

KIDD BREWER'S Raleigh Roundup

Talk to a few leaders in Raleigh and you get an idea of the way things are going generally in Eastern Carolina. Reason for this is that the Capital City has become a distribution center for the oceanward area of the state. Salesmen roam the east coast for two weeks they return to home base for a general look-up. "Everybody is feeling better," they say.

Several reasons for the improvement. One is that crops, particularly because of a wet spring, are looking very good. Rainfall has been adequate. There has also been a change in the way business is conducted in the section recently in an survey reported sales up for the season last year. The change seems to be having the highest effect. In general, the service stations and appliances are a little "paler" than the "gills." In a lot of instances new sales ideas are being used.

In the past few weeks, automobiles have taken on new luster. Sales are working harder. There is more solid selling. "deals," less "wheeling-dealing."

Less unemployment. According to the Employment Security Commission, there has been a consistent increase in recent months. The tobacco season is around the corner. We are in the December State. They are in the months. The mere fact we are approaching the season with good prospects is a hope, new strength, and, therefore, better business.

AUGUST . . . It is an interesting and rather disgusting fact that scores of North Carolina tourists touring Europe have the time to see the Old Continent.

One reason, undoubtedly, is that August has been dubbed "C. C. Travel Council as South Carolina" month. The State Merchants Association, for example, is sending out letters of mail with special offers to the membership. They can assist with the what it can mean to them. The State is prepared to help.

They are cooperating with displays. Through Western North Carolina know about our Carolina coast. They go to Beach, Crescent Beach, Kill-down in South Carolina because these bits of land happen to be a few miles closer to their doorsteps.

Not enough of our flat-land to our mountains. Where do you go on vacation? To the mountains? Because it is closer than the mountains and their parents and grand-children went to the ocean on vacation. Because they had no way to the mountains. But now it is very far.

Distance: down in the Ahsanston-Elizabeth City when people die—they don't leave. They go to Nags Head. But Wilmingtoner Hugh owns mile-high Grandfather Mountain. Smart Hugh. If you take your family in August for a trip to New Bern. There are waterfront streets there—old homes flush against the sidewalk—which remind you of English villages. I would now the Governor Tryon in New Bern is probably the best in the State. If you live in the State, see Old Salem. Delightful.

Don't forget Europe, S. C., etc. See N. Carolina!

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High Tributes Paid Chief Sloan

Several hundred mourners from all walks of life of this and nearby communities turned out for the funeral services Friday afternoon of Chapel Hill Police Chief W. T. Sloan.

In a brief statement during the services at the University Methodist Church, the Rev. Charles Hubbard said of the long-time law enforcement officer: "I don't suppose many of us could match his patience. I don't suppose many of us could do other than admire the dignity he gave the office of Chief. . . . Honestly, I must look to him as much as to anyone here to give credit for the happy town that we have."

"He cannot come back where we are. But we can go where he is: May God give us the grace in our time to live our lives in the same humility, tolerance, and faith that 'Chief' did. And may God bless his memory."

More than half-a-hundred Chapel Hill employees and town officials, in addition to Durham policemen and Orange County and state law enforcement officers from Raleigh acted as honorary pallbearers, flanking the coffin as it was borne to its final resting place in Memorial Cemetery.

Assisting the Rev. Mr. Hubbard in conducting the rites, was the Rev. Mr. Jarrett, pastor of the Methodist Church in Efland, in which Chief Sloan retained membership.

Sudden death at 12:55 a.m. Thursday ended the 38-year law enforcement career of Chapel Hill Police Chief William Turner Sloan.

The 64-year-old officer was the municipality's police department head for the past 23 consecutive years, and for eight years prior to 1935 had been sheriff of Orange County in Hillsboro.

Hospitalized Monday
He was admitted to Memorial Hospital on Monday morning. Cause of his death was not fully established; however, he suffered complications of congestion of the lungs. He had been in declining health for several months.

Surviving are his wife, the former Annie Mae Richmond of Efland; six children, William L. W. Richmond and Joseph, of Chapel Hill, Mrs. Robert (Virginia) Padrick of Ft. Pierce, Fla., and Mrs. Erank W. (Jeanette) Fearington and Mrs. Robert C. (Dorothy) Hogan of Chapel Hill; two sisters, Mrs. Ila Johnson and Mrs. Josie Utiky of Sanford; and seven grandchildren.

Born in Lee
A native of Lee County, he was born to Feb. 12, 1894, to the late William J. and Nora Kelly Sloan, both of Lee County.

During World War I he was a mounted guard at an ammunition depot near Williamsburg, Va. He and Mrs. Sloan were married there in 1917. After four years there he returned to Orange County and for a short while was employed at the White Furniture Co. in Mebane.

In 1924 he came to Chapel Hill as a member of the three-man police force which patrolled all of Chapel Hill and the University campus. After four years as a patrolman he was appointed Chief, but in 1928 was elected County Sheriff, and resigned to move to Hillsboro for this new office.

