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Pick-Up An Automobile? Loophole, Maybe . . .

Race Track Owners Promise 'Surprise'

Confident owners of at least one race track in the Hillsboro area have promised a "surprise" is in store for local citizens "when the legislature goes home."
The legislature has now gone home.
And, rumor has it that announcement will be forthcoming soon about a Sunday racing program of pick-up trucks as a device to circumvent the local act passed in the recent session of the North Carolina General Assembly which bans "automobile and motorcycle" racing in Orange County Sunday and after 5 p.m., and sets up stiff insurance requirements for operators and heavy penalties for violations.

The track operators, according to reliable sources, are relying on the belief that a pick-up truck is not an automobile and thus is not covered by the Lanier Bill, as the anti-racing act came to be known.

Sheriff O. H. Clayton says if the races are scheduled he'll obtain a ruling from the attorney-general and, depending upon this advice, if necessary will use every available means to prevent races in violation of the statute from taking place.

According to Webster, "automobile" is a combination of the words Auto and Mobile, meaning in its adjective form: "Containing means

of propulsion within itself; self-propelling;" defined as a noun. "An automobile vehicle or mechanism, especially a self-propelled vehicle suitable for use on a street or roadway."

What do you think? Will there be surprises at the race track? Is a pick-up an automobile? Will there be thrills and spills and pick-ups on the speedways? Will the Sheriff have to pull out all stops to put a stop to this new form of racing? Is there a real loophole in the Lanier Bill? Can the AG over-rule Webster?

Keep reading this family journal for developments in this intriguing story as it may unfold.

Ann Barker Dairy Princess

Milking Exhibition By Official Trio To Feature Dairy Event



Ann Barker, the Orange County Dairy Princess, and friend, "Kathleen" of Guernsey Farms, winner in both Pennsylvania and Maryland State fairs.

Festivities here Saturday morning will climax local observance of June Dairy Month.

Miss Ann Barker, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. William Barker of Route 3, Chapel Hill, a 1957 graduate of Hillsboro High School, has been chosen "Miss Dairy Princess" of Orange County for competition in the district Dairy Princess contest to be held at the Guilford Dairy clubhouse in Greensboro today.

Mayor Ben Johnston of Hillsboro has proclaimed Saturday, June 22, as Dairy Day in Hillsboro and environs and issued a challenge to two other local dignitaries, Sheriff Odell Clayton and Superintendent G. Paul Carr, to compete with him in a milking contest on the lawn of the old courthouse at 8 a.m. on that day.

Clyde Erwin, local teacher of vocational agriculture and chairman of the County Agricultural Council, heads the local June Dairy Month program, part of a nationwide salute to the Dairy industry.

Mayor Johnston's proclamation is as follows:

MAYOR'S PROCLAMATION

Whereas, the month of June has been proclaimed as June Dairy Month and is observed throughout the nation as an important event in the lives of everyone; and

Whereas, the county of Orange and particularly the Town of Hillsboro has a vital interest in dairy-farming and related industries; and

Whereas, dairy products are necessary to the continued health and well-being of all of the citizens of the Town of Hillsboro, and indeed, the world at large;

Be it therefore proclaimed that Saturday, June 22, 1957 be designated as Dairy Day throughout the Town of Hillsboro, and in celebration thereof acting in my official capacity as Mayor of said municipality.

(See MILKING, Page 4)

War On Blockaders Goes On With 3 More Stills Captured



LEARNING THE LIQUOR BUSINESS—Sheriff's deputies are becoming well-acquainted with the intricacies of the devious business of making whiskey in the woods of Orange County. Above, Deputies Junior Clark, Buck Knight and Burch Compton look on intently as Deputy Dallas Long unhooks some of the piping prior to cutting the still apart. The still above, in Little River Township, was one of three captured this week.

Large Outfit Cut Yesterday In Big Haul

Sheriff Odell Clayton's war on the blockaders brought three new conquests this week to bring the total of stills captured to eight in the past month.

Several thousands of dollars in fines and confiscated materials and equipment have accrued to the county treasury as the pace of still destruction stepped up.

Biggest of them all headed skyward under the impetus of dynamite blasts shortly before dawn yesterday morning in Eno township, just half mile west of the Durham county line.

