

Carroll Gives Up ABC Post

Dr. Dudley D. Carroll of Chapel Hill, who a month ago was named by the joint county Boards of Commissioners and Education as the first Chairman of the Alcoholic Beverage Control board, has asked to be relieved of the chairmanship. He recommended in his letter to the Board of Commissioners that Remus J. Smith Sr. of Hillsboro, who has served as acting chairman, be appointed as chairman. Dr. Carroll, 73, was a patient at Memorial Hospital at the time of his appointment and shortly there-

after revealed to friends that he would not serve as chairman. His illness has resulted in some delay in getting the ABC program set up in the Chapel Hill area. He indicated he would continue to serve as a member of the board. He was appointed to the chairmanship for a three year term and Smith was named a member for two years. Action on Dr. Carroll's recommendation will have to be taken by the joint appointing boards and they are expected to meet on the first Monday in April on the matter.

The matter of additional compensation for Acting Chairman Smith during the first few months of the Board's activities was discussed by the Commissioners Monday. Smith, it was said, has had to devote a considerable amount of time to getting the program underway and it was proposed by Commissioner Clarence D. Jones that he be compensated in accordance with its worth. This is a matter, it was concluded, which the joint appointing boards would have to handle at their first Monday meeting also.

Call Issued For Minstrel Talent Again

The 1959 edition of the "Ole Time Minstrels" will be staged on Friday and Saturday, April 10th and 11th, sponsored by the Exchange Club of Hillsboro.

In making the announcement, President G. C. McBane of the Club was quoted as saying, "This will make the eighth year that the Exchange Club has sponsored the minstrel. The success of each show has been the result of the combined effort of the people working in and with the cast, the fine turn-outs of the viewing audience, and the program advertisers. We feel that the cooperation of all will be equally as good for this year's show."

Clarence Mangum has been named Chairman of the steering committee again this year. Anyone interested in appearing in the show can contact Mr. Mangum at Ray Moore, Commercial, or come out to the club rehearsal. The rehearsal is on Sunday, March 22, at 2:30 p.m. at the Second Baptist Church for 71 years, serving as treasurer for many years.

Mr. Walker was born on a farm in the Schley area on March 16, 1873 and lived there until 1919 when he moved to Hillsboro, with the exception of a two-year venture as a youth in Texas in 1895 and 1896. Upon his return he married Miss Minnie Montgomery in 1897 and they became the parents of seven children, Frank, Allen, and Claude Walker of Hillsboro, Joseph of Chapel Hill, Marvin of Mebane, Mrs. Beulah Tong of Durham and Mrs. Frank Limer of Hillsboro. Mrs. Walker died a year or so ago.

Umstead Reports

Assembly Cool To Veto Power For Governors

By JOHN W. UMSTEAD
The highlight from the legislative standpoint during the past week was the Governor's message to a joint session of the Assembly. This message was in regard to the proposed State Constitution that is being submitted to the Assembly by a special Constitution Commission headed by Victor S. Bryant, of Durham. In his message he also discussed the report of the Bell Commission in regard to court reform in N. C.

The Constitution Commission report, and that of the Bell Commission differ basically in regard to the control of court procedure in N. C. The Constitution Commission recommends that rules of court procedure remain with the General Assembly, while the Bell Commission recommends that all regulation should be made by the Supreme Court.

It is a well-known fact that the Supreme Court is made up largely of men who have not only practiced law in the Superior Courts of the State but who have held the position of Solicitor and Superior Court Judge before being named to the Supreme Court. This being true it would seem that they know more about the necessary rules of procedure in all the courts of the state than do the members of the Legislature. There is a difference of opinion on this question, even among the lawyers. For my part I shall assume, unless convinced otherwise, that the Supreme Court knows better how to make these regulations concerning our court system than anyone else and that the power

should be given them. Two of the Governor's recommendations met with cool reception on the part of the membership of the Assembly. His recommendations that the veto power be given the Governor has almost unanimous opposition. At the present time the Governor can exercise great power through his control of the budget and the making of appointments. A large majority of the membership of both branches of the General Assembly think that this is sufficient power for the Governor and will, without any question, turn down this recommendation. The second recommendation referred to is that to give the Governor a 2nd term if the people should elect him. This has more support than the veto suggestion, but in my opinion a majority of the Assembly are also opposed to this recommendation.

The recommendation of the Constitution Commission as to reappointment has large support from Legislators from the Piedmont area but very little support from the small counties in the east and west. The suggestion that the number of the members of the Senate be increased to 60 has had very little discussion and this suggestion might be adopted. The above are only a few of the controversial questions brought up in connection with the revised constitution to be submitted to the people for adoption. Discussion of all these matters will take lots of time and there are many members of the

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Alethea Ann Burt

To Sing Here This Sunday

Miss Alethea Ann Burt, contralto, of Washington, D. C., will appear in concert at Central High School here Sunday at 4 o'clock.

