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## KIDD BREWER'S Raleigh Roundup

With a score of newsmen and radio technicians arm'd and ready for television cameras lighting down upon him, Governor Luther Hodges holds his press conference in the hall of the House Representatives here.

It is fair game for any questioner, and, as a rule, he answers promptly, surely, and with a minimum of word-searching. At a question came up the other day which he would not discuss. That was the matter of running against W. Kerr Scott in the U. S. Senate in 1960, the year of his regime—and the year of his time in office. He said point-blank he wasn't going to talk about it.

Nevertheless, everyone here believes he is running in the sense that candidates usually run for office—but in the manner that J. M. Broughton ran for the U. S. Senate while Governor. Also, much in the same manner, W. Kerr Scott prepared himself for going before the people in should the opportunity present itself.

Light laid his plans by an aggressive educational program which saw our North Carolina schools go from eight months to ten and our grades from a top eleven to twelve. Governor Scott's built his platform upon a network of rural roads.

M. Broughton assumed office in January of 1941. W. Kerr Scott's ended in 1952. Thus the terms of these two Governors, and Gregg Cherry's four years (1945-49) embraced all of 1940-50.

But in those years from 1940 to 1950, when we were extending our educational program and building our vast network of highways, our fine schools were lagging in many ways. The best college graduates, generally speaking, moved away from us to states offering them more money and a brighter future. Our per capita income, already found even lower levels. So much of the decade—the forty of it—came during the years, our mills ran over and our economy boomed. The same spent millions in North Carolina.

However, it is admitted now that we didn't keep pace with the other Southern states in their new industry. Speaking to the local civic club here last week, George P. Geoghegan—regional president of Wachovia Bank Trust Co.—said North Carolina did not gain, but actually lost 300,000 in population between 1940 and 1950.

Sometimes, some other states are almost doubling their population.

Geoghegan is heading up a seven-county Capital Area Development program similar to Northern North Carolina's plan which has meant so much to that part of the State. There, as Wachovia Bank and Trust was in the forefront of the plan. Geoghegan said further that we are lagging behind the national trend in solving farm problems created by mechanization and declining markets for some products. We are not growing as fast as some other Southern states.

So, Governor Luther Hodges' work is, as we have seen, cut out for him. His form in any campaign against Scott must be based largely on his efforts to expand North Carolina's economy, raise our per capita income, bring in more industry and create more right here home. His first move in that direction is tied to the Tax Study Commission Report. You will serve more of its unfolding in Governor's inaugural address in some particular bills coming before the Legislature about a month from now.

As the Governor is running against the man who has already announced himself as a candidate for the same position he holds. He is running in the way J. M. Broughton ran. See ROUNDUP Page 2.



Fire destroys 6-room home of Tommy Roberts family

## School Tax Supplement Given Airing

Amid increasing indications that the County School Board may call for a County-wide vote on a special tax supplement outside the Chapel Hill School District, school leaders of Carrboro and other units of the County met Friday night to air the problem.

Most definite reaction stemming from the spirited discussion which took place among the approximately 50 leaders present was that Carrboro is ready and anxious for a test now on the tax question while many County leaders are undecided whether efforts to pass a county-wide tax now would be successful.

Further, there was the definite impression that Carrboro leaders would not be averse to "helping the county" pass such a supplement but are strongly opposed to such a County vote if it would reduce the amount of money which would accrue to the district if Carrboro were set up as a separate tax district.

Mrs. Jesse West of the Carrboro School committee said, "The people of Carrboro are ready to vote for a supplement and a County-wide vote would upset these plans." On the other hand, Chairman Carl Ellington of the Committee, while making it clear that "We want to be good neighbors," made it clear he thought Carrboro might lose under the per capita distribution proposed by the County and indicated he and the others were opposed to this.

Under a proposed supplementary tax distribution plan passed out to the group by Superintendent G. Paul Carr, a 15-cent per \$100 tax on the estimated \$214 property valuation outside the Chapel Hill Special Tax District would raise \$7,821, of which Carrboro would get \$5,765. White Cross \$1,695, and Chapel Hill \$6,104, as its proportionate share for students from outside the district now attending without paying the supplementary tax.

At the outset, Superintendent Carr explained the background of the present dilemma relative to Carrboro, White Cross and the Chapel Hill district, which Carrboro seeks to resolve by setting up its own tax district. Carr explained that White Cross, now in a separate district, could not hold an election under the law unless it was joined to the Carrboro district and told of another small area around Calvander in which the Negro children go to Chapel Hill and the White children go to Hillsboro.

