

## Annexation to Be Discussed By Aldermen

The Board of Aldermen is scheduled to meet Monday night and consider annexation proposals which would increase Chapel Hill's area by 68 per cent by taking in the six residential areas of Greenwood, Glen Lennox, Oakwood Drive, Rogerson Drive, the Ridgefield development and the Country Club-Laurel Hill Road section.

No unfavorable comment has been received from either the aldermen or residents on the proposed annexation, Town Manager Thomas Rose reported this week.

At the board's December meeting, Mr. Rose submitted a report on the proposals pointing out that annexation of the areas would increase the town's area from 1,190 acres to 2,000 acres, its population from 9,500 to 11,840 persons and its annual revenue by \$62,261.

"The whole area would probably pay its own way in the year after annexation," he said. Property evaluation would increase from \$16,291,000 to \$22,000,000 and town expenditures would increase about \$61,883, from \$274,951 to \$336,835 a year.

If the board decides to go ahead with the annexation, Mr. Rose said, a public hearing on the proposal would be held in early February. In the event that 15 per cent of property owners do not object to the annexation, the board would bring the areas into the municipality by a simple vote. Otherwise an election would be required.

Only one aspect of the proposal seemed to cause slight worry. Taxes on property in the areas would not be forthcoming to the town for about 18 months. The taxes would not be listed until January, 1956. Payments would not be made until after tax notices are sent out during the following October.

However, Mr. Rose said that with a proposed bond issue to help meet required capital improvements in the areas, the expense of maintaining services in the areas would be met.

Capital improvements in the four areas would total \$280,000. Within 13 months after annexation, expenditures for sewage systems in the Greenwood, Oakwood Drive, and Rogerson Drive areas would total \$41,000.

Mayor Oliver K. Cornwell will not be able to attend the meeting. He will be in Los Angeles for a meeting of the National Collegiate Athletic Association.

## Mrs. Hrabak Takes Tax Collector Job

Mrs. Donald Hrabak, a native of Chapel Hill and formerly town clerk here, returned to work at the Town Hall this week to take over the duties of Mrs. Herman Ward, tax collector.

Mrs. Ward, who is expecting a baby, has been given a leave of absence.

Mrs. Hrabak and her husband, an electrician, live at 301 North Columbia Street. They have been living in Jacksonville, North Carolina, for the past year.

For a year and a half prior to August, 1954, Mrs. Hrabak worked in the administrative office as Town Clerk before the employment of Mrs. Mary Lovejoy.

## Bible Study Meeting

The first of a series of studies sponsored by the Community Church of Chapel Hill will be held at 8 p.m. Monday, January 9, in the library room of the Y. M. C. A. building. Preston H. Epps will discuss the Book of Acts. The public is invited. This meeting will be the first in a series of six.

## Epiphany Services Today

Holy Communion will be held at 7 a.m. and 10 a.m. today (Friday), the Feast Day of the Epiphany, at the Chapel of the Cross.

## Signs 'Widen' Rosemary Street



Town of Chapel Hill laborers figuratively widen narrow Rosemary Street from Henderson to Church Streets by erecting no parking signs. Police have been passing out warning tickets to violators, but yesterday (Thursday) the \$1 fine was imposed for the first time.

## Local School Board Defers Action on State's Integration Recommendations

By Lyn Overman  
Monday night the Chapel Hill School Board members discussed but took no action on the recommendation from the State Advisory Committee on Integration that school boards stay studies on integration by local advisory committees.

The fact that Chairman Carl Smith was absent seemed to stop them cold.

After C. W. Davis, secretary of the board, read briefly, very briefly, from the letter he received from the state committee, the members of the board wanted to know "how far are we along on this thing now," as Grey Culbreth put it.

In reply, Gordon Blackwell informed them that the nominating committee they appointed at their last meeting to name members for such a local advisory committee, had actually, and in fact, been appointed.

But his next statement—"But it hasn't met"—softened the impact of this sudden realization and set the course of action for the next four minutes.

Mr. Culbreth suggested that perhaps the whole thing should just be put off another month, until their

next meeting since Mr. Smith was not present.

"What's back of this temporary delay, I have no idea," said Mr. Blackwell.

Then he added that from newspaper reports "Carl" seemed "lukewarm" to the idea that a local advisory committee be set up at all.

"But you can't take that at face value," said Mr. Culbreth, referring to the newspaper reports.

Mr. Blackwell and Mr. Culbreth discussed this for a moment while other members watched and listened.