Three men, two trucks, 1,500 pounds of sugar, 50 cases of fruit jars and 800 pounds of meal were captured, 5,400 gallons of mash and 288 gallons of whiskey were destroyed along with the elaborate whiskey-making paraphernalia.

A Rougemont Route 2 white man and two negroes were captured as they fled from the site. The Sheriff and his deputies, along with two Durham ABC men, had been hiding at the still since early evening Tuesday night. The trio of blockaders discovered them when they arrived to begin the day's run shortly before dawn.

Arrested were Herbert Montague Cole, white, 34, of Rougemont, Route 2, who has a previous record of whiskey making, Luther Edward Lewis, 26, negro, of 1111 Second St., Durham, and Edgar Willis Umstead, 60, negro, of route 2, Durham.

According to Sheriff Clayton this modern illegal distillery was built on a small branch, which had been dammed, to provide the cooling system of the outfit. The long copper cooling-worm led from the still into the water, with the end of the worm protruding through the dam, allowing the finished whiskey to trickle out into the containers beyond the dam. The 600-gallon capacity still, according to the Sheriff, was fired by a big low pressure steam boiler using pressed coal. Other equipment included the 180-gallon doubler and thirty 180-gallon mash boxes. Four other new mash boxes were on the 1-ton truck captured at the site. (See WAR, Page 4)

Dickson Is Elected Chairman Of County Red Cross Chapter

Final Rites Saturday For Charlie James

Funeral services for Charlie J. James, 53, owner and operator of James Pharmacy here for the past 25 years, were held last Saturday afternoon at 3:30 o'clock from the Hillsboro Methodist Church by the Rev. W. A. Seawell and the Rev. C. H. Reckard. Burial was in the Hillsboro Cemetery with Masonic rites.

Mr. James died in a Durham hospital last Thursday night after suffering a heart attack earlier in the day.

All business establishments in Hillsboro were closed from 3:30 to 4:30 in his memory.

He was a graduate of the University of North Carolina Pharmacy School. He had been a member of the Board of Stewards of the Methodist Church, a member of Eagle Lodge No. 19 AFAM and Sudan Temple in New Bern. (See FINAL RITES, Page 4)



GRAHAM'S SUCCESSOR—Governor Luther Hodges this week named Willard F. Babcock, 40-year-old transportation engineer, traffic consultant, and State College Professor, to be the first State Director of Highways under the reorganized Highway Commission. As the top highway executive of the State he will succeed Hillsboro's A. H. (Sandy) Graham on July 1.

MERCHANTS MEET

The Hillsboro Merchants Association will meet for a luncheon meeting today at 1 o'clock at the C & R Furniture Store. All members are urged to attend.

John Umstead Says . . .

Teachers' Salaries Need Firm Base

By REP. JOHN W. UMSTEAD
In my last article I discussed the Finance Act and my reasons for supporting the revised schedules known as the "allocation formula." Since this article was published an announcement has been made that a large corporation will spend some \$40,000,000 in the Wilmington area and will employ 500 people in the beginning. Two smaller concerns have announced that they will locate in Buncombe County. From this it seems that the new "allocation formula" is going to provide the state with additional industry and additional sources of taxation.
In this article I shall deal with the question of teachers' salaries, my stand in regard to the matter, and my reasons for taking this stand. Since I have been reported as fighting increased teacher salaries,

I would appreciate it if all interested would carefully note what I have to say about the matter.

16.09 Pct. Asked

Last year the State Board of Education requested from the Budget Commission, money to pay teachers salaries that under their formula would provide what they called an overall salary increase of 16.09 per cent. In addition to this, they asked for an amount of money to provide two days before the opening of school and three days after the close of school so that no time would be lost from actual teaching duties in preparation for the school term, and for closing out all matters at the end of the term. This amount of money would have meant a total of 19.31 per cent increase. The basic reasons for this request by the State Board of Education

1. To pay teachers now teaching in North Carolina a salary that would keep them from going to other states to teach or going into other positions in industry or other professions.

2. To provide a salary scale that would really be in keeping with the responsibility resting on the teaching profession in educating the youth of the state.

3. To make the teaching profession more attractive for young ladies and young men who were attempting to decide what profession or business they would enter.

