

What's become of all the budget balancers we used to hear about during the campaign?

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Boulevard Signs Will Come Down; Ordinance Passed

The Aldermen Monday accepted a conditional surrender from the General Outdoor Advertising Co. and stated their own conditions by which other business signs will be permitted.

General Outdoor's highway billboards will be taken down by July 1. Merchants must comply with new business district sign regulations within one year.

The new ordinance controlling business district signs is, as Town Manager Robert Peck said, "the same one that was read at the last meeting, only now it's written in legalese instead of English."

The provisions of the ordinance will affect many downtown signs and some awnings.

Briefly, these provisions are: No sign may be erected without a permit from the building inspector; an additional permit from the electrical inspector (Frank Morrow, University Service Plants) is required for illuminated signs.

No permit will be required for a wall sign no more than 6 feet square in area or extending no more than 2 inches from the wall.

Other wall signs may be erected provided they do not extend more than 12 inches from the building and are not less than 8 feet from the ground.

Projecting signs may not extend more than 5 feet from the building, be more than 40 square feet in area, or less than 9 feet above the ground.

No ground sign of any kind except those erected for orderly traffic control and other governmental purposes will be permitted on the public right of way.

Marquees may not extend more than 10 feet from the building, be less than 10 feet above the ground, or interfere with any street tree.

No part of any awning may be less than 8 feet from the ground. All signs, marquees, or awnings must comply with the North Carolina Building Code requirements.

Except in the business zone, no sign other than traffic control or other signs erected by the town, State, or other governmental unit will be permitted on or over any street, sidewalk, or other area.



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Walkway In The University Arboretum

University Announces Retirements

Albert M. Coates will retire as director of the Institute of Government at the end of the current academic year and former University Chancellor Robert B. House will go into full retirement.

Their retirement, along with that of four other prominent UNC faculty members, was announced Monday by Chancellor William B. Aycock, following a meeting of the Board of Trustees' executive committee.

The retirements will become effective on June 30. Mr. Coates, who founded the Institute of Government in 1931 and served as director since that time, will continue his duties as a professor in the UNC School of Law.

His retirement follows the state regulation that University administrators must retire at the age of 65, but may continue to teach until the age of 70.

Chancellor Emeritus House retired in 1957 under the same regulation. Since then he has taught classes in classics and English.

Mr. House graduated from UNC in 1916 and received the M.A. degree from Harvard. He held major administrative posts from 1926 until 1957.

Mr. Coates graduated from UNC in 1918 and joined the Law School here in 1923 after receiving a law degree at Harvard.

The four other professors whose retirements were announced Monday are Dr. John W. Lasley Jr., Dr. Milton S. Heath, Margaret Blee and Ruth Hay.

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Changes Planned At Intersections

Major changes in some important downtown intersections in Chapel Hill have been recommended by the State Highway Commission.

Late last September the Commission's Traffic Engineering Department analyzed the flow of traffic at 15 major intersections and made recommendations which would speed traffic at each.

One of the traffic engineers' most important recommendations was that Franklin Street be made a four-lane thoroughfare with all parallel parking, instead of the present angle parking as it exists on both East and West Franklin Streets.

Some of the recommendations involve no more important changes than alteration of traffic light timing. Other recommendations are more drastic, the biggest of these being for the intersection of South Road, McCauley, and South Columbia Streets.

At this intersection, which the Chapel Hill Police consider the most dangerous in town, there is now one triangular island at the end of South Road. The engineers recommend that two lanes be cut through this triangle, with a long dividing median between the lanes.

Facing down South Road toward Woolen Gym, the right hand lane would be for south-bound traffic turning left off Columbia Street, the left hand lane for west-bound traffic turning left onto Columbia Street to go toward the Hospital. Instead of the present three signal lights there would be six.

The average hourly traffic in all directions across this intersection is 3,250.

At Columbia Street and Cameron Avenue the present traffic light arrangement would be retained, but instead of one four-faced signal head to handle all four approaches, there would be four single-faced signal heads (a "signal head" is one single mounted or suspended light installation, and can have as many as four "faces," or groups of four red-amber-green).

An average of 3,584 cars cross this intersection every hour. At Raleigh Street and Cameron Avenue there would be no changes made. The present single signal head would be retained to control the 2,262 cars that cross the intersection hourly.

At Cameron Avenue and Mallette Street left and right turn lanes would be painted on Cameron Avenue. The single signal head would remain green for fifteen seconds for Mallette traffic, nineteen seconds for Cameron traffic. The average hourly car count at Cameron-Mallette is 1,170.

