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KIDD BREWER'S  
Raleigh  
Roundup

### White Bonus Checks Total \$124,326.51

White Furniture Company presented Christmas checks to its 457 employees in Hillsboro and Mebane, excluding executives, totaling \$124,326.51. This averaged \$272.05 per man. . . . All employees who have been with the company for a year, received checks equaling 4.65 per cent of their year's wages. Those who have been with the company as long as five years received 7.75 per cent of the year's pay. The 148 employees who have worked for the company over 10 years received checks equaling 9.7 per cent of their annual pay. Checks were also mailed to the 17 former employees who are now retired.

### TEN PER CENT

Of the many big fights expected to keep the Legislature in Raleigh until June, one of the biggest will likely come over teachers' determination to get a ten per cent increase in pay. . . . Since they have not had an increase in nearly five years, while everything else has gone up and up, the teachers are going to have many members of the Legislature slumping for them.

Consensus is that the State administration will not favor the ten per cent. If it should, the foundation stone of the Tax Study Commission—a decrease in State revenue of an estimated eight million dollars—would be in danger of tottering.

### OTHERS

Moreover, other State employees than teachers are in desperate need of a ten per cent increase in salary. It is good to talk about getting new industry and to make North Carolina attractive to unsettled industries looking for a place to land—but we must not do it to the neglect of the just dues of thousands of fine citizens who keep our State Government, our great institutions, and our far-flung school system in operation.

### FURTHER TREATMENT?

It may be decided in official quarters, but the word we get is that plays in the Pearsall Plan enacted by the special session of the General Assembly last summer are becoming apparent. . . . The Beveridge Plan may be given further consideration. Don't be surprised if several widely varying bills on the segregation question—now sleeping—are tossed into the hopper. . . . Extra braces, some underpinning, and a general tightening of the Pearsall Plan may claim quite a bit of time in the 1957 Legislature.

### LAWYERS AGAIN

As is almost always the case, the 1957 Legislature will be run by attorneys. There are 50 members of the State Senate. Of this number, 16 have never served in the State Senate before—and 12 of these 16 freshmen are lawyers. . . . There you go, Senator Kerr Scott will be sorry to hear that there will be less than a dozen full-fledged farmers among the 170 solons who will gather here a month hence. One of them, Roy Parker, is an outstanding newspaperman. Roy, from Ahoskie, beat out Farmer Charles Gordon Maddrey, who had served in the Legislatures of 1949, 51, 53, and 55. As for Newcomer Harlon Holcombe of Burnsville, he might—by a stretch of the imagination—be regarded as a Southern planter of sorts. He is an undertaker. Of 120 members of the House, 40 are freshmen. . . . Clay County's Vernon Martin is a school teacher. One of the blue ribbon freshmen in the House will be Watts Hill, Jr., of Durham, who is a banker.

### LIKE YOU AND ME

All in all, we will have 56 freshmen—for voting purpose exactly one-third—in the 1957 General Assembly. While a great majority of them are attorneys, they represent nearly every walk of life. They are not mental giants; and they are not dumberheads. Generally speaking, they are just good average people whom the folks back home have confidence in. . . . And, taken year-in-and-year-out, they will measure up to any other State legislative body in the Nation. They should, for the N. C. General Assembly—unshackled by veto—is one of the most powerful lawmaking bodies on earth.

### FIGHT SONG

This little five-year-old Raleigh 'boy came into the house humming the Star Spangled Banner, our national anthem. . . . That's the other fight song, Mother," he said proudly. . . . "Yes, it is our greatest fight song, son," said his mother. . . . "I like both of them," remarked the modern son, "both fight songs, Mother. The one that goes with (See ROUNDDUP, Page 2)

## Farm Income Increased \$872,000 Last Year; Tobacco Changes Threaten Near Equal Loss

### Favorable Weather Gets Credit For Bringing Big Share Of Gain

Farm income in Orange County was increased about \$872,000 during the past year, according to information prepared recently by the County Agent's office for presentation to the county Agricultural and Industrial Development Commission. . . . Favorable weather conditions were given major credit for the substantial increase. . . . Gains were reported in seven out of 13 farm categories; dairy \$100,000, poultry (eggs) \$200,000, blue cured tobacco \$250,000, automatic tobacco (an experiment) \$1,500, feed grains \$300,000, sheep \$2,500, an alfalfa hay \$18,000. . . . No gains were reported in hogs, beef cattle, home food supply, vegetables, forestry and lespedeza seed.

