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Rural Progress In 1958



Forestry improvement at Schley



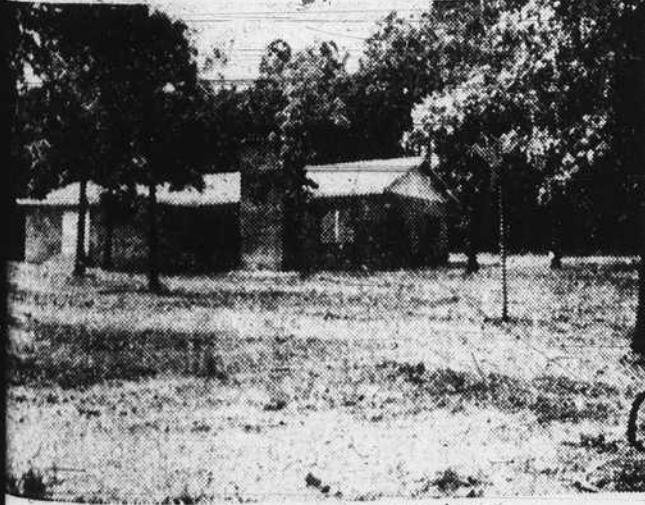
Community activity at Cedar Grove



Corn and soybeans near New Hope



Irrigation for a tobacco crop



Landscape for new community house



Leaders Begin Totalling Progress Summary

The first marked the close of the Orange County Rural Progress Program.

Community leaders are checking sheets from the progress made in each of the above communities as reported on the individual farm check sheets. Five hundred dollars in cash prizes will then be awarded to the communities making the most progress in these fields. These awards will be made at the county Courthouse on Thursday night, November 20th. Listed below are the prizes and their donors:

- November 1, 8 p.m., Community Building, \$25.00 to the community, adding the most new sources of income.
- November 4, 8 p.m., Community Building, \$25.00 to the community raising and conserving the most food.
- November 10, 8 p.m., Community Building, \$25.00 to community carrying out the most good forestry practices.
- November 13, 8 p.m., Community Building, \$25.00 to community seeding most pasture.
- November 13, 7:30 p.m., Community Building, \$25.00 to community seeding most pasture.

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He Retired On October 31

38 Years As Rural Mail Carrier Brought Many Unusual Experiences To E. C. Limer, Hillsboro

Ewell C. Limer, riding on horseback through snow drifts up to the animal's stomach, was the only rural mail carrier in North Carolina to make the rounds that icy day back in 1921.

That is only one of many interesting recollections of one of Hillsboro's most active citizens who retired from the postal service last Friday, October 31, after 38 years service, lacking one month, as a rural mail carrier.

Mr. Limer began his duties on December 6, 1920 when the late George C. Lynch was postmaster. Since that time he has served on three of the four rural routes originating at the Hillsboro post-office during that period. His first service was on Route 4, a three-times-a-week route in those days which was later incorporated into the three routes remaining today. He has been the car-

rier for Route 1 since the retirement of Mr. Charles M. Walker Sr. in 1951.

That first route, Mr. Limer recalls, was 22 miles long which he carried in seven hours by horse and buggy on the poor roads of that day. He transferred to the Model T, part time, about 1924 and has used about 20 automobiles since that time. His last route was 51.44 miles long.

Mr. Limer's greatest pride as a mail carrier is that his 38-year personal record with Uncle Sam in Washington contains not a single blemish, those annoying and oftentimes unjustified reports which are made by irate patrons about the service they are receiving from the mail carrier. Amusing incidents there are many, including the time an apprehensive mother brought her infant to the mail box to obtain Mr. Limer's confirmation

that the baby favored its father, at that time confined in a far-away mental hospital.



Ewell C. Limer

Mr. Limer has been active through the years in many civic and church activities. For many years he has been secretary-treasurer of the Orange County Farmers Mutual Fire Insurance Association, which has 300 members. He was a charter member of the local Lions Club.

As for retirement, Mr. Limer says he has already begun a new job as salesman for a local auto dealer and will devote more time to promoting the fire insurance company he has helped pull out of the hole to a position of financial independence.

