

KIDD BREWER'S Raleigh Roundup

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THE NEWS . . . People of State read so much about Sen. Kerr Scott's vigorous anti-public statements and his pronouncements on matters governmental that they have lost sight of the personal items of W. Kerr Scott and his family.

SCOTT'S SON . . . Robert—a State college alumnus living and farming in Alamance County—was recently voted Young Farmer of the State in that section of the State.

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Commissioners In Agreement

Board Removes Protested Areas, Calls Recreation Vote For April 2

A referendum on the public recreation issue is scheduled to be held in a reduced Chapel Hill town and suburban area on April 2 as a result of deliberations of the Orange County Board of Commissioners in Hillsboro Monday.

The four commissioners were unanimous in agreeing on the reduction of the tax district and also on the date for the election—which was recommended by the County's bond-attorneys in New York City.

All persons concerned with the recreation issue seemed united Monday in agreeing to leaving out outlying sectors of the proposed recreation district, particularly the Town of Carrboro.

Only discussion Monday centered around elimination of a small area within the town of Carrboro which is also in the Chapel Hill School district. This was removed along with the rest of Carrboro.

However, the issue to be voted upon in the new District will be the same: Whether or not the taxpayers of the District wish to authorize the County Commissioners to levy a tax of up to \$1.10 per \$100 valuation for administration of a public recreation program, and further to authorize the commissioners to levy such tax as may be necessary to float a bond issue of up to \$250,000 for construction of recreation facilities.

Mr. Childress, Past President of the Chapel Hill Jaycees and original Chairman of the Club's Recreation Committee which initiated the move for the referendum, led the way in proposing that the outlying areas be left out of the District as originally proposed. Emphasizing that he was writing only in his own behalf, Mr. Childress sent a letter to Acting Board Chairman Dwight Ray this weekend, suggesting that the Commissioners reduce the District's size.

800 Wanted Out. Petitions signed by an estimated 1,100 persons in the Mt. Moriah, Carrboro, White Cross, Smith Level, and Mt. Carmel neighborhoods were presented to the County Commissioners on Jan. 25 at a special meeting in Hillsboro. All of these asked that their territories be left out of the area in which the vote will be held.

Schley Grange Opposes Auto Inspection

Resolutions and recommendations for a Highway Safety Program have been adopted by Schley Grange and submitted to members of the Legislature from Orange County and to State Grange Master Harry Caldwell.

A resolution opposing mechanical inspection of motor vehicles at this time was adopted, and recommendations strongly urging that action be taken in-kind to strengthen and expand the program.

Other recommendations favored and adopted were: 1—Present laws be used to their full extent. 2—Spot announcements be made on radio and television bringing out particular points on safe driving.

3—That Highway Patrol cars continue to be marked so that they are recognizable as such. 4—A law requiring every owner of a motor vehicle to have liability insurance sufficient to cover any reasonable amount of damages for which he might be responsible, before license plates can be issued to such owner.



EAGLE MASONIC LODGE NO. 19 INSTALLS NEW OFFICERS. Shown above are the newly installed officers who will serve Eagle Lodge No. 19, A. F. and A. M., of Hillsboro during the current year. Front row left to right—Everett Forrest, Senior Warden; Wayland Sharps, Master; Mozell Harris, Junior Warden; Delma Brown, Senior Deacon; second row—Grady Brown, Chaplain; N. L. Mauroner, Senior Deacon; Burch Compton, Steward; Ralph Thomas, Tyler; Back row—H. O. Bivins, out going P. M.; Chandler Cates, Secretary; Not present are—George Smith, Treasurer and the Rev. L. W. Pettit, Steward.

County Farm Agent Matheson Asked To Attend Dam Hearing

County Farm Agent Don S. Matheson was directed Monday by the County Commissioners to attend the Army Engineers hearing in Fayetteville this Friday on the Cape Fear Flood Control Dam project.

Mr. Matheson said he felt Orange County would certainly oppose the construction of a dam across the New Hope Creek at its top proposed level of 259 feet above sea level. But he said he felt Orange would not need to take a stand on either of the other proposals to build the dam at a lower level inasmuch as they would affect the County very little.

The Commissioners asked Mr. Matheson to act in an advisory capacity to them on the New Hope dam proposition. He said that his survey data on how the project would affect the County was being consolidated with a report made up by Chapel Hill Town Manager Thomas D. Rose.

Mr. Matheson was authorized to fill several vacancies on the Orange County Agricultural and Industrial Commission. The County Board recently re-appointed all 23 members of this group, however several persons have since stated they did not wish to serve another term.

Club Formed For Studying Of Investments

Thirteen Hillsboro men held a meeting Monday night in the board room of the old Courthouse and organized the Hillsboro Investment Club, an affiliate of the National Association of Investment Clubs.

Ira Ward was elected president, G. P. Garr, vice president, John P. Ballard, secretary and Ted Smith treasurer-agent. Other members are Chandler Cates, R. F. Warren, R. J. Smith Jr., Wayland Sharpe, Kay C. Winecoff, Bernard F. Allison, W. Clarence Mangum, Charles J. James and Dr. H. W. Moore.

