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Godfrey Says PTA to Push ABC Question

What are the possibilities of a vote on ABC stores for just Chapel Hill?

After much unfavorable reaction to the Chapel Hill PTA's decision to ask the Orange county commissioners for a vote on the issue, discussion among school fund seekers has mentioned local ABC stores.

To have a local ABC vote, a special act would have to be introduced in the General Assembly. However, if the vote passed, all funds would go to the local government, and they could be earmarked for schools. Six towns in the state have ABC stores although the counties in which they are located are dry.

Commissioner Dwight Ray of Carrboro went on record this week against an ABC vote for the county. "If the people of the county want an election on the issue, they will have to petition for it," he said. Mr. Ray declared that he had "enjoyed the privilege of voting against ABC stores twice before" in county referendums. Commissioner Edwin S. Lanier has already come out strongly against an ABC vote, and Commissioner R. J. M. Hobbs said this week he would still prefer to wait before going on record.

Despite some unfavorable reaction to the county ABC referendum on one hand, school forces continued to maintain their needs for capital outlay. Carl Smith, local school board chairman, declared, "If it takes the calling of an ABC election to jar the people from apathy about the need for more capital outlay, then I think it's a good thing."

Jaycee President Bob Cox explained the action of his organization in backing up the PTA's referendum request: "We're not for or against ABC stores in the county. We just want a vote and are backing up the (Continued on page 7)

United Church Will Hold Lenten Series

The United Congregational Christian church will observe the Lenten season with a special series of Sunday morning sermons presented by its minister, the Rev. Richard Jackson, and based on the general theme of prayer. The topic of this Sunday's sermon, to be given at the regular 11 o'clock service, will be "Why and How to Observe Lent."

A Lenten Bible study series will be held in the church but at 8 p.m. every Wednesday, beginning March 2. The scripture according to Mark will be studied. "Jesus in Galilee" will be the topic of next week's meeting. The public is invited to hear the sermons and attend the study meetings.

Fire at Newsome Home

Henry Morris, route man for the Meadow Gold Dairy, saved the day for Mrs. A. R. Newsome last Monday morning. When he was making his regular deliveries he saw smoke coming from the garage apartment of Mrs. Newsome's home on Country Club road. He told her about the fire in the apartment and then fought it with a garden hose till flames arrived. It had started from an over-heated stove.

\$11,343 in March of Dimes

With a little more money still to come, the March of Dimes here and throughout the county has netted \$11,343.75, according to E. C. Smith, campaign chairman. This is more than was collected in last year's campaign but is short of the \$12,000 goal.

Home Missions Program

The home missions program in the preparation for the Anne Armstrong offering will be held Thursday evening, March 3, at the family night service at the Baptist church. Mrs. J. T. Deblin is chairman of the program.

Rep. Umstead Tells Why State Has Got to Levy Higher Taxes

By John W. Umstead, Jr., Orange County's Representative in the Legislature

During the first eight weeks of the 1955 session of the General Assembly we have heard much about additional taxes required for the services rendered by your state government during the last biennium. Some economy-minded people charge that there are those in the legislature who would tax, tax, and tax more until the people of the state can no longer stand up under the strain. With these circumstances in mind, let us look at the facts straight in the face as regards taxes and services.

In 1939 the General Assembly came to Raleigh with a request from Governor Hoyer that they enact a permanent revenue bill that would be fair to taxpayers and would produce the revenue needed to take care of services the state should give. After weeks of consideration the assembly passed such a bill. In its final form it was satisfactory to more of those concerned than any revenue bill that I have known in my legislative career.

Since the passage of that revenue act 16 years have passed, and it would be well for us to take a look at the picture at the present time as concerns our tax structure and the demands on the revenue that it raises. Such a look will surprise many legislators as well as many citizens of our state.

First let us see just what has happened to our structure during the past 16 years and then let us look at the services that this tax structure is supposed to raise funds to support.

As regards the tax structure we find there have been many changes. There have been a few that increased taxes but these increases have been limited to increases in the tax on alcoholic beverages and some minor items. All told such increases could not produce more than a maximum of \$500,000 annually. During that same period there have been at least 18 decreases in that tax structure. The most important of these have been exemptions from the sale tax coverage and the cut in the franchise tax on corporations as well as the cut in tax for bottlers and moving picture operators. There have been no increases that would affect any of the citizens of the state other than those who use alcoholic beverages, while the decreases have been handed to thousands of our citizens in every walk of life.

