

Some politicians are like rest-
less sleepers: first they lie on
one side, then on the other.

Opposition To Tax Appears

Public Recreation: Pros & Cons

Several matters and a few minds were aired more or less thoroughly at a panel discussion of Chapel Hill recreation and recreation taxes Wednesday night. The Town Hall courtroom was almost filled with citizens, including the Mayor, the Town Manager, Aldermen, the School Superintendent, and members of the Chapel Hill Recreation Commission.

None of the pros or cons of the recreation tax to be voted on May 7 were actually settled, but a few relatively new points were brought out, among them the fact that a recreation tax district can be legally established by referendum.

Panelists were UNC sociology professor Douglas Sessoms, Chapel Hill Alderman Mrs. Harold Walters, and Chapel Hill Recreation Commission Chairman Robert Boyce.

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Avery Cohan had been scheduled to present the opposition on the panel, but the recreational activities of his son's Cub Scout pack interfered.

"Not so many years ago, any child who wanted could find a tree to climb or a vacant lot," said Mrs. Andrew Scott, moderator, "... then came the population explosion."

Dr. Sessoms spoke first. A recreation program must be built around the needs of a community, he said. No two communities' recreation programs are alike. A public recreation program is not a babysitting facility, and not just a diversion for bored minds. "A recreation program

should provide opportunities for people to use their leisure constructively."

A recreation program should cater to all age groups, and should operate all year round, "not just in the summer when the kids are out of school," and every day, not only on weekends. A recreation program should also cater to special interest groups such as young married couples and the elderly.

Dr. Sessoms said a survey of North Carolina's public recreation activities showed that the per capita expenditure on recreation in the State was \$3.50, of which \$1 was spent on parks.

"If we follow this in Chapel Hill," he said, "we should spend \$30,000 on recreation and \$12,000 on parks."

He mentioned towns roughly comparable in size to

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MRS. WARREN WICKER
Explaining Procedure . . .



HAROLD BIERCK
... He's Against Tax

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Reminiscences

By ROBERT B. HOUSE

In 1915 the old Pickwick movie theatre up near Sloan's corner was supplanted by the new Pickwick on the other side of Franklin Street down about where the town office of the University Service Plants now stands. It was an elegant theatre for the times. The feature of features in the new Pick was the first showing of "The Birth of a Nation" in Chapel Hill.

This picture with an accompanying orchestra and sound effects was stupendous. It fired our non-too-dormant loyalties to the Old South to a frenzy of nostalgia and "what might have been if. . ." We were like Chaplain Jones, a local preacher in the generation preceding ours. He had been a chaplain with Stonewall Jackson. He said the South had never really been defeated. It collapsed he thought because "it was wearied out with victory." Chaplain Jones even questioned the righteousness of Providence in allowing the Yankees to win. Like his hero, Stonewall Jackson, he gave supreme allegiance to General Lee. He took a dim view of President Lincoln and, for that matter, of the Union.

Lee's birthday came and we celebrated that with gusto. Lincoln's birthday came and we were considering that as just another day until President E. K. Graham spoke to us that morning in chapel. He praised us for our loyalty to Lee and the South. No man had ever voiced that theme better than Ed Graham had done in welcoming the old veterans back in 1911 to receive their diplomas, those who left for the war and never got back again as students. We went wild with enthusiasm and leaned back to hear more of the great epic. But Ed Graham shocked us. He moved right on to Lincoln, praised him and tied the greatness of Lee to the greatness of Lincoln. It was not, he said, a matter of Lee or Lincoln but one of

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OUT AGAIN—The chairs and the tables in front of the Scuttlebutt have been stored away all winter, while ice crusted the brick-paved terrace. Now they are out again, filled with students hastening the coming days of lemonade and laziness by pretending that the

current warmer-but-not-yet-summery weather is balmer than it is. Girl-and-traffic-watching at the corner of Columbia and Cameron is looking up. Pretty soon a chair outside the Scuttlebutt will be a treasured possession.

Work To Resume On School Budget

Board To Get Alternate Figures
Tomorrow In Second Rough Draft

School Superintendent Howard Thompson will present to the School Board a second rough draft of next year's current expense and capital outlay budgets at the Board's meeting Monday night at 7:30 in the home economics room of Chapel Hill High School.

