

Kroger mall to expand

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Chapel Hill may get a new locally-owned bank in early 1982 and some other new businesses soon as the Kroger Plaza shopping center expands.

Further construction work on the Village Bank would begin with approval by the Chapel Hill Town Council of an application for a special use permit that would allow construction of a drive-up window at the bank, contractor Van Coleman said.

A contractor has begun work on a structure to house the bank, but work on the interior awaits the permit approval.

The Town Council will vote on the application at its meeting Monday. If the application fails, the bank will reapply for the permit, Village Bank president Charlie Roupas said.

Construction at Kroger Plaza began in April, and cost about \$350,000. There are spaces for five stores or businesses, including the bank.

An insurance company, a clothing store, a photography studio and a printer will be located in the newly-constructed area.

The businesses, which leased the spaces before construction started, will begin opening in about two weeks, said Coleman, manager of Kroger Plaza and the contractor for the construction at the shopping center.



Builders work on expanding Kroger Plaza in Chapel Hill ... five businesses will move in by early 1982

"The failure of the Town Council to accept the application has caused a one-and-a-half-month holdup in the progress of construction," Coleman said.

Roupas said Village Bank needs a drive-up window to compete with the existing banks in Chapel Hill.

A Chapel Hill ordinance requires that all drive-up windows be attached to existing buildings, which is not possible in this case, Coleman said.

Local residents and students have bought stock in the full-service bank, which will place special emphasis on the needs of small businesses and consumers, Roupas said.

"A number of people were involved in the organization of the bank," Roupas said. "Chapel Hill is a rapidly growing and expanding community, and we saw a

strong demand for a local banking institution.

"The Kroger Plaza is the location the bank was approved for, and we feel that it would be difficult to compete in Chapel Hill without a drive-up window; so if the council denies the application, we will re-apply for the permit.

"If they continue to refuse the application, we will have a difficult decision to make, whether to find another location for the bank or to eliminate the drive-up window or something else," Roupas said.

Each of the businesses has an individual as proprietor, Coleman said.

"People have gone away from the trend of working for somebody else. These new businesses are local operations which serve local residents."

Three seats available

Eight run for school board

By FRANK KENNEDY
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The Nov. 3 election for Chapel Hill-Carrboro school board seats will feature eight candidates running for three seats.

Incumbent board members Ann Wileman, Ted Parrish and Verla Insko will be challenged by five others: Julio George, Wallace Hill, Ron Strom, Harold Black and Louis Serotkin.

George, a professor in the UNC School of Education, said school management and policies were his primary concerns.

Hill, director of social work at N.C. Memorial Hospital, cited a long-standing interest in the local public schools.

"I've had five kids to put through the schools," said Hill, who now has children in the second, fourth and 12th grades.

Strom said his working knowledge of the schools would be a great asset to the board.

"I've had tremendous experience and exposure within the community," he said.

Black comes to the campaign with a background in finance, and he said the school budget was where he hoped to play a major role.

An associate professor of finance in the UNC business school, Black's background in finance includes recent work for the National Credit Union Association.

Serotkin, a career educator, said his election to the board would be his personal contribution to Chapel Hill.

"My main objective is to get citizens involved in the schools. We need to make use of everyone, especially the retired community," Serotkin said.

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of not taking (federal) funds for granted."

Preyer said: "I think Democrats and liberals are going to have to come up with a new kind of liberalism to win public offices. Times have changed so that we'll never come around to a liberal Democratic leader like Franklin Roosevelt again."

Preyer said a redefinition of liberalism, while maintaining social compassion, must recognize that productivity, not taxation, would create the wealth for the kinds of social programs liberals advocate.

Two senators, Gary Hart, D-Colo., and Paul Tsongas, D-Mass., both of whom started their careers as traditional

liberals, are now recognized as leaders of the new liberalism Preyer described.

Hart, who received national recognition as campaign manager of George McGovern's 1972 presidential campaign, today questions many of the stands McGovern embraced. Hart feels liberals should no longer consider Franklin Roosevelt's New Deal-type programs as dogma and should be willing to experiment with new programs.

"Too many liberals are becoming conservatives by defending the status quo," Hart said. "We must root new economic concepts — designed to fulfill a compas-

sionate, unfinished social agenda — in the market rather than the bureaucracy."

Tsongas is another advocate of redefining liberalism. Elected to the House in 1974 and the Senate four years later, Tsongas consistently has had one of the most liberal voting records in Congress. In a speech before the Americans for Democratic Actions recently, he commented on traditional liberalism.

"Liberalism is at a crossroads," he said. "It will either evolve to meet the issues of the 1980s, or it will be reduced to an interesting topic for Ph.D.s."

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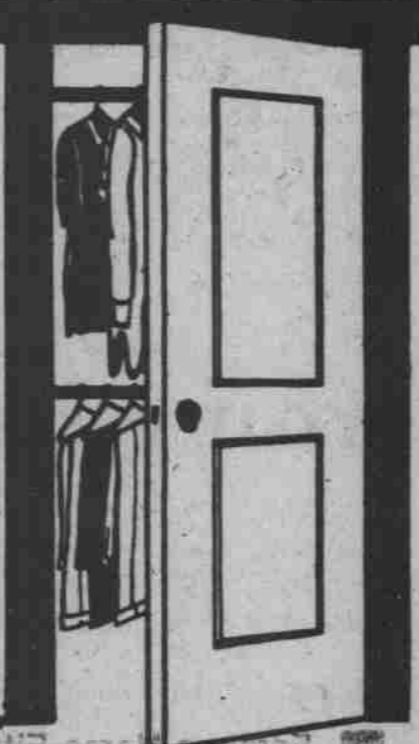


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