The concert is sponsored by the Senior Choir of Mt. Bright Baptist Church to benefit the organ fund.

A native of Hillsboro and a graduate of Central High School, she is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. M. C. Burt, Sr.

Miss Burt is presently employed as a teacher of instrumental music in the Princess Ann County, Md. schools. She is a graduate of Hampton Institute where she was a soloist in the Hampton Choir. She has done further study at Catholic University and George Washington University in Washington.

While at Hampton she appeared on the Paul Whiteman and Kate Smith television shows. She is now a soloist of the Great Hymns Choir of Baltimore, Md. which is under the direction of the noted hymnologist, Daniel Lyman Ridout, Sr.

The concert Sunday will include classic, folk and spiritual numbers. Among them will be Franz Schubert's "The Wanderer," and Hall Johnson's "Talk About-a-Child That Do Love Jesus."

Miss Burt's accompanist is Miss Doris Francis Webb of Washington, D. C.

NO CARRBORO FILERS

No filers have come forward yet in the Carrboro Municipal election to be held on May 5, according to Town Clerk Winslow Williams. April 24 is the filing deadline for candidates for Mayor and three seats on the Board of Commissioners. Registration books will be open from April 18 through the 25th.

CIVIL COURT TERM

A term of Superior Court for the trial of civil cases will begin in Hillsboro Monday with Judge Henry S. McKinnon on the bench. About 40 cases are listed on the calendar for trial or motion.

Protested Plan Had Brought 30% Higher Tax Listings

Merchants Inventory Taxing At 70% Approved By Board

Establishment Of Plumbing Code Proposed

Establishment of a minimum standard plumbing code for Orange County and employment of a County Plumbing Inspector were proposed to the County Commissioners Monday by T. H. and Ben Yates, operators of plumbing businesses in Chapel Hill and Carrboro.

Accompanying the proposal were endorsements of the town managers of both Chapel Hill and Carrboro.

Under present state law, a county board of health can adopt minimum standards for installation of plumbing systems for protection of health. The sponsors suggested that the County Commissioners ask the legislature to include Orange under the general law on plumbing inspection, first passed in 1953 and now including 12 counties. Once included in the act, this county could then proceed to adopt the minimum standards and employ a plumbing inspector to enforce them.

Reaction to the proposal by board members appeared mixed and the consensus of the discussion was that they were not ready to act on the matter at this time. The matter was referred to the county attorney for study and recommendation.

Slogans Bring Cash For 10 Eno Workers

Ten employees of the Eno Plant of Cone Mills Corp. received cash awards in a Safety Slogan Contest held at the plant February 5-14.

There were 54 slogans entered and the following 10 winners and their slogans were judged as best by 13 employees:

Mrs. Jeanette Wagner, "Watch That Quill or Take A Spill"; Dock Andrews, "Be Wise, Use Goggles and Save Your Eyes"; Mary Smith, "Be Wise, Take Care of Your Eyes"; Jack Dabbs, "Be Careful, Take Time, Keep Safety in Mind"; Mrs. Ossie Bivins, "There is No Safe Way For Hore Play"; Mrs. Mae Ashley, "Be Safety Wise, Don't Be Hospitalized"; William B. Hall, "Be Sure It's Safe, Before You Try It"; Mrs. Annie Hardee, "Safety Like Charity, Begins With You"; William Adams, "Don't Let Safety Be Just A Word"; and Luther Delon, "The Safe Way Is The Right Way."



MRS. HORTENSE DICKSON . . . new tax collector



FRANK MILLER . . . new tax appraiser

Mrs. Dickson, Miller Named For Tax Jobs

The County Commissioners appointed a new tax collector for Orange County this week and authorized the addition of a new man to the Tax Supervisor's staff to carry on the functions formerly handled by the departing Carl C. Davis.

To the tax collector post and the responsibility of collecting over \$1 million per year in county taxes, the board selected Mrs. Hortense Copeland Dickson, who has been assistant to Davis for the past year. At \$3,600 per year she becomes on May 1 the second woman as head of a major department in the county government.

To the newly created post of Property Appraiser, the board approved the appointment of Frank Miller, young farmer of Hillsboro Route 2. He began work immediately, working with Mr. Davis and Tax Supervisor Sam Gattis to learn the intricate formulas for appraising property for taxing purposes.

A third new employee will be named to the tax collector's office to assume the job currently held by Mrs. Dickson. She will begin at \$190 per month in Classification 3 of the County's Job Classification System. Miller will begin in Classification 5 at \$230 per month. Both will get automatic pay increases in accordance with the classification scale.

The reorganization plan for the tax department was recommended to the Commissioners Monday by Gattis and Davis after they had asked for two weeks to study the matter, following the resignation of Davis to enable him to become County ABC system manager.

Davis, a veteran county employee, has been tax collector for many years and since 1954 and the revaluation program by the J. M. Clemshaw Co. has worked also with the Tax Supervisor in handling appraisals.

