

1/4 Million Increase Expected In Farm Income

Rural Progress Program Is Among Top Four Counties

Negro Rural Progress Program in Orange County has been selected as one of the four top counties in competition for the \$500 first prize awarded to the county making the largest contribution to rural progress among Negroes in the State.

The announcement of Orange's inclusion among the top four counties for the 1958 Rural Progress Award came to the attention of the county's Negro Rural Progress committee.

Other three counties in the top four are Anson, Robeson and Bertie.

Orange County Negroes won first place in Rural Progress in the State in 1953 and was judged in the last five counties the previous year. Last year's State winner was Duplin, the previous year, Person.

General Gains In Most Commodities Recorded In '58

Orange County's agricultural income took a healthy three quarters of a million dollar jump in 1958, and tobacco reversed a downward trend to record a \$300,000 increase over 1957.

This was the highlight of a 34-point general progress summary included in the annual report of the farm and home extension agents, prepared for the Extension Service and the County Commissioners.

Total gross cash farm income in 1958 was \$5,820,968 compared with \$5,065,600 the previous year and livestock and poultry accounted for three million of this total.

Last year's tobacco crop sold for an estimated \$2,355,688 or \$300,000 more than 1957 as hot dry weather held the per acre yield to 1450 pounds.

The report noted that gross farm income last year was almost \$400,000 more than it was in 1955, despite almost a million dollar loss in tobacco income since that year as result of acreage cuts.

In 1955, community leaders and extension agents projected a five year plan to increase gross farm income by one million dollars. That year tobacco was bringing \$3,133,000 with 4671 acres planted. This year it brought only \$2,355,688 with 3280 acres harvested. However, dairy, beef cattle and pulwood income goals have already been reached and prospects are good that by 1960 those for poultry and hogs will be realized.

Other major items in the report are as follows:

Dairy farmers sold \$1,504,000 worth of milk, or \$171,700 more than last year from 9 less dairies.

Beef cattle income increased from \$171,700 last year to \$221,000 this year. The number of feeder calves marketed at the feeder calf sale increased from 345 to 585. 4-H boys and girls exhibited 33 fat steers at Durham Show and won the grand championship.

Poultry farmers built 19 new houses and sold \$222,000 more poultry products than last year, for a total gross of \$1,359,000.

Income from sale of feeder pigs and top hogs increased \$56,000 to a total of \$217,000. There is a lot of interest in feeder pig production. Meetings, tours, and sales were held, several new farrowing houses were built.

The sale of pulwood decreased from \$169,400 last year to \$130,000 this year.

240 western ewes were bought by sheep producers, doubling the number of sheep in the county.

Improved permanent pastures were increased by 500 acres to a total of 15,600 acres.

Alfalfa was increased by 100 acres to 1,200 acres.

Telephone service has been extended into Caldwell and Prospect Hill communities.

Feed grains increased by 140,000 bushels, mainly because of improved weather conditions and additional use of nitrogen.

A county wide TB and Bangs check on cattle found no reactors.

Last winter 35 woodland owners planted 220,000 loblolly pines on 300 acres. Orders have been placed for about 600,000 pines to be set on 800 acres.

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Chapel Hill Tops Hillsboro 'Cats, 52-44

Chapel Hill defeated Hillsboro High's Wildcats here Tuesday night with a 52-44 victory.

The win puts Chapel Hill in second place in District Three standings. The Chapel Hill Wildcats, with a 4-1 mark, trail Southern High, Southern and Chapel Hill meet in Chapel Hill tomorrow night.

Montie Milner coming off the bench as substitute made 15 points as did Dave Henry. Chapel Hill's Subir Roy had an off night, collecting only 55 points.

Joe Barnes and Joe Crawford paced Hillsboro, now with a 2-2 conference record. Barnes bucketed 13 and Crawford got 11.

The Hillsboro girls team whipped Chapel Hill. Kaye Williams poured 26 points through the hoop for Hillsboro and game high scoring honors.

The Scoring:

BOYS' GAME
 Hillsboro (44)
 F Oettinger 9
 F Bowerman 9
 C Warren 1
 G Henry 15
 G Roy 5
 Subs: Chapel Hill — Milner 15, Hillsboro — Rhinehardt, Blackwelder 2.

Score at halftime: Chapel Hill 23, Hillsboro 18.

GIRLS' GAME
 Chapel Hill (33)
 F Culton 7
 F Hamm 10
 F Lloyd 10
 G Fitch
 G Sturdivant
 G Herring
 Hillsboro (55)
 Williams 26
 C Roberts 2
 N. Roberts 2
 Oakley
 Miller
 J. Graham

Subs: Chapel Hill—Overman, Bennett, Hackney 6, Houston, Andrews, Lackey, Harville, Todd, Rideout. Hillsboro—Howerton 8, Almond 7, Forrest, K. Graham, Blackwelder, Efland, Dickey, Ward, Kenyon.

