

## Chapel Hill CHAFF

By Joe Jones

Like other towns, Chapel Hill these days is a place where it's no longer easy to take a country walk. The suburbs now cover most of what used to be nearby woods and rural areas. Walking on the highway is out of the question, and people who own farms understandably resent strangers tramping over their property and climbing their fences. The time has come when walkers are regarded as queer ducks, anyway, and the truth is there aren't many of them left.

But there are still a few, those who enjoy a leisurely ramble in the woods or who want to take the children out for a Sunday afternoon hike. It is for these, and any others who would like to sample such pleasures, that we describe here a good Chapel Hill walk. It is brief, accessible, easy for small children and elderly people, and yet leads through a beautiful and secluded woodland.

The starting point is Fetzner Field, the University's track stadium beyond Woolen Gymnasium. From the southeast corner of the field the walker follows a gravel road up the slope beside Navy Field, the football practice area. Right away there is something for him to see, for to his left, on the verge of the bluff that commands that end of Fetzner Field, stand two lightning-blasted pines, reminders that the highest point is the most dangerous spot during a thunderstorm. The pines farther back from the bluff are unscathed.

Beyond the two dead trees are seen the roof and chimneys of the University's Institute of Government, and a few steps up the hill the road turns in that direction. But the walker continues to (Continued on page 3-B)

## Swimming Pool Nearer Reality

The Human Relations Committee, meeting Tuesday night for the first time since November, heard from Lucille Caldwell, director of the Negro Community Center, a report on progress toward the installation of a public swimming pool for the Negro Community.

"For the first time now we realize we're really going to get something out of it," said Lucille Caldwell. She explained that the swimming pool committee (Continued on Page 4)

## Scenes

KATHARINE JOHANSSON wearing one of her fabulous hats  
ELMER OETTINGER obviously proud of both basketball playing sons  
Nursing a broken toe CHARLIE HUBBARD  
BILL and GRACE AYCOCK watching son, BILL, perform as CHHS defeats Page High  
It's a boy at Memorial for MARVIN and ALISON LEE  
PAUL SPARROW sporting a new red vest  
KEMP NYE JR. "running" store in father's absence  
BARBARA PEACOCK making beautiful music at Methodist Church  
DICK JAMERSON telling of visit to son JIMMY at Air Force Academy  
BERRY VAUSE hosting entire eighth grade at New Year's Eve party  
Much excitement over arrival of Carl Sandburg, Bette Davis and Cameron Mitchell. Tickets still available, but hurry, hurry  
The PAUL GREENS will be hosting for Mr. Sandburg, the KAY KYERS for Miss Davis, and the JACK LAMONTS for Mr. Mich-



EXCHANGE OFFICERS — Police Capt. Coy Durham, standing second from left, was installed Tuesday night as new president of the Chapel Hill Exchange Club. Others in the photo are, seated left to right, Julian Caston, Wallace Williams, and George Poe, members of the board of control. Standing, left to right, are Nello Clerk, treasurer; Mr. Durham; Mebane attorney Lee Settle, past state Exchange Club president, who installed the officers; Roy Cole, vice president; and John D. Jones, secretary. The installer was held at Brady's.

(Photo by Town & Country)

## Would Follow Nashville

# Church Group Offers Plan For School Desegregation

By Dwayne Walls

A church-sponsored proposal calling for broader provisions for public school desegregation here next fall was presented to the Board of Education Monday night.

The proposal recommends that the board divide the school attendance area into five geographic districts, each to serve one elementary school, and that all first-grade pupils residing within a district be assigned to the

school serving that district.

It also provides that parents who are dissatisfied with the assignment of their children shall be allowed to request reassignment to a school in another district, within the limits of available space.

The proposal was drawn up by the Chapel Hill Meeting of the Religious Society of Friends, and read to the board by Quaker leader D. D. Carroll.

Board Chairman Dr. Kemp Jones cut short a discussion on

the proposal and placed it on the agenda for the February meeting in order to allow all board members to participate. Two members were absent Monday night.

Mr. Carroll explained that the proposal is based on the "Nashville Plan" which was instituted in Nashville, Tenn., three years ago.

He said it would fit in with the board's already announced plans for limited integration at the first grade level starting next fall. The school board's plan will provide geographic assignment, upon request, for Negro children.

The Quaker proposal would simply expand this plan to set up geographic assignment for both white and Negro children without requiring Negro parents to request the assignment to a particular school.