The average hourly car count at McCauley and Pittsboro Streets, where no change in lights or laning would be made, is 822.

One of the most complicated traffic lane-signal head arrangements would be at the intersection of Country Club Road and NC 54 at the Institute of Government. There are now four signal heads at that point; ten are recommended. South bound traffic on Country Club would have two wider lanes in which to approach

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Merchants Endorse Big Dam Project

The Board of Directors of the Chapel Hill-Carrboro Merchants Association this week endorsed the Cape Fear River Basin flood control project, while the Town Board of Aldermen decided to give the controversial matter more study before taking a stand.

Town Planning Board Chairman C. Whid Powell Jr., speaking for Dr. Henry Jordan of Cedar Falls who heads an 18-county committee supporting the project, asked the Merchants Association directors for their support at the board's regular meeting on Monday.

The directors adopted a resolution endorsing the flood control project and pledging its support.

At the Board of Aldermen meeting Monday night, a resolution was introduced supporting the Army Corps of Engineers' plan for a 100-foot dam in Chatham County. However, at Alderman Roland Giduz' suggestion, the board deferred action until it has had a chance to study an alternate proposal submitted by the Soil Conservation Service.

The Engineers' plan calls for construction of the large dam at Moncure which would flood about 9,400 acres in Chatham and create a reservoir reaching into Orange and Durham Counties.

Mr. Powell told the Aldermen the large dam would provide much-needed flood control for downstream areas and give recreational benefits to the Chapel Hill area.

The Soil Conservation Service plan calls for numerous smaller dams throughout the Cape Fear Basin.

Chapel Hill Condition Is Snow White

Chapel Hill shifted to Condition White yesterday as the result of about four inches of snow.

Reactions were normal in most respects, abnormal in some. The public schools closed, but UNC held its classes as usual.

Town trucks went to work at about 5 a.m. yesterday spreading a mixture of sand and salt on the roads. At about mid-morning the plows went to work, and were still clearing streets late yesterday afternoon — while some outlying citizens called Town Hall to find out when their remote areas would be scraped.

There were no fire calls, but the Police had a busy day. When the snow reached two inches, "no parking" signs were put on the parking meters on Franklin Street. Some cars already parked had to be moved when their owners couldn't be located. When the cars were moved, Franklin Street was cleared.

Town Manager Robert Peck said Chapel Hill drivers were cooperating very well with the ordinance prohibiting parking on Franklin Street after the snow depth reaches two inches, and hoped for continued cooperation.

There were normal fender bumps on the slippery streets, and a dozen or so cars were abandoned after failing to reach the tops of the major hills in the area—Pittsboro Road Hill, Stroud Hill, the Glen Lennox Hill, the Airport Road Hill.

Police Chief W. D. Blake said his men had trouble with students in the big and little fraternity courts throwing snowballs at passersby. A few car windows were broken and the top light was knocked off a taxi.

Late yesterday afternoon the police were still searching for a group of people riding around in a green Volkswagen throwing snowballs loaded with firecrackers at pedestrians. A coed was injured by one of these snowballs and treated at Memorial

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Man Of Year To Be Named

Two charter members of the Chapel Hill Jaycees will play a prominent role in the program at the 13th annual Chapel Hill Junior Chamber of Commerce Distinguished Service Award Banquet tonight at 7:00 in the Carolina Inn.

Bill Cochrane of Chapel Hill and Washington, D. C., administrative assistant to Senator B. Everett Jordan, will serve as master of ceremonies for the D.S.A. event.

Herbert W. Wentworth of Greensboro, the first president of the local Jaycees in 1949-1950, will be the featured speaker for the evening. Mr. Wentworth is executive vice-president of the North Carolina Savings and Loan League.

A crowd of over 200 is expected to attend the banquet where individuals and firms will be recognized for their assistance to the Jaycees during the past year. Several inter-club awards will be presented to Chapel Hill Jaycees members. Presentation of the Distinguished Service Award is the outstanding young man in Chapel Hill during the past year will be a highlight of the evening.

The D.S.A. banquet has also been designated Bosses and Wives Night. Invitations have been extended to all former local Jaycees, Roosters, University and town officials, and Chapel Hill Jaycees.

Town Will Extend Fire District Lines

The Board of Aldermen agreed Monday night to extend the Greater Chapel Hill Fire District east to the County line if the residents affected will pay a tax sufficient to take care of the additional cost.

Town Manager Robert Peck said citizens on the east side of Town had indicated an interest in having the fire district extended to include Lake Forest and the Durham Boulevard as far as the County line.