In 1935, when their oldest son, William, was ready to enter the

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POLICE CHIEF WILLIAM T. SLOAN

School Leaders Continue Delay In Acceptance Of Stadium Plan

The "hemming and hawing" over the acceptance of the Orange Speedway property for use as a high school athletic stadium continued this week between the local and county school boards.

The local school committee approved the proposal in principle two months ago, and asked for consideration by the county board. A month and a half ago, the county board, at the urging of a local delegation, including members of a local school district committee, directed its attorney to draw up a proposed lease for the plant which William H. France offered the high school and community for an annual rental of \$100 per year for 10 years, while agreeing to kick back to the school up to \$9,000 over the period for his use of the track four times a year for races.

The local committee met last Wednesday night after a three weeks delay and asked for a meeting with the county board when all of them could be there to discuss the matter further.

Yesterday, Paul Carr, superintendent, said he would give the request to the board at its August meeting. He said he had no intention of calling a special meeting until he was told by Clarence Jones, a board member, to do so.

Meanwhile, less than 45 days remain before high school football practice begins on the inadequate playing field which Hillsboro opponents and athletes have threatened to boycott unless more conducive conditions are provided for interscholastic play.

OPEN HOUSE
The Yancey Nursing Home on Churton Street will hold Open House tomorrow from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. Mrs. Dorothy M. Yancey extends an invitation to all persons interested to come and inspect the home.

Orange County is, above the state average in the per-cent of homes with TV sets, according to information released today by the WFMY-TV Research Department in Greensboro.

According to the latest figures available from Sales Management's 1958 "Survey of Buying Power," the station reported, 79.1 per cent of Orange County homes have television sets, while the state average is 73.4 per cent.

Of the 9,100 households in Orange County, 7,200 are equipped with TV sets.

Leading the state in the percentage of homes with TV is Alexander County, with 94.3 per cent of its homes having TV. Figures for the state, as given by Sales Management, are North Carolina a total of 894,290 TV homes, with 73.4 per cent of the state's homes having TV sets.

It wasn't so said in just this many words, either, but the sentiment of the County Board, also seemed to be that the schools' current expense revenue picture for the coming year, and it provided by the state, and to provide other instructional services.

An obvious factor in the Commissioners' refusal to grant the tax rate increase was the Carrboro school area merger situation. With a very difficult situation facing the County School System if the Aug. 5 referendum on joining this area to the Chapel Hill School District doesn't pass, the Commissioners didn't seem inclined to take any action that would endanger prospects of the success of this second election they authorized.

Bill Blake Named Chief At Chapel Hill

The Board of Aldermen Monday night named William D. Blake Chief of Police, succeeding the late W. T. Sloan.

Sgt. Coy Durham was also promoted, to the rank of Police Captain. C. E. King and C. L. Merritt were elevated to the rank of Lieutenant, and promoted to sergeants were Graham Creel, Herman Stone and W. F. Hester.

Chief Blake started his law enforcement career 19 years ago as a campus policeman for the University, following in the footsteps of his father, who was campus policeman for 34 years. He joined the Chapel Hill Police Department as a patrolman in September, 1941.

In August, 1946, Chief Blake was appointed Assistant Chief and then was given the rank of Captain in August, 1948.

Chief Blake is a member of the North Carolina Law Enforcement Officers Association and has attended several Institute of Government Schools, including a General Law Enforcement School, Fingerprint School, War Traffic School and Investigating School.

A native of Chatham County, Chief Blake moved to Chapel Hill when he was 13 years old. A graduate of Chapel Hill High School, he is married and has one son, Bill Jr.

The Chief is also a member of the University-Baptist Church and is president of the Chapel Hill Exchange Club.

There is no law enforcement officer in Orange County who commands more respect, a spokesman at the Board meeting Monday said of Chief Blake. "Appointing him your Chief of Police will add stature to a fine police force."



CHIEF BILL BLAKE

Durham Pastor In Presbyterian Pulpit Sunday

Announcement has been made that Dr. William C. Bennett, minister of the Trinity Avenue Presbyterian Church in Durham, will be the guest minister this Sunday at the Hillsboro Presbyterian Church.

Dr. Bennett was recently the recipient of the degree of Doctor of Philosophy from Duke University. Prior to coming to Durham he served as the assistant minister of the St. Andrews-Covenant Presbyterian Church in Wilmington, N.C.

The public is cordially invited to attend this service.

LIGHTNING STRIKES BARN
Sunday afternoon a bolt of lightning set fire to a feed barn on the Cain Roberts farm in the St. Mary's Community. This farm is owned by Vance Martin and is operated by Victor and Julian Garrard.

The fire was well underway before being discovered. Three milk cows and their calves were lost in the fire. Also about 1500 bales of hay was burned. A tractor and some other heavy machinery was removed to safety.

The Hillsboro Rural Fire Department answered the call and helped prevent the fire from spreading to other nearby buildings.

MERCHANTS MEETING
The Hillsboro Merchants Association will meet at a luncheon meeting today at 1 o'clock in the picnic area of Holiday Party on Highway 70.

