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## Aldermen and School Board Meet Jointly

Hedgpeth and Smith Elected New Trustees; Adoption of Budget Postponed

Dr. E. McG. Hedgpeth and Carl M. Smith were unanimously elected members of the school board Wednesday evening at a joint meeting of the school board and the Chapel Hill board of aldermen.

They succeed R. E. Coker, chairman, who had served on the board for the past 18 years, and J. S. Henninger. Both men declined to stand for re-election.

The aldermen had expected to discuss a tentative city budget; however, more pressing business caused this discussion to be postponed. Mayor R. W. Madry called a special budget meeting for last night, but no details were available when this paper went to press.

Wednesday night the aldermen also acted on a petition, signed by 92 per cent of the residents of the Cobb terrace section, requesting that the Cobb terrace area on the east side of Henderson street be changed from residential Zone B to residential Zone A. This change would prevent the erection of apartment houses in the area, which is already quite congested. The town zoning board has recommended unanimously that the change be made. The aldermen set a public hearing on the matter for the afternoon of July 22 at 5 o'clock.

June Merritt, representing the Independent Cab Company and Thurman Atkins of the Hollywood Cab Company applied to the board for permission to expand their taxicab services. The aldermen granted one additional permit to each company.

The aldermen voted to limit parking on Hillsboro street between Rosemary and East Franklin streets to the west side of the street.

## Bartlett to Receive Silver Palm Award

One of the highest awards ever presented at a Boy Scout Court of Honor in Orange County will go to Charles Bartlett, Jr., at the court to be held at 8 P.M. Monday at the Recreation Center. Eagle Scout Bartlett will receive the Silver Palm, which is given to a Scout who qualifies for 15 merit badges beyond the 22 required for Eagle Scout rating.

Bartlett has been active in Scout work for five years and is now junior assistant scoutmaster of Troop 9. He has also been a leader in school activities. He was graduated from high school last month and will enter the University in September. He will leave soon to attend the international Scout jamboree near Paris, France.

Thirty-six other awards will be presented at the Court of Honor, to be presided over by J. Minor Gwynn, chairman of the advancement committee. All parents and friends of Scouts are invited.

## Hours at Children's Library

The Mary Bayley Pratt children's library at the elementary school is open from 9 to 12 o'clock every Tuesday, Thursday, and Saturday morning. During a single week in June the library circulated 535 books to children. Mrs. J. O. Bailey is the librarian.

## County Welfare Board Gets \$37,780; New Director Tells How It Is Used

The budget of the Orange county public welfare board, which was adopted this week, is less than last year's. The total budget last year was \$37,973; this year it is \$37,780.

"Most people think the welfare board spends most of its time handing out financial assistance," Mrs. Jean M. Heer, new superintendent of the board, said yesterday. "But we have estimated that 74 per cent of our time is spent on rendering other services required by law."

"The welfare departments are required to supervise adult parolees and to investigate families of prisoners; to investigate families of inmates and supervise parolees from mental hospitals; to issue employment certificates; to serve as probation officers for the juvenile court; to supervise dependent and delinquent children on parole or probation; to supervise boarding homes and to investigate cases and supervise placement of children for adoption; to certify indigent patients for the Medical Care Commission, the Crippled Children Division, the State

Tuberculosis Sanatorium, and the Caswell Training school."

Other services usually accepted as proper functions for the county welfare departments are family adjustment services, guidance service to children with behavior problems, medical and health care services, child placement service for own parents, and child finding service for prospective adoptive parents.

A total of 328 persons received services from the Orange county board during June. Services to 93 individual children topped the list.

Mrs. Heer, who has recently taken the job as superintendent of the board, is a graduate of the New York School of Social Work. She received her master's degree from Columbia University and had 5 years' experience in social work in the state of New York. In July, 1945, she was first employed by the Orange county department of public welfare.

Mrs. Heer said there would be a turn-over of employees in her department. Mrs. C. S. Cashion,

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## Wests Have Exciting Time at Boat Races; Libby Ward Rescues Children from Water

Henry I. West, superintendent of the University power plant, had an eventful day at the New Bern water carnival last week. He won third place in one of the boat races, and his two children had to be rescued from a dropping-off place in the Trent river.

He finished ahead of 6 of the 9 entrants in the B-class hydroplane race. A Mr. Edward from Florida won first place and a Mr. Rolland from Norfolk, Va., took second. Mr. West received \$10 for third.

Mr. West's boat is named "Jacoby." He bought it in New York about a year ago. But he had been racing another class boat several years before he acquired the Jacoby. "I got interested in racing when I was at Eastern Carolina Teachers College in Greenville. I believe I'm the only one in this immediate vicinity who races," he said.

The Jacoby also won third place at the Hickory races recently.