He said if the Town did this a tank truck would have to be purchased to satisfy the fire underwriter's insurance requirements. A tank truck would cost about \$4,500, he said.

Discussion revealed that a 10-cent fire tax on property in the area would produce enough revenue to pay for the truck within two years.

The Board stated it was willing to include the Lake Forest-Boulevard area in the fire district as long as a sufficient number of property owners agreed to come in to pay for the truck with the fire tax.

John Cates appeared before the Board to inquire whether the Town would be interested in "the idea" of Exchange Swimming Pools Inc. using a plot of land at the intersection of NC 54 and 15-501 Bypass as a swimming pool site.

The Town owns the land, and Mr. Cates said that as co-chairman of the Swimming Pool Corporation's site committee he had to find some sites. He said he thought the Town might possibly be interested in selling, leasing, or giving the land for the swimming pool.

Town Attorney J. Q. LeGrand said that the Town could only dispose of its property by auction, and that in any case the deed stipulated the property must be used for park purposes. He said he thought the restriction implied that such park use could only be municipal, and not private.

"Let's refer it to the Recrea-

tion Commission," said Alderman Roland Giduz.

"No, no, let's not refer it anywhere," said Mr. Cates. "I just wanted the thinking of the Board on whether this would be a probable proposition."

The Board voiced its thinking that the proposition would be very improbable, and the matter was dropped.

In other action the Board: —Received a petition signed by 241 residents requesting the establishment of a Chapel Hill housing authority to correct unsafe and unsanitary housing conditions.

A public hearing on the petition will be held January 23, at the same time as a scheduled public (Continued on Page 8)

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By JOE JONES

Many Chapel Hillians have been driving out to see the Chatham County robin roost thought to contain between 500,000 and a million birds. A question some ask is, "Where do all these robins come from?" We haven't seen any around Chapel Hill this winter and yet only nine miles away a million show up every afternoon.

Our guess is that in the day the birds scatter over hundreds of square miles of feeding grounds that don't include Chapel Hill. In winter, especially during snows, robins depend on berries for food. It must take a daily consumption of many tons of dogwood, holly, cedar, and honeysuckle berries to sustain the robins in the great Chatham roost. Berries in such prodigious amounts can only be found in extensive woodlands of the kind that cover much of Chatham County. To keep alive during the long cold winter nights the robins in the big roost must spend the short hours of daylight foraging, and they have to go where the food is. Such a vast aggregation of robins can't afford to waste time fooling around places like Chapel Hill where the woods are spotty.

The present roost is one of a series of such roosts that have existed in Orange, Chatham, or neighboring counties almost every winter for many years. This evidently means robins are drawn here in winter by a good food (Continued on Page 8)

State Rejects Bid For Tuition Grant

Carrboro jeweler Reece Birmingham's request for a State tuition grant under the Pearsall Plan was blocked this week by an unfavorable recommendation on accreditation of the Twadell School in Durham.

But Mr. Birmingham plans to keep his two daughters in the Twadell School anyway, bearing the expense himself.

The unfavorable recommendation was made by an inspection team headed by Samuel Stell, State supervisor of nonpublic schools.

The team's report to State director of instructional services Nile Hunt recommended the Twadell School not be granted accreditation because its school day was shorter than the State-required six hours.

Mr. Birmingham became the first man in the State to request a tuition grant under the Pearsall Plan when he presented his request to the Chapel Hill School Board last summer. The School Board fulfilled its part in granting his request by forwarding a favorable recommendation on it to the State Board of Education.

The Birmingham girls were already enrolled in the Twadell School at the time of the request. Mr. Birmingham said yesterday he had no plans regarding

the tuition grant request, and intended to keep his children in the Twadell School, paying the expenses himself.

"I can do it," he said. "A couple of people have asked me if I can afford to send the children to the Twadell School, and I can. I applied for the tuition grant because it's on the books and I'm entitled to it."

"I have no plans now. Time may change something, though," Mrs. Vera C. Twadell, who runs the Twadell School, said she felt the State's negative recommendation was based on "technicalities."

"The State said they didn't think anyone would make application for the tuition grants," she said. "They don't have the money and if they give it to Mr. Birmingham everyone in Orange County could get it."

"They came in October and asked about the length of the school day. I said we could conform to (the State-required six-hour school day)."

"Our classes are far smaller and we can get through the work. Furthermore, we don't go in for a lot of extracurricular activities."

She said that after graduating from Twadell, her students had been making first and second honor rolls in junior and senior high schools.

