

Opposition Of Property Owners Dominates Hearing

New Hwy. 70 Location Draws Bitter Attack

The proposal to build a big-dual-lane limited access superhighway south of Hillsboro to replace the segment of U. S. Highway 70 to the north in the new interstate system stirred up plenty of bitter criticism at last Friday's public hearing by the Highway Commission.

It was that type of hearing, billed in the Highway Commission's public notice as an opportunity for all interested citizens to express their views of the proposed project, with special reference to the economic effect of the new location.

The protesters, generally, were property owners along the southern route through whose land the new 300-foot right-of-ways would be cut, or business firm operators along the old segment Highway 70 to the north of Hillsboro, who want the big traffic artery, commonly known as North Carolina's main street, to be continued as the main drag.

Proponents of the new location significantly and understandably stayed away from the hearing, which attracted about 50 people.

No Policy Makers
Absent also significantly, were the policy makers who could have defended the decision of the Highway Commission and the Federal Bureau of Public Roads to build

All of which appeared more than frustrating to Dr. J. B. Rhyne, Attorney R. Percy Reade, who represented a number of taxpayers, Dr. Joe Beard, Andrew B. Lloyd, Arthur Cole and other opponents who went to the recording microphone to be "heard."

Rhyne Protest
One of the most vociferous was Dr. Rhyne, who decided, "We are losing our essential democracy to the engineers. The people are being given an opportunity," as he understood it, "to let off steam, with the real decision already having been made."

He saw "a lesson in citizenship in this road," said "we are being pushed about in ways we don't know anything about and decisions are quietly made before we citizens get an opportunity to voice our opinions."

Dr. Beard said flatly, "We (residents on the southside) don't want the road. Most of us bought our homes to get away from roads. The proposed road will split farm after farm, remove much land from use."

Attorney Reade by the time he got ready to speak had decided he was before the wrong group, the engineers instead of the policy-makers. He represented Cal Cromer, the Jaxam Motel owner, and other business firms along present 70, a group which he said was interested in dual laning Highway 70 north of Hillsboro. He thought the new highway would "stifle the economic and business life of Hillsboro."

Life Savings
He said many of his clients put their life savings in their businesses along with pledges for the future and he didn't feel the State of North Carolina should be contributing to the building of a road unless it is built with regard to the growth and development of the communities through which it will traverse. He said the limited access road to the south will benefit principally those travelling through.

Mr. Lloyd said the present road splits his dairy farm and the proposed new location will split it from another direction. He thought it un-

fair to build two limited access roads through his property. Mr. Cole said he didn't think it right for the highway commission or anybody else to take away "our businesses" in which many have invested their life's savings.

Chairman R. J. M. Hobbs of the County Commissioners said the new limited access road would add much to the safety factor of travel and that he was happy to have the new four-lane highway through the county. Mayor Ben Johnston said his board had taken no action and he had no comment for the record. Former Commissioner R. O. Forrest said "The people of Hillsboro feel they're being put farther off the main street of North Carolina and the county hates to lose the property valuation on the old road which will not be gained on a limited access highway."

The proposed route of the new highway leaves present Highway 70 on the west just south of Efland, crosses the Orange Grove road one half mile southwest of the junction with old 86; it crosses old 86 one

half mile south of that road's junction with the Orange Grove road; it crosses present 86, about one quarter mile north of the old Johnston Surrender house and re-joins present 70 just west of the Eno Power Station.

There will be seven grade separations on the 8.85 mile stretch where road crossings are made, three of these to be cloverleafs. The so-called cloverleafs will be at Efland, on new and old highway 86.

Property owners through whose lands the new road will traverse from west to east include: C. N. Copple, N. M. Farrar, A. B. Lloyd, Sim Efland, Edgar Mayes, Paul Riley, Sam R. Tapp, Dewey Riley, Calvin Parker, Leonard King, J. W. Mangum, Mrs. Adeline McCauley, Alton Ashley, H. H. Thompson estate, F. S. Cates Jr., Eddie Hines, G. W. Lloyd, Paul C. Collins, Farmers Exchange Stock Market, Mrs. W. P. Few, John Lawrence, Dr. J. B. Rhyne, Dr. Joe Beard, Mrs. Mary S. Trent, Milton Airhart, J. S. Hill and William Muirhead.