School Board Member Clarence Jones appealed for a County-wide supplement, calling it the only way to settle the "fringe area" problems and to eliminate "the fusing and back-biting" over areas which is now prevalent. (See SCHOOL TAX, Page 4)

## Schools Reopen Today

## Fire Destroys Home During Icy Interlude

Orange County was expected to return to normalcy today after a two-day freeze which tied up traffic and closed the schools.

Schools were scheduled to reopen this morning as the higher temperatures yesterday were expected to clear the routes.

Major tragedy of the period was the fire which destroyed the six-room of the Tommy Roberts family on the northern outskirts of Hillsboro about midnight Tuesday night.

Fanned by the driving sub-freezing wind, the fire was far out of control before ice-bound firemen could arrive at the scene. Nothing of value was saved and Roberts counted himself lucky he was able to get his wife and five young children out of the house before it became a roaring holocaust.

Firemen who manned the Orange County Rural Fire truck were able to keep the fire from spreading to neighboring homes nearby.

Roberts, who was described as one of the hardest working colored residents of the community, works for several local firms in addition to the Eno Plant of Cone Mills. He had just recently bought one of the company houses and moved it to the site between Highway 70 and 70-A and joined it to his smaller home to make the 6-room structure. It was partially covered by insurance. Origin of the fire could not be determined.

A number of minor accidents and collisions were reported by officers but damage was not great and miraculously there were no injuries reported.

Officials said slow driving probably saved many persons from bruises and cuts.

Youngsters got their first chance at sledding this winter and gaily were reported in these circles.

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NEW ACTIVITY BUS—A group of seniors, above, get the first view of the new school activity bus purchased by students and supporters of Central School at Hillsboro when it arrived on the campus here Monday.

# \$94,280 In Acreage Reserve Funds To Be Allotted On Basis Of 'First Come, First Served'

## County Given This Amount For '57 Use

Orange County has been allotted \$94,280 in the Acreage Reserve phase of the Soil Bank program and individual farmer allocations agreement will be accepted on a "first come, first served" basis on February 1.

Of this amount, \$89,741 has been allotted for flue-cured tobacco growers and \$4,566 for cotton farmers, these being the only two acreage-controlled crops in the county.

Details of the 1957 acreage reserve phase of the Soil Bank program were given to local Agricultural Stabilization and Conservation office personnel in Greensboro earlier this week and the amount of this county's allocation was received here yesterday.

This year's 20% acreage cut and the additional 50% price support cut in three varieties of tobacco have sent interest in the availability of soil bank payments soaring in recent weeks.

The procedure for obtaining Soil Bank acreage reserve funds for removing certain lands from production will begin at the local ASC office at 7 o'clock on the morning of February 1. Farmers wishing to sign agreements will be given slips in the order of their application for the funds and these agreements will be filed and considered in that order.

ASC personnel emphasized that the agreements will definitely be signed on a "first come, first served basis." If the allotment for this county is exhausted two hours after the local office opens on February 1, no more agreements will be signed. However, applications will still be taken until March 1. Funds for any agreements signing which are later turned down by the County ASC Committee, which must review them, will go back in line.

## New Central Activity Bus Is In Service

The faculty, student body and supporters of Central School saw a two-year old dream come true this week when a new activity bus rolled up on the campus.

Two years ago this school decided that an activity bus was needed to solve the problem of transportation for the athletic teams, the band, the glee club and other school organizations. The need was so acute at that time until they immediately purchased and old retired school bus which has been used up until this week.

This new bus was secured at a cost of \$4567.00. The school has already raised \$2711.00, and at the present time groups at the school are conducting various projects so that the balance can be paid off as soon as possible. Patrons who wish to assist the school with this project should contact J. M. Murfrees, chairman of the Activity Bus Committee.



NEW EXCHANGE OFFICERS—pictured following their installation last Thursday night were: (foreground) Clarence Mangum, left, and Joe Rosemond, exchanging gavel; background, left to right, George Cannady, J. L. Brown Jr., Joe Hughes, Quentin Patterson and W. E. Kennedy.

## Joe Rosemond New Exchange Club President

Joe Rosemond assumed the presidency of the Hillsboro Exchange Club during installation ceremonies at last Thursday night's meeting at Colonial Inn.

