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COPPER COILS FROM STILL FRAME SHERIFF'S OFFICERS
. . . L-R: Deputies Rainey Roberts, W. E. Clark Jr., Sneak Long, and Sheriff Odell Clayton . . . Roland Giduz Photo

It Was Not Eggs They Hunted On This Sunny Day

Easter Catch By Sheriff's Department Another Chapter In Liquor-Making Saga

By ROLAND GIDUZ

Easter Sunday, 1958, provided a traditional activity scarcely akin to an Easter Egg hunt for Orange County Sheriff Odell Clayton and his deputies.

As the first traces of greenery began to appear on the trees the Sheriff knew the illegal liquor-making business in the County would soon pick up. Natural cover from leaves provides ideal camouflage from the air, and also makes detection on the ground more difficult.

Two days before on Good Friday while the trees were still bare, County officers had made a thorough search by air of the northern half of Orange, seeking out illicit stills. Flying in an ABC officers' chartered plane the deputies crisscrossed Orange for five hours but spotted only the wreckage of a former still.

Two Miles Farther

Had they ventured two miles below Hillsboro—the County seat squarely in the center of Orange—they might have sighted their quarry. For there, a scant half-mile off busy U. S. Highway 70, hard by a wooded stream, was a beautiful new 24-box still, easily visible from the air through scant natural cover. More than 7,000 gallons of mash were then fermenting, well on the way to becoming half-gallon jars of white liquor.

STILL LIFE SCENE . . . soon to be gone forever

While legally dry Orange County soaks up a good deal of this product it would be unfair not to admit that a large portion of the powerful alcoholic beverage doesn't go across geographic lines into neighboring counties—which have their share of stills, too.

But on this Easter Sunday morning Sheriff Clayton didn't need an air search to find his sought-after still. The locating came in the form of a tip—as most still discoveries do. Deputy Rainey Roberts—a veteran law officer who can practically sniff out a still—received word about suspicious activities going on in the woods a short ways from town.

Taking Deputy Malone Long with him he headed out Highway 70-A old N. C. No. 10 past Occoneechee Speedway and turned on to a woods trail, freshly coated with Chapel Hill gravel. Following down a half-mile in the woods they walked up on one of the neatest whiskey works they'd seen in quite a spell.

In Three Neat Rows

Laid out in the morning sunlight were three neat rows of pine boxes—each containing 300 gallons of creamy, bubbling mash. Along each row was a two-inch hose for pumping the mash up to the boiler by the creek bank.

Empty suger and corn meal sacks littered the aisles between the boxes. Bags of coke were stacked under a lean-to beside the

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School Area Merger Election Set May 20

Commissioners Name Election Officials, Places

Following through on previous tentative discussion, the Board of Commissioners yesterday completed legal machinery and set May 20 as the date for the election on the merger of the Carrboro and White Cross school districts with the Chapel Hill special school tax district.

In its third attempt to set the legal boundaries of the proposed areas to be merged, the board finally approved the required formal resolution containing the boundary description in metes and bounds to satisfy previous objections as to the legality of earlier descriptions submitted with the approval of both boards of education, Orange County and Chapel Hill.

The resolution set up two voting precincts, with their respective polling places, and named the election officials to conduct this special election. A complete new registration of eligible voters in the two school districts was ordered.

Registrars will be Mrs. Luther Sturdivant for Carrboro and Mrs. Thomas Y. Teer for White Cross. Named a judges of election were Ashwell Harward and Bruce Riggsbee for the Carrboro precinct and Grady Crawford and Miss Martha Lloyd for the White Cross precinct. Polling places will be the Town Hall in Carrboro and the Grange Hall at White Cross.

The new registration books will be open from 9 o'clock until sunset from Saturday April 26 through May 10 for registration of voters and Saturday May 17 will be Challenge Day. Registrars will be at the polling places on the Saturdays.

The complete resolution including the description of the areas to be merged may be found on another page of this edition.

WILL THIS BE ABANDONED?—Hillsboro's new postoffce building, being constructed by Fred Cates Jr. under a lease agreement with the federal government, is moving rapidly toward completion as shown in the "progress" picture above. However, Tuesday Hillsboro was listed by Postmaster General Summerfield as being considered for the construction of a new postiffice if Congress raises postal rates on out-of-town letters to 5c.