Name Body For Water Inventory

Matheson, Temporary Chairman, Says Meeting Will Be Held Here Soon

A nine-man committee was named by Don S. Matheson to conduct the Orange County phase of the state-wide inventory of water resources.

The committee, composed of representatives from industrial, agricultural, municipal, recreational and wildlife organizations, was formed at the request of the North Carolina Board of Water Commissioners. The inventory is part of the Board's plan for collecting information that will be useful in mapping a long-range water conservation program for the state.

Named to the committee were Thomas D. Rose, Town Manager, Chapel Hill; Ben Johnston, Mayor of Hillsboro; Sam M. Gattis, County Accountant, Hillsboro; Mrs. Rashi Fein, President, League of Women Voters, Chapel Hill; H. Ted Smith, Hillsboro; Quentin Patterson, Soil Conservation Service, Hillsboro; Charlie Langston, Vocational Agriculture Teacher, Cedar Grove; J. M. Murfree, Vocational Agriculture Teacher, Central High, Hillsboro.

The primary function of the committee will be to plan and conduct a meeting or meetings at which citizens of the county will be asked to report their present or anticipated water problems.

Mr. Matheson, who was selected as temporary chairman of the committee, said the inventory meeting will be held within the next two or three weeks. He explained that the committee wanted time to educate the public to the purpose of the inventory and to familiarize the people of the county with the type of problems to be reported.

Bullet From Passing Car Hits Vehicle

Mrs. Oliver Clayton of Highway 70-A and two of her children narrowly escaped serious injury Tuesday evening when an unknown motorist fired a pistol into the vehicle in which they were riding on Highway 70 near Hillsboro.

The Clayton's were returning from a visit to friends east of town about 7:30 Tuesday evening during the rain when they heard a pistol report followed by a shattering of glass inside the front seat of the pick-up truck.

The bullet was deflected downward outside the windshield, but several pieces of glass lodged themselves in Mrs. Clayton's arm and had to be removed by a physician. The children, Ann and Johnny, were not hit.

Members of the highway patrol and the Sheriff's department attempted to catch the vehicle which was headed toward Durham but were unsuccessful.

Central School Addition Bids Opening Today

Bids for the construction of the new 12-classroom addition and gymnasium at Central School in Hillsboro will be opened here this afternoon at 2 o'clock.

It will be the third major construction project to get underway in the past few months in the County School System.

Meanwhile, Superintendent G. Paul Carr said satisfactory progress is being made on construction jobs for the new Carrboro School, the Hillsboro High Gymnasium and the new Science Department in the basement of the high school at Hillsboro.

In view of recent experience, a large number of bidders are expected to enter the competition for the Central job.

RITTENHOUSE AT NORFOLK

Serving at the Naval Air Station at Norfolk, Va. is Navy Lt. (jg) James C. Rittenhouse, formerly of Hillsboro.

He has been assigned duty as Chaplain for the Naval Air Station, Norfolk, Va.

ASC Group Makes Ruling On Compliance

With requests for ACP allocations virtually double the amount of money available for Fall conservation practices, the Orange County ASC committee has established strict rules for compliance, according to Donald V. Roberts, ASC office manager.

\$53,000 had been allotted to this county for cost sharing in ACP Fall practices, he said. The county committee met on July 15 and approved requests as far as money was available and established September 10th as the last Reporting Performance Date for all Fall practices.

In other rulings, the committee said: No extensions will be granted to complete practices at a later date unless the farmer is in the process of completing the Practice by September 10th. All cost-sharing approved for farmers which have not started the practice by this date will be cancelled and the money re-allocated to farms receiving no cost-sharing during 1957.

It is essential that all farmers receiving approvals for fall practices who are unable to complete the practice notify the ASC Office at the earliest possible date in order that this money may be reallocated to other producers who will make use of it, Roberts said.

Favorable Reports Given In Polio Cases

Two of Orange County's recent polio victims have returned to their homes and a third is expected home today or tomorrow.

All three cases reported have been "non-paralytic" type of polio, and are reported to be getting along nicely.