Now let us take a look at the picture as to services that the state government provided in 1937 as compared with 1953. I use these two years for the reason that each year represents the first year of a biennium. The 1937 figures represent those expenditures facing the 1939 legislature for the year preceding the meeting of the legislature in 1939 while the 1953 figures are those for the year preceding our meeting in 1955.

Since schools represent the largest part of the expenditure of the tax dollar let us look at the picture presented by our schools first. In 1937 we appropriated for the eight months school the sum of \$23,700,500, while in 1953 the sum for the (Continued on page 12)

Members of Credit Women's Club Are Giving Free Work to Merchants Group

As a service to the community, members of the Credit Women's Breakfast Club are working in the Chapel Hill-Carrboro Merchants Association Credit Bureau to help bring its files up to date and add to its list of credit accounts. The adoption of the credit bureau as a work project was unanimously passed at last week's meeting of the club at the Pines Restaurant. The speakers at the meeting were Sion Jennings, chairman of the credit bureau's board of control, and Ray Jolly, chairman of the Merchants Association's credit bureau committee.

One objective of the work being done at the bureau by the credit women during their off hours is to have every merchant who handles credit submit listings of all delinquent accounts, which would be made available for use by all credit bureau members. In describing the value of such work, Mr. Jolly said, "This will help the bureau put the (Continued on page 7)

At Memorial Hospital

Among local persons listed as patients at Memorial hospital yesterday were Mrs. J. O. Bailey, Mrs. Joe Baldwin, Dorothea and Mary Barnes, T. C. Bradshaw, Mrs. Marvin Chapin, William Crook, C. C. Edwards, Mrs. Ernest Farrar, Mrs. George Ford, W. H. Fowler, W. M. Hewitt, Herbert Lide, D. A. Lowe, J. C. Lyons, Mrs. Rodney McKnight, Pamela Ann Martin, Miss Mary Nies, Mrs. Ford Pust, Mrs. Robert Rankin, Donald Ray, James E. Riggsbee, and L. B. Rogerson.

Lenten Retreat Held

The Rev. Maurice A. Kidder led a Lenten retreat for the faculty and students of the Duke Divinity School yesterday at Camp New Hope.

Childhood Education Authority to Speak

Miss Patsy Montague, authority on early childhood education, will address the Chapel Hill branch of the American Association of Teachers in Kindergarten Education in North Carolina at 8 p.m. Tuesday, March 1, in the University Library's assembly room. The public is invited.

Now supervisor of elementary education in the North Carolina Department of Public Instruction, Miss Montague holds an M.A. degree in early childhood education from Columbia University and has taught in this field at Teachers College of Columbia University, the Woman's College in Greensboro, and the University of Georgia. She was formerly supervisor of the Oxford city schools. She has contributed to professional magazines and recently helped to conduct a statewide study of kindergartens in North Carolina. Miss Montague has done class-

credit department of the Merchants Association on an orderly, functioning basis second to none." Mrs. Katharine Thompson, president of the club, appointed the following committee to direct the project: Jane Whitfield and Margaret Jennings, co-chairmen; Anne Tamm, Sara Alford, and Carolyn Augustine.

The meeting was presided over by Mrs. Thompson. Mrs. Margaret Jennings, vice-president, had charge of the program. Mrs. Ann Spier of Herring Motor Finance, Inc., was brought into the club as a new member.

Paper Drive This Sunday

A paper drive will be conducted Sunday afternoon, day after tomorrow, by the Jaycees for the benefit of their community projects. It will begin at 2 o'clock. Everybody is asked to tie up their bundles of old newspapers, magazines, etc., and place them on the curb by that time. The Jaycees, using ten or twelve trucks, will collect the bundles in all parts of the community. Lindy Sparrow is chairman of the drive.

Mary-Martha Class Meeting

The Mary-Martha class of the Baptist church will meet at 8 p.m. Monday at the home of Mrs. D. M. Horner at 40 Oakwood drive. Co-hostesses will be Mrs. G. R. Tighman, Mrs. L. I. Sparrow, Mrs. E. M. Adams, Mrs. M. C. Berkut, Mrs. Frank Arwood, Mrs. C. F. Brown, and Mrs. Beatrice Towell.