In School Merger Area

No Action Taken On Committeemen

Faced with a 475-name petition urging their re-appointment and endorsement of others for the posts, the Board of Education yesterday declined to act on the re-appointment of two Carrboro district school committeemen whose terms expired April 1.

Likewise, no action was taken on the re-appointment of C. P. Jones, Route 1, Mebane, a White Cross committeeman, whose term like those of Chairman Carl Ellington and Ernest T. Hearn of Carrboro has expired.

All other incumbent district school committee members whose terms expired were re-appointed at yesterday's meeting of the Orange County Board of Education.

A petition bearing 475 names, including all town officials of the Town of Carrboro, with the exception of Mayor R. B. Todd, virtually all of the "qualified" (meaning eligible to vote) business owners of the community, was presented to the Board of Education in support of the re-appointment of Ellington and Hearn. The cover letter to the petition, signed by Mack Williams, Carrboro insurance man, termed it vital to the welfare of the school that the two long-time school leaders be re-appointment.

Earlier, a Carrboro citizens' group favoring merger of the Carrboro and Chapel Hill school districts had suggested a number of other persons considered suitable to be appointed to the committee posts. This list has not been disclosed.

The failure of the board to re-appoint Ellington and Hearn leaves the status of the Carrboro committee in doubt. Members of the Board and Superintendent G. Paul Carr indicated they did not know whether the Carrboro committee should be considered a three-member group with the three hold-over members constituting the full committee or whether Ellington and Hearn might be considered as still in office until successors are chosen. Under the terms of the formal motion on the matter offered by John Hawkins of Cedar Grove the board re-appointed all incumbent school committeemen whose terms expire this year except those of Carrboro and White Cross. Thus, in effect the board took

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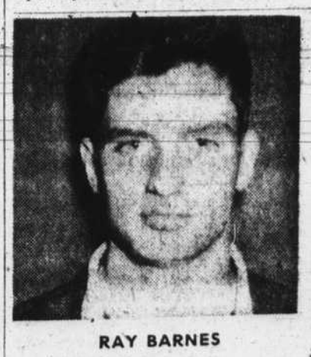
13 Orange Scout Units Going To Weekend Raleigh Exposition

Thirteen Cub and Boy Scout units from the Orange District are expected to participate in Saturday's Occoneechee Council Scout Exposition at Reynolds Coliseum in Raleigh.

The Rotary-sponsored affair is expected to be seen by about 25,000 persons between the hours of 1 and 8:30 p.m. Climax of the event will be the presentation at 8:30 of the 60 Boy Scouts in the 12-county Council who have attained the Eagle Scout rank in the last year. They will be honored by Gov. Luther Hodges.

A total of 160 demonstrations and booths will be erected on the coliseum floor, featuring Scout displays on crafts, nature-lore, sports, hobbies, cooking, pioneering, and other subjects taken up in the Boy Scout handbook.

Orange County units that will participate in the Exposition, according to District Executive Frank Yandell, are Troops 9, 39, 826, 107, and 835 of Chapel Hill, Troop 803 of White Cross, Troop 450 of Efland, Troop 116 of Hillsboro, Troop 845 of Carrboro, and Cub Packs 107, 421, and 830 of Chapel Hill, 845 of Carrboro, and 438 of Hillsboro.



RAY BARNES

JAMIE MONK

United Nations Orators Chosen In Contests At Local Schools

Miss Jamie Monk of Aycock High School and Ray Barnes of Hillsboro High School last week were chosen winners in their respective schools in the annual United Nations oratory contest.

Miss Monk is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Monk of Hurdle Mills. Barnes is the son of Mr. and Mrs. E. P. Barnes of Hillsboro. Both are active in the extra curricular activities of their schools.

Contestants spoke on the subject, "The United Nations and The Search for World Peace." A handsome medal was presented to each winner.

In addition, Miss Monk, with her instructor, will be given a trip to New York under the sponsorship of the Ruritan Club to visit the United Nations.