Patricia Brewer, 14 year old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. W. C. Brewer of Union Street returned to her home Tuesday morning, after being admitted to Watts on July 13.

Fred Sharpe Jr., 14 year old son of Mr. and Mrs. Fred Sharpe, of Ruffin St. was admitted Friday night and is hoping to come home either today or tomorrow.

Kenneth Walker, son of Mr. and Mrs. Carl Walker of St. Mary's Road came home Sunday after being admitted to Watts last Wednesday.

TURKEY SUPPER

The Buckhorn Grange is planning a roast turkey dinner with all the dressing on Saturday night from 8 o'clock. The benefit will be for the building fund. The plate will sell for 50 cents for small and \$1.00 for large.

History Recalled As Bookcase Of Governor Burke Is Presented To New County Museum

By LUCILE NOELL DULA

Throughout all the annals of history there are stories devoted to objects as well as to the people who have made them famous. In Hillsboro today, with the acquisition of the bookcase part of an old secretary which once belonged to Governor Thomas Burke, there is another important moment of an age in which men struggled to attain freedom—not in an atomic world, but in an age of muskets and gun powder. This bookcase, presented to the Orange County historical museum by Mrs. Robina Webb Mickle of Winston-Salem, was once broken into by British soldiers, who searched for incriminating evidence against the governor during the American Revolution.

The story of Thomas Burke, the third governor of North Carolina, is an engrossing narrative filled with action, suspense, and tragedy. Born in the county of Galway in Ireland around 1747, the son of Ulick and Letitia Ould, he was of Norman-French descent. He probably studied some at the University of Dublin, since Edanus Burke once wrote Thomas on the subject of "Heraldry" and remarked that he remembered your telling me you (Thomas) studied this branch of science at the University."

First A Doctor

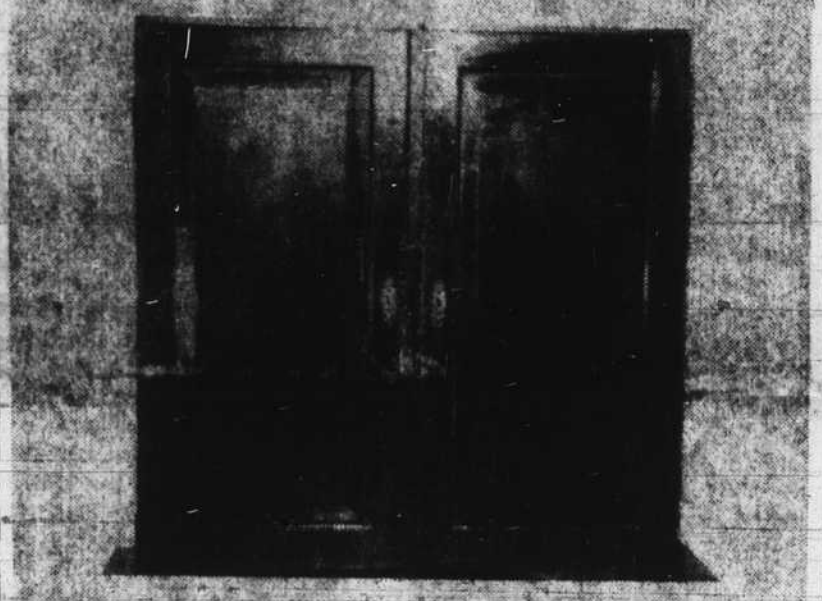
About 1762, Thomas quarreled with his family and left home for the Colonies, settling in Virginia. He first practiced medicine but changed to the practice of law because it offered "much more profit and yet much less anxiety." He practiced in the courts of Virginia at the same time as Thomas Jefferson, and in his collection of letters in one from Jefferson which refers to a case of Plume vs. Portlock.

On March 10, 1770, Burke married Miss Mary Freeman, with Thomas Davis probably performing the ceremony, since on April 3 of the same year Davis was sent "seventy shillings" for the marriage fee.

In 1772 Burke moved to Orange County about two miles north of Hillsboro to a place he named Tyquin for the old family estate in Ireland, a place he never forgot, although his letters home apparently went unanswered. The move to Hillsboro was made because the heavy business duties, and the climate of his Virginia home did not agree with him physically, and the rich soil, moderate climate, and good water supply in Orange County impressed him.