Chandler Cates, formerly Mr. Limer's substitute carrier, will serve as temporary carrier until an investigation can be made by the regional postoffice officials to determine the feasibility of consolidating Routes 1 and 2 from Hillsboro.

Road Improvement Plan On Schedule

State highway forces in Orange County are in the midst of their most ambitious improvement program since the first year of the Scott bond issue construction program and Highway Division spokesmen told the County Commissioners Monday "all work is up to schedule in the county."

Division Engineer Town Burton, District Engineer L. H. Gunter and Maintenance Supervisor C. I. Walters made their periodic progress report to the county board in which summaries of work completed or underway in the 1958-59 fiscal year were included.

In the year up to July, 1958, all paving scheduled, 4.84 miles, has been completed except Mitchell Lane and Nunn St. in Chapel Hill where there is a right of way conflict. In addition, grading, drainage and stabilization work was completed on 18.3 miles of priority roads. Two and 45 miles of roads were added to the system.

This year's program, scheduled for completion, next Spring, has 16.23 miles, principally those having priorities 4 through 12, set up for paving under contract. These roads are Mt. Willing road, Excelsior road, Eiland-Buckhorn road, Faucette Mill road, Buckhorn-Holmes Store road, High Street, Oak St. Pine St. and Clover Garden Road.

Grading, drainage and stabilization work is scheduled for 6.2 miles by next June, including Walker Road, Allison Road, Union-Grove church road, Teer road, Loop off Dimock Mill road, White Oak Church road and Bowden road.

Scheduled now for addition to the system this year is Westview drive, Forrest street, Glendale Heights and Dillard Street.

Improvements scheduled for the current fiscal year are expected to cost \$252,200. Last year's appropriation was \$134,964.

Mr. Burton said the commission would begin right away to revise the point system to get up the new priorities. He praised highly Mr. Walters for the "splendid job he has done in this county," having kept up the repairs as well as pushing the betterment program.

Flying Axe Hits Walker Car On Road

Attorney Bonner Sawyer, pleading to the County Commissioners Monday for raises for the judge and solicitor of the county court, opined that being judge in many respects was a hazardous task.

He pointed to the slaying of a judge in an eastern county by a crazed or crack-pot criminal and said our own judge, of course, might be subject to the same treatment.

All of which moved Commissioner Henry S. Walker to point out in an aside that being commissioner also had its hazards.

Mr. and Mrs. Walker were returning from Durham one day last week in their automobile when an axe suddenly fell upon their car's front hood and shattered the windshield in front of them.

Investigation later proved a slightly-inebriated wood-cutter, working on a bank high above the highway, peevish at being unable to chop down the tree on which he was working, had flung the axe as far as he could send it, not realizing in his state of sobriety that he might be endangering the lives and damaging the property of passersby on the highway below. The Walkers miraculously were uninjured, however.

Cone Folks In Top Roles At STA Meet

John W. Bagwill, Cone Mills Corporation vice president in charge of industrial relations and public relations, will be the speaker at the fall meeting of the Eastern Carolina Division of the Southern Textile Association on Saturday, November 15.

The 10 a.m. meeting will be held in the School of Textiles Hall of N. C. State College, Raleigh. Mr. Bagwill will speak on "The Role of Supervision in our Industrial Economy."

J. P. Hughes, superintendent of Cone Mills' Eno Plant, Hillsboro, will introduce the speaker. M. E. Allison, also of Eno Plant, is chairman of the Eastern Carolina Division of STA.

Following the general session, group discussions will be held on methods of controlling quality at each phase of textile manufacture. Subjects will include: carding, led by Carl Frye, Pilot Mills, Raleigh; weaving and slashing, Bill Smith, N. C. State College, and Raleigh Daniels, Pilot Mills; spinning, Gilbert Mays, Erwin Mills, Durham and Byron Stevens, also of Erwin Mills.

Meat Inspection Ordinance Passed

Orange County now has a meat inspection ordinance to control the slaughter of meat-type animals in compliance with a 1957 enactment of the General Assembly.