### Child Killed By Playmate With Shotgun

Ben Franklin Roark, 7, of West Hillsboro died instantly of a gunshot wound around noon on Sunday. . . . He and another child, Johnny Hicks, 8, son of Pete Hicks, were playing with a 20-gauge shotgun when it accidentally discharged, the load striking the child in the face. The loaded gun had been left on the couch in the living room. . . . Assistant Coroner G. A. Cannady ruled the death accidental and said no inquest will be held. . . . Funeral services were held at the Fairview Baptist Church Tuesday afternoon with the Rev. Leo Barnes and the Rev. John Terrell conducting interment was in the Hillsboro Cemetery. . . . Surviving are the parents, Mr. and Mrs. Cecil Roark; two sisters, Pat and Debra Kay of the home; the maternal grandfather, W. C. Hicks of Hillsboro; and the paternal grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Will Roark of Greensboro.

### Heavy Loss In Accidents In December

Northern Orange County's 12 highway accidents during the month of December resulted in four deaths, 15 persons injured and \$11,252 in property damage. . . . Patrolman M. J. Norris, who compiled the monthly summary, said it was the "worst" month ever recalled locally from the standpoint of highway safety. . . . He sent the statistics for the year 1956 soaring above the previous year's, he said. Summaries for previous months were not immediately available for comparison. . . . Panel Discussion Slated At CP PTA . . . Tonight there will be a panel discussion at the Cameron Park Parents Association at 7:30 o'clock in the school cafeteria. . . . This will be the first really business meeting of the P.T.A. since it has been organized. All parents are urged to attend and take part in the discussion of "What We Want To Accomplish In Our P.T.A." . . . The panel, composed of Harry P. Breeze, Miss Annie Cameron, Mrs. C. H. Reckard, Dr. N. L. Mauroner and David Baird will discuss "What Do YOU Want Your P.T.A. To Do?"

### Meeting Set For Tonight On Tobacco

In view of impending tobacco acreage allotment cuts and a 50% reduction in support prices on certain varieties, tonight's general meeting of tobacco growers at Aycock school assumes special importance. . . . Opening time is 7:30 p.m. . . . Men from the State College Tobacco Extension Department, the Oxford Experiment Station, and the Tobacco Stabilization Corporation will be on hand to discuss the outlook for 1957, the best varieties to plant, the effect of the 50% reduction on certain varieties and other problems affecting the industry, which is the State's and this county's principal agricultural crop. . . . A good crowd is expected. . . . It has been estimated by County Agent Don Matheson that the loss of income from acreage reduction and the support cut for Orange County grower could approximate \$700,000. . . . In a recent interview Matheson said he hesitated to advise tobacco growers what to do in the present situation. "I don't pose as an expert in this very healthy problem." . . . He said he can see several alternatives, none of them "very rosy." . . . "The small farmer with five acres or less of tobacco, can put it all in the Soil Bank and try to get a job in industry. . . . The large landlord with tenants can get rid of a tenant and still have a fair amount of tobacco." . . . He said, however, he expected most leaf producers would "go ahead and try to make another crop." . . . He said he would urge Orange County tobacco growers to add other farm enterprises where possible. . . . "There seems to be a fair market for eggs," he noted in this connection, "and for feeder pigs." . . . Matheson also hesitated to advise growers about what variety of tobacco they should plant next year. "Farmers do have a choice of several disease-resistant varieties, but all of them have certain disadvantages. You can't even say these disadvantages are universal. Some farmers get better results than others with the same variety."