When asked how fast his boat would go, Mr. West said, "That's tricky. I don't even know. We don't have speedometers in our boats. We just estimate the speed. I think mine will run about 45 miles an hour."

Mr. West stressed that he was not a professional racer but that he entered purely for enjoyment. "I have to put up with competition that is professional, men who spend all summer doing nothing but racing. I don't have the time to do that."

The West family follow in Mr. West's enthusiasm for the races. They pack the little pancake boat on top of the car and put the outboard motor inside to start off for the races. At this last race in New Bern, however, the two little Wests had more than enough excitement.

Henry, Jr., 6, waded out from the shore of the Trent river while his daddy was down at the finish line. He fell into a

## Mill Workers Get Extra Pay

Employees of the Carrboro Woolen Mills received vacation checks equal to a week's wages before the plant closed for the July 4th holidays.

## Chapel Hill Chaff

One may not have to be a magician to get in the University these days, but it might help.

The other day in Roy Armstrong's office in South building applicant Herbert Sims, amateur magician from Greensboro, so impressed the director of admissions with his sleight-of-hand feats that he was immediately pressed into service as an entertainer for the weekly Kiwanis meeting.

Although Mr. Sims saved the day for Mr. Armstrong, who was program chairman for the week, the Kiwanian still is not satisfied. Now he is looking for a magician who can put back into the hat all the rabbits that have been loosed this season in his garden on University drive. He claims the cottontails are ruining his bean crop.

Interviewing a magician is only one of many oddities making up a day's work for Mr. Armstrong. Recently an aspiring poet from Maine, applying for admission to the University, attached to his application a voluminous file of his poems for the director's "information and guidance."

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The kudzu on the Basnight property on Henderson street has been giving Bill and Jesse Basnight a fit. They are trying to clear it off so they can open a parking lot there. They attacked it first with a flame thrower, but that was too slow a process. Now they're going at it with sickle and scythe. It's a hard job and much of the kudzu jungle still stands.

The boys' father, Stein Basnight, says farmers tell him the only way to get rid of kudzu is to allow cattle to eat it down to the ground three times in succession. After that the roots are supposed to die.

## Baseball Team Defeats Durham, 14 to 4, And Is Assured of Top Place in League

The Chapel Hill American Legion junior baseball team defeated Durham here today yesterday by 14 to 4 to clinch first place in the league. Stanley Johnson, winning pitcher, gave only six hits and after the third inning was working behind a margin of ten runs made by his mates while Durham was being goose-egged. The visitors used four pitchers who issued a total of 13 walks.

Shortstop McDade led the Chapel Hill hitters with 3 for 3. Hill, McGinty, and Butler got 2 each, and Cheek, Perry, and Johnson got 1 each, for a total of 12. (A chart of the team's individual batting and pitching record, exclusive of this game, is on page 7.)

With two games still on the schedule for each team, Chapel Hill has won 14 and lost 3, while Durham's record is 10 and 6. Sanford is third with 6 and 10. Both top teams will play in the second-round competition which will begin Monday with the two leaders of this league opening a round robin series with Raleigh, Wilson, Roanoke Rapids, and Ahsoskie for the right to represent the area in the state finals.

Chapel Hill will play Durham at 8 o'clock this (Friday) evening in Durham.

Johnny Pecora is the Chapel Hill coach.

## Boys and Girls Win A.A.U. Swimming Meet

Chapel Hill swimmers cleaned up in the boys' and girls' events last Saturday at the Carolinas A.A.U. meet at Tarboro. The two top team scores were Chapel Hill, 78, and Tarboro, 18, in the boys' class and Chapel Hill, 59, and Tarboro, 20, for the girls. The boys are coached by Ben Ward and the girls by Miss Bill Lloyd.

Girls who won first place were Jane Hogan in the 40-yard free-style and 40-yard breaststroke; Susan Fink, 40-yard backstroke; Norma Baldwin, Gretchen Fink, Ann Lou Jamerson, and Susan Fink in the 160-yard free-style relay; and Elizabeth Whitfield, Jane Hogan, and Susan Fink in the 120-yard medley relay. Others who placed to win points were Ann Woodard, Patsy Poythress, Bright Abernethy, and Ann Jacobs.

Boys who won firsts were George McGinty, 40-yard free-style; Borden Abernethy, 40-yard backstroke; Frank Meadows, 40-yard breaststroke; the same three boys in the 120-yard medley relay; and Don Vance, Pete Garvin, Abernethy, and McGinty in the 160-yard free-style relay. Others who placed were Hampton Teague, Guy Cheek, Owen Johnson, Dean West, Grey McAllister, Gordon Vickers, and Jay Demerath.