Then Mr. Culbreth suggested that perhaps the board could get advice from local organizations "informally" and not necessarily set up an advisory committee.

However, Mr. Blackwell believed that "it is not the wisest course" to "assume that we can get the advice informally."

And with that statement the discussion ended.

So, whether or not the board will go ahead with its plans to set up a local committee remained a question to be answered next month, or the next, or perhaps the next.

However, Mr. Davis, school superintendent, said after the meeting that perhaps the nominating committee will remain in its inactive state until further action by the state advisory committee. "It's a state thing," he said. "Perhaps it should be handled by the state."

## Smith Sets Sights on \$10,000 Goal as He Launches County's Polio Campaign

The 1956 Orange County March of Dimes drive got under way this week as letters requesting contributions were mailed to county residents. The goal for the annual drive, which is being directed by E. Carrington Smith, is \$10,000.

The letters, voicing an appeal from Mr. Smith to the people of the county to "contribute as much as you can," were folded and mailed under the supervision of Miss Mary Frances Kellam.

"For the first time in history, contributions from people all over the United States have resulted in the production of a vaccine to prevent a vicious disease. The largest vaccine trial in the history of medicine showed that Salk vaccine, when properly manufactured and tested, is safe and effective in preventing paralytic polio. This accomplishment was made possible only because people like you have contributed your dimes and dollars so generously in previous March of Dimes campaigns," the letter said.

Mr. Smith pointed out in the letter that the battle against infantile paralysis must be continued because of the possibility

of others being stricken with polio, because aid for polio patients from previous years, is needed, and because polio research must be kept going to improve preventive techniques and to find ways to improve care for those already stricken with polio.

"Polio is still expensive," the letter concludes. "Every person must do his or her part, and again this January we ask you to join the millions of Americans who are giving their dimes and dollars to fight polio in 1956."

## Community Club to Hear Talk by Cook

O. V. Cook, associate librarian of the University Library, will speak at 3 p.m. today (Friday) at a meeting of the Chapel Hill Community Club at the Institute of Pharmacy building on Church Street. His topic will be "The Origin and History of the Book." It will be the club's first meeting in 1956.

Mr. Cook has made distinguished contributions in the field of rare books, incunabula, and the history of books and printing.

## The Nicest Way to Go Visiting

Collier Cobb called me on the telephone one day last week and said, "How would you and your wife like to fly down to Columbia?"

"We'd like it just fine," I said. "When do we go?" "Suppose we pick you up at your house at ten o'clock tomorrow morning," he said, and I answered, "We'll be ready on the dot."

My wife, sitting near and overhearing my part of this dialogue, demanded to know what I was committing her to. When I told her she was telling us that the next time he and Jerry Hudson went to Columbia on a business errand in the company plane (with Jerry piloting) they would like to take us along, and we had been eagerly awaiting the trip.

When we got up the next morning the clouds looked menacing and we were fearful lest the flight would have to be called off; but in a little while the outlook was much brighter and Jerry had learned from the weather forecasters that flying conditions between here and Columbia were expected to be good.

At the Horace Williams airport two miles north of town we were greeted by the custodian, Charles Mandatale; the plane, a Bonanza with four seats, was wheeled out of the hangar; Collier and my wife took the rear seats and I sat up in front with Jerry; and presently we were in the air headed southwest.

It seemed no time at all, after we had been looking down on Chapel Hill and the University, before Jerry was pointing out the Haw River. Then we were over Pittsboro, and we saw Siler City off to the right.

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## Locals Win Third Conference Game

Chapel Hill High School won its third consecutive conference basketball victory by knocking Oxford from the unbeaten ranks, 46 to 31, here Wednesday night. Ed Clark and Jim Doshier led the scoring with 13 points each. Blackwell got 9, Weaver 6 and Neville 5. Check was the other local player.

Oxford girls defeated Chapel Hill 47 to 30. Royster and Hackney scored 14 and 12 points respectively. Fitch 2 and Greenwood and Proctor 1 each. Other players were Yeager, Shepard, Laughon, Whitehead and Evans.

The local Jaycees defeated Oxford 32 to 23 with every local player scoring. They were Burns 4, Barker 2, Houston 2, Blackwell 8, Clark 8, Hackney 4 and Maynor 4.

Chapel Hill High School divided a basketball twin bill with Hillsboro High there Tuesday night, the local Wildcats winning their second straight conference victory, 52 to 28. But the Chapel Hill girls were downed by the Hillsboro sextet, 61 to 40.