Miss Monk won over three other orators in the contest at Aycock. They were Carolyn Rebecca Wilson, Sandra Wrenn, and Hoyt Wright.

Competing in the contest at Hillsboro other than the winner were Catherine Roberts, Ann Hawkins, Brenda White and Emma Ashley.

SPEECH CONTEST WINNER—Della Ann Burnette, senior of Central High School, was declared winner in the speaking contest held at Central High School, Tuesday, April 8, 1958. She discussed the subject: "The United Nations in Search for World Peace." She wins as a prize, a trip to New York and a visit to the United Nations.

Mrs. Ira Ward Heads Cancer Fund Campaign

Mrs. Ira Ward has accepted the chairmanship of the 1958 Hillsboro Cancer Drive, which gets underway tomorrow afternoon and continues all next week.

A town-wide house-to-house canvass will be conducted with the following ladies having been named as Captains for the various sectors of the community: Mrs. Kay Winecoff, Mrs. Harry Breeze, Mrs. Bob Strickland, Mrs. Odell Clayton, Mrs. Bobby Knight, Mrs. Allen Latta and Mrs. Harry Waldo. Others will be named later, to complete the organization.

A kickoff meeting is scheduled for Friday afternoon at 1 o'clock at the Colonial Inn.

Mrs. Ward said "the goal of the cancer drive being held here as well as throughout the nation is to spread life-saving educational facts widely and to raise at least $30 million for the fight against cancer. No goal has yet been set for Hillsboro.

"Forty per cent of the funds raised here will remain in the county to help cancer victims. The rest will be used for research and other purposes."

ON HONOR GUARD

Harvey Reinhardt tof Troop 438 Hillsboro has been selected by the Scout Exposition Committee to be one of the six Scouts to the Honor Guard for the Governor on the night of April 12, during the Eagle Ceremony.

Wilson Files For County Board; Ray 'Sustains Mild Attack'

Bingham Township dairy farmer Hugh M. Wilson has become the first office-seeker other than incumbents in the May 31 Democratic primary election.

In officially filing for the County Board of Commissioners this past weekend Mr. Wilson became the fourth candidate for the three seats at stake. Already announced are incumbents Donald McDade, Henry Walker, and Dwight Ray. McDade and Walker filed yesterday.

The political scene took a new twist over the weekend as Mr. Ray, a Carrboro hardwareman, went to Memorial Hospital with what was described by friends as a "mild stroke." He suffered a heart attack a number of months ago, but has been in apparent good health for a good while since then.

Entered Wednesday

Mr. Ray, who was elected County Commissioner in 1954, entered the Hospital last Wednesday, but was reported in excellent condition yesterday at his home.

In filing for Commissioner, Mr. Wilson is seeking this post for the third time, having run in both the 1956 and 1954 primaries. He is a 1933 A. B. graduate of the University of North Carolina, member of the Grange, Farm Bureau and of New Hope Presbyterian Church. In addition he is Secretary-Treasurer of the North Carolina Ayrshire Breeders Association and on the Advisory Committee of the Carolina Milk Producers Association.

His formal statement in connection with his candidacy follows:

"The desired results of a good education are the acquisiton of useful knowledge, mental discipline, and the basic foundation tools of learning, which can help our young people attain mental adulthood and economic effectiveness. These results are not being sufficiently achieved here.

HUGH M. WILSON
Wootten-Moulton Photo

"Our school population grows faster daily, classrooms become crowded, teacher loads are heavy, and teacher pay is lower here than in many counties; physical necessity

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Farm Housing Loan Program Is Expanded

An expanded farm housing loan program designed to speed up farm building construction and improvement as well as act as an additional anti-recession measure was announced today by Lacy A. Gibson, Farmers Home Administration county supervisor for Orange County.

Now an owner of a farm in agricultural production and on which the operator plans to produce at least $400 worth of farm commodities for sale or home use may qualify for the 4 per cent long-term housing loan provided that he meets other standard eligibility requirements.

Formerly, an eligible applicant had to own a farm that produced a more substantial part of the operator's annual cash income.

Borrowers may use loan funds to build, improve, or repair farm houses or other essential farm buildings, and to provide water for farmstead and household uses. Mr. Gib-

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