The ordinance makes it unlawful for any person or firm to sell, offer for sale or process any beef, veal, mutton, lamb, goat or swine unless it has been subjected to an inspection by an official veterinarian approved by the County Commissioners within 24 hours prior to and 24 hours after the slaughtering.

An official Orange County meat stamp was approved for use in implementing the ordinance and Dr. W. H. Vanderbilt, Durham veterinarian, was appointed the official meat inspector for Orange County.

Dr. Vanderbilt has been handling the inspection for Farmers Exchange Livestock Market prior to this time. The Exchange carries on a custom slaughtering service for farmers primarily but about 25% goes into commercial channels.

Piedmont Packing Company, the county's major meat processing firm, is virtually unaffected by the ordinance inasmuch as it already is one of 12 firms in North Carolina which has adopted a much higher "voluntary plan" of inspection administered under the jurisdiction of the Department of Agriculture. Meat thus bearing the brand of the U. S. Bureau of Animal Industry or other recognized official agency indicating it has been legally inspected will be permitted to be sold under this ordinance without additional inspection.

The ordinance was effective immediately upon its approval Monday by the commissioners.

The ordinance covers the handling of meat only when it is to be offered for sale. It does not involve animals which are slaughtered for consumption by the owner.

New Industry Group Pushes Stock Sales

The new industry committee of the Hillsboro continued to secure pledges of stock purchase this week in their drive to obtain funds to construct a building for rental to Southern Garment Company, the dress manufacturer now operating in temporary quarters near Eiland.

The committee, meeting Tuesday reported that pledges were near the goal of \$50,000 set at a mass meeting of citizens three weeks ago.

Meanwhile, the committee learned, threats of labor difficulties at the young plant had been largely discounted.

William Friedman, plant owner, said he had not been approached by union representatives or employees seeking recognition of a union. He said he was aware that some of his employees were members of the Garment Workers union, but he anticipated no "trouble" nor did he anticipate a "strike" as had been rumored last week.

Morton Shapiro, representative of the ILGWU in Greensboro, told a reporter; likewise, that any union activity at the plant is unauthorized as far as the union is concerned and no work stoppage is contemplated there now or in the foreseeable future.

To the list of those reported last week as having pledged stock may be added Wallace Bacon, J. E. Terrell, Charles N. Wood and Arthur Hayes.

Board Declines To Raise Court Salaries This Year

The Board of County Commissioners Monday declined to approve a requested increase in the salaries of the judge and prosecuting attorney of the Orange County Records Court.

Attorneys Bonner D. Sawyer and John T. Manning presented a resolution of the county Bar Association recommending that the Judge's salary be increased to \$3,000 per year and the prosecutor's to \$2,700.

L. J. Phipps and Roy M. Cole, both of Chapel Hill, are the present incumbents. Phipps has been judge since the court was established in 1946. Cole is this month completing his first two-year term. They are now paid \$2,250 and \$1,900 respectively for the one-day-a-week service.

Mr. Sawyer, making a strong plea for the Bar recommendations, praised highly the service of both men and said both are serving as court officials at a financial sacrifice, inasmuch as they are prohibited from a large area of legal practice. In the case of Phipps, Mr. Sawyer asserted, his salary as Judge probably does not pay his office overhead for the day he serves on

Several Get Fair Honors From County

Several Orange county exhibitors took premium honors during the North Carolina State Fair.

Winners from Orange County were:

DAIRY CATTLE: Senior Show, Hugh M. Wilson, Rt. 3, Hillsboro, Asyshire, senior yearling bull, cow five years old, senior heifer calf, third, one fourth, one fifth, two sixths, one seventh, two eighths, three ninths, one eleventh; Harry Poe, Rt. 2, Mebane, (jr. show) Asyshire-senior heifer calf, first, senior show, fifth, cow three years old, second, senior show, seventh, junior yearling heifer, seventh.

CLOTHING: Mary Ross Henley, Rt. 3, Chapel Hill, (jr. div.) cotton dress, third.