Clyde Campbell, Chapel Hill's stellar guard, suffered an injured wrist that may keep him out of the next two games. He had scored 10 points prior to being hurt. Gordon Neville's 12 points was high for both teams. Other players and points scored were Clark 4, Swinker 3, Blackwell 5, Weaver 8, Poe 2, Doshier 6, Smith 2, Teague, Goodrich and Weaver.

Hackney led Chapel Hill girls' scoring with 13 points. Others were Fitch 12, Royster 4, Greenwood 9, Proctor 2, Evans, Baugwood, Shepard and Yeager.

## League Unit Meetings

Unit meetings of the Chapel Hill League of Women Voters will be held next week as follows: Unit No. 1 January 10 at 10 a.m. with Mrs. Robert Lester on Pittsboro Road; Unit No. 2 January 11 at 8 p.m. at the Town Hall; Unit No. 3 January 12 at 2:30 p.m. with Mrs. Carson Ryan on Mason Farm Road; Unit No. 4 January 12 at 8 p.m. with Misses Lucy Morgan and Eunice Tyler at their home on Goose-neck Road.

## Chapel Hill Chaff

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Persons who have not engaged in athletics, women especially, often express astonishment at the exactness with which former-athletes can recall the details of games which they played in or looked at long ago. I heard a friend of mine say once, speaking of her husband: "He can't remember that I asked him to get by the grocery and get a loaf of bread, or he says somebody met him on the street and sent a message to me but he can't remember who it was, but when I hear him talking with one of his friends about a football game he saw forty years ago he can name every one of the players and describe all the plays from beginning to end."

I was reminded of this when I was rummaging through some desk drawers one day last week and came across a letter from my dear old friend, the late Joel D. Whitaker. Here in the University in the 1890's he was as famous a football player as Charlie Justice was half a century later.

It has been said in some football chronicles that O. Max Gardner was the only man who was captain of both the University and the N. C. State football teams, but this is not correct. Joe Whitaker was captain of N. C. State in 1893 and 1894. He came here in 1895 and played quarterback. Harris T. Collier was elected captain for 1896 but could not fill the position because he, along with some other bad boys, had been doing too much drinking and gambling after the 1895 football season and were had up before the faculty and dismissed. Whitaker was chosen by the team to be captain but after the third game of the season a dislocated shoulder forced him to resign. He was succeeded by

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## Association to Meet

The quarterly meeting of the Association for Aging and Community Relationship will be held at Gardner Hall at the University Tuesday. A panel on "Happiness and Health" will be moderated by Dr. Walter S. McClellan of the University Medical School.

## Methodist Youth Services

The Junior Department of the Methodist Church will have its first worship and recreation service at 4 p.m. Sunday, January 8. The Intermediate M. Y. F. will meet at 5 p.m. Sunday, with choir practice afterwards, and the Senior M. Y. F. at 5:30 p.m. Sunday.

## Friday Named Acting President of University; Purks to Be Higher Education Board Chairman; But-Will Jim Tatum Be New Football Mentor?

Administration and athletic transitions at the University shared the spotlight on the local scene this week. A new acting president was appointed to succeed the soon-to-retire provost and acting president at a time when there was just as much interest in who would be the University's football coach and could the Tar Heel basketballers hold their high national rating.

Will Jim Tatum be the next football coach? Can the Tar Heels keep up their torrid basketball pace?

The answers to both will come this week end, if not before.

Jim Tatum is expected here today (Friday) for on-the-ground talks, for which he has obtained permission from the president of Maryland University. He has been in company with Athletic Director Chuck Erickson and Dean A. W. Hobbs, chairman of the UNC Athletic Council, in Miami, Fla., for several days. In fact, they delayed their return to Chapel Hill to stay longer with Mr. Tatum in Florida.

The Tatum story could break today (Friday), because the National Collegiate Athletic Association meets in Los Angeles next week, and the coaches association with it. Carolina would like to be represented by a football coach at those sessions.

But there's basketball interest here, too. Carolina bounced back into the win column by trouncing Louisiana State University here Tuesday night, 95 to 69, to justify being ranked fourth and fifth in two national ratings.

However, the Tar Heels meet Wake Forest there tomorrow (Saturday) night, and the Deacons are tough for anyone on their small home court.

In eleven games the Deacons have averaged scoring 78.5 points and giving up 76.8 points. The Tar Heels in nine games have averaged scoring 80 points and giving



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up 69.6. The figures are exclusive of the LSU game. Wake Forest leads the ACC in field goal shooting accuracy.