The purposes of the organization are: 1. To educate members in the fundamental principles and techniques of sound investment practices. 2. Enable members to invest surplus funds mutually. 3. Follow the growth theory of investment. 4. Invest regularly and take advantage of compound interest.

Record Closed On Cheshire Cross Burning

Hillsboro and Orange County's glorious heritage and its illustrious sons of antiquity received eloquent homage, "even-handed justice" of distinguished jurists in the past got a boost, the late Bishop Cheshire "than whom no one was ever finer" came in for new glory, and 25-year-old William Polk "Billy" Cheshire was fined \$10 and costs for burning a cross last December in the yard of Mrs. Eliza Webb.

It all happened last Monday morning in Orange County Recorder's Court, Judge L. J. Phipps presiding.

Town Board Grants Telephone Firm New 30-Year Franchise

Carr Tells Commissioners Request May Come For County-Wide Tax Vote

Superintendent G. Paul Carr advised the Board of County Commissioners Monday that they may be requested to call for a county-wide election on a supplementary school tax at its next meeting on March 4.

Carr appeared to advise the Commissioners of developments in the school tax issue and to appraise them of the possibility of such a call. The Board of Education, he said, is now around to the position that a supplement is needed throughout the county.

He said it would be desirable "if we can get the Carrboro folks to agree to calling an election for the county as a whole for a county-wide 15c supplement."

Following an earlier meeting with the Carrboro District Committee last week, Carr said that the committee said flatly it would not agree to going in with the rest of the county on a 15c supplement, paying all tuition required by the Chapel Hill unit and sharing equally with the county in the remainder of the tax; would not agree to paying to Chapel Hill tuition on certain fringe area students in the Hillsboro White School district who now attend the Chapel Hill-Negro School in the event a supplement vote should pass in Carrboro and fails in the

County; and took under advisement the question of inviting the White Cross district in with Carrboro in the event of the calling of an election in that area alone. The school board took no official action on the question at Monday's meeting, but agreed a decision would have to be made by March 4 if an election is to be held by the first week in June, as has been proposed.

Board Approves Two Sites For Gym

The Board of Education on Monday approved the location of proposed new gymnasium buildings for both Hillsboro High and Central Schools.

At Hillsboro, the board accepted the recommendation of a special committee from the State Department of Public Instruction for location of the proposed 85 x 110 foot structure just back of the bus parking lot to the west of the school, parallel to new Hazel Street and reaching back to the present athletic field. The architect was instructed to proceed with preliminary drawings for the building and to make a study of the cost of moving an 8-inch water

main which now crosses the site. At Central, the board turned down the recommendation of two sites by the State consultants, headed by Marvin Johnson, and decided to locate the gymnasium at the back of the present cafeteria and proceed with construction as rapidly as possible. Other sites recommended would have necessitated the removal or tearing down of existing buildings.

In other action, the board endorsed the legislative program of the State Board of Education, including pay raises for teachers and forwarded implementing resolutions to the Governor and members of the legislature.

Crime Prevention Week Opens Sunday; Exchange Club Sponsor

Sunday, Feb. 10, will mark the beginning of the 10th annual observance of National Crime Prevention Week in Hillsboro under the sponsorship of the Exchange Club.

Mayor Ben Johnston has issued a proclamation to emphasize the event. Opening day on the 7-day observance calendar has been designated as Go-To-Church Sunday. In an appeal for record church attendance that day by Hillsboro residents, Crime Prevention Week Chairman John W. Dickson of the local club, emphasized the importance of regular church attendance as a deterrent to crime and juvenile delinquency. Members of Exchange Club will go in a group to Methodist

Church, along with the home and the school, is one of the three major bulwarks against the encroachments of crime on our society," he said. "Our nation's stand against the criminal element is greatly dependent on the combined strength of all three. Every churchgoer helps to strengthen and assure the continued beneficent influence the church brings to bear on the problem." Dickson said. In another activity scheduled for the week, Sheriff Odell Clayton will conduct the "School Day" program at Hillsboro High School next Tuesday. The Mayor's proclamation was as follows: (See CRIME, Page 4)

Schley Legion Annual Supper On Saturday

Schley American Legion Post 452 will hold its annual barbecue-brunswick stew supper and social this Saturday night. Supper will be from 5:30 to 7:30 o'clock and the social from 8 to 10:30 o'clock in the Schley Grange Hall.

Legionaire Everett H. Kennedy heads the Food Committee; Legionaire J. Frank Ray heads the ticket committee and Legionaire Clarence Hines heads the music committee. Anyone desiring tickets can secure them from any member of Schley Post No. 452. Legionaires of Post No. 452 pay special tribute to the Schley Auxiliary. Nothing goes on there unless these fine ladies pitch in and make the event click.

Schley Post No. 452 recently sponsored a "Back To God" Service at Walnut Grove Church. This was one as part of the national movement now being pushed by the American Legion. Also, The Schley Post is co-sponsor of the oratorical contest now in progress at the Hillsboro High School, and is expecting to have a contestant from Aycock High School.

