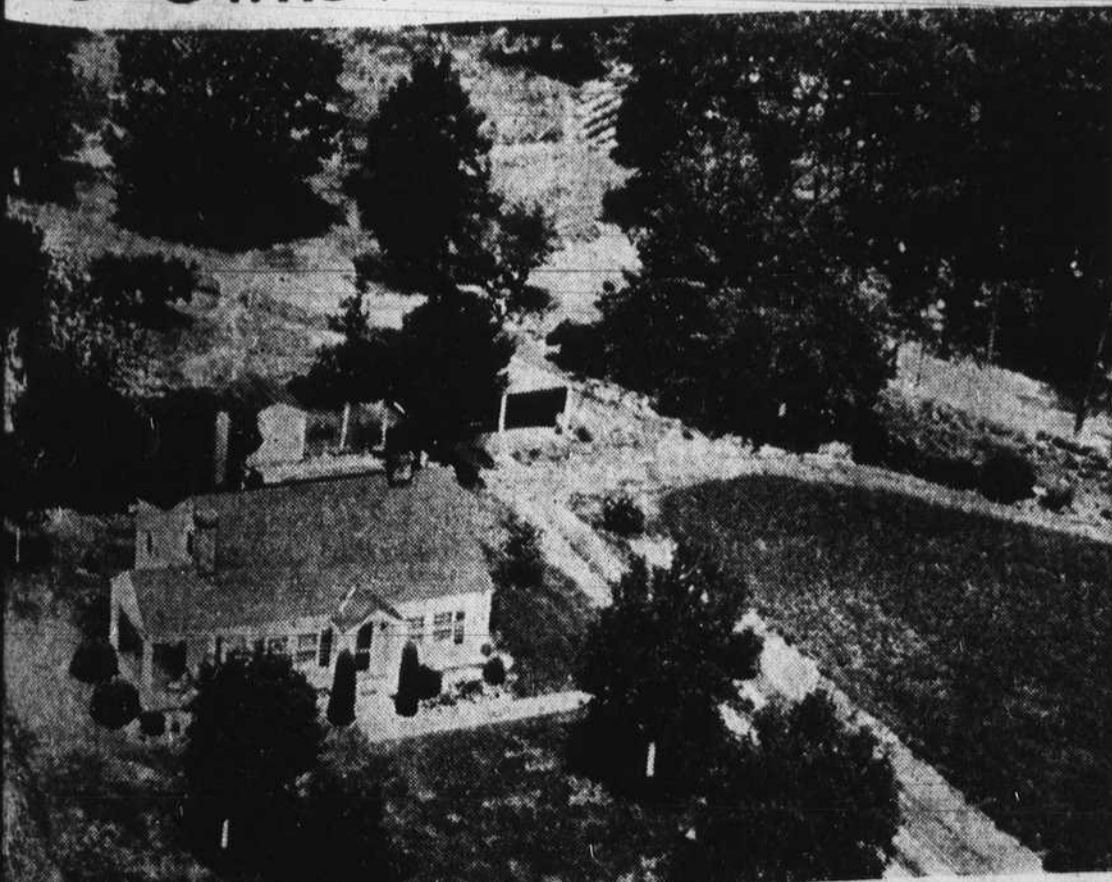
which attracted large throngs in the past week were the installation of Druggist Lloyd Senter as District Governor of Lions District 31G and the annual Carrboro Mills picnic at Camp New Hope on Saturday. More than 300 Lions, their wives and guests heard International President Jack Stickley of Charlotte in the installation address. At right, Governor Senter presents a bolt of suiting from Carrboro Mills to President Stickley as a memento of his visit here.

Over 1100 employees of the Carrboro plant and their families and guests enjoyed games, swimming, contests and healthy scravings of New Hope prepared food in the camp setting. The long lines to the food tables are shown in the photo by Roland Gidus, below.



### Mystery Farm Of The Week

## Who Owns This Mystery Farm?



Only one guess for last week's mystery farm has come into the office. The owner has not correctly identified it, so we remain in the dark as to the identity as do our readers. Reader Earl Walker thought it to be the Blanche Fuller place located between Cedar Grove and Carr's Store.

The first to call the office and to provide the correct identification to the Mystery Farm each week receives a free year's subscription to The News of Orange County. The owner receives a beautifully printed photo of the farm as it appeared in the paper.

## Wildcats Play 9-Game Slate Next Season

Hillsboro High Wildcats will play a nine-game schedule this fall with eight District Three schools and one non-conference foe on the slate.

Coach Glenn Auman will be starting his 19th year as head coach here, the longest tenure of any conference coach.

The schedule is as follows:

- Sept. 6—Southern, here; 14—Northern, away; 21—Oxford High, away; 28—Cary, here.
- Oct. 5—Chapel Hill, here; 12—Roxboro, away; 19—Henderson, here; 26—Oxford Orphanage, away.
- Nov. 2—Graham, away.