Back to football. It's a fact Mr. Tatum has already been offered the job, either officially or unofficially, and

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## School Boards to Discuss Machinery For March 20 Election on Bond Issue

The Chapel Hill School Board plans to meet with the County School Board next week to discuss the creation of committees which will set up machinery for the March 20 election on the proposed two-million-dollar school bond issue to finance improvements to Chapel Hill and county schools.

"It is urgent that we get our organizations set up to work with the county board," said C. W. Davis, Chapel Hill school superintendent.

Mr. Davis said the two boards would try to meet together in

Chapel Hill either on Monday or Thursday of next week. He urged all members of the Chapel Hill School Board to be present at the meeting.

At the board's monthly meeting Monday night, the members agreed to employ Irvin Yagel of Princeton as vocational agricultural teacher at the Chapel Hill High School to replace Ray Sizemore, who has resigned. Mr. Yagel, who has had considerable experience in teaching and farm work in Johnston County, is expected to begin teaching at the high school in February.

His election was unanimous by the education (Continued on Page 4)

## Boys Score Hit as Speakers at Rotary Club Meeting



These four boys talked about Chapel Hill civic affairs in which they are interested Wednesday evening at the Rotary Club meeting at the Carolina Inn. The speakers (l. to r.) and their topics are David Nash, son of Mr. and Mrs. Arnold Nash, "Is Chapel Hill Going to Dogs?"; Bill Roe, son of Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Roe, "The Rec is a Wreck"; Charlie Shaffer, son of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Shaffer, "The Tin-Can Situation," and Sammy Habel, son of the Rev. and Mrs. Samuel T. Habel, "The Parking Situation in Chapel Hill." The boys were a smash hit and received terrific ovations from their audience. All either 13 or 14 years old, they had been studying public speaking since September in private classes conducted by Mrs. Louise Lamont. This was their first public appearance. In commenting on their successful public debut, Mrs. Lamont said, "The opportunity to speak on public affairs helps to train these young men as future leaders." (Photo by Brinkhaus)

J. Harris Purks, provost and acting president of the Consolidated University, was appointed director of the State Board of Higher Education day before yesterday, and William C. Friday, secretary to the University, was named acting president.

The respective appointments, made by the State Board of Higher Education and the executive committee of the University trustees, will take effect on or before March 1.

Meantime, the committee of trustees was continuing its search for a permanent president after canvassing names and capabilities of some possible candidates in a Tuesday session at Raleigh. Victor S. Bryant, chairman, said the candidates' list is incomplete, more names are to be added, and all trustees have been asked to suggest candidates to succeed Gordon Gray, resigned. Mr. Gray had endorsed Mr. Purks for the presidency, but Mr. Purks almost immediately eliminated himself. He explained that several years ago he and his wife had decided he would never seek the presidency of any university "for strictly personal reasons."

Mr. Purks, who will have headquarters in Raleigh, told the board he was aware "that this is a very important position . . . one with great responsibility. In this particular capacity I will have a chance to serve the entire state."

The higher education board, created by the last General Assembly will have a leading role in shaping the course of higher education in the state, and supervising and coordinating all the State's higher learning institutions.

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## Christmas Show To Close Monday

"Star of Bethlehem," the current offering at the Morehead Planetarium, will close after the 8:30 p.m. performance Monday, January 9. An entirely new and different program will be presented, beginning Tuesday, January 10.

Since it opened in late November, the annual tribute to Christmas has been witnessed by more than 11,000 persons. It is expected to attract hundreds more during the coming and final week end when eight performances are scheduled. In addition to the regular 8:30 p.m. daily performance, there will be matinees at 11 a.m. and 4 p.m. Saturday and at 2, 3 and 4 p.m. Sunday.

Probably the largest single production offered by any Planetarium in the world, "Star of Bethlehem" this year was witnessed by more than four score church and school groups.

## Chapel Hillnotes

The day before Christmas, Bill Giduz, four-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. Roland Giduz, threw his father's pipe up on the porch roof. When his mother asked him how he was going to get it down he said, "Santa Clause can pick it up and bring it with him when he comes down the chimney tonight."

Unusual Chapel Hill occasion: Sixteen women at party and not one smoking.

When asked why he didn't come in the house when called a little boy told his mother that his teacher had told the pupils to stop a minute on a pretty starry night and talk with God.