Chapel Hillians who won firsts in the senior events (in which Tarboro led) were Sally Jente, Mike Morrow, Sam McCauley,

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## County Commissioners to Visit Property after Receiving 100 Protests on New Assessments

### Flying Saucers

J. E. Neal reports having sighted a formation of flying saucers passing over Carrboro at 10 o'clock Tuesday morning. "There were at least ten of them," he said.

"They were headed toward Charlotte. I barely got a glimpse of them before they ducked behind a cloud."

Mr. Neal, who works at the Carrboro Woolen Mills on the second shift, said he was at his home in Carrboro when he saw a silver disc-shaped object about 20 feet wide skimming across the sky and that it was immediately followed by others, all headed south. He said the discs were also seen by his wife, who was in the yard with him, and by the ice man, who had just stopped at their house.

"They were silver-colored," Mr. Neal said, "and they made a roaring noise. It was louder than any airplane I ever heard."

Reports of the mysterious flying saucers have come from every state in the nation and Canada and Mexico since they were first reported last month on the west coast.

### Driving Tests Being Given at Town Hall

Tests for the renewal of driving licenses are being given here by Robert S. Weathers from 8:30 to 4:30 every Wednesday for persons whose last names begin with A or B. According to a new state law, all drivers must renew their licenses at least once every four years. The tests for persons in the A and B category will continue through December 31, after which tests for those whose names begin with C or D will be given for six months.

The examination consists of a road test, eye test, and a written and oral test on driving and traffic codes and regulations. All but the road test are given in the court room at the Town Hall. Manuals with information on driving will be given free to anybody whose name is coming up immediately, but not to others, since the supply is limited.

It requires considerable time to take the examination. Mr. Weathers was able to give seven between 8:30 and 1 o'clock when he was here day before yesterday. He has refused licenses to some applicants, but he wouldn't say how many.

"Most folks are too scared when they come up here, anyway," he said.

### Outdoor Band Concert

The University's summer school band, directed by Earl Slocum, will give a "pop" concert at 6:45 next Thursday evening under the Davie Poplar. The selections to be played will include Victor Herbert's "The Fortune Teller," Safranek's "Atlantis" suite, and others.

### Herrin to Preach Sunday

Rev. J. C. Herrin, Baptist student pastor, will preach at the 11 o'clock service Sunday morning at the Baptist church.

### While the Editor Is Gone

In the absence of Mr. Graves, the Weekly is under the editorship of Joe Jones.

### Protesting Taxpayers Will Be Notified What Decisions Are Reached by Board

The Orange County Commissioners, sitting as a board of equalization and review in the Town Hall here Wednesday, heard approximately 100 protests against the new tax assessments in Chapel Hill township. As a result the board will visit all properties involved in the protests and all complainants will be advised of the decisions reached.

"I was quite pleased that most of the taxpayers were in a good mood, and their attitude was wholesome," Chairman Collier Cobb, Jr., said after the all-day meeting. "The commissioners were just as happy to see these people as they were to see us," he added. The other two board members are Ben F. Wilson and Hubert G. Laws.

This was the last session of the board to hear complaints pertaining to the recent revaluation of all real estate in the county. Two previous sessions were held in Hillsboro to hear protests from taxpayers in Cedar Grove, Little River, Cheeks, Bingham, Eno, and Hillsboro townships. Chapel Hill township complaints were originally scheduled to appear in Hillsboro, but a conflict with a session of county court caused the meeting to be transferred here. About 50 Chapel Hill taxpayers showed up on the appointed date to find seats for only a half-dozen.

The revaluation of all real estate followed a four-month, county-wide survey begun last February by a board of assessors composed of Roland P. McClamrock, chairman; W. Sterling Hunt, and Zeb C. Burton. In this survey land and buildings were valued separately for the first time in the history of Orange county, and this led to the uncovering of a number of inequalities, according to Mr. Cobb.

On the day prior to the protest session the tax books were open in the city manager's office for inspection by all who wanted to compare their reassessments with those of their neighbors.

### Beauty Contest Is Open to Girls Here

All unmarried Chapel Hill girls and University co-eds who wish to enter the State Junior Chamber of Commerce's beauty contest for the Miss North Carolina title are requested to be present, in bathing suits, at a preliminary contest at 1:30 P.M. next Thursday, July 17, at the Woolen gymnasium.

Representatives of Station WDUK and the U. S. Army recruiting service, and several other sponsors from Durham, will be on hand to select their entries for the contest for "Miss Durham" to be held in Durham August 1.

Winner of the "Miss Durham" title will enter the statewide contest at Wilmington August 16 and 17, when "Miss North Carolina" will be selected. "Miss North Carolina" will go to Atlantic City to compete for the title of "Miss America."

Any co-ed entrant should plan to be here through the second term of the University's summer session.