Date Unknown

The date when he acquired the secretary, of which the donated bookcase is a part, is not known. It is known, however, that it was at Tyquin he purchased slaves and began to acquire the estate which he left his wife and daughter in a will probated at the Orange County Courthouse in Hillsboro in April 1784. Throughout the thirty-six years (See BURKE, Page 4)



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Dedication Rites This Sunday For Ebenezer Baptist Church

Ebenezer Baptist Church, organized 1896, will observe its annual Homecoming Day on Sunday, July 28, with the dedication of the new church.

Dr. Charles E. Maddry, Former Secretary of Foreign Mission Board of the Southern Baptist Convention, will be the guest minister at the 11 o'clock service.

Directly following the morning service there will be lunch on the church grounds.

Rev. W. E. Coates of Reidsville will be the minister for the afternoon service. Dr. Maddry and Rev. Coates

are both former pastors of the Ebenezer Baptist Church and all other former pastors of the church also have been invited to these services. All who can attend, are cordially invited to come and enjoy the day in fellowship and worship.

This is also the beginning of the revival services which will be held each evening at 7:45, beginning Monday, July 29, 1957, and continue through Sunday, August 4, 1957. Rev. E. D. Young, pastor of the Cumberland Road Baptist Church, Fayetteville, will be the revival minister.

Social Security Payments To 1,150 Orange Citizens Hit \$52,000 Monthly

More than 1150 beneficiaries in Orange County were getting monthly social security payments totalling approximately \$52,000 at the end of 1956, Mrs. Nina H. Matthews, District Manager of the Durham Social Security Office announced today.

In the entire area serviced by the Durham Office, including Durham, Orange, Person, Granville, and Lee Counties approximately 10,000 people were receiving approximately \$450,000 in monthly benefits. This represents a sizeable increase in both number of beneficiaries and total benefits payable over the previous 12 month period. These increases, she noted, result in part from the protection extended to farm families and other self-employed people and also the reduction of the age limit for women from 65 to 62.

At the end of 1956, monthly payments were being made to more than 550 retired workers in Orange County. Over 160 wives and

dependent husbands of these retired workers were receiving payments. Monthly payments totalling about \$8,900 were being made to over 300 children under 18 years of age, including children of retired and deceased workers. Over 60 mothers of these children were receiving approximately \$2,100 in monthly benefit payments, in addition to those being made to them on behalf of the children. Widows, aged 62 and over and dependent widowers aged 65 or over number about 90 and were receiving approximately \$3,900 in monthly benefit payments. About seven dependent parents of deceased insured workers including mothers aged 62 or over and fathers aged 65 or over were receiving payments totalling about \$300.

The lowering of retirement age for women was one of the provisions of the 1956 Amendments to the Social Security Act and became effective last November. It applies to retired women workers, wives of

old-age insurance beneficiaries and widows or dependent mothers of deceased insured workers. Many women who had to wait up to three years longer before starting to get benefits under the old law became entitled to benefits in the last two months of 1956.

Mrs. Matthews pointed out that self-employed farmers were first brought under social security in January 1955. Those over retirement age at that time, or who reached retirement age before they reported self-employment in the month of at least \$400 for 1955 and again for 1956. These insured persons were able to qualify for old-age benefits during the latter year. A large number of farm claims have already been filed and approved since January 1, 1957, and many more are expected before the end of this year.

Mrs. Matthews pointed out that three-fourths of the men becoming retired women workers, wives of



ATLAS GORDON NEVILLE

County Youth Wins Dairying Scholarship

Atlas Gordon Neville of Route 1, Chapel Hill, has been awarded one of two scholarships, valued at \$500 each, to North Carolina State College and will enroll as a freshman at the institution this fall.

In announcing the selection of the two youths to receive the awards today, Dr. W. M. Roberts, head of the Dairy Manufacturing Section of the State College Animal Industry Department, said the scholarships were presented by the North Carolina Dairy Products Association.

Both Neville and James R. Batten of Middlesex, will study dairy manufacturing.

The scholarship winners both have been highly active in the academy. (See NEVILLE, Page 4)