Takes Company To Task For Poor Service

The Hillsboro town board Tuesday night granted a 30-year franchise to the Morris Telephone Company to operate here, but served notice it will go to the State Utilities Commission in eight months with a formal protest unless the company installs "adequate equipment in Hillsboro and the adjoining area so as to render adequate service to this community."

The board approved the 30-year agreement on "second reading" at the request of the company, which has operated here since 1928 without benefit of franchise. The original franchise was granted in 1905 and was never renewed.

No public notice was given of the first or second reading of the agreement and no minutes were available Tuesday night of the January meeting during which the first reading was held.

Morris' Attorney P. W. Gildewell Jr. of Reidsville said the company needed the franchise because the insurance companies from which it sought to borrow money for needed expansion demanded that it have a valid franchise from the municipality.

Town Attorney A. H. Graham, speaking directly to Gildewell and company manager Walter Murray, said: "We've been putting up with the poorest telephone service of any place in the country," and suggested a six months showdown with the company before approval of the franchise.

"It is embarrassing to this board to grant a 30-year franchise to a company that has not been giving good service," he charged. "These gentlemen and the community have been long suffering." Gildewell said an overall improvement program had been outlined to the Utilities Commission and approved. "We're doing all we can to give you what you want."

Mr. Graham said if the company didn't have adequate financing, "Maybe, you ought to sell out." He suggested that Southern Bell or General Telephone Company (See FRANCHISE, Page 4)

Wildcats Top Fuquay Team

Hillsboro High grabbed an early lead and held it all the way here Friday night to knock off favored Fuquay High, 62-49, in an Eastern Class AA District Three contest.

Coach Fred Clayton's Wildcats took a 15-10 first quarter lead and topped it to 32-23 at the half. Center George Forrest paced Hillsboro with 17 points, Garland Sangler, the conference's top scorer, was right behind with 16. Fred (See WILDCATS, Page 4)

'Charity', Ancient Heritage Have Day In Court

Jones and Clyde Hughes, the neighbors. The Sheriff, the only witness for the State, told of the cross burning episode, details of which are now well known, of the tracing of the oil drippings and the tell-tale laundry mark which led to Cheshire's admission of guilt.

Pettit said he could affirm Billy to be faithful in his devotion and attendance at St. Matthews Episcopal Church and a communicant in good standing. Hughes who said he was slightly deaf spoke his lines well and drew good laughter. Said he had known Billy since "he was knee high to a duck" and considered his general character and reputation good; Jones, who hadn't known him quite that long, just since he was three, had always found him "a friendly and polite boy" and considered him welcome in his home.

Reade then addressed himself to the bench, said there was "nothing inherently wrong in what he did," said he had just "unwillingly" or "unwittingly" (the acoustics went bad for the reporter at this point) violated the law, didn't intend to "intimidate or frighten" anybody, drew a tear-jerking analogy between the Cheshire cross burning and some "Buffaloes" back at Trinity College in 1917 who later fought in the first World War and brought glory to North Carolina, and ended with dramatic pleas liberally sprinkled with Longfellow and 13th Corinthians.

Solicitor Cole said he couldn't "agree with Mr. Reade wholeheartedly," that respect for privacy was pretty cherished all around and the whole thing "sorta sounded in the area of political activity" and not "in the category of a childish prank" at all.

Judge Phipps then had his day, wondering out loud how Mr. Reade knew he was so partial to those cherished words in Corinthians having to do with "charity." He said what disturbed him was the lawlessness going about the country and newspaper reports of ministers exhorting their flocks to violate the law and churches passing resolutions urging the same thing.

Continuing, the Judge allowed as how he thought people like Billy Cheshire ought to go about righting social wrongs by changing the law in a legal way rather than cross-burnings and reckoned Frank Graham himself, if he were there, would want to be charitable as admonished to be in Corinthians.

So, he said, let the defendant pay a fine of \$10 and cost. And, as the Royal Mounties say on TV, "This case is closed."

Board Refuses To Write Bill On Limitation

County Commissioner Donald M. Standford of Chapel Hill attempted to reopen the controversial township limitation proposal on board membership at Monday's meeting of the Commissioners, but his efforts were largely in vain.

His colleagues refused to agree to attempting a draft of the legislative act, contenting themselves with instructing the clerk to send to both Representative John Umstead and Senator Ed Lanier copies of excerpts from the minutes in which the Commissioners had approved the limitation procedure and formally requested that the legislators implement the actions taken.

Both Umstead and Lanier are seen as morally committed to the proposal inasmuch as Umstead was in the group which originated and presented the proposal to the Commissioners and Lanier consistently voted for it as a Commissioner.

The board studied and discussed briefly a group of state-wide bills affecting various phases of local government which had previously been endorsed by the State Association of County Commissioners.

The board requested another letter be dispatched to Solicitor Murdock again urging action in the next term to collect the full amount owed by Peggy McNear in the much publicized welfare fraud case.

(See HEARING, Page 4)