When the Governor, in a message to the General Assembly, made the Budget Commission proposal of 9.01 per cent for teachers he soon found that practically no members of the (See UMSTEAD, Page 6)

Increased Budget Needs Get Board's Attention

The Orange County Board of Commissioners has continued its budget hearings this week, with last night's meeting concluding the series of formal hearings for the various departments.

Facing the budgeting commission, as usual are increased requests from most departments, including increased personnel needs, salary hikes, additional services costs, not to mention higher school needs and a whopping \$90,000 capital outlay increase from the Chapel Hill schools, designed according to its sponsors to save the taxpayers money in the long run.

Chapel Hill school officials have appealed for a \$75,000 appropriation for each of the next three years to pay for an additional school which will be needed at that time, thus saving the heavy interest rates on bonded indebtedness.

County Accountant Sam Gattis estimated this request for additional capital outlay money for Chapel Hill schools alone, should it be granted, would require an 11c addition to the tax rate. The Chapel Hill Schools requested \$143,000 for capital outlay as compared to \$53,000 last year and the County School System has asked for an increase of \$14,000 over last year's capital outlay appropriation.

Employment Shows Gain In Orange

More than 54,000 North Carolina workers were brought under coverage of the Employment Security law last year as result of a new provision of the law extending liability to employers of four or more persons.

Orange Average

Average employment in Orange County during the fourth quarter amounted to 3,738. This was a gain of 2.86 percent, as compared with the third quarter of 1956. Total wages paid in this county during the fourth quarter reached \$2,551,783, with average weekly earnings of \$52.51.

A report issued by the Employment Security Administration. (See EMPLOYMENT, Page 4)



LIONS ROARING—New president of the Carrboro Lions Club Jack McDade, a native of the Cedar Grove section of Orange County, was inducted into office last week by incoming Governor G. Paul Carr of District 31-G. Above, the symbol of office passes from the Hillsboro man to the Carrboro leader. Other picture and story on page 4.

Orange County... with the news... THE NEWS of... NO. 25... KIDD BREWER'S Raleigh Roundup... DYNAMITE... the decrease in corpora... and the squabble over... and the ten-million... issue were something... seen nothing yet... of the insurance liability... really hitting home in... and February—license... time—next year... of the law right, literal... of people in North... will have to put up about... they can buy their tags... this in addition to the cost... gh, say old heads here... several counties having... theoretical Democratic... to go solidly Republican... ve the old auto inspec... of about ten years ago... es and cream compared... auto insurance liability... ep your eye on it. No... ying it isn't a good thing... r you and me against... able to pay for damages... and is badly needed... icles when found guilty... some traffic law... ection was needed, too... ill needed. Some rattle... y on the road should be... k pile. Nevertheless, the... ence which the law... o us has killed—it seems... required auto inspection... e... esy that the liability law... to be the most unpopular... plished by the 1957 Legis... NATIONAL... Yes... rolina is really going in... . at least civic-wise... Tennent of Asheville... elected to the presidency... (national); J... k... otie, president of Lions... onal; and Luke Medlin... ro, of Civitan Interna... of course, there is Ava... ENT... You read about... ey business in the recent... We said there was... new about it... ve find this comment in... ulnah Hamilton's "Recon... in North Carolina... hrough the session (1956), a... andly supplied with... quors and cigars was con... the west wing (Ed. note... of the Capitol... many... daily enjoyed the hos... note: There is nothing new... e sun... The man who show... biggest growth in the en... Assembly this year... ts Hill, Jr., battler for the... throughout—and particu... the waning hours of—the... is a millionaire and the... grandson of a millionaire... permit him to become... in North Carolina... millionaires do all right... states as, for instance... en Williams in Michigan... erell Harriman in New... ut he is a better man than... erior we are likely to have... in the near future... PTIONS... With the pos... ception, of course, of Ter... of Fayetteville, Tom... of Rocky Mount, or C. V... of Statesville. Since the... due a Governor, the battle... will likely find Pearsall... as the principal con... report that Pearsall would... ford's choice as an op... and that Pearsall would... take on Sanford. Ho hum... The best cowboy... we have seen since... "Gunfight at the O... fall." Terrific! It is based... actual fight which occurred... ber 28, 1881, and reported... in Carolina newspapers. The... Tombstone, Arizona... tical actors in the film are... ancaster and Kirk Douglas... character playing the part of... ROUNDDUP, page 2)