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## Tobacco Vital To Community Welfare

### Irrigation Is Focal Point Progress At Cedar Grove

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Chairman, Cedar Grove Advisory Committee

The ever-growing need for rural progress has been a concern of the 200-odd farm families of the Cedar Grove area for many years. This idea is made apparent after a short time to those who have visited among the people who have ventured to travel through the community. The well-kept churches, the fine school, and many of the farmsteads speak well for the collective efforts and individual initiative of the people who occupy this section of Orange County.

The progress of rural progress is no exception, even to a "squeezing" farm and set-backs from dry recently experienced in June. Tobacco is a major source of income in the area, and it is with this in some measure of credit awarded to the fortitude and progressive thinking of the Agricultural Advisory Committee, when meeting this year chose to devote major attention to tobacco production as one of the four main needs of the farm for the year.

Areas chosen by this farm leaders includes Soil Conservation, Housing, Beautification, and Supply. In each case, a number of selected leaders were given the task of exploring the area to be emphasized and to help set a plan whereby the most progress would be forthcoming to the area as a whole.

In the area of irrigation, the exploring committee felt that irrigation had proven its value to the tobacco farmer and be further developed in the future plans for irrigation, especially since it constitutes so vital a part of community welfare. With this in mind, local and county agricultural leaders mapped out an early educational program on tobacco production with irrigation to take the light of exploration. One of the most prominent specialists in the lines of irrigation, Mr. J. Raleigh was brought here to offer the best as available to any who would it feasible to introduce successful production practice on respective farm. Many in-



IRRIGATION SYSTEM AT WORK ON HOWARD PITTARD FARM



IT BEGINS HERE WITH PUMP AND A LAKE . . . ON ZEB BURTON FARM



LAYING THE PIPELINE IS NEXT VITAL FUNCTION

## Plastic Pipe And Small Motor

### Farmers Find New Irrigation Method

Irrigation becoming so vital to tobacco farmers and Orange County economy, Agent Don S. Matheson is busy impressed with the use of a new irrigation method being used successfully by Person and Orange County.

which most Orange County growers who have them have installed cost in the neighborhood of \$3,000. The new outfits cost from \$325 to \$600 depending upon the size of the pipe and the length of the plastic hose.

"The gravity-flow irrigation equipment consists of a small Briggs-Stratton motor, 2 1/2 to 8 horsepower with 1 1/2 inch diameter plastic hose in 100 feet lengths, which may be coupled together, and about 1,000 feet or more the pond, creek or water hole to the field of tobacco," Matheson explained.

Hester Cates of Route 2, Hurdle Mills, likes his "gravity-flow irrigation outfit. His equipment consists of a 2 1/2 horsepower motor and

## Meeting Of Presbytery Here Today

The 380th Stated Meeting of Orange Presbytery will convene at the Hillsboro Presbyterian Church today at 9:30 a.m.

Some 150 ministers and ruling elders from churches in Rockingham, Guilford, Caswell, Randolph, Alamance, Chatham, and Orange Counties will be in attendance. Orange Presbytery meets at least once each quarter of the year to transact the business of the Church and to hear reports on the various phases of the work of the Church.

The Women of the Church of the Hillsboro Presbyterian Church will provide the noon meal for members of the Presbytery in the recently constructed Strudwick Hall. C. D. Jones, ruling elder and Clerk of the Session of the local church (See PRESBYTERY, Page 8)



DR. SOLOMON C. PAYNE

## Payne Is First Central Grad To Become M.D.

Dr. Solomon C. Payne, son of Mr. and Mrs. David Payne Jr., recently has become the first graduate of Central High School to receive the M. D. Degree.

He was graduated from the medical school of University Catholique de Louvain, Louvain, Belgium, earlier this month. He graduated from Central High School here in 1945.

Dr. Payne received his pre-medical training at Virginia State College where he was graduated in 1952 with a Bachelor of Science Degree in Biology. While there he was active in many student organizations, an honor student, and served as president of the Beta Gamma Chapter of Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity.

He received the Master of Science Degree in Physiology from the University of Illinois in 1954. He did study toward the Ph.D. Degree in Physiology afterwards at the University de Loussane, Loussane, Switzerland.

Dr. Payne will intern at Women's Hospital in Detroit, Michigan. He is married to the former Miss Jeanne Allen of Winston Salem. They have three children: Solomon, Jr., 6; Deon, 4; and David, 2.

## Davis Child Hurt In Fall From Auto

Little Kenny Davis, 3 1/2-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Davis of the Fairview Community, received lacerations to his head and bruises over his body Saturday evening around 5:30 o'clock when he fell from a car he was riding in onto the hard surface of the Fayette Mill Road, approximately a quarter mile from Highway 70.

His father said he looked back and Kenny was seated in the center of the back seat of the four-door car, and it seemed the next minute he felt air on his back and looking around he found the child had fallen out.