Dr. Thompson presented an initial draft at the Board's last meeting. The Board took no action. Dr. Thompson said this week's draft would be separated into Plan A and Plan B, the first assuming a County per-pupil allocation of \$38 next year, the second assuming an allocation of \$42.

Since the Board's last meeting, Dr. Thompson has conferred with the State Board of Education in an attempt to clarify vaguely explained items in the State's "B" budget. The provisions of the "B" budget directly affect Chapel Hill's budget next year.

David McDowell, a representative of the Public Service Co., will appear before the Board Monday to explain the cost of gas heat at Frank P. Graham Elementary School and the new Chapel Hill Junior High School.

Gas bills at Graham have been about 50 per cent higher than anticipated. Dr. Thompson said that more very cold weather could put the Graham School's heating bill over its budget allocation.

The Board expects Mr. McDowell to explain why the bills have been so much higher than anticipated.

In addition, Dr. Thompson will

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Chapel Hill CHAFF

By LOUIS GRAVES

It looks as if the newspapers and magazines, the radio and television, and one's ordinary acquaintance, in making a choice between the words give and donate, are leaning more and more toward donate.

This tendency pains some people who are concerned for the purity and the dignity of the language, and nobody has commented on it in such spirited opposition as A. P. Herbert, the English novelist, poet, essayist, and dramatist, and for many years member of Parliament.

He has been knighted and so is now officially Sir Alan Herbert, but to writers and to the great body of his readers he is still known by the simple name under which he first distinguished himself.

A few years ago, in a little essay on the subject of give and donate, he insisted that donate was a "snob word," that "the rich donate and the poor give." He had some fun translating familiar passages to include donate, for example: "Donate us this day our daily bread." "Tis more blessed to donate than to receive," and "Twas all he donated, 'twas all he had to donate."

Herbert was born 72 years ago

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Town Clerk Will Retire On May 1

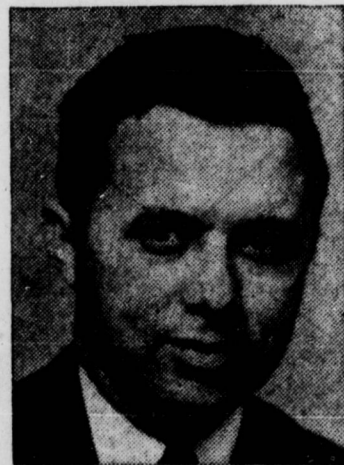
Mrs. Mary Lovejoy, Town clerk here since 1954, will retire May 1.

Her resignation from the position will be acted on by the Board of Aldermen when it meets tomorrow night at 7:30 in the Town Hall.

Mrs. Lovejoy and her husband

SCENES

COLLIER COBB III beating an amiable path up the street in the season's first spring suit. . . JOHN MANNING getting his way with the Planning Board without losing one single verbal broadside. . . Interlopers at Jeff's Campus Confectionary discussing renovation of the place, to the horror of established clientele. . . Shack proprietor TROY HARVILLE taking a tolerant view of customers who wanted to watch The Flintstones on TV. . . UNC Development Director CHARLIE SHAFFER overseeing the re-zoning of his neighborhood. . . HILLIARD CALDWELL jumping in and then back out of the Town Board race in record time. . . One of Chapel Hill's most partisan Democrats openly backing a Republican in the Town elections. . . ANDY GUTIERREZ vacuuming the Varsity lobby at 1:30 a.m.



DR. WILLIAM LASSITER

Gets Markle Appointment

Dr. William E. Lassiter, assistant professor of medicine in the University School of Medicine this week was named a Markle Scholar in Academic Medicine, one of the most outstanding honors that can be given to a young medical scientist.

Dr. Lassiter is one of 25 scientists in this country and Canada to be so honored. He is the ninth member of the UNC medical faculty to receive this coveted award.

The appointment from the John and Mary R. Markle Foundation of New York provides a \$30,000 grant to the Medical School here where Dr. Lassiter teaches and engages in research. The sum is given over a five-year period to supplement salary, aid research, and assist in the scientist's development as a teacher and investigator.