HOUSE FURNISHINGS: Mrs. Annie C. Haightcock, Chapel Hill, crocheted tablecloth, first; Faith O. Anderson, Chapel Hill, embroidered tablecloth, first; Maggie Stallings Best, Chapel Hill, crocheted afghan, third.

Board Declines To Raise Court Salaries This Year

The bench. He said Orange County court is operated on a plane of dignity and efficiency superior to those in neighboring counties in which higher salaries are paid.

The commissioners decided they would not consider any raises for court officials until consideration of next year's budget.

Veterans Day To Be Observed Next Tuesday

Next Tuesday has been proclaimed a legal holiday for the observance of Veterans Day.

No formal activities have been planned here. American Legion Post 85 will display flags throughout the business section, but no program is contemplated.

The postoffice will be closed for this holiday which was formerly known as Armistice Day prior to its change several years ago. This day has been set aside by the government in memory of all veterans of all wars of this Nation.

Mayor Ben Johnston has issued a proclamation.

Beaten By Roxboro

Wildcats Close Season Friday At Home In Game Against Apex

By HARRY W. LLOYD

The District champion Roxboro footballers converged furiously upon the injury-riddled Hillsboro Wildcats to win a Halloween Night battle by 42-7 in the victor's park.

The Wildcats play their final game of the season here Friday night against the Apex eleven from the southern part of the conference. There are 11 seniors who will play in their last football game for Hillsboro at that time. They are as follows: Harvey Reinhardt, Ray Barnes, and Kenneth Cook, backs; Joe Dickey and Harold Wagner, ends; David Hines, Bryant Scarlette, and Charles Mincey; tackles Gary Bateman and J. W. Dickey, guards; and Ben Kennedy, center.

Playing without three of the starters and with two not in top condition, the despirited Wildcats at Roxboro played almost a complete reversal of the previous week's 40-0 win. Only a 43-yard pass from Harvey Reinhardt to halfback Kenneth Cook allowed the listless crew to gain a point. Marvin Teer made the extra tally after the third quarter score.

Powerful Halfback Charles Hedgepeth barreled 120 yards in seven carries, scored 19 points, and intercepted two passes in leading the Rockets to the win.

When Hillsboro faced a fourth-and-nine situation at its 40 on the series, punter Joe Barnes received a bad

REQUEST FOR FRANCHISE

Public Service Company of North Carolina has asked the Town of Hillsboro to grant it a franchise for providing natural gas to the community. Mayor Johnston has called a meeting of the Town Board for next Tuesday night to consider the request.

CHARGE RALLY

The Orange Methodist Church, comprising the Hebron and Chestnut Ridge Churches, will have a charge rally November 12.

It will begin at 6:30 p.m. with fellowship supper at Buckhorn Grange Hall. Dr. C. D. Barclift will speak following the supper.

Five More Eno Plant People Get 25-Year Service Awards

Five Eno Plant people will receive honors for completing a quarter of a century service on Saturday night, November 15.

This year's event, the fourth for Cone Mills' Hillsboro Plant, will be held at Aycock School, Cedar Grove. Speaker will be Benjamin Cone, chairman of the board of directors of Cone Mills' Corporation. James Webb, a company vice president, and Joe P. Hughes, superintendent of Eno, will present the 25-year awards.

No one at Eno achieved 50-years service during the past year; however, two with more than 50 years service will again be special guests.

The new 25-year award winners are Mrs. Nellie Brown, Mrs. Bertha Crawford, Sydney Green, Mrs. Mary Riley and James W. Tolar.

The program committee for this event is made up of Miss Bertha Furns and Mrs. Mary Summey, entertainment; Mrs. Gertrude Lane, Miss Cora Shambly and Miss Maggie Terrell, flowers; Mrs. Annie G. Austin, Trussie Hardee; Mrs. Mazy Morgan, Mrs. Pauline Parker and Garland Terrell, welcome.



HALLOWEEN QUEENS at Hillsboro High and Elementary schools, selected last Friday night by their fellow students were Patsy Latta of the 12th grade, left, and Brenda Abril, 8th grade. Photos by Delma Tudor