Score at half: Hillsboro 18, Chapel Hill 10.

Money Battle Underlies Fight Over School Study Committee

The two education boards of the county, with the county commissioners, cleared a roomful of pent-up air at the courthouse Tuesday night in a joint session, often strained, sometimes vitriolic in the repartee passed.

Final conclusion: the Board of County Commissioners will appoint as soon as possible a 15-member committee, principally of lay personnel, but possibly containing at least one representative from each of the three boards, to study school financing problems in this county and make recommendations to the taxing and budgeting authority.

Recommendations of possible appointees will be made by the two school boards, but the Commissioners will make the final choices and possibly throw in some names of their own.

The committee will be asked to make some sort of report by budget time next Summer.

The committee controversy appeared to be just one more phase of the continuing struggle for the largest division of the tax dollar going for schools.

The Chapel Hill board, led by Chairman Grey Culbreth, with other member: pressing the same point, made it clear they did not feel Chapel Hill schools had been getting the appropriations they deserved or which the taxpayers were demanding.

Study Request

Focal point of the discussion at the outset was a letter from the Orange County Board transmitting a request to the Commissioners from its own Citizens Committee for the appointment of a study group from members of the citizens committees of the two administrative units, plus "any others" the commissioners might want. This view on paper was endorsed by the Chapel Hill board.

The county board, however, its committee being composed of both lay and professional school folks, preponderantly the latter, had in mind more of a joint group of this type. Previously some sentiment had been expressed among the Commissioners for an "official" study group composed of members of the three boards only. The Chapel Hill board had a "lay" group in mind, and therein lay the seeds of the controversy.

Ross Porter of Hillsboro first proposed a committee of one member each from the two citizens' groups and one each from the three official boards. This brought attack from each member of the Chapel Hill board and Dean Henry Brandis of Chapel Hill immediately charged that "somebody has reason for not having a Citizens Committee."

During the argument, Culbreth and Brandis both rehearsed last year's budget hearings when the Chapel Hill board presented a request for a supplementary tax increase, which was denied by the Commissioners. Chairman R. J. M. Hobbs of the Commissioners said the Chapel Hill board had not made out a good case for the increase, said, "We were not convinced." Culbreth said he thought they had always presented the views of the tax-paying public but "We've been confronted with the opposite point of view when we get to the Commissioners." When Brandis pressed the argument with cutting sarcasm, Chairman Hobbs said he didn't "propose to be drawn into any controversy on the matter."

The division continued to the end, even on the size of the committee, Culbreth reasoning, "You can't be convincing with the small committee; Superintendent Paul Carr concurring with, "You can't be efficient (See STUDY, Page 4)



EYES RIGHT—All eyes, and ears too, center their attention on Dean Henry Brandis of the UNC law school and the Chapel Hill school board as he argues the case for a "lay" committee at Tuesday night's joint meeting of the official boards. Recognized, left to right: Supt. Joseph Johnson, C. D. Jones, Grey Culbreth, Ross Porter and Sam Gattis.

School Financing Plan To Be Aired

Some 115 leaders of government and education in Orange County have been extended special invitations to attend a meeting on proposed School Finance legislation next Thursday and the general public is invited.

The meeting, sponsored by the Board of Education, will be held at the courthouse at 7:30 p. m., January 22.

Principal speaker will be State Senator O. Arthur Kirkman of High Point, chairman of the North Carolina Committee for the Study of School Finance, established by the 1957 General Assembly and appointed by the Governor.

The committee has developed a plan for local school financing, with local incentive features, which will be proposed to the next legislature. The Board of Education following a preliminary study at its last meeting deemed the proposals of such importance as to warrant the scheduled meeting to hear complete details.

Issued special invitations were the county delegation to the General Assembly, the Board of Commissioners, county and Chapel Hill City boards of education, members of the county Democratic Executive Committee, Orange County Citizens Committee for Better Schools, principals, PTA presidents, District and Advisory committeemen of all Orange County Schools.

A dutch supper at Colonial Inn to be attended by county officials, legislators, and others with Kirkman the guest of honor will precede the public meeting.

Superintendent G. P. Carr, commenting on the plans, said: "After studying the proposal, I think I can say with reasonable assurance that it has the potential of being the most far reaching and important piece of school legislation that has been proposed in the State legislature in a number of years. Passage of this legislation could be of tremendous importance to Orange County schools."

Frederick New Tax Collector; Richmond Quits

J. W. Richmond submitted his resignation as Orange County delinquent tax collector Tuesday after serving in the post a day and a half.

The county commissioners in session Tuesday night immediately named Frank Frederick, Hillsboro insurance man, to fill the vacancy.