Today Is Moving Day For Post Office Here

Today is moving day at the Hillsboro Post Office. Tomorrow mail for Hillsboro patrons must be claimed in the shiny new air-conditioned Cates building on the banks of the Eno at the southern town limits, built for lease to the government as a postal facility.

Miss Maude Brown, postmaster, said she did not know the exact moving schedule, but operations of the day will probably begin at the old site and wind up at nightfall in the new building. "When the old building is locked," said Miss Brown, "patrons will know to come to the new Post Office for their mail."

There, it is anticipated, a certain amount of confusion will be prevalent for a day or so as patrons become acclimated to the new surroundings.

For instance, all present holders of boxes 1 through 149 will have the same box numbers, but they'll still have to call by the counter for a new combination. All other boxholders will have to call by the general delivery counter for a new number assignment and new combination.

There were 509 boxes in the old building, there are 650 in the new. Vernon Reed, the postal division's expert on setting up the new offices, arrived Monday to set up the new equipment and prepare for the move. He has had the assistance of local P.O. employees and hired carpenters.

The new counters are all new, modernistic and painted a light grey. The small amount of old equipment being moved from the old building is being painted to conform. The south end of the lobby which covers the entire front of the building is devoted to the boxes. The northern half of the lobby has a single open counter from which all postal business, general delivery, parcel post, stamp and money order sales will be conducted. There are no divisional windows for the conduct of specific business. From the counter, a general view of the working space for carriers and mail clerks may be obtained. The entire northern half of the lobby is closed off from the southern half by double doors to permit the "boxes" section to be left open when the so-called "window" section is closed.

The new post office was constructed by Fred Cates at an estimated cost of about \$25,000 after he was awarded a 10-year lease and construction contract over the strenuous objection of the Hillsboro Mayor and Board of Commissioners, who opposed the location.

SUNDAY MUSEUM HOURS
The Orange County Museum is now open each Sunday from 2 until 4 p.m. instead of 3 to 5 as heretofore.

TWO VEHICLE FIRES
The rural fire department has answered two motor vehicle alarms during the past week.

Shipes Oil Company's truck caught afire while delivering oil off Highway 70-A east of town and a Buick sedan owned by James Freeland caught fire at Holiday Park Tuesday night.

Porter Named To New Post At Duke Univ.
F. Ross Porter of Hillsboro, who has been superintendent of Duke Hospital since 1949, has been assigned new duties.

Announcement was made Saturday by President A. Hollis Eaten of Duke University that Porter will now devote his efforts to the study and organization of a foundation for the Duke Medical Center. The (See PORTER, Page 8)

90 Farms, 6 Communities Give 'Finer Farms' Accomplishments

Ninety farms in Buckhorn, Jordan Grove, Midway, Orange Grove, Schley, and St. Mary's have submitted reports of their work in soil and water conservation in the Finer Farms Program of the Carolina Power and Light Company.

Reports prepared by each of the communities were mailed Monday to the company for judging in the 1957-58 contest.

The Orange County supervisors of the Neuse River Soil Conservation District sponsored the various communities. Henry Hogan sponsored Midway and Buckhorn; Charles Stanford sponsored Orange Grove and Jordan Grove, and Reid Roberts St. Mary's and Schley.

13,800 acres of farm land were involved in the combined reports. Total accomplishments reported by the six communities were: 2 miles of new terraces built and 108 miles maintained; 8 acres of sod waterways were developed and 20.5 acres maintained; 7,750 feet of open drains were established, and 13,139 feet maintained;

One sprinkler irrigation system was installed. 1,955 acres of contour farming was reported, 270 acres strip cropped, 2,362 protected and improved with conservation crop rotations and 1,713 with crop residue utilization. 311 acres of permanent pasture were planted during the program year and 2,007 acres maintained. 225 acres of perennial legumes and grasses (other than pasture) were seeded, and 237 acres maintained. 43 acres of timber was reported cut with seed trees left for natural reseeding. 50 acres of loblolly pines were set out, and 165 acres of standing pines thinned to a spacing providing the fastest growth of the remaining trees. 5 1/4 miles of firebreaks were constructed, and 3 1/2 miles maintained. 18 acres of wildlife plantings were established, and 19 ponds were improved by fertilization, stocking or restocking, or weed control. The Finer Farms contest area includes 63 counties in North and South Carolina.

First prize to the winning community is \$350. Second prize is \$250, and third prize \$150. There are also 21 "Superior Results" prizes of \$50 each for the other communities showing the most progress.

In addition to the prizes for the communities, there are three prizes of \$250, \$150, and \$100 for the county boards of District Supervisors showing the best results.

"We appreciate the fine participation and cooperation of the communities entered in the program this year," Henry Hogan, chairman of the Orange County supervisors said. "The chairmen and their committees did a lot of fine work in promoting the program, collecting the information, and assembling it into a good report. Whether the communities win any of the prize money or not, they will be ahead with the better soil and water resources they have as a result of their conservation work."