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J. L. Brown Jr., Grady Brown Receive Year's Top Awards Of Exchange Club

Golden Deeds Book Honors School Man

The "Book of Golden Deeds" given by the Hillsboro Exchange Club was awarded to Grady A. Brown, longtime Principal of Hillsboro High School, at the Club's annual ladies night Christmas party.

The Rev. Charles Hubbard, pastor of the Chapel Hill Methodist Church, made the presentation. This award is the highest honor the club can bestow. It is given to a living person who has unselfishly given to his fellowman and community.

Grady, as he is affectionately called by his older graduates, was born in Fayetteville, N. C. At a very early age his parents, Mr. and Mrs. N. S. Brown, moved to Saxapahaw, N. C.

Not having public high schools in North Carolina at the time of his completion of the seventh grade in elementary school, he attended Elon College where he finished his high school curriculum and four years of college curriculum all in four years. While a student at Elon he was an outstanding athlete.

Upon his graduation at Elon his first assignment was teacher and coach at Fallston, N. C. After a two year tenure there he came to Hillsboro as teacher and coach in 1924. After serving as teacher and athletic coach for two years he became principal, which position he has held since 1926.

Mr. Brown and Mrs. Brown are parents of Bobby, Harry and Henrietta Brown.

The Rev. Hubbard in his presentation said, "As his former pastor and friend for many years, he is indeed worthy of such an award. Although his own children are grown, he has never stopped helping children. A man of God and a man of the outdoors his efforts are tireless. I never called on him to perform a church duty but what he was always ready and willing, not one to push himself onto others but always ready to help others."

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Grady A. Brown receives from the Rev. Charles Hubbard, left, the framed page signifying his selection by the Hillsboro Exchange Club for its "Book of Golden Deeds" on file at the local Confederate Memorial Library. Photo By Joe Hughes

Man Murdered After Argument Over 60 Cents

A 42-year-old Mcbane may and the 50-year-old woman with whom he had been living for the past six years came over into Orange County Sunday afternoon for a visit and "fell out" over 60 cents.

William Bradshaw, the man, is dead from a butcher knife stabbing in the chest and Emma Virginia Ray, the woman, is in jail without privilege of bond for his murder. Both are Negroes.

The argument and stabbing, according to Sheriff O. H. Clayton, took place at the Mcbane home.

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J. L. Brown Jr., right, is presented the "Man of the Year" award for 1956 by E. Wilson Cole, last year's winner of the Exchange Club award. Photo By Joe Hughes

School Board Buys Hillsboro Property

The board of education voted to purchase the old Laws place opposite the Hillsboro High School Junior's home on Hazel street for \$5,000 at a special meeting here last Friday night.

No specific plans for use of the property have been made, school officials pointing out that it is the first chance that has been available for many years to obtain additional property near the presently crowded high school site.

Ownership of the property could figure into the selection of a site for the proposed new High School gymnasium at the school. There is one intervening house and lot between it and the present gym site, owned by Mrs. Jim Jenkins, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. O. E. Bivins. The old home, which sits on a well-

The two schools were divided into separate school districts only (See SCHOOL, Page 6)

Pre-Christmas Rush Grips County; Yule Activities To Fore

The Jack Rays Win Top Prize In Decorations

The grand prize winner and winners in the major divisions of the Home Decorations contest sponsored by the Hillsboro Merchants Association were announced yesterday following judging by an unknown panel Tuesday evening.

The grand prize went to Mr. and Mrs. Jack Ray whose home is located on Ocooneechee Farm Road. In the Religious division first prize went to Mr. and Mrs. Nat Ellis for their home on Highway 70-A west of Hillsboro. Second prize went to Mr. and Mrs. Marion Allison of Ocooneechee Farm Road.

First prize in the youth went to Mr. and Mrs. C. B. Parris whose home is located on Boundary Ave. and second in yards, Mr. and Mrs. Harold Bivins on St. Mary's Road. Houses were judged with the home of Mr. and Mrs. Herman Strayhorn on Union St. receiving first prize and Mrs. N. D. Crabtree's home on Boundary Ave. received second.

Honorable mention went to Mrs. Betty Sue Hawkins, Margaret Lane, Mr. and Mrs. Marshall Cates Jr., Mitchell St. and Mr. and Mrs. Melvin Dixon of Highway 70.

S & L Directors Hold Annual Christmas Event

Members of the Board of Directors of the Hillsboro Savings and Loan Association held their annual Christmas party at the Colonial Inn Tuesday night with wives and others as invited guests.

The program was an informal one with all present participating. Gifts to those present were presented from a lighted Christmas tree following a steak dinner served by the Inn.

Orange County merchants have reported heavy Christmas buying as citizens this week made last minute plans for the Christmas holidays.

Christmas spirit has appeared abundantly throughout the county this week as residents have decorated and lighted their trees and home decorations.

In general the county and the various communities will observe a two-day holiday period: Schools in the county close tomorrow to open again on January 2nd. The traditional Christmas parties, programs and the exchange of gifts will highlight the school holiday closing.

Stores in Hillsboro will be closed both Tuesday and Wednesday for the holidays. County offices in both the old and new courthouses will be closed three days, Monday through Wednesday, as will the Hillsboro Savings and Loan Association.

