

# The News of orange county

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## New title quite fits the job--and the man

The elevation of Sam Gattis to the newly - created position of County Administrator gives recognition — after 10 years — to the work that he has been doing. And the increase in salary granted him likewise recognizes his great value to Orange County.

Since 1953 Sam Gattis has been by official title the County Accountant and County Tax Supervisor. In unofficial fact he has been the county manager for Orange, acting as right-hand man to the county commissioners, and supervisor of various agencies that come under the commissioners' direct jurisdiction — all of this in addition to his accountant and tax supervisor duties.

### Why hire a manager? . . .

Orange has in the past considered hiring a county manager. The News wondered at the time what it needed with one — if it did not already have one in the person of Mr. Gattis. His new title is not only more appropriate to his duties, but more palatable to the rugged individualistic citizens who feel that anybody that manages the county would also try to manage them.

With each passing year during the decade of his employment Sam Gattis has become more valuable to the government of Orange County, and hence to all of the citizens of Orange. It is quite appropriate that his office now be dignified with a title befitting the work that he has been doing, and that his salary as a valuable executive public servant, be increased accordingly.

## Leaders of community must discuss issues

A group designated as the Negro Committee of Human Rights has presented to the Town of Hillsboro several far-reaching requests in the area of race relations — appointment of a bi-racial human relations committee, a public accommodations ordinance for the town, establishment of a fair employment policy to bring about the hiring of Negro employees in governmental jobs, and steps toward desegregation in the public schools.

Appointment of a bi-racial committee was first requested by Gov. Sanford nearly six months ago. At that time when he named a state-wide Good Neighbor Council he asked that all municipalities and counties appoint similar committees at their levels. Many communities did this. The Town of Chapel Hill, for instance, has benefitted significantly through better inter-racial relations over the past four years, due in part to the continuing efforts of the Mayor's Committee on Human Relations.

### Town, county issue . . .

The Town of Hillsboro and the County of Orange, too, will likely be faced more and more in the months immediately ahead with matters of inter-racial concern. Men and women of good faith who are leaders in their



—Walt Partymiller, York Gazette & Daily

communities cannot necessarily solve the mounting problems of human relations that face every city and town over the country. But it is certain that without the forthright efforts of community leaders of good faith in both races these issues will not be resolved.

The Hillsboro all-Negro committee has presented a list of requests that marks quite a change from the established pattern of inter-racial relations in that community. No doubt not even those who made the requests expect them to be simply and immediately adopted. Thus it should be obvious that the first and most significant step toward a better understanding of the need for or against the granting of these requests will be the appointment of a conference group—itsself one of the requests.

## Aycock brought town closer to University

By the time Chancellor William B. Aycock returns to full-time classroom duties in the Law School next year he will have shepherded the University successfully through the most significant period in its history.

His seven years in South Building will mark the end of the transitional era from the administration of President Frank Graham to the beginning of a new and greatly expanded University — yet one that has retained the Graham spirit of freedom for the University and continued emphasis on high standards of scholarship.

### Been 'first citizen' . . .

As chief administrator of the University at Chapel Hill, Mr. Aycock has truly been Chapel Hill's first citizen — a title he has borne with a deep sense of its fullest meaning. President Friday has paid appropriate tribute to Chancellor Aycock's unparalleled devotion to duty, as well as his accomplishments for the long-range mission of the University.

But further than this, and of particular concern to all citizens of this University community, Chancellor Aycock has brought town and gown — the University and Chapel Hill — much closer together. Local citizens have felt a greater pride in the advances of the University, under the tenure of Chancellor Aycock because he has been especially conscious of the value of the closest possible kindred feeling between the University and the town.

## Driver class dilemma has no easy answer

Chapel Hill parents of private school pupils complain that their children have been turned down for enrollment in driver education classes offered in the Chapel Hill public schools this summer.

Their concern has more importance since as of next November a new state law will go into effect providing that nobody under the age of 18 can be granted a driver's license without having satisfactorily completed an approved driver education course.

The official policy of the Chapel Hill School Board is that principals give preference for enrollment in driver education classes to pupils then enrolled in the Chap-

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## 'Grass roots' appeal comes to aid Barry in '64 running

Comes in the mail this week an interesting new switch in "grass roots" political appeal. It's the pitch of "Millions of Americans for Goldwater" down in Amarillo, Texas, 79107. (Note Zip Code Number)

Idea is to have citizens deposit their political contributions in local savings banks with the stipulation that they go to Sen. Goldwater if he wins the GOP presidential nomination next year. Also enclosed is copy for a full-page newspaper ad appeal which "a group of conservatives in your hometown" may run as an ad in the newspaper. . . Space and copy is available, at regular political advertising rates, News of Orange.

### FEW 'ZIP' YET . . . Chapel Hill postal workers this week

surmised that about one in every 100 pieces of mail received locally in this second week of the Era of Zip were addressed with the "27514" number at the end of the "Chapel Hill, N. C." address. But, they hope, folks will get used to it gradually — like seven - digit phone numbers.

### LONGER MAY THE WAVE . . .

In normal fashion for such an auspicious occasion, the Chapel Hill Post of the American Legion invited Mayor Sandy McClamroch to give a word of welcome at the inaugural ceremonies last Sunday for Jim Phipps as Commander of the N. C. Department of the Legion.

The Honorable seized the occasion to thank the Legionnaires for their gift some years ago, of the American flags displayed on holidays on downtown sidewalks; and to suggest oh-so tactfully that 't'would be mighty nice if the worn - out 48 - star banners could be replaced with new ones. . . Or, in other words, "Thank you so much, in advance, please."

Seated at one end of the speakers table at the Legion rites was N. C. Senate Speaker Clarence Stone — he of the heavy hand for gaveling into law the Gag Bill for controversial speakers at state institutions. . . Seated at the other end of the same table was the man who stands for the symbolic target of the law — William C. Friday, President of the University.

### CALL ME 'CLARENCE' . . .

All of which reminded some of the aldermen to prompt Mayor McClamroch on Monday night, as he droned through several legal resolutions for bond sales and federal contracts, inserting motions and seconds freely on his own parliamentary fiat. "Whoa, now, Clarence," one Board member called in jest. "Did you cough — or second the motion?" responded the Mayor.

### LUTHER ALLOWED . . .

Interviewed last Friday as to his views on the Gag Bill, former Gov. Luther Hodges first put his interviewer through a grilling: What do you interpret as its meaning? Why was it enacted? What effect will it have? Why is the University opposed to it?

This portion of the dialogue disposed of, he spoke quite (See NOTEPAD, Page 2)

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