

Costly Generosity?

Congress' generosity permits the oil industry to spend vast sums toward exempting natural gas producers from FPC regulations, says Thomas Stokes on 3B.

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Community Type College Need Noted

Education Board Chairman Says State Enrollment Ratio Too Low

The key that unlocks the door of higher education to larger numbers of Tar Heel youths may be the community college, D. Hiden Ramsey indicated here Tuesday.

There are two such schools in Charlotte, one in Asheville and one in Wilmington.

Action Needed For Farms, Hodges Says

HICKORY — Gov. Hodges said Tuesday night "we must do many things" to meet the challenge of North Carolina's "pitifully low per capita farm income."

In a prepared speech, Hodges told the Hickory Chamber of Commerce at its annual meeting that "we must put our land to work and plan our operations more carefully. We must produce more and more for the right market."

He said, "It is not enough merely to farm our land as our ancestors farmed it. Believe me, we must have more small industries throughout the state that can process our products."

He cited figures showing that according to the 1954 census, "there are 20,000 fewer farms in North Carolina today than there were five years ago." He said, "The preponderance of small farms, with their relatively low income return, is a major factor in the low per capita income of thousands of our people in North Carolina."

The governor congratulated the Hickory Chamber for accomplishments such as the development corporation advocates for all communities in the state.

He told the audience of 300 at Lenoir Rhyne College that the building of a \$22 million General Electric plant near here was a fine example of attracting new industry.

As a local instance of expansion of existing industry he cited the Shuford Mill for beginning the manufacture of tape, in addition to rope and yarn. He also congratulated the community on the formation of the Superior Cable Corporation, as local development of new industry.

Hodges told the group that "we must stand on our own ground and build up our own state." He said the North Carolina Business Development Corp. was organized "as a means of promoting and developing home-owned new industries."

Of the school segregation problem, Hodges said: "I am extremely hopeful that if we take our time, observe carefully what is being done elsewhere while we still have time through recent federal court decisions, we will come up with an answer that will preserve our schools and still keep our basic traditions."

The Governor told the group he was convinced "there is a great future ahead for us if we can only meet the challenges and problems of the future."

The chairman of the N. C. Board of Higher Education spoke at the Charlotte Rotary Club's regular luncheon meeting.

North Carolina "ranks shockingly low" in the percentage of its college age population in attendance upon institutions of higher learning," he said.

Less than one-sixth of Tar Heel young men and young women of college age were in schools in 1950, while the national average was one in four.

"It is a demonstrable fact," Ramsey noted, "that students attend an institution in direct ratio to their proximity to it."

"Does the state have any responsibility to organize its system of higher education in such a way that colleges are brought within the geographic reach of its youth?"

"Many states are undertaking to meet the situation by fostering the establishment of community colleges."

"These institutions provide a terminal education for young people who need and desire only two years of college training. Furthermore, they serve as proving grounds and feeders for the senior colleges."

"The signal advantage of such institutions is that they provide college training at the lowest possible cost to the state and to the student."

"In North Carolina we have hardly scratched the surface of the community college."

"We have only four such institutions, and the state is just now making for the first time a meager appropriation for their support."

"Shall we undertake to meet our college needs by establishing a system of community colleges?"

"If so, shall they be superimposed upon our public school system or shall they be maintained as an integral part of a state system of higher education?"

Ramsey said he was asking questions and stating problems for which he did not even pretend "to have the answers."

But North Carolina must find the answers if the state "is to grow in stature and in spirit," he said.

Hard facts and stark figures, Ramsey said, show that:

1. Some 48,000 students are enrolled in 12 state schools, four com-

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IS HE GONNA JUMP?—Nope, t'ain't a suicide. Nope, t'ain't a cat on a hot tin roof! This is Harry, the Hotel Charlotte scarecrow. It was placed atop the building last summer to shoo thousands of starlings which fouled up the air-conditioning, banged on the windows, and kept guests awake with their capella chirping. The management just hopes Harry holds out another season. (Observer Photo—Sturkey)

Slum Program Ups Property Values

The city Tuesday reported Charlotte's model slum clearance program has boosted property values here by more than \$17,700,000.

Since slum clearing was launched in 1948, officials estimate the project increased values by \$17,769,750 through Jan. 1.

In its annual report, the slum clearance agency noted 10,881 houses have been brought up to standard in eight years of work.

