## Demonstrations Putting Heavy Strain On Police Force

a heavy strain on the resources of the Police Department, Chief William D. Blake reported to the Board of Aldermen Monday night.

ing to remain neutral and impartial in the demonstrations." Chief Blake said, "and we've been fairly successful. But it's been a real burden on the department."

Vacations of patrolmen have been slashed to the bone, Chief Blake said, with those few who have attempted to take leave. being called back to handle demands of the situation.

At present the department's 25 overtime in handling both picket lines at Colonial Drug Store and the limited and full demonstra-

and demonstrations has created - 148 hours of the Department's total overtime.

"Beginning July 4, there has Villiam D. Blake reported to the been a big increase in tension," to coard of Aldermen Monday night. the Chief said. "There were three incidents that day and since. We are still able to communicate and negotiate with the Committee for Open Business. We have made suggestions and they have been followed."

Chief Blake and the Committee's executive committee meet today to discuss several matters, including the increasing number of motor vehicle violations accompanying the demonstrations, during which attempts had been men have piled up 777 hours made "to run them (the demonstrators) down."

Trouble has also come, Chief Blake said, "from citizens detions that have covered part or liberately parking in front of Mr. Carswell's store and then back-

One car would have knocked me down if one of my boys hadn't Chief Blake said elimination of this practice would "lessen the chances of someone's getting hurt."

Other incidents involving the picket line in front of Colonial Drug have been forestalled by police, one of whom is kept on duty nearby at all times pickets are present. "There have been several near - incidents, and trouble would have happened if we hadn't had men there," Chief Blake said.

The Department's five - man shift is augmented to a strength of eleven men for "limited" demonstrations, involving marches from St. Joseph's AME 'Church on Rosemary Street to Colonial \$ Drug and back, and eighteen men are required for a long march

trict, in order to keep traffic movthe parade.

"There are so many young children involved now, that each time we call men back. It depends on the time of day as to which shift we call back. It takes at least one additional shift. The first mass march we had the entire force out."

On days when there are no demonstrations one additional netrolman is still required for picket duty, for each shift on duty during picketing hours.

In reply to a question from Alderman Roland Giduz, Chief Blake said the patrolmen are not paid for their overtime. It is customary to give a patrolman compensatory time off for overtime work, but the present force and demands made upon it by

ed this. Much compensatory time ing and maintain surveillance of off may be permanently lost, and the vacation schedule of the department has been wrecked.

"The Board ought to consider extra pay for the police under these circumstances," Alderman Giduz said.

Town Manager Robert Peck said additional police personnel rather than overtime pay would be a more practical answer, and could result in a stronger, more efficient department.

"The duty for which they are required demands very experienced men," Mr. Giduz said. He recommended that the department be increased in strength as soon as possible.

"It might be cheaper to pass a public accommodations law," said Alderman Adelaide Walters. Mrs. Walters also moved that

to write the Wall Street Journal pointed at the outcome of the a letter correcting a report in conference and felt that it had the Journal of July 5 that sev- produced no solutions and no proeral hundred demonstrators had been arrested here July 4. The report read: "July 4 racial demonstrations and rallies were held. North Carolina had the authority in other parts of the nation too, to pass a public accommodations In Chapel Hill, N. C. several law, and didn't feel it was needhundred Negro and white dem- ed. Mr. McClamroch said he deonstrators were arrested as they tected a feeling of concern among

business establishments." Three arrests were made that tion problems, and on the whole day, Mrs. Walters noted. The Aldermen instructed Mr. Peck to write the letter of correction. ported that he had attended Gov. Sanford's conference with mayors

Greensboro last Friday. Mr. McClamroch confessed committee as well.'

of North Carolina towns in

posals not already tried in Chapel Hill. The Governor did tell the mayors that he didn't think paraded in front of segregated the mayors, that they seemed to want a solution to desegrega-

seemed "a pretty liberal bunch." "One new thing I gathered that we might try is that if the Mayor Sandy McClemroch re- mayor's bi-racial committee is composed of all liberals, we will not get the job done. We need to appoint businessmen and leaders of the community to the

mittee larger than the present one was being contemplated here, Mr. McClamroch said he

had been thinking of dissolving the present committee and starting from scratch. None of the committees in oth-

er communities had the mayor

as chairman, he noted. Alderman Hubert Robinson and several other Aldermen endorsed the plan to appoint businessmen to the new committee.

Mr. McClamroch did not say when he intended to reconstitute his committee.

He explained that press reports that the recommended local public accommodations ordinance would be revived at the Aldermen's meeting Monday night were in error. The proposal was not brought before

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