

Orange Pealings

ANN CLAYTON OF HILLSBORO, Orange County's contender for Miss America honors, will seek the state beauty title at the Miss North Carolina pageant in Greensboro. She and some other Tar Heel beauty contenders will be seen on TV Matinee over Channel Two (WFMY-TV) at 3 p. m. today. Ann will depart for the pageant in Greensboro next Tuesday, accompanied by Jim Heavner of the sponsoring Chapel Hill Jaycees. A formal sendoff is being planned in downtown Hillsboro.

RETIRING COUNTY FARM Agent Don Matheson accepted with appropriate graciousness the tributes bestowed on him at the reception in his honor last Sunday. But he was right in his informal, easy-going manner when he genially declared "I think when I die you ought to just dig a hole and throw me in. All the good things that could possibly be said about me have already been said here today." Observing the 200-odd people waiting to shake his hand in the receiving line, he observed with some Dickensian sincerity — "You know, it all makes me feel like a — humbug!"

WHEN HE CAME TO HILLSBORO from Arkansas in 1928, Squire Don reminisced, he had nothing but "the shirt on my back and a model T Ford." His fortunes increased and he "married the prettiest girl in the county" and acquired the only mother-in-law (Mrs. J. Cheshire Webb) in the county who had hot running water." On another occasion recently Matheson recalled that when he and Bonner Sawyer became charter members of the Hillsboro Lions Club they were both so young they were still wearing short pants. And they debated over whether to join the Lions or the Boy Scouts.

SPECULATION IS RIFE, and getting rife, over the successor to L. J. Phipps as Orange County legislator for the forthcoming special session of the General Assembly. It is generally felt that whoever gets the nod will still face Phipps in the Democratic primary next spring. Hon. Jim is like Bre'r Rabbit as to his political intentions, will strictly say no comment. But he shows some symptoms of a patient with candidates' buck fever.

THE CHAPEL HILL FIRE Department set a fire of its own this morning — all in the interests of public health and firemen's training. An old deserted house on Nunn Alley off W. Rosemary was burned to the ground as a training mission for the Department's call and regular men. — It also rid the town of a much-frequented drinking spot for winos.

THE 1963 - 64 CHAPEL HILL municipal budget will likely show a 10-cent tax rate increase to an over-all rate of \$1.20 per \$100 property valuation. This was the general consensus of the Chapel Hill alder-

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In token of service...



HONOR RETIRING AGENT — Mrs. Henry Walker (left) presents to Mr. and Mrs. Don S. Matheson an engraved silver tray, given by friends of the retiring county farm agent at a testimonial program sponsored last Sunday afternoon by the Orange County Pomona Grange. The Mathesons in

turn set up an endowment fund for awards to Orange County Four-H youth leaders, and additional public contributions brought this to \$2,200 — with the Mathesons' \$1,000 gift. Mr. Matheson plans to go into the private real estate business in Hillsboro in the near future.

10 pct. decline in farming shown by census last year

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