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McClamroch Breaks Tie Vote

Aldermen Agree To Oppose Morgan Creek Power Line

Workers Injured In Gas Explosion

Two Chapel Hill Telephone Co. cable-splicers were injured Friday from an explosion in a manhole. The explosion blew both men out of the hole, where they were working, to the street. Both are expected to remain in Memorial Hospital at least until the end of his week.

Leslie C. Madison of Carrboro and Charles Harbison of Route 1, Pittsboro, were burned on the face, arms, and hands when the explosion occurred at about 8:30 Friday morning in a manhole at the corner of East Rosemary and Boundary Streets.

It is not yet certain whether the explosion was caused by natural gas or sewer gas. The Public Service Co. has found and repaired one gas pipe leak at the north corner of East Franklin and Boundary, and testing equipment indicated the presence of leaked gas at the south corner of the same intersection.

The Public Service Company is currently investigating for other gas leaks in the Rosemary-Boundary-East Franklin area. The investigation is expected to be completed some time this week.

The manager of the Chapel Hill branch of the Public Service Company said he did not know how long ago the gas pipes in that section of town were installed. He said the investigation was being conducted by a maintenance crew from Durham.

Officials in the Durham office were either unavailable for comment or did not know enough about the incident to be able to comment. No available official in the Public Service office could say either who was responsible for the condition of the gas pipes, or how old the pipes are. One possible indication of the pipes' age came from a Public Service crewman last summer, when he was working on a suspected-gas leak in front of J. B. Robbins' Store on East Franklin Street. At that time he indicated that many gas pipes in Chapel Hill were at least twenty years old, and that some were corroded.

Dr. James F. Newsome, Memorial Hospital physician attending the two men, said their burns did not seem to be bad. He hesitated to attribute a "degree" to the burns the men suffered. Dr. Newsome said he would not be able to tell how seriously the men were injured until the dressings on the burns were removed in about five days.

If the explosion was caused by a leak in a natural gas pipe, the pipe apparently ruptured Thursday night. Mr. Madison and Mr. Harbison had worked in the Boundary-Rosemary manhole Wednesday and Thursday, using an acetylene torch, without incident.

Friday morning they entered the manhole at 8 a.m. About half an hour later they lit a cigarette lighter and were blown out of the



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N. C. Press Meet Opens Tomorrow

The 38th annual North Carolina Press Institute opens at the University tomorrow. Registration will begin at 3:30 p.m. in the lobby of the Carolina Inn. At 5:30 p.m. there will be a UNC-sponsored reception in the ballroom of the Inn honoring Governor and Mrs. Terry Sanford and winners of the 1962 Press Awards.

Robert Bunnelle, publisher of the Asheville Citizen Times and president of the N. C. Press Association, will preside over the opening session of the Institute to be held beginning at 8:30 p.m. in the auditorium of Carroll Hall. UNC Chancellor William B. Aycock will give the welcoming address.

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Zoning Ordinance Will Be Enforced

By W. H. SCARBOROUGH

The Board of Aldermen moved Monday night to block construction of the Morgan Creek Powerline.

The action came on a 4-3 vote, adopting a resolution from the Planning Board which defined power line towers as "structures within the meaning of the zoning ordinance," subject to control by the Town. In a separate motion, Mayor Sandy McClamroch was empowered to appoint a commission to negotiate with Duke Power Co. for relocation of the line and abandonment of its right-of-way through the Morgan Creek area.

Mayor McClamroch named University Business Manager J. A.

Editorial comment on 4-B.

Branch; Dr. C. Ritchie Bell, acting director of the North Carolina Botanical Gardens; Planning Board member Jack Lasley; Aldermen Gene Strowd and Paul Wager, and himself to the commission Tuesday afternoon. A telegram notifying Duke Power of the action was dispatched Tuesday afternoon also.

In adopting the resolution the Aldermen reversed an almost two-year-old position of refusing to intervene in the question of where the line would be located. Basis for the switch came in large part from a letter from UNC Chancellor William B. Aycock and Business Manager Branch in which they asserted that the University had not requested the line and had been surprised to learn that its construction through the Morgan Creek area was planned.

In the letter, addressed to Planning Board Chairman Ross Scroggs, Mr. Aycock and Mr. Branch stated, "The loop line is not essential for the needs of the University. However, in the event the Eno line were to break down, the loop line would be essential to supply the needs of the Town."

Officials of Duke Power Company in Charlotte could not be reached for comment on the new development.

The Aldermen's move gave new life to the controversy, which has been alternately raging and simmering since mid-1961. If the Town is successful in negotiating with Duke Power for abandonment of the line, Monday (Continued on Page 4)

Weather Report

Partly cloudy and continued cold.