FIRST IN '57—Orange County's first baby of the new year, made his entrance five hours and five minutes after the infant year closed on the scene. The baby boy, as yet unnamed, was born nine days early to Mrs. Paul Lee, the former Betty Ray, of Orange Grove Road, Hillsboro, at Memorial Hospital January 1 at 5:05 a.m. Mrs. Lee has four other children, Skippy 14, Larry 13, Nancy 11 and Danny, 18 months. Roland Giduz Photo

### Grange Youth Group Attends Conference

Mr. and Mrs. C. F. Wilkerson chaperoned a group of Schley young people to the Grange Youth Winter Conference held in Elkin, on December 28 and 29. . . . There were 70 young people from all parts of North Carolina attending. Those attending from Schley were: Mr. and Mrs. C. F. Wilkerson and daughter, Ann Wilkerson, Patsy Latta, Sarah Kenyon, Billy Latta, Bobby Joe Miller, Paul Wilson, Jim Johnson and Billy Mincey. . . . The conference opened in regular Grange session at which time they conducted the business. A buffet lunch was served. . . . A panel discussion on Personal Development, Faith, Hope, Charity, and Fidelity was the highlight of the afternoon. A Banquet and square dancing concluded the first day of the conference. The Wilkes County Grange members furnished lodging for the night. . . . The following day consisted of business session and making resolutions for Youth Grange. Officers of the State Grange Youth were elected. This concluded the conference and the youth went their separate ways. They will meet again at Grange Youth Camp next summer.

### MRS. GILLIN TO SPEAK

Mrs. John P. Gillin will be the speaker when the Carrboro Civic Club holds its first regular meeting of the new year next Wednesday at 3 p.m. in the club room. . . . Mrs. Gillin will speak on "South America." All members are urged to attend and visitors are encouraged to come for this meeting.

### Light Interest Noted To Date In Public Recreation Program

Little public reaction has been noted to date to the calling of a referendum this winter on the setting up of a public recreation program in the Chapel Hill area. . . . A formal hearing on the matter is to be held before the County Commissioners tonight at 7:30 o'clock in the court room of the Chapel Hill Town Hall. At that time the Board may confirm or reset the boundaries of the District, according to those set out in the 1955 General Assembly Enabling Act, which provided for the referendum. . . . The issue to be voted upon will

### NEW VFW MEETING PLACE

The newly organized Carrboro VFW post has moved its meeting place to the Tillman Store building on Highway 54, according to an announcement yesterday. The first meeting in the new location will be tonight at 7:30 o'clock. . . . The group will hold a dance Saturday night in the Carrboro School auditorium from 8 until 12 o'clock with the John Simpson String Band providing the music.

### SUNDAY EVENING SERVICES

A new series of Sunday evening services to continue for the first Sunday in each month will begin at the Hillsboro Methodist Church this week, the Rev. William Seawell announced yesterday. . . . The program will include an informal message by the pastor and will begin at 7:30 o'clock.

### Meeting Set For Poultry Organization

An effort will be made to organize a Central Carolina Poultry Association at a meeting to be held at the Chatham County Agriculture Building in Pittsboro today at 2 p.m. . . . County Agents have been asked to invite interested poultry raisers in the following counties: Wake, Orange, Lee, Harnett, Moore, Alamance, Randolph, Durham, Person, Granville, Union and Chatham. . . . Chatham Farm Agent J. B. Snipes said, "We think that such an organization would do much to further the interest of the poultry industry in this section of the state. We are hopeful that a poultry organization will be set up and officers elected at this meeting."

### "Barbed Wire Preacher"

Editor's Note: The Rev. Bill Rittenhouse is a former resident of Hillsboro. His sister is Mrs. Harold Culbreth who lives at Oconeechee Farm here.) . . . By KAY McLEOD . . . In The Atlanta Constitution . . . As a youngster, Bill Rittenhouse resented being "a preacher's kid." He had decided that he was going to be a doctor and had even done his pre-med work at Stetson University. . . . But, along came World War II and a bombing raid that exploded into a nightmare with Bill waking up in a German prison camp in Romania with both legs broken. . . . Thus, began an era in Bill's life that he can now look back on objectively, but then the only thought in the minds of Bill and his buddies was survival. . . . During the fight for survival, Bill made a far-reaching decision and as a result he is the Rev. Bill Rittenhouse, pastor of the Sylvan Hills Baptist Church, today. . . . Choice For TV . . . "This prison camp period of his life has been chosen by the ABC-TV program 'Crossroads' as the subject of one of its half-hour filmed shows which deal with ministers who have 'served' over and above the call of duty." . . . In the Nazi prison during 1944, Bill's decision to become a preacher wasn't relegated to the far-off future. He started preaching right then to his prison mates. . . . Bill has the distinction of being one of the few men who ever broke out of one prison only to break into another. . . . During those bleak days, Bill many times left Stalag Two to "break into" Stalag Tree so he could act as chaplain to the Americans imprisoned there. . . . After the war, Bill came back to the United States and began his training for the ministry. . . . Duke Ph.D. . . . After receiving his Ph.D. de-