Dr. Lassiter, a native of Wilmington, joined the UNC medical faculty in 1958, as a research

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Chapel Hill Businessmen Inspect 'Smithfield Plan'

Nine Chapel Hill businessmen visited Smithfield Thursday to find out how an outdated town could bring itself abreast of the times.

Merchants Association executive director Joe Augustine, Town Manager Robert Peck, Mayor Sandy McClamroch, Carrboro Chamber of Commerce President George Spransy, Ted Danziger, R. B. Fitch, Jim Heavner, Doug Powell, and J. B. Robbins heard a presentation of "The Smithfield Plan," given by Smithfield town, Chamber of Commerce, and Jaycee representatives.

"The Smithfield Plan" is a community improvement plan by which Smithfield hopes to be chosen one of the winners in the annual All-America City contest.

The contest is sponsored by a women's organization and Look Magazine.

The co-chairmen of "The Smithfield Plan" explained the details of the project to the nine Chapel Hillians and conducted them on a tour of the town.

As a collection of buildings and streets, Smithfield was obsolete by about fifty years when the citizens started their improvement plan some months ago.

Buildings were old, streets were

old, the town was not as attractive as it could be, and no major improvements had been made in the town's business section in half a century.

Beginning with a townwide, "What Smithfield Needs" contest, sponsored by the Merchants' Committee, a plan of improvement was developed. Among improvements now either completed or in process are an extensive downtown canopy with lights and piped-in music, color-styled buildings

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Carrboro To Act On Planning Area

The Carrboro Board of Commissioners will set its seal on the necessary paperwork for creation of a Carrboro Planning Area Tuesday night at its regular meeting in the Carrboro Town Hall.

Town Clerk R. B. Todd said letters approving the establishment of the new planning district had been received from the Chapel Hill Board of Aldermen and the Carrboro Commissioners, and that Judge L. J. Phipps had completed preparations for the enabling act to be submitted to the General Assembly.

The Carrboro area will com-

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Stephen Bede is chief of Radio Free Europe's Hungarian Department in Munich, Germany. Last week he was in Durham under the auspices of Chemstrand, speaking in an effort to raise contributions to Radio Free Europe. Private contributions are RFE's only means of support.

By J. A. C. DUNN

Stephen Bede (Beydeh) has a thick, prominent eyebrows that look like wisps of grey hay, and a broad, sad, slightly harried countenance which time, strain, and adversity have turned into a magnificent poker face. His eyes are weary with a hint of nostalgic melancholy, but otherwise his

face contains his emotions with all the expressive display of a wooden bucket.

Mr. Bede objects to being called an "anti-Nazi underground leader."

"Oh, look, this is what I do not like," he said. "There was no organized underground in Hungary during the war. There was resistance, but every man did what he could to make it difficult for the Nazis, by himself. There was nothing like a general staff operation, no organization."

"I was Information Chief of the Hungarian Ministry for Foreign Affairs in the early part of the war. I had all the newspapers in Hungary under my control, and

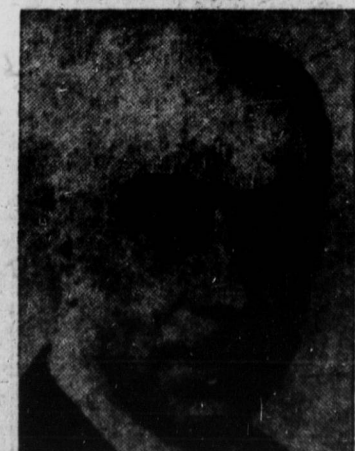
Weather Report

Cloudy and cool today, with partial clearing tomorrow.

	High	Low	Prec.
Wednesday	65	45	.57
Thursday	59	32	—
Friday	61	28	—
Saturday	64	33	—

Bermuda shorts are all the rage right now, with the balmy weather. But don't drain the anti-freeze; you'll see another icicle yet.

A Talk With Stephen Bede



MR. BEDE

this gave me an opportunity to make difficulties for the Nazis. I held briefings every morning for all newspapers, and without falsifying anything I could emphasize some things, and make it unpleasant for the Nazis to deal with our government. Anything that would harm the Nazis I did. Then when they occupied Hungary I went into hiding because they were looking for me. I could not do anything while I was hiding. It was dangerous, the Nazis wanted me because of my activities against them. First they put out posters saying I should return, and then when I did not return they said that anybody

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