Mr. Carroll also explained that his group's recommendation also would allow either Negro or white children to request transfer outside their assigned area if the parents are unhappy with the school to which the child is assigned.

"Under the (school board's) present plan," he said, "a Negro child has to assume the onus of obtaining a transfer." The Friends Society statement noted that "any school board action which requires Negro parents to follow procedures not required of non-Negro parents is both an injustice and a violation of the constitutional provision of equality with which the Supreme Court was concerned."

The recommendation was drawn up, the statement said, "in order that all Chapel Hill parents may receive equal treatment and that none may be faced with the possibility of losing employment or receiving threats" (Continued on Page 6)

## Problem Of Signs Left To Aldermen

Two familiar bugaboos to graceful living in Chapel Hill—Franklin Street signs and residential house numbering—were tackled again Tuesday night by the Planning Board.

But both problems were promptly shuffled on to the Board of Aldermen.

After reviewing unsuccessful efforts to obtain a regulatory ordinance on commercial signs in the downtown business district five years ago, the Planning Board decided to let the Board of Aldermen take the initiative this time.

Chairman Frank Umstead said he has received numerous complaints about the number and taste of sidewalk signs that have sprung up on East Franklin Street.

The board adopted a resolution noting the complaints and passed it on to the aldermen with the request that the aldermen review the current sign ordinance and call a public hearing to determine for themselves what the sign sentiment is.

The equally aged problem of residential house numbering—or the lack thereof—was debated at length by the Planning Board. But here again the board felt that the problem was within the jurisdiction of the town manager.

## Whiskey Stores Report Booming Business During Past Quarter

Orange County's three ABC stores rang up a total sales volume of about \$436,692 during the last three months of 1959, according to figures reviewed Monday by the County ABC Board.

The figure is almost double that of the previous three-month period, and may run higher because sales for the last few days of the month were only approximated.

ABC Board Chairman Remus J. Smith Sr. of Hillsboro said the quarterly figure is a clear indication that the three stores will gross more than the \$1 million the board set last year as the anticipated annual volume.

Since the first store was opened last spring the three stores already have had a gross sales volume of \$792,093. All three stores were in operation only about half of this period. The Chapel Hill store was opened in June and the third store on Highway 49 north of Hillsboro was opened in the fall.

Mr. Smith also noted that net profits from the three stores probably will be well over the \$100,000 expected for the first year of operation.

Quarterly net profits for the

October-November-December period, for example, are expected to be about 12 per cent after law enforcement expenses.

Net profits for the previous quarter were 11.65 per cent of gross sales.

D. D. Carroll, a member of the three-man board, expressed the opinion that gross sales for the first year of operation might run as high as \$1,500,000, with net profits surpassing \$150,000.

But it is unlikely that quarterly sales will surpass those of the October-to-December period, which included much of the football season as well as the long holiday period.

Sales at the three stores on Christmas Eve, for example, totaled nearly \$23,000.

## Weather Report

Continued cold and partially cloudy expected today and tomorrow.

Monday High 42 Low 31

Tuesday High 48 Low 33

Bulbs are thrusting up their green spears in yards and gardens all over town. Daffodils will begin blooming next month.

## Statement Issued

# Opposition Is Developing To Carrboro's Annexation

## Lawyer Roy Cole Appointed As Spokesman By Dissenters

Apparently sturdy opposition to the impending annexation of territory to Carrboro appeared yesterday in the form of a statement by a group of Carrboro citizens.

The statement was released through Chapel Hill attorney Roy M. Cole, who has been retained by the citizen faction as its spokesman.

The statement:

"A group of citizens in the areas proposed to be annexed by Carrboro has been holding meetings and discussions on the question of annexation of their areas to the town limits of Carrboro.

"This group feels that it is truly representative of all three of the areas as described in the public notice being currently

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published. Its representatives have visited every home in the areas. A chairman and a standing committee are at the head of this group.

"They love and respect the people of the Town of Carrboro and they are living in close proximity to the town by choice. They abhor the possibility of any conflict with the town over this matter.

"However, this group is unanimous in its conviction that the areas should not be annexed at the present time and that there should be closer association between the town and the people of the areas in contemplation of raising of the question of annexation after such a period of liaison and cooperation."

Mr. Cole declined to say who (Continued on page 4)

Mr. Cobb said the study will extend all the way from the East Franklin Street business district to Carrboro.