He had been one of the nine who submitted applications for the post when it first became vacant several months ago. Frederick attended the Hillsboro schools, is married and the father of three children.

Richmond in his letter gave the board's delay in making the appointment as the reason for his early resignation, noting that he had made other employment arrangements in the interim.

PTA To Hear Health Expert

H. B. Walker of the Department of Health Education School, Public Health of the University of North Carolina, will speak to the Hillsboro Parents and Teachers Association Tuesday evening at 7:30 p'clock in the Hillsboro High School auditorium on the subject "School Selected Health Records."

Walker has been at the Hillsboro School this week checking the health records.

All parents and teachers are urged to attend.



NEW TERM FOR ROBERTS—Reid Roberts of St. Mary's road, Hillsboro too the oath of office from Clerk E. M. Lynch last week for a new term as Neuse River Soil Conservation District Supervisor. Other Orange County members, C. W. Stanford, seated left, and Henry S. Hogan, right look on.



WINTER WONDERLAND—The beauty of old court square in Hillsboro was easily apparent after the third snow of the winter locally fell last Thursday.

Arrest Death Ruled From Natural Causes

Services were held yesterday for Dr. D. Efland Forrest, 61, a former practicing physician, whose body was found in the back seat of his 1956 Ford sedan early Sunday on a muddy road in the Highway 70 bypass, a mile west of Durham.

Services were held from the Presbyterian Church with C. H. Reckard officiating; assistance of the Rev. W. L. Smith, pastor of the Efland Presbyterian Church.

County Coroner Dr. R. A. Stewart said Monday that an autopsy of Dr. Forrest had an enlarged heart and congestion of the lungs. There was nothing to indicate any disease.

Coroner Harton said specimens were taken for toxicology studies at Duke Hospital.

Calling to Sheriff J. M. Manning with Coroner Harton in the case, Dr. Forrest and Oldham of Efland on Friday construction worker friend in a Wilkesboro the trip was in the physician's car with driving.

On their return trip Sunday Dr. Forrest and Oldham stopped at a farm near Efland and picked up R. A. White of Catsburg.

In Durham the three men stopped a while at the Ice Arena operated by the physician's brother-in-law, on Highway 70, just west of the city.

The men left the amusement center and headed for Catsburg, taking a dirt road which runs north off the bypass.

The car skidded in the mud and became stuck in a ditch. Oldham left on foot to get to a telephone and call for a wrecker, leaving White and Dr. Forrest in the car. Dr. Forrest appeared to be sleeping on the back seat.

After calling a wrecker service Oldham stopped by the Ice Arena and told Forrest the car was mired up on a dirt road and that he had sent for a wrecker, leaving Dr. Forrest and White in the car.

Meanwhile, White, tired of waiting for Oldham to return with a wrecker, decided to hitchhike a ride home to Catsburg, leaving Dr. Forrest "sleeping" on the back seat.

Turner Forrest and Dr. Forrest's (See FORREST, Page 8)

One Is Hurt In Collision On St. Mary's

One person was injured Tuesday morning in a collision on St. Mary's road at the intersection with New Sharon road.

According to investigating officers, Walter Bryson of Tellico Plains, Tenn., headed east on St. Mary's road in a 1951 Ford sideswiped the 1956 Ford being driven by Mrs. Leonard Wagner of Route 1, Hillsboro, who was also headed east on St. Mary's road and attempting to turn left into the New Sharon Road.

Bryson's car struck the Wagner car on the left, hit a guard wire on an electric pole and went down a fill before coming to a halt. Bryson was carried to Memorial Hospital for treatment of injuries said to include a broken neck. No occupants of the Wagner were hurt. Bryson will be charged with Reckless Driving.

New Fairview Minister, Wife Establish Home In Community

The Rev. and Mrs. Robert E. Gray, formerly of Newport News, Va., have now established residence in Fairview Community, Route 2, Hillsboro. The Rev. Gray was recently called to the pastorate of the Fairview Baptist Church.

Mrs. Gray, the former Eulene Wilson, received her undergraduate at Mars Hill, Carson-Newman and East Tennessee State College. An accomplished pianist, Mrs. Gray, presented sophomore, junior and senior piano recitals at the respective colleges. For the past six years she has taught private lessons in piano.

Gray prior to his entrance to Southeastern Seminary at Wake Forest, was pastor of the Clear Branch Baptist Church in Erwin, Tenn.

The Grays have been married since August, 1954. They have no children.

Triangle Develops Local Area Population Would Jump

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But, at the same time, he said, Chapel Hill—which he described as "charming" as a residential community—would also get some of the expansion.

"Actually," he said, "I imagine that any growth would probably be in just proportion to their present sizes."

Just how big will the project be?



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