This includes installation of inside plumbing, toilet facilities, electric lights, heating facilities, screening and repairing structural defects.

It is estimated that an average of \$750 has been spent per unit in bringing homes up to standard. Renovation alone, the city said, has added \$8,160,750 to property valuations.

New construction prompted by the program totals \$9,600,000, slum clearance officials said.

A recent report by the Build America Better Council of the National Association of Real Estate Boards commended the city on its project and observed:

"The cost to the city of the slum clearance program has been far exceeded by the additional collected fees for inspections, plumbing, electrical and building generated by the program."

The NAREB survey declared, "Charlotte serves as an excellent example of what proper planning coupled with civic support and city backing can accomplish in the fight against slum conditions."

Country Club Names 5 New Directors

Five new directors to a 15-man board were elected Tuesday night at a meeting of the Charlotte Country Club.

New directors who will serve three-year terms are B. Irwin Boyles, Yates W. Faison, Willis L. Henderson, E. M. O'Herron Jr., and John A. Tate Jr.

Other directors are Erwin Laxton, Frank McClenehan, Marshall Pickens, President C. P. Street, John A. Cunningham, J. E. Dowd, Philip F. Howerton, W. O. Nisbet Jr., and Louis L. Rose.

Man Says He's Not Same Price

Paul E. Price of Monroe requests The Observer to state he is not the same Paul Price of Monroe who was charged with forgery last week in Monroe. Paul E. Price is a wholesale meat dealer in several North and South Carolina counties.

2 Street Projects Given Green Light

Park Road, Sardis Link Are Pushed

By HOKE MAY
Observer Staff Writer

State Highway Officials opened the way Monday to quick action on two major street improvement projects here.

Highway Commissioner James Hardison of Wadesboro conferred with Charlotte government leaders at City Hall during the morning.

After the session, he promised definite proposals within two weeks on widening Park Road and building a straight link between Crescent Avenue and Old Sardis Road.

Park Road widening has been in the talking stage for several months. But Hardison's statement Tuesday was the first indication the state was ready to go ahead with the work.

The Crescent-Sardis tie-in and widening has been given the Highway Commission's blessings together with a \$220,000 allocation.

When the link is forged, four sharp curves will be eliminated and motorists in the Sardis area will have a straight route into the city.

Hardison indicated funds will be available for Park Road when plans are worked out with the city.

Widening on Park is expected to run from the Tremont Avenue intersection beyond the city limits to Briar Creek.

At the same time, Hardison said two-tenths of a mile of Woodlawn Road from Park to Sugaw Creek will be turned into a four-lane thoroughfare.

Best guess on the Park Road work is that the street will be broadened to 45 feet from Tremont to the end of the curb and gutter line at Charlotte Drive.

From there, the state probably would take over. The road may become a four-lane drive near the city limits.

As envisioned, the project would follow the general lines of improvements under way on Providence Road.

The state owns a 60-foot right-of-way along Park and indications are that expansion will be contained within that limit.

Hardison reportedly asked for city participation in Park Road construction work, but no definite proposals have yet been laid down.

In the Sardis project, the \$220,000 allocation is expected to cover widening to 24 feet to the New Sardis intersection.

Volunteer Fire Unit Is Planned

The Rev. A. G. Perkins has asked everyone in Lucia to attend a meeting at the Lucia grammar school at 7:30 p.m. Thursday. The meeting has as its purpose the formation of a volunteer fire department.

Representatives of the Mecklenburg County Volunteer Fireman's Association have offered to assist in organizing the new department.

TOP ICE HOCKEY CROWD

Cats Rock And Roll To Coliseum Record

By DICK BANKS
Observer Staff Writer

Charlotte established itself as the jazz capital of the Carolinas by packing 11,544 rhythm-happy maniacs into the Coliseum Tuesday night.

And at least six jumpy cats, jived up so high they had to fly, made history by getting themselves tossed out of the Coliseum on their prancing feet for dancing on their seats and in the aisles.

It was a "Rock and Roll" show, well advertised, that packed 'em in. With seats down the floor right up to the stage, the paid admissions set a new record for the bowl with the lid on top.

Billy Graham did better, by a little bit, on attendance. But his folks got in free.