Catholic Women's Meeting

The Catholic Women's Guild will meet at 8 p.m. Tuesday, March 1, at the rectory on Pittsboro street. Co-hostesses will be Mrs. Dick Young and Mrs. Whid Powell. All members are urged to attend.

Racial Problem Study

High school students from seven Chapel Hill churches will continue their study of "Our Racial Problems" at 3:30 p.m. Sunday, February 27, at St. Paul's Methodist church. Albert Turner, dean of North Carolina College's Law School, Durham, will speak on "Laws For and Against Segregation."

Post Office to Open Tuesday In Glen Lennox

The Glen Lennox post office will open Tuesday morning at 9 o'clock in the rear of the Lennox Toy Shop, and will offer outgoing mail service to the 4000 to 5000 residents in that area, according to Paul Cheek, postmaster of the Chapel Hill post office. It will be a contract station let by the Post Office Department to William T. Hobbs, and will be run by Mr. and Mrs. Bill Roberts, who also run the T-V Shop.

The new post office, for which equipment is still arriving, will be a place to mail letters and packages, and to buy stamps, money orders, C.O.D.'s, etc. Carriers from the Chapel Hill post office will continue to deliver mail in that area, and all mail will continue to be worked in the downtown office.

Postmaster Cheek, who has been in favor of opening the branch from the beginning, said that the main purpose of the Glen Lennox branch "is for the convenience of the people. At present they have no way of buying even a postage stamp, without coming all the way into Chapel Hill." The contract station will also relieve the Chapel Hill post office of some of its burden.

The idea of a post office in Glen Lennox began last fall when Mr. Cheek received about 25 letters from residents in that area requesting that one be opened there. Mr. Cheek sent the letters and a personal recommendation to the Post Office Department in Washington last November. The Post Office Department selected that of Mr. Hobbs.

Calendar of Events

- Saturday, February 26
 - 6:30 p.m. Annual Indoor Games, Woolen Gymnasium.
 - Sunday, February 27
 - 3:30 p.m. Study Session, "Our Racial Problems," St. Paul Methodist church.
 - Monday, February 28
 - 3 p.m. Chapel Hill Garden Club, Institute of Pharmacy.
 - 7:30 p.m. A.A.U.P., Morehead building.
 - 7:30 p.m. Lenten Prayer Service, Lutheran church.
 - 7:30 p.m. Bridge Tournament, Graham Memorial.
 - 8 p.m. Study series, "The Life and Teachings of Jesus," Community church.
 - 9 p.m. Southeastern chapter of the American Musiological Society, 108 Hill hall.
 - Tuesday, March 1
 - 7:30 p.m. Philological club, Morehead building.
 - 8 p.m. A.A.U.W., Library assembly room.
 - 8 p.m. U.D.C., Spencer hall.
 - 8 p.m. Catholic Women's Guild, rectory.
 - Wednesday, March 2
 - 8 p.m. Swedish national gymnastic team, Woolen gym.
 - Thursday, March 3
 - 8:30 p.m. Evergreen study group of Garden Club, at home of Mrs. Carl Pegg on Laurel Hill road.

Professors to Meet Monday

The local chapter of the American Association of University Professors will meet at 7:30 p.m. Monday, February 28, in the faculty lounge of the Morehead building. There will be a panel discussion on the report of the Commissioners for Higher Education in North Carolina. Leonard S. Powers, executive secretary of this commission, will be present.

Philological Club Meeting

The Philological Club will meet at 7:30 p.m. Tuesday, March 1, in the faculty lounge of the Morehead building. J. O. Bailey of the University's English department will deliver a paper on "The Strange Napoleon of Hardy's 'The Dynasts.'"

Bernice Ward Starts a Home

Bernice Ward, the furniture merchant, has started building a home in the Greenwood colony, on Greenwood road between the homes of Sandy McClamroch and Noel Houston.

Limit on Student Cars Suggested By Committee

The Visiting Committee of the University's Board of Trustees deplores again, in its report that will be presented at the board's annual meeting this coming Monday, the large number of student automobiles. The report has been mailed to all the members of the board this week so that they may consider, in advance of the meeting, the recommendations of the Committee with respect to student cars and many other problems.

For the University here in Chapel Hill the Committee gives these figures: Out of 2,615 freshmen and sophomores, 466, or 17.8 per cent, have cars. Out of 1,815 juniors and seniors, 439, or 23.6 per cent, have cars. These figures are for cars registered by students. The Committee says: "The officials at Chapel Hill believe that their records of registration are incomplete."