	High	Low
Sunday	58	33
Monday	33	23
Tuesday	40	20

The Arboretum is largely deserted these days and nights. A simple proof that in this weather not even love can keep you warm.



Mayor McClamroch Makes A Point

With Head In Hand, To n Manager Robert Peck

Revised Apartment Project Is Met With More Protests

A revised rezoning and special use permit request from C. Whid Powell for his proposed Ephesus Church Road development met another obstacle in a special joint hearing of the Planning Board and the Board of Aldermen Monday night.

Mr. Powell's original request, made some weeks ago, had been for rezoning to RA-6 from RA-10 and Agricultural to permit a 103-unit apartment development on a ten-acre tract off the Ephesus Church Road. All but three of the 53 property owners in Ridge-

field Park objected. They claimed Mr. Powell's project would lower property values.

Early in December, Mr. Powell changed his request, asking instead a special use permit for an 86-unit apartment development and rezoning the same tract to RA-15. The Planning Board added to the request a recommendation that the land between Mr. Powell's and Ridgefield also be rezoned RA-15, from its present Agricultural, to provide a buffer between the two residential areas.

The revised request required a second public hearing. A spokesman for Ridgefield Park residents said Ridgefield Park would be represented for discussion of "peripheral" problems the Powell development would cause; but that the apartment development itself would not be opposed.

At Monday's hearing, the request was referred to the Planning Board for a recommendation. The Ridgefield residents made it clear that the problems were somewhat more than peripheral.

Raymond Dawson, a Ridgefield resident, presented the Aldermen and planners a petition, signed by 51 Ridgefield Park property owners, which made three requests:

—That any special use permit for the Powell tract "be limited to some form of use which does not concentrate all or most of the maximum allowable living units upon a minor portion of that tract."

—That Ridgefield Park be protected from automobile traffic to and from Ephesus Church Road, traffic which will originate with the apartments proposed for the ten-acre Powell tract and also other traffic which will increase as Ephesus Church Road receives (Continued on Page 6)

Coming This Sunday

A CHAPEL HILL RESIDENT has been one of the pioneers in North Carolina's remarkably successful hospital pre-payment programs. He is the talker in one of J. A. C. Dunn's talk pieces.

AN INDIGNANT LETTER to Reader's Digest led one woman, without money or prospects of any, to comparative prosperity. The writer of the letter is the subject of a profile by Weekly Women's News Editor Paquita Fine.

IN HIS REMINISCENCES Chancellor Robert House recalls the days when the University held regular religious exercises.

They'll be in this coming Sunday's issue of The Chapel Hill Weekly, along with the latest news of the Chapel Hill-Carrboro community. Treat yourself to a copy.

New 'Institute Of Outdoor Drama' Founded By UNC

Chancellor William B. Aycock announced today the founding of the "Institute of Outdoor Drama" to be a part of the University.

The new institute will fulfill a national need for a central clearing house for information, advice, auditions and production assistance for the many outdoor drama-

matic productions and community pageants that are held all over the United States.

William Trotman, a veteran of the Carolina Playmakers and a native of Winston-Salem, was named director of the Outdoor Drama Institute. Mr. Trotman is versatile as an actor, playwright, director, production manager and stage and scenery designer. He returns to Chapel Hill from Houston, Texas, where he was a resident designer for the Ford Foundation-backed Alley Theater.

"It is fitting that the Institute of Outdoor Drama be established in Chapel Hill," said Chancellor Aycock. "The tradition of folk drama and the attainments of the Carolina Playmakers and others in playwrighting, acting and producing dramatic presentations has found a special outlet in the burgeoning pageants in outdoor amphitheatres and similar settings. The new Institute of Outdoor Drama is conceived to encourage and utilize the abilities of dramatists in this dimension."

Mr. Aycock added: "Mr. William Trotman, who was formerly one of our students in Dramatic Art, returns to the University as Director of the Institute. He has had much professional experience (Continued on Page 7)

Irate Franklin St. Merchants Put Dent In Sign Ordinance

Chapel Hill's new downtown sign ordinance got a pretty good roasting Monday night.

One after another, Franklin Street merchants described as unreasonable and unnecessary

the provisions of the ordinance which regulate the height awnings must be from the sidewalk.

After hearing the complaints, the Aldermen instructed the Town Attorney to draw up an amendment which will be acted on at the Board's next meeting. The ordinance now requires a minimum of eight feet between awnings and sidewalk. As amended, the metal frames of awnings must be at least eight feet, but the canvas skirts may extend 12 inches lower.

The merchants, led by W. O. Lacock, proprietor of Lacock's Shoe Shop, complained that the ordinance had been drawn arbitrarily and, in most cases, without knowledge of those who would be most seriously affected.

