

Ecumenical Conference Set Tomorrow

The second Ecumenical Student Conference will attract about 200 students from all over North Carolina to Chapel Hill tomorrow.

George Worth, assistant pastor of the Presbyterian Church and director of the all-day gathering estimated that 25 schools would be represented.

"The purpose of this conference," Worth explained, "is to help students find out the way in which churches cooperate together now and how their particular denomination fits into this pattern."

Last held in 1950, the conference will have three prominent Protestant interdenominational workers in attendance: Dr. Clarence T. Craig of Drew Theological Seminary, Madison, N. J., representing the World Council of Churches; Dr. George D. Kelsey, also of Drew Seminary, representing the National Council of Churches; and Miss Frances Query, former executive secretary of the North Carolina Council of Churches, for that organization.

University student chairmen responsible for planning the event are W. E. Graham of Jackson Springs, Peggy Brown of Randleman, and John Denham of Washington, D. C.

Most of the ecumenical meetings will be held in the Presbyterian Church.

County Office Seekers Total One So Far

Rep. John W. Umstead Jr., is to date the only person who has formally announced his candidacy for an Orange County office in the May 31st Democratic primary elections.

Deadline for candidates filing with County Board of Elections Chairman Edwin J. Hamlin is March 19.

Umstead is seeking his seventh successive term as Orange County's legislator in the lower house of the General Assembly. He was unopposed in the 1950 primary.

Only other county offices at stake will be the three county commissioners' posts. Collier Cobb, Jr., of Chapel Hill, chairman of the group, has announced his intention to retire from the Board. So far no one has indicated he will run for any of the three commissioners' seats. The other two members are R. O. Forrest of Hillsboro and Sim L. Efland of Efland.

The State Senate race for the Sixteenth District, comprising Orange and Alamance counties, Orange Democratic primary. Under an agreement between the Democratic committees of the two counties the post goes to an Alamance man for three terms and an Orange man for two terms. Ralph H. Scott of Haw River, Alamance County, was elected to the post in the November, 1950 general elections.

Assails Beer Price Increase

Durham — A local restaurant operator said yesterday that any increase in beer prices by retail dealers at this time would be unjustified.

The retail beer dealer was commenting on an increase of from one to three cents per 12-ounce bottle of beer expected to be put into effect by local retailers.

The increase is attributed to a recent Office of Price Stabilization regulation allowing beer wholesalers to increase prices 12 cents per 24-bottle case of premium beer, and 13 cents on cases of beer in nonreturnable bottles.

The restaurateur said that he now sells beer at 26 cents per bottle and plans to continue doing so. He said, "I now make \$2.09 on a case of beer. This, even with the increased cost of handling operations, is a much better profit than I made under prewar conditions when I realized an 80-cent profit per 24-bottle case."

When told that another beer retailer had recently stated that retailers would realize no additional profit from the new in-

crease due to increased costs and lack of a rebate on breakage and occasional flat bottles of the brew, he said, "We never did get any rebates that we are not getting today and I don't see how that can be counted as a new increase in costs of handling."

The operator said that he was afraid that the beer industry was being seriously hurt by the continued jump in prices. He said the new wholesale prices scheduled to go into effect would increase the price of beer to the retailer only one half cent per 12 ounce bottle.

"If the retailer increases his prices two or three cents per bottle, I don't see how he can contend that he's not making more profit. At least I always considered 150 to 350 per cent profit on my investment pretty good," he continued.

Prices for beer here have ranged from 25 to 30 cents per bottle during the past few months with most establishments charging 28 cents per bottle.

High School Safety Patrol To Aid Police Department

A high school safety patrol composed of members of Chapel Hill Boy Scout Explorer Post No. 20 is being organized by the Police Department.

Once organized the 16-man patrol will relieve three policemen from traffic direction duties at Chapel Hill's schools, for reassignment.

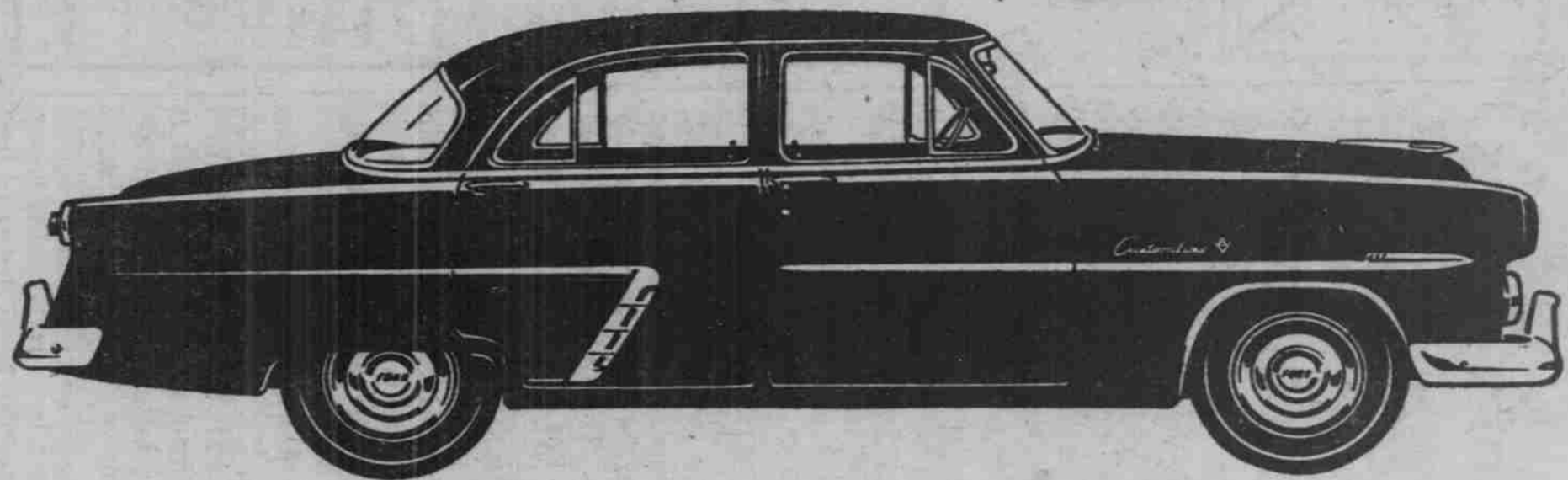
Explorer scout Coleman Gentry, Jr., will serve as patrol captain, and Dean West has been designated patrol lieutenant.

Other members of the patrol

are Allen Williams, Carl MacPherson, Patrick Burns, Norbert Obenaus, John E. Adams, Joey Rosen, John Hanft, Bobby Fowler, Gray McAllister, Johnny Vickers, Bibb Latinnier, Jimmy Christian, Homer Hienzman, and Bobby Christian.

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