In its reports in past years the Committee has expressed its disapproval of so many students' having cars and has suggested that the Administration do something about it. The effort to carry out this suggestion has consisted of appeals to parents and students. These appeals have had little if any effect. The Administration has (Continued on page 2)

"Show Boat" Next Week

The Carolina Playmakers will give "Show Boat," the Jerome Kern-Oscar Hammerstein hit musical, at 8:30 p.m. Friday, Saturday, and Sunday, March 4, 5 and 6, in Memorial hall. Leading roles will be played by Martha Fosse of Chapel Hill, as leading lady of the Cotton Blossom Acting Company, and John Shearin of Wehler, as a Mississippi street boat gambler who becomes a show boat actor.

Admiral Carney to Speak

Admiral Robert B. Carney, Chief of Naval Operations, will speak here March 8 under the auspices of the Carolina Forum.

Unique Schedule Will Be Followed at Sunday Showing of "Romeo and Juliet"

Tickets to the special showing of J. Arthur Rank's widely acclaimed film version of Shakespeare's "Romeo and Juliet" to be given Sunday at the Varsity theatre are now on sale at the theatre's box office. The special quality about the Sunday presentation is that there will be a 20-minute intermission between each showing, there will be no admission during the actual movie, and no popcorn or candy will be sold. These arrangements are being made by the theatre management to provide fuller enjoyment of this high class film that has been praised by critics and audiences alike. The schedule will return to normal on Monday and Tuesday, when viewers may enter the theatre at any time during the performance.

The movie was filmed on location in Venice, Verona, and Siena, all in Shakespeare's play. There amid the authentic architecture of the Renaissance period, director Renato Castellani placed some of Europe's best actors dressed in costumes of that period. The result has been described as a movie that resembles a fine Renaissance painting come to life.

Church to Inspect Property

All members and friends of the Community church are invited to go out to Purefoy road this Sunday afternoon after 2 o'clock to inspect the property on which the church is taking an option. The proposed building site is beyond Victory Village near where Purefoy road turns off from the Mason Farm road. It will be well marked. If the weather is rainy the inspection will be postponed.

B. & L. Resources Increase

Executive Secretary W. O. Sparrow of the Orange County Building and Loan Association informed the directors at their meeting Wednesday night that the association's assets had reached 2 1/2 million dollars. Savings deposits, which are insured and bear interest at 3 per cent a year, amount to \$1,557,000, serial shares to \$210,000, and full-paid shares to \$534,000. Loans stand at \$2,218,000. Increases in the last month have been: assets \$75,000, deposits \$68,000, loans \$32,000.

At the Lutheran Church

Holy Communion will be celebrated this Sunday at the regular morning worship service at the Lutheran church. The sermon will be given by the pastor, the Rev. Wade F. Hook. The Rev. John Warner, University student who was formerly superintendent of the Osterling Home for Children, Springfield, Ohio, will be the assistant minister.

Chapel Hill Chaff

L. G.
This issue ends 32 years of the Weekly. The paper was established March 1, 1923.

On some of its anniversaries I have written articles of reminiscence, varying in length according to my mood. I remember one that ran to about two columns. Another consisted of fifteen words, as follows: "I have been running the Weekly twenty years and I am very tired of it."

Everybody (except those rare birds, the all-time optimist and the all-time pessimist) is that way about his occupation. Sometimes he bubbles over with goodwill toward it; at other times he loathes it. This variation may be due to one or more of innumerable circumstances; to the state of the digestion, for example, or to a nagging problem of one kind or another. Zest and weariness come and go, in an endless cycle. Two or three years ago one of the clubs here asked me to talk to it about the Weekly. In the question-and-answer period one of the members asked if I had enjoyed getting out the paper through the years. I answered: "Sometimes I like it, sometimes I feel like saying to-hell-with-it."

I sold the paper a year ago but have continued my connection with it as contributing editor. I have been glad indeed to be freed of the duties of management—which are far more troublesome and take a great deal more time than people outside the newspaper publishing business are aware of—and to limit my work for the Weekly to the satisfaction of the management. I find time to do some writing for other periodicals. However, I haven't done nearly as much of this as I would do if I had more of the de- (Continued on page 2)

Garden Club Meeting

The Chapel Hill Garden Club will meet at 3 p.m. Monday, February 28, in the Institute of Pharmacy on Church street. Mrs. H. E. Gwin, president of the Durham Council of Garden Clubs, will discuss the purposes, organization, and benefits of such a council. She will be accompanied to the meeting by Mrs. Richard Wright of Durham, first vice-president of the Garden Club of North Carolina. Mrs. Carl Pegg will display some local evergreens being studied by the Chapel Hill club's evergreen study group.