A lifelong resident of Hillsboro who has been active in Exchange activities for a number of years, Rosemond succeeded W. Clarence Mangum.

In charge of the installation was Buck Hutchinson, prominent Durham Exchangeite.

Other officers installed following their election by fellow club members were Quentin Patterson secretary, Joe P. Hughes, treasurer, W. E. Kennedy, George Cannady and J. L. Brown Jr., members of the Board of Control. R. J. Smith Jr. was elected vice president.

## Work Gets Underway On Radio Relay Tower

Work got underway this week on the 120-foot radio relay tower being built by the U. S. Army on Cates Mountain, south of Hillsboro.

Corps of Engineer officials termed the project "vital to our defense and time of the essence" in requesting a 10-year lease on the property which the county-owned property already leased to the State Forestry Department for 50 years.

Little information could be obtained locally about the project which is expected to be completed in about four weeks.

## CIVIL TERM

Twenty-three civil actions have been placed on the docket for action next week at the regular January session of Orange County Superior Court.

Judge J. B. Craven Jr. of Morriston will be on the bench.

## Mrs. Cruciani New Acting Welfare Chief

Mrs. Frances Cruciani, a case worker assistant in the department for the past two years, yesterday assumed the duties of acting superintendent of the Orange County Department of Public Welfare.

She succeeded Mrs. Sallie White of Chapel Hill, the only fully ranked case worker in the department since the departure of Mrs. Jane Parker as superintendent on November 1 of last year. Mrs. White submitted her resignation some time ago to be effective on January 15.

The wife of a Law School senior at the University of North Carolina, Mrs. Cruciani is a graduate of the Woman's College of the University at Greensboro, where she majored in sociology. She resides with her husband on Chapel Hill, Route 2.

The Board of Welfare has sought to fill the office of Superintendent with an experienced public welfare administrator since Mrs. Parker's resignation last September, but without success.

In another personnel change in the department, announcement was made of the appointment of Mrs. Mavis Conn of Durham, who has assumed duties of case work assistant, replacing Mrs. Vivian Foushee, who has received a six-month leave of absence. She is a former school teacher and has had no previous experience in welfare work. She is a Wake Forest College graduate.

## ELECTED

J. G. Goodwin Sr. was elected vice chairman of the Patients' Service Regional Committee for the Gravelly Sanatorium at a meeting of the group at the sanatorium recently.

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## Dimes Drive Being Pushed In This Area

The March of Dimes campaign for the National Foundation For Infantile Paralysis is well underway in the Northern Orange Area according to Sheriff O. H. Clayton, campaign chairman for the fund drive.

Appeal letters to citizens throughout the area are being put in the mail today and a number of fund raising events are being planned.

A Brunswick stew dinner followed by a cake sale for the benefit of the March of Dimes will be held by the women of the Carr Community at Compton's Store this coming Saturday. The dinner will be from 11 to 1. The cake sale will start at 1 o'clock.

A basket ball game will be held at Aycock High School next Friday night, Jan. 25, at 7:30 o'clock and immediately following there will be a cake sale with all proceeds going towards the March of Dimes.

Chairman Clayton urged every family who gets a letter to return their contribution in the special return envelope as soon as possible and persons who do not receive a letter should contribute by mailing it directly to the chairman at box 371, Hillsboro, or contribute otherwise to this worthy cause through their club or in one of the coin containers placed throughout the area.

## Orange HDC President On Tour Of United Nations With Group

Mrs. Paul Snyder, President, Calvander Home Demonstration club, left Saturday morning, January 12, for New York to take part in the fourth annual North Carolina Home Demonstration United Nations Study tour. Miss Jessie Trowbridge, home demonstration agent, announced today, Mrs. Snyder joined women from all over North Carolina in Raleigh.

The purpose of the tour is to study the United Nations, its purpose, Organization and policies, first hand. Originally the tour was designed to teach home demonstration club women about the United Nations so that they could return home and help others to become actively

interested in supporting it, and to help build strong, well-informed citizens in the rural communities in North Carolina.

Some of the events of the tour other than United Nations sessions include dining in foreign restaurants, visiting the Statue of Liberty, riding subways, Radio City Music Hall performance, and free time to see some of the Broadway plays.

Highlights of the United Nations sessions which will be attended by the women include speeches by Dr. Frank Graham, member of the Trusteeship Council of the United Nations, and Mrs. Eleanor Roosevelt—a tour of the United Nations Sile Club.