It was well into the second half of the program that Charlotte's rocking, rolling Coliseum almost blew its top. The stars were Bill Haley and Roy Hamilton. But it was broad-shouldered, heavy footed, brass-throated Joe Turner who built up delirium near the fever pitch of the crazy Benny Goodman days of the middle '30s.



THIS IS THE WAY you tie a knot for a sling, Red Cross first aid instructor Otis Dowdy explains to Lewis Barber of Boy Scout Troop 70. Acting as patient is Michael Scott of Troop 32. Dowdy, a training captain in the Charlotte Fire Department, is a Boy Scout commissioner examining scouts aiming for first aid qualification.

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Taylor's Plea For New Trial Slated Today

Attorneys for Thomas Walter (Shorty) Taylor, convicted 10 days ago of second degree murder in the shotgun death of his wife's man companion, will ask Judge J. C. Rudisill this morning for a new trial.

Marvin Ritch said Tuesday night that he and T. O. Stennett would make the motion for a new trial at 9:30 a. m. today on the basis of "new evidence."

Judge Rudisill presided over Taylor's trial and sentenced him to 30 years imprisonment upon his conviction.

Taylor was convicted of hiding in the trunk of his wife's car, getting out and shooting Talmadge Alene Parker to death when he found him with his wife.

Ritch said he will have several new witnesses in court this morning, including two women who claim to have seen Taylor and Parker fighting.

A state's witness at the trial testified that she saw the entire affair, that she never saw Taylor and Parker closer to each other than eight feet before Parker fell to the ground.

Taylor now is free under \$15,000 bond, awaiting an appeal to the State Supreme Court.

Attorney Is Named U. S. Commissioner

Robert L. Scott, Charlotte attorney, Tuesday was appointed U. S. Commissioner for the Western District of Federal Court by Judge Wilson Warlick.



ROBERT L. SCOTT

He was given the oath of office Tuesday morning by Miss Elva McKnight, deputy clerk of court, for a four-year term ending Jan. 30, 1960.

Scott succeeds Nat C. White, better known throughout Piedmont North Carolina as "Uncle Nat," retired recently because of ill health. White is seriously ill at Presbyterian Hospital.

White first was appointed U. S. Commissioner Nov. 7, 1942. For 45 years his avocation has been preaching and singing, mostly in Presbyterian churches throughout the county.

He will be 80 years old Feb. 6. For the past year, White has been conducting his office from his sickbed. But he had to retire recently when his illness became serious.

Scott, 37-year-old former member of the State Industrial Commission, is the first lawyer to hold the appointment, according to court officials.

He was born in Rocky Mount, attended the University of North Carolina, got a law degree from Wake Forest College and did graduate work at Duke University. Scott served in the Air Force from 1941 to 1945, and was discharged with the rank of captain.

After completing law school in 1946, he practiced law in Durham until he was named industrial commissioner by Gov. Kerr Scott (no relation) in 1949.

Robert Scott resigned that state post in September 1954 and came to Charlotte, where he opened a law office in the Law Building.

He is married to the former Marlowe Mossheart of Princeton, Ill., and they have three daughters. They live at 2123 Floral Ave.

Scott said he intended to continue the practice of law.

He said he will not be able to appear in any case where he would have to oppose the interests of the United States—that is, to oppose a government case.

Morning Prayer

Heavenly Father, help us to believe that through Thy loving grace — we may always be divinely guided, that we may always make the right choice, and that Thou O God, will always make a way where there is no way. In Jesus name, we pray. Amen.

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Clark (left) Congratulates Winner Morrow

Charlottean Brings Home Farm Management Award

RALEIGH — A. R. Morrow of Charlotte Tuesday was named "outstanding farm manager of 1955" by the N. C. Society of Farm Managers and Rural Appraisers. He is manager of Morrocroft farm, Charlotte. He is the third person to receive the annual award. Albert M. Clark, Biltmore, who won the 1953 honor, made the presentation of a plaque and citation, during the society's winter meeting at N. C. State College. K. J. Shaw of Laurinburg won the award in 1954.

Morrow, a native of Iredell County and a 1920 graduate of N. C. State College, has been manager of Morrocroft farm since 1943.

According to the citation, under Morrow's management the farm has eliminated several unprofitable operations, and has instituted a long-term pasture and forage crop program.

He owns a 110-acre farm of his own in Iredell County. He was county agent in Montgomery County from 1920 to 1925, and in Iredell from 1925 to 1943.