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Collins to Speak at Episcopal Mission

The Rev. David Browning Collins, the chaplain of the University of the South, Seawane, Tenn., will be the speaker at a mission on "Man's Need and God's Action" to be held here February 27 and 28 and March 1 at the Chapel of the Cross by the Episcopal students in the University of North Carolina. He will deliver four sermons as follows: 11 a.m. Sunday on "Are You a Christian?"; 8:30 p.m. Sunday on "The Christian Believes"; 7:30 p.m. Monday on "The Christian Worships"; and 7:30 p.m. Tuesday on "The Christian Works." The services will be followed by informal discussions led by Mr. Collins in the parish house.

Bible Study Series

Beginning Monday, February 28, the Community church will hold a study series on "The Life and Teachings of Jesus" every Monday evening for several weeks in the hut of the Congregational Christian church on Cameron avenue. The discussions, to be led by Preston Epps, will be held from 8 to 9:15 p.m., and will be preceded by a social hour from 7:30 to 8 o'clock. Everybody is invited.

School Officials Hail Bill That May Provide Funds for Number of Important Needs

Local school officials this week hailed a bill in the General Assembly that would mean more supplementary teacher pay and a librarian for Glenwood school as the answer to some of the school needs here. But the three-county commissioners who live here viewed the measure with caution and expressed varied opinions.

The measure would make it mandatory for the commissioners to put the supplementary school tax back up to 20 cents. It was cut to 12 cents last summer because, according to the commissioners, property revaluation would result in much larger tax revenues. And the purpose of revaluation was not to raise but to equalize taxes, the commissioners said.

Chapel Hill School Superintendent C. W. Davis estimated that restoring the 20-cent supplement would mean between \$14,000 and \$15,000 more money for local schools to spend on teachers. "I think it would be a good thing. It ought to be the authority of the school board to set the supplement rate. They know the situation in the community," Mr. Davis said.

Mr. Davis explained that the additional funds would enable schools here to raise the annual supplementary pay for teachers \$50 to \$100. Currently, the highest local supplement is \$120 annually. In addition, the need for a librarian at Glenwood school and an extra teacher at the Chapel Hill school could be fulfilled.

At the present, 15 teachers here are on strictly local pay, and four others teaching vocational subjects are paid one-third of their salaries locally.

Local School Board Chairman Carl Smith said he liked the measure for restoring the full 20-cent supplement. (Continued on page 7)

Girl Scouts Will Hold Cookie Sale

Girl Scouts here are making plans for their annual cookie sale, to be held March 5. Those in the Glenwood school area are already taking advance orders for two kinds of cookies, the creme-filled sandwich type and a delicious, thin, chocolate coated, mint flavored cookie.

The cookies will be 50 cents a box. The Girl Scout troops will get five cents on each box sold, and the rest of the profits will be used for camping facilities for Chapel Hill Girl Scouts. Headquarters for cookie sellers in the Chapel Hill business district will be a booth in front of the Eubanks Drugstore.

Rescues Cat with Ladder

One day last week Mrs. Dudley Cowden, walking over to call on her neighbor, Mrs. John Couch, saw a bowl of milk at the foot of an oak tree. She heard a plaintive "meow!" looked up, and saw a yellow cat sitting on a branch thirty feet from the ground. "It's been up there three days," Mrs. Couch said. "I don't know whose it is. I've been trying to entice it down with milk and bread." Mrs. Cowden brought from her garage an extension ladder, made of aluminum and very light, leaned it against the tree, climbed the thirty feet, and brought the cat down. Mrs. Floyd Stovall, who lives nearby, said she had heard the Maurice Kidders had lost a cat. A telephone call to the Kidders effected a reunion.

Sanders Makes High Grades

Britton Sanders, son of Mr. and Mrs. W. B. Sanders, who is a student in a Louisville, Ky., high school, was one of the two boys in his class who won awards for the most improved grades last semester. He is also an assistant scoutmaster there. His address is 9125 Frankfort Ave., Louisville 6, Ky.

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