### Cross Burner Exposed; Faces Charge Monday

A 25-year-old Hillsboro man was arrested Monday for burning a cross in the yard of a local home in which Dr. Frank Graham was visiting. . . . William Bolk "Billy" Cheshire, former serviceman, now a University of North Carolina student, son of Mr. and Mrs. James Cheshire of Hillsboro, told officers he did it as a prank to let Dr. Graham know how he felt about him. . . . The "prank" will gain Cheshire the notoriety of becoming the first person to be tried under a 1953 law designed to curb the Ku Klux Klan. . . . The law, a result of the Klan excesses in Columbus County, makes it a crime to burn or cause to be burned a cross on property of another person without the consent of the person who owns or lives on the property. . . . The penalty is left to the discretion of the trial judge. . . . The cross-burning took place at the home of Mrs. Cheshire Webb, Dr. Graham's sister-in-law, in Hillsboro between 2:30 and 3 a.m. last Friday. The volunteer fire department and most of the Webb household were aroused by a woman's telephone calls. Dr. Graham, special United Nations representative and former president of the University of North Carolina, slept through it all. . . . Orange County Sheriff Odell Clayton and Director James Powell of the State Bureau of Investigation indicated Cheshire bungled things so badly that he easily was traced. . . . He poured so much kerosene on the cross that it dripped. Sheriff Clayton said he was able to follow the drip marks from the Webb home in the direction of and to a point near the nearby residence of Lucius M. Cheshire, in whose home, the Sheriff said, the accused has been staying. . . . He failed to rig the cross to burn completely. Some of the old bed sheets in which it was wrapped were only partly consumed. Officers, inspecting the remains, found laundry marks with the initials "LMC". . . . Confronted with evidence in the case, Sheriff Clayton said Cheshire admitted constructing the cross in the basement of the Lucius Cheshire home, carrying it to the Webb yard and then making the telephone calls which led to his discovery. He said other members of the family were asleep and knew nothing of the affair. . . . The Cheshire and Webb families have had close family ties for several generations. Cheshire's grandmother was an aunt of the late Cheshire Webb. Both are leading members of the nearby St. Matthews Episcopal Church in Hillsboro and young Cheshire's late grandfather was a Bishop in the N. C. Diocese. (See CROSS BURNER, Page 3)

### SCHOOL TIME TABLE

The Architects, Croft and Hammond, have set the following tentative time schedule for the submission of their plans for the new Carrboro Elementary School. . . . January 7, presentation to the county board; January 15, completion of final drawings; February 7, presentation to State Board of Education for approval; February 21, opening of bids.

### Bill Rittenhouse Story Set For TV

Bill Rittenhouse's story of his life in a German prison camp during World War II will be shown on TV. . . . The story which has been titled "Barbed Wire Preacher" will star Scott Brady. A definite play-date has not been established, but the story will be shown over WLVA here.

### March Of Dimes Quota For County Is \$10,000

Orange County's quota for the March of Dimes campaign, to be conducted all this month, will be \$10,000. . . . E. Carrington Smith, perennial chairman of the drive for funds to combat infantile paralysis, said the campaign will open here this morning. Last year's drive for \$10,000 was surpassed by about \$1,000, he noted, and every quota in the past has been met. . . . Despite this, Orange County has always received more money from the National Foundation for Infantile Paralysis than it has contributed in the fund drives, according to Mr. Smith. . . . He pointed out that this past year three new cases of polio occurred in Orange County, and that funds from the forthcoming drive would go toward the care of these cases. . . . Appeal letters with return envelopes will be sent out to about 3,000 persons in Chapel Hill and Carrboro. Miss Sarah Umstead and girls in the "Rec" Club are already assembling and stamping these letters. . . . In Carrboro the drive will be conducted under the leadership of Mrs. Jesse West, and in northern Orange County, Sheriff Odell Clayton will again be campaign Chairman. . . . Mr. Smith said that several special drives would be staged within the campaign, including the road-block solicitation by the Jaycees and a benefit basketball game.