Mr. Davis rushed the child to Walker's Funeral Home where he was taken by ambulance to Watts Hospital where he underwent surgery.

It is reported that Kenny may be able to return home this weekend.

## High School Band To Give Sunday Concert

The Hillsboro High School summer band, now in the midst of a six week course of instruction under the direction of Director Robert B. Haas, will present a lawn concert this Sunday afternoon at 3 o'clock at Hillsboro Recreation Park.

Twenty-four local school students have been enrolled in the band course this summer, receiving instruction four hours daily, five days per week.

In the event of rain the Sunday afternoon concert will be held in the high school auditorium.

The program will include a variety of selections from classical to popular music, along with marches and folk tunes, as follows: Eagle Scout March, America, Scouts on Parade March, Poet & Peasant Waltz, Moonlight and Roses, Sail-in, Blue Danube Waltz, a March, Day Dreams, Shortnin' Bread, Barcarolle from Tales of Hoffman, Minuet in G, Graduation Day Overture, Aura Lee, Hark the Sound, Faith of Our Fathers and a final march.

Members of the band are: Flutes, Deloris Hatley, Judy Dowdy, Elizabeth Pettit, Julia Brown; Clarinets, Bobby Gerdeman, Johnny Cox, Jimmy Ferrell, Josephine Barbour; Richard Breeze, Sandra Collins; Cornets, Robert Jones, Gordon Cole; Tate Latta, Tim Teer, Lucy Reinhardt, Bob Ward, Michael Cates; Trombones, Joe Hughes, Mark Gordon, Joel Knight; Percussion instruments, Bruce Collins, Leroy Franklin, William Smith and Johnny Harris.

## Secondary Road Paving Program Is Approved

### First Six On Priority List Slated

The highway department Monday presented and the county commissioners approved the proposed plan for secondary road construction in Orange County for the fiscal year from now until next July.

Division Engineer T. A. Burton and County Supervisor C. L. Walters both described the tentative program one of the most ambitious yet attempted. \$219,473 was allocated for new construction projects.

The program includes 10.95 miles of grading, drainage and paving work on secondary roads during the next year, 2.3 miles of grading, drainage and base, and 8.3 miles of stabilization. In addition \$5,000 was set up for participating projects, in which the property owners would pay for part of the paving, and \$4,000 was set for maintaining additions to the system. \$206,000 was set up as the county's appropriation for roadway maintenance during the current year.

All work will be done by the county highway forces under the supervision of Mr. Walters.

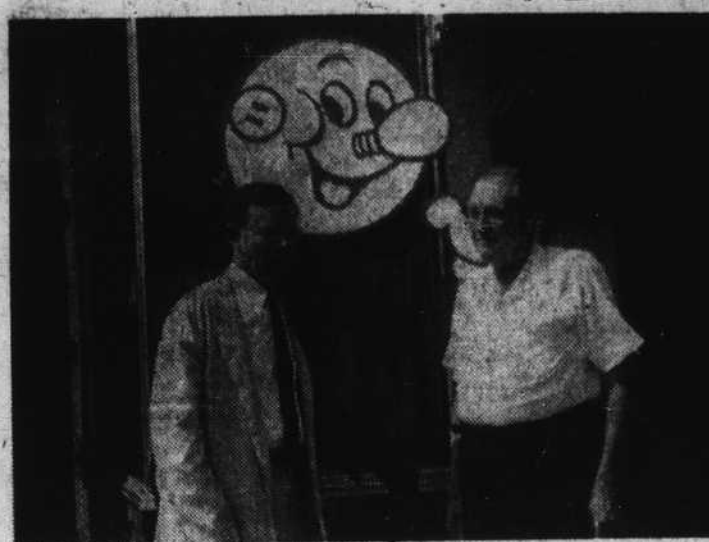
Included in the paving program are the first six roads on the priority list, and the seventh priority road will receive grading, drainage and base applications in preparation for first paving allocation after next July 1.

Following in the order of their priority are the paving projects, their length and estimated cost: Estes Hills road, from N. C. 88 to Chapel Hill city limits, 8 miles, \$6,200; Halls Mill road, from US 70-A to Old Hillsboro road, 1.4 miles, \$18,000; Charles Pope road, from McDade to N. C. 86, \$29,300; Marshall Ward & Pittard road, from N. C. 49 to McDade, 3.2 miles, \$53,000; Palmer's Grove road, from US 70 to Lawrence road, 1.65 miles, \$27,400; and Antioch Church road, from N. C. 54 to Pineville-Carrboro road, 1.9 miles, \$19,100. Total for paving is \$153,000.