A "safety valve" provision of the Pearsall Plan permits tuition grants if a child is assigned against parents' wishes, to a school attended by a child of another race.

Eligibility for a tuition grant under the Pearsall Plan requires that at the time of request the children in question be enrolled in a private, non-sectarian school approved by the State; and that the local School Board find it not reasonable to assign the children to another public school. All of (Continued on page 8)

Weather Report

Continued clear and cold expected tomorrow.

	High	Low
Monday	50	30
Tuesday	48	28
Wednesday	38	18

This morning's five degrees was Chapel Hill's lowest temperature in many a day, and let's hope we won't see its equal again soon. Seven is predicted for tonight.

A Talk With Robert B. House

R. B. House retired in 1957 as Chancellor of the University, and for the past five years has been teaching English and Greek and Roman literature to freshmen and sophomores. Last week his complete retirement at the end of the spring semester was announced.

By J. A. C. DUNN

The porch of Robert Burton House's house on East Franklin Street is screened with evergreens. There are rockers on the porch, even in January. In the front hall is a long antique church bench with arms separating the seats—an ancient piece of furniture from upper New York State, still in use.

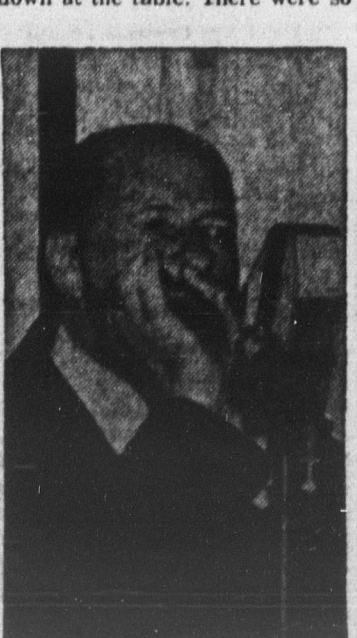
The house has an atmosphere about it not of the stifling quietness of age, but simply the seasoning of time. Mr. House is an old soul, now; a great deal has registered behind his heavy-lidded eyes. But he has young blood.

"I'm very happy about my retirement," he said. "A lot happier than that picture in the Dur-

ham Morning Herald made me appear. I think it's a privilege to have a whole career in something, and finish it and then look back at it, a whole life's work. And I've done a lot of work. I've been working at something ever since the age of eight, when I got my first job as a nursemaid and butler to a Jersey cow.

"That was down home. Halifax County, Thelma. Did you ever read my little book, 'Aunt Sue and the Sheriff'? Well you ought to. It's a corking good piece of literature. It's a collector's item now, out of print. But it was about my childhood, until the age of eighteen when I left home. I was a good jackleg at a lot of things when I left home. Farming, cotton gin, lumber mill. I think it's good to have some country experience. I grew up under rather unusual circumstances. There were ten children in my family, and my parents, and my uncle and aunt and their five children, and another aunt that taught the school we all went to, a little private school, and

a grandmother lived with us too, so there were fifteen children and six adults every time we sat down at the table. There were so



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many of us and so much to do, and we did everything in the world. City people are so provincial, they don't know how to do anything, they miss so much. I remember when I was passing through New York City on my way back from Plattsburg, the first officers training school, during the First World War. I was helping this old lady get her stuff in an upper pullman berth. There we were in Pennsylvania Station, and she said this was the first time she had ever been on a train. I said where are you from, and she said right here. I guess she never had to be on a train. She'd already arrived. I remember I always liked to take the ferry out to Staten Island and then turn around and come right back. It was like coming in from Europe."

He drew on a pipe which was dark and anonymous with age. "The only foreign travel I ever did was in France during the First World War. I lived with a French family and had a little

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Scenes

Seen dancing at a recent party and looking much too youthful to be the parents of four youngsters; DR. and MRS. ROY LINDAHL . . . One who can give a terrific performance of the twist; TONYA HINNANT . . . Four teen-agers having a wonderful time talking with each other over walkie-talkies they got for Christmas; LOUIS AMBROSIO, KEMP NYE JR., BOBBY SCOTT, and JOHN UMSTEAD . . . Elderly man who looks frail but can still do a good job of raking leaves; GEORGE BALDWIN . . . MRS. HARRY MACKLIN trudging through the snow at 6:30 yesterday morning on her way from home to work . . . WILBUR SENTER out bright and early shoveling snow off his driveway . . . Typical Chapel Hill scene on snowy morning: Little cars whipping past big cars on hills . . . BRAWDY RIGGSBEE walking through early-morning snow to get hot coffee for his fellow workers at the Post Office.