"I've complied with the ordinance, and in doing so, I find it is absolutely worthless. My shoes are my livelihood, as you know, and I've brought along a few to show what happens to them," Mr. Lacock said. He produced a number of new shoes which had been bleached from their stay in the display case in his store window. The shoe displays are changed once a month, he said, with a loss of about \$500 or \$600 with each change because the bleached shoes are worth only half their original price after being displayed for a month.

"It's an expensive proposition. I'm ruined if this continues," Edward Danziger, who had earlier complained that the sun was ruining his display of chocolates, said he had nothing new to report, but he observed "The boys have not grown taller. The awnings are not lower, and the sun is still melting my candy."

Mr. Lacock and Mr. Danziger were seconded in their complaints by a half-dozen other merchants, including Milton Julian, who proposed that the

"average height" of awnings be set at eight feet, and Jim Ellis, proprietor of the Village Cafeteria, whose metal awning had been classified as a marquee and found to be mounted too low.

Mayor Sandy McClamroch reminded the merchants that a public hearing on the ordinance had been held over a year ago, and that no one had appeared to protest the specifications being discussed at that time.

Alderman Roland Giduz defended the Aldermen's adoption of the ordinance, because he said, it had come after the proposals were referred to the Merchants Association and were held under consideration by them for almost six months. After the Association was asked if it had recommendations on the matter, Mr. Giduz said, the pub-

Chapel Hill
CHAFF
By LOUIS GRAVES

Dr. James B. Bullitt will be 89 years old Friday, January 18. His friends often go out to see him at the Friendly Rest Home midway between Chapel Hill and Durham.

In what I call the old times—that is, 60 odd years ago—a student who came here from outside the State was almost a curiosity, and of course one who came from a foreign country was still more of one. You never thought of asking why a person had come to the University. It is very different now; this has become a frequent and popular topic of conversation. Students and faculty members will tell about how somebody gave them a description of Chapel Hill, or it was recommended to them by friends.

I have often been keenly interested in questioning newcomers about what turned them to our town. This last Sunday I happened on a cause that was new to me. Henry Cheney Jr.; his wife, the former Claire Russell; their three-and-a-half-year-old son Jeffrey Phillips; and their two - a - half-year-old daughter, Caroline Elizabeth. (Continued on Page 4)

A Talk With A. G. (Pete) Ivey

Pete Ivey has been director of the University News Bureau since 1955.

By J. A. C. DUNN

The calendar on Alfred Guy Ivey's office wall still proclaims December, 1962, as if Time tried desperately all year to keep up with Mr. Ivey and finally collapsed just short of breaking the tape on the twelfth lap.

Mr. Ivey is short, portly, soft-spoken, merry-looking, and tense. He is not an imposing man. At first glance you would hardly think him capable of developing enough steam to administer a

university news bureau. But every time something happens on the campus, spectacular or unspectacular, a man from the News Bureau or a photographer from the Photo Lab, often both, lurks somewhere nearby. Sometimes Mr. Ivey lurks with them.

Mounds of UNC publicity are mailed out daily from the News Bureau. It is almost impossible to find the News Bureau's Bynum Hall premises in a state of flurry, but it is equally impossible to find a time during the day when at least one person is neither sitting at a desk taking notes with telephone receiver wedged between arm and shoulder,



PETE IVEY

er, or typing something. If neither of these two activities is in process, a part-time student is riding herd on the duplicating machine in a back room, or it is lunchtime.

Mr. Ivey is in charge of all this placid busy-ness. His office is a sort of shell crater in the no-man's-land between the University and the public. Sometimes he gets caught in a cross-fire from both. In terms of the metaphor, he has earned several purple hearts; but he has never been listed as missing in action. He stood at the door to his office and told the News Bureau (Continued on Page 2)

SCENES

Police Captain COY DURHAM putting out yellow pylons at Henderson and Franklin Street . . . Spectacle young man and pretty blonde in enthusiastic clinch on Rosemary Street at high noon . . . Two garbage collectors sitting beside their truck parked on Davie Circle munching lunch. . . Sign over Intimate Bookshop's display of books on Egyptian-archaeology: IT'S MUMMY'S DAY AT THE INTIMATE. . . Townspeople overcoated, muffled and gloved, pausing to gaze at the swimsuit display in J. B. Robbins' window . . . Young high school bucks braving the sub-freezing weather in shirt-sleeves . . . Small snack shack beside Norwood Brothers' Esso smoking like an incinerator on weekend mornings, as students catch that last drag before school takes in . . . Citizen seated in the back row of the Town Hall courtroom, casting a vote on each and every matter before the Board of Aldermen Monday night. . . MAURICE JULIAN and BOB VARLEY raking the Town's new sign ordinance over coffee at Sutons.