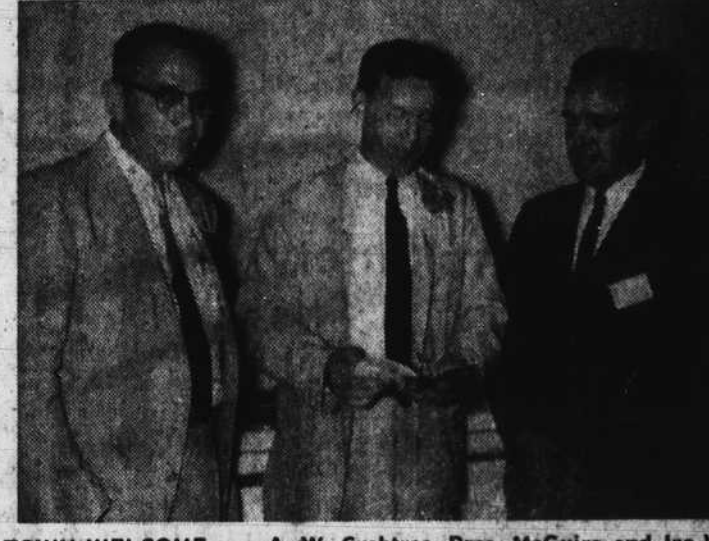
The No. 7th priority road, the New Sharon road, from New Sharon Church to Sim's Crossroads, 2.3 miles, is scheduled for grading, drainage and base at a cost of \$24,473.

The stabilization work, which includes grading, drainage and light base, will be applied to 8.3 miles, including the following: Oak Grove Church road, 1.5 miles, \$6,000; High Rock road, 2.6 miles, from Tom Ward road to Alamance county, \$11,000; the Johnnie Phelps road, 1.3 miles, from Person County line to Monk road, \$3,000; Robert Breeze road, 1.9 miles, from Walnut Grove road to John Brown road, \$8,000; Dr. Lloyd road, 1 mile, from N. C. 54 to Old N. C. 86, \$5,000.

## Duke Power Celebrates With New Facilities



TOP BRASS . . . Pres. W. P. McGuire, Mayor Ben Johnston



TOWN WELCOME . . . A. W. Crabtree, Pres. McGuire and Ira Ward



OLD HAND . . . Fred Boone, center, with Paul Lucas, Pres. McGuire

## Apology For Crossings

Seventh Highway Division Engineer T. A. Burton Monday apologized for the condition of crossings of the new super highway, south of Hillsboro and promised the trouble will be eliminated "if we have to do it ourselves."

Although bridges have been completed for 8 or 10 months, the contractor has delayed completing the approaches and the travelling public has had to put up with makeshift detours or broken road sections for this period.

## 1,200 Attend Duke Power's Open House

Approximately 1,200 people attended Duke Power Company's open house last Thursday, in observance of the opening of their recently remodelled offices in Hillsboro.

Among the guests for the occasion were Duke Power's President W. P. McGuire of Charlotte and other top officials from Charlotte, Durham and Burlington.

Prior to the open house, the company was host to a number of local business men and town officials at a luncheon at Colonial Inn, during which McGuire expressed his confidence in the continued growth of the local area. He referred briefly to Duke's experience here, pointing out that the office was serving 600 customers and there was only one water heater on the lines when Duke took over in 1936, as compared to the 4,000 it now serves. "We think the opening of the new facilities has a significance in the future of Hillsboro," he concluded.

Winners of door prizes given by the company in recognition of its opening were: Mrs. Ollie Mae Pursley of Hillsboro, first prize, an electric range; C. J. Gentry, Route 2, second prize, a mix master; and R. B. Roberts, Hillsboro, third prize, an electric fry pan.

## Orange 4-H Youth To Attend And Compete In Events Of 4-H Club Week At N. C. State

Seven Orange County 4-H boys and girls will attend State 4-H Club Week at North Carolina State College next week.

The Orange delegation will help swell total attendance at State 4-H Week to an expected 1,400, according to Katherine Miller, assistant county Home Demonstration agent.

The boys and girls will be celebrating 50 years of 4-H Club work in North Carolina at the event this year. It was on July 1, 1909 that club work with rural youth was formalized. North Carolina was the first state to sign an agreement with the U. S. Department of Agriculture to get the work under way on an official basis.

**Special Events**

Faye Dickey, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. I. Dickey of Route 2, Hillsboro, will represent the Northwest District in the Vegetable and Fruit Production Contest. She will be competing in the state finals on Tuesday afternoon of 4-H Club Week, with 4-H winners from 5 other districts. The topic for her demonstration is "The Strawberry Scoop" and she shows and tells how to select, plant, and care for strawberries in the home garden.

This is the 17-year-old Miss Dickey's seventh year as a 4-H Club member and she has taken the



MISS FAYE DICKEY



MISS ANN WILKERSON

## In Cattle Body

Homer R. Tapp, Chapel Hill, Rt 2, was one of 1,310 new members admitted to The Holstein-Friesian Association of America by recent action of the Board of Directors.

Membership in the national Holstein organization now totals 50,813 and is believed to be without precedent in livestock history.