Some industrial plants in the area are allotting employees additional pay with this week's payroll. Officials at Cone Mills' Eno plant announced that the employees' Christmas Savings Club there totalled between \$50,000 and \$60,000. This has already been distributed.

Stores and business districts have been decorated in the Christmas theme for the past several weeks. Postmasters throughout the county report that the increase of volume in mail was heavy as had been anticipated necessitating adding extra help through the holiday period.

Many churches and Sunday Schools held special services featuring traditional Christmas music last Sunday, with a few making plans for special Christmas programs scheduled for this Sunday.

With Christmas Day on Tuesday this year, most merchants in Hillsboro have announced that their stores will be closed on Tuesday and Wednesday to extend a holiday for employees. It was also stated

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Everett Cheek's Speech On Conservation Of Soil Wins Second Place In State Event

Everett Cheek, of Lemola Farms, Calvander community, has been judged second place winner in North Carolina in the Spencer Chemical Company's speaking contest for 1956. Henry S. Hogan, Orange County Supervisor of the Neuse River Soil Conservation District, announced today.

"My Soil Conservation District—Its Value to My Community" was the subject this year in the annual contest.

In his speech Everett Cheek traced the development of agriculture on the headwaters of the Neuse River and the erosion attendant upon a clean cultivation system of farming.

By the early part of the 20th century, he pointed out, erosion had removed fifty percent of the topsoil from half of the land in the District with a consequent decline of productive capacity.

The organization of the Neuse River Soil Conservation District in 1939 provided the landowners of the area the instrument needed for a coordinated effort to stop erosion damage.

Since that time, Lemola Farms, along with hundreds of others in the District, have developed and

applied soil and water conservation systems specifically designed for each particular farm. And on those farms, Mr. Cheek explained, erosion has been practically halted; production increased, and a stable agriculture developed—all to the benefit of local business, industry, municipal water supplies, and all segments of the community.

A purebred Ayrshire dairy herd is now the main enterprise on the farm operated by Everett, his brother, Lewis, and father, L. R. Cheek. Alfalfa and pasture, irrigated as needed, now make safe use of rolling land once subjected to erosion by cultivation.

Robert G. Shipley, of Watauga County, was first place winner in North Carolina. State winners will compete for national awards.



(Photo by U. S. Soil Conservation Service) Everett Cheek, and a "fifty ton" sow from the herd of purebred Ayrshires of LEMOLA FARMS in the Calvander Community. This cow has produced over fifty tons of milk in her lifetime.

KIDD BREWER'S Raleigh Roundup

They aren't say about it, but the main the inaugural ceremonies for Governor will be extended two-day period—instead of crowded into an 18-hour day. Governor William B. Umstead never recovered from in-activities four years ago. Egg Cherry of Gastonia and Scott of Haw River, North's only two living pasters, know of the awful strain day ceremony and were consulted by the committee the one to be held in a week following his in-son, Governor Umstead was Hospital in Durham with of several heart attacks were to claim his life before completed two years in of-

Any-BEDDER . . . Anyone had Governor Luther H. in his home as a guest you that he is an early-to-He is known as an early-nine o'clock somnolent, we

the upcoming inauguration, or Hodges will have one of the most days of his life—but still be able to "crawl" into bed at the Mansion by 10 o'clock if he wishes. The time the inaugural ball—the Valentine's Day dance or own country club—will be in the evening before the inauguration rather than at the same day. Her good thing about the do: it will come nearly five after Christmas, New Year's, instead of right whop-dab on them as in the past. will help. So, it does look as if we are gradually getting a little sensible as we go along. accident, design, chance, or force, or a combination of all ingredients.

LOAD . . . Had the Governor content to let the tax situation along, he could have had a really easy Legislature. There good surplus growing, business is good, and the demands by the various State are no larger than anticipated. ever, the Governor felt that the best time we have ever revamp our tax structure. Each member of the Legislature has sent a copy of the Report of the Tax Study Commission to the Governor. The recommendations of the Highway Commission. Then now about old chestnuts concerned with the department of the General Assembly and separation of the prison from the State Highway Commission? load indeed.

WING? . . . At least one association planning a convention at Sir Walter during the last of May believes firmly that old battlefields on June 1st, consequently, has set up dates at a hostery in an- about knowing exactly, I would that the average Legislature in 20 years has run for about and-a-half months. the 1957 session does not until Wednesday, February can figure on the length of coming affair running the time See ROUNDUP, Page 2)

Orange Employment Up Average Wage \$47.88

Average monthly employment in Orange County during the second quarter of 1956 amounted to 3,713, the Employment Security Commission has reported. This was a gain of 7 percent over the first quarter. Total wages paid in Orange County during the second quarter reached \$2,311,015, with an average weekly wage of \$47.88, the ESC said. This is employment covered by the Employment Security Law. A breakdown of employment in construction totaled 242, with wages totaling \$165,527 for an average weekly earning of \$52.02. average employment in manufacturing amounted to 1,802, with wages totaling \$1,179,762, for an average weekly earning of \$50.36; employment in transportation and communication averaged 44, and total wages paid came to \$26,515; in trade, average employment was 986, and total wages came to \$562,965; in finance, insurance and real estate the average employment was 353 and total wages amounted to \$239,429; and in "service