## Final Letters Mailed

## County Begins Cracking Down On Its Delinquent Taxpayers

The county's planned crack-down on delinquent taxpayers was started last week by delinquent tax collector Frank Frederick.

Mr. Frederick told the Board of County Commissioners Monday that he has mailed final letters to some 65 delinquents. Recipients of the notices will have 60 days to make arrangements for payment before court action is initiated.

Although these 65 accounts are the first to be tackled under the county's "get tough" tax policy adopted several months ago, County Tax Supervisor Sam Gattis said others would receive similar notices later.

Altogether, he said, there are about 1,600 delinquent accounts on the books which are considered collectible. Most of these are smaller accounts which have been delinquent for three or four years.

Represented in the delinquent accounts is about \$11,500 in past due taxes. The largest single account is about \$1,000.

When Mr. Gattis brought the delinquent tax situation to the board's attention last fall he noted at that time that many of the past due accounts were in the Chapel Hill area.

In other action the board authorized Mr. Gattis to begin drawing up a pilot tax map which might eventually be extended to the entire county. Beginning in Little River township Mr. Gattis will draw his maps of private property boundaries, relying heavily upon aerial photographs to be obtained from the State Department of Conservation and Development.

If the mapping project is successful in Little River township it will be extended to cover the county.



EXPLANATION—Warren Wicker, right, points to area no. 2 of the three areas under consideration for annexation into Carrboro. Mr. Wicker was explaining his annexation feasibility report at an informational meeting held by the Carrboro Commissioners Monday evening. At left is Commissioner Harold Dark.

## A Worthy Project

AN EDITORIAL BY LOUIS GRAVES

The chairman of the finance committee of the board of directors of the Chapel Hill Public Library will appear before the Aldermen this coming Monday night to ask for an addition of \$400 to the year's library budget of \$5,300. The money is needed for the rental, till July 1, of an extension to accommodate both the overflow of books and the overflow of people who come to use the books.

Chapel Hill is fortunate to have a town government that is entirely sympathetic with the Library, so there is no doubt that the request will be granted.

The Aldermen have a much more important decision to make about the Library than to grant this small sum, and I expect they will be sympathetic with regard to that, too.

That is, the decision on the proposal, that has been advanced by some citizens, for inclusion in the forthcoming bond issue of an allowance for a library building. The amount I have heard mentioned for this purpose is \$50,000.

There is not any project or improvement for which the town's money could be better used than a Library building, and I feel sure that the community would approve the proposal. If the Aldermen will make a start on the building fund the rest of it can certainly be raised from individual contributions and other sources. The State and various foundations have proved their willingness to aid in library building when a community takes the first step.

I hope that a Library building will be Chapel Hill's main project in the coming year.

## 'Troubles Can Be Solved'

# Rep. Durham Off For Last Session

By J. A. C. Dunn

The brick house on Strowd Hill was quiet and warm. A black cocker spaniel sniffed briefly at the visitor, then curled on an imaginary spot on the hall rug two or three times and collapsed for a nap in a patch of weak sun.

Carl Durham sank back in his armchair, propped a foot on a footstool, lit his pipe, it immediately went out, pushed his glasses up his forehead, and rubbed his eyes.

"I know what you mean," he said in reply to an observation. "It seems as if things just go too fast nowadays." He was the picture of a country man vacationing from the city: warm, long-sleeved sport shirt in subdued colors, old grey flannel trousers, thick red wool socks, old shoes worn and scuffed with familiarity. "Things go so much faster now than they did fifty years ago—communications, transportation. Now, the Chinese and the Japanese, decades don't mean a thing to

them, but folks in this country just seem to work on a 30-day plan. If they can't get anything done in that time, they think they haven't accomplished anything.

"The glasses came down and he relit his pipe. "I'm going up to Washington for my last session of Congress tomorrow, flying. I just hate to drive any more, hate to get out on the road."

"I know what you mean about the atmosphere of uncertainty, but I'm not a pessimist. I believe our troubles can be solved if we work hard enough at 'em. Young people've just got to keep their shoulders to the wheel. "Now I see in the paper this morning they've settled the steel strike for a billion dollars, and they've got the steel manufacturers to say they won't raise their prices. But you know good 'n' well they'll raise the prices."

He pushed the glasses up high on his tanned forehead, rubbed his eyes, lit the pipe again, puffed once or twice, and the pipe (Continued on Page 6)



Carl Durham And Grandchild