New Affidavit Hikes Listings Of Inventories

The County Commissioners acceded to the requests of organized merchants Monday and adopted a policy of assessment of business inventories for taxes at 70% of their wholesale cost.

The action came after Tax Supervisor Sam Gattis told the Board that a new system of listing inventories installed this year, which brought vigorous protests from the merchant groups, had raised mercantile inventory listings this year about 30% higher than last year.

The system was nothing more than separate listings of inventories on sworn statements, which included information from the firm's last State Income Tax. The Form specified that inventories would be listed and taxable at cost value, which requirement has been in effect since 1954 but generally treated loosely and with a lack of uniformity by merchants prior to institution of the separate sworn statement.

In Orange County real property is assessed at 70% of its current market value. Prior to the institution of the new system merchants listed inventories with varying degrees of accuracy and in many cases assumed the 30% deduction should apply. When the new forms were mailed to merchants in early January, they squawked hard and loud and delegations from Chapel Hill and Hillsboro associations appeared before the Board asking for a change in policy to assure equality. They charged that taxing inventories at 100% of cost value was unfair. Monday's policy declaration was the answer to their plea.

While merchant listings are still incomplete, Tax Supervisor Gattis told the Commissioners inventory listings of some 70 businesses in Chapel Hill township this year was \$980,000 as compared to \$712,000 for the same firms last year. For some 50 firms in Hillsboro township, inventory listings totalled \$459,000 this year as compared to \$356,000 last year.

In the future a determined effort will be made to see that inventories are listed accurately and State Income Tax records will be checked to assure that merchants are complying, Gattis said.

A recent statewide survey has shown that real property in Orange County is taxed at a higher percentage of its true market value than in any other county of the State.

"If we can get accurate listing of business inventories, the county will not suffer at 70% taxation of the wholesale cost," said Gattis.

N. C. Disaster Victims Aided By Red Cross

"\$129,365 was spent by the Red Cross in disasters in North Carolina in 1958," Remus J. Smith, Jr., Chairman of the Orange County Chapter told a group of Campaign volunteers at a progress meeting at the Colonial Inn Monday night.

"This represents approximately \$1,000 each from the hundred twenty-odd chapters in North Carolina," Smith continued. "This was given as emergency relief and rehabilitation. It was given, as from your hands when you made your contribution last year, to provide shelter, food, and clothing to the victims of the hurricane and to square them away for a new start with their homes or business.

"We are fortunate that none of these disaster funds were needed in our own community. We are fortunate in that we are giving rather than receiving. Let's hope that it will always be that way."

Remus Smith presided at the informal meeting in the absence of Campaign Chairman Allen Watkins, hospitalized for a few days.



UNC EDUCATION OFFICERS—New officers have been named by University of North Carolina students forming the Frank Porter Graham chapter of the Student National Education Association. The newly-installed leaders for 1959-60 (left to right) seated: Miss Margaret Ray of Fayetteville, president; and Charles Holland, Salisbury, vice president. Standing are Miss Eleanor Cain of Mullins, S. C., treasurer; and Miss Phillis Blake of Hillsboro, secretary. Dr. Donald G. Tarbet or Mrs. Stacy K. Ebert of the UNC School of Education staff act as sponsors for the group.



Houston J. Walker . . . observes 86th birthday

Mr. Houston' as Birthday

seven years as the "friend-taken has failed to dampen or the enthusiasm of Houston Walker, one of Orange best known citizens, who his 86th birthday last Mon-

suspicious anniversary for "Houston," as he is known to his friends and associates, was by a luncheon given by his family and associated at the Colonial Inn at which he guest of honor.

His attendance were Mr. and Mrs. Walker of Hillsboro, Mr. Joe Walker of Chapel Hill, Mrs. Marvin Walker and Mrs. of Mebane, George Candler Walker Jr. and Jack Walker of Hillsboro. For about the years, Mr. Walker has been one of the most active citizens of Orange County and at 86 years of age he leaves behind a younger man far behind. The march of a family business began in 1922 in Hillsboro, he is the guiding force which has been the dominant in its area from Hillsboro to Chapel Hill.

business which had its humblings has through the partnership with his three sons grown to be of the largest and most successful in its field in North Carolina among the top few in the number and splendor of its roll-ers, the number of its practitioners and licensed funeral directors. Houston has at the same time and the time to engage in church affairs, with a liturgical politics thrown in measure.

National Boy Scout Official

at Tyler, District Organization Extension Chairman for Orange County, announced that M. J. Mészáros, National Director of the Explorer Program of the Boy Scouts of America, will be in Hillsboro and Orange County Tuesday. He will meet with members of the local civic clubs and representatives concerning the launching and promotion of the Explorer program with the young Explorer age, 14 to 17. He mentioned that Orange County is very fortunate in securing the services of the National Director and expressed the hope that the local Council and members to the local Chamber and the people of the communities of the County financial support of that make the services of an available.