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Don't be impressed by the man with the bulging bilfold. It's probably filled with credit cards.

Board Would Ease Sign Restrictions

Planners Agree To Recommend New Formula To Control Size

If Planning Board recommendations on signs are followed, future Chapel Hill businessmen are going to have to brush up on their high school mathematics. The Planners last night agreed to recommend to the Board of Aldermen for public hearing November 25 a new set of business sign rules for suburban commercial and regional commercial zones.

The present sign ordinance permits three small identification signs totalling 12 square feet in area within ten feet of highway right-of-way.



By PETE IVEY

The story about Oliver Wendell Holmes that Chancellor William B. Aycock was reminded of the other day when the subject of the Holmes Lectures came up involves the great judge and President Franklin D. Roosevelt. After his retirement from the Supreme Court Justice Holmes remained in Washington.

When Franklin Roosevelt was elected President of the United States one of the first people he called on was Justice Holmes. That's the kind of man Justice Holmes was. He didn't pay a courtesy call on the President of the United States. The President of the United States came to see him. Justice Holmes was then past 94 years of age.

When the President was ushered into Holmes' study, the Justice was reading. The book: Essays from Plato.

"Why are you reading Plato?" asked President Roosevelt.

"To improve my mind, Mr. President," said Justice Holmes.

It was the custom while Justice Holmes was on the Supreme Court Bench for the Harvard Law School to send each year a different bright law graduate to be secretary to the great man. Arthur E. Sutherland, who is the Holmes lecturer here this week, was one of these law secretaries. Justice Holmes had used the word "sceptical" in a document. The law secretary questioned the spelling. The English spell it "sceptical," he pointed out, and he thought use of the "c" rather than the "k" was pretty good. Justice Holmes said he didn't care very much one way or the other about it. He said he respected those who spelled it with the "c," and that perhaps there was much to be said for that form.

"Then should I change this to (Continued on Page 4)

Harris-Corner Chevrolet last summer challenged this rule, erecting a large sign within 13 feet of the Durham Boulevard right-of-way. The resulting conflict between Harris-Corner and the Town had not been reconciled yet.

Planning Board chairman Ross Scroggs pointed out last night that in recommending changes in the sign ordinance the Board was not trying to "solve Bob Harris's problems" but was only "recognizing that a problem existed."

The Planners' proposed solution:

To begin with, signs would not be permitted any closer to a highway right-of-way than 15 feet.

However, the Planners also agreed that the width of a highway right-of-way has an effect on the sign: the wider the right-of-way, the bigger the sign necessary to impress passing traffic; the narrower the right-of-way, the smaller the sign needed.

Consequently, the Planners agreed on what appears at first glance to be a formidable formula: the allowable size of a sign shall be one twelfth of the distance in feet, squared, from the centerline of the right-of-way to the base of the sign.

Thus, if a highway right-of-way is 28 feet wide and a sign is placed 15 feet from the right-of-way, the sign may be four feet square — half the width of the right-of-way: 14 feet; plus 15 feet minimum sign-to-highway distance: 24 feet; divided by 12: 2; squared: 4.

The idea of such a formula is to have signs always appear (Continued on Page 4)

Weather Report

Generally fair and mild tomorrow.

	High	Low
Sunday	79	59
Monday	69	49
Tuesday	74	41

The leaves of the gums along Bolin Creek are beginning to turn and soon the limbs will be bare. The way things are moving now, there won't be any trees in a couple of years — just another apartment project.



CHAMBER MEETING — At a meeting of a delegation from the Greensboro Chamber of Commerce and members of the temporary steering committee of the proposed new Chapel Hill Chamber of Commerce this morning were, from left, T. L. Kemp, president of the Chapel Hill Merchants Association; Herb Wentworth of Greensboro; John Harden, president of the

Greensboro Chamber of Commerce; and Vic M. Nussbaum, chairman of the Greensboro Chamber's trade development division. The two groups met for coffee in the community room of Orange Savings and Loan Association before the Greensboro delegation toured Chapel Hill and the University.

—Photo by Town & Country

Peace Hikers Will Visit Chapel Hill

About a dozen members of the Committee for Nonviolent Action's Quebec-to-Guantanamo "walk for peace" will appear on the steps of the Post Office here tomorrow night.

Among speakers from the group will be Bradford Lyttle. The Committee for Nonviolent Action sponsored a San Francisco-to-Moscow "walk for peace" last year, and also has sponsored the entry of private vessels into mid-ocean nuclear test zones.

The Nonviolent Committee's walk for peace started from Quebec last May and expects to reach Guantanamo by Christmas. Pat Cusick of Chapel Hill, field secretary for the Student Peace Union, is coordinating the walkers' appearance in Chapel Hill, Durham, and Raleigh. The walkers' appearance in Chapel Hill is sponsored by the UNC chapter of the Student Peace Union.

Mr. Cusick said Mr. Lyttle and his colleagues would speak from the Post Office steps in protest against the "gag law," which prevents persons with communist affiliations, or persons who have plead the Fifth Amendment, from speaking at State-supported institutions.

UNC Enrollment Is 10,887; Mechanical Brain Wins Out

A mechanical brain won out over the human brain in totaling the 1963 Fall enrollment at the University.

Announcements last week that 10,704 students are enrolled proved today to be incorrect.

The real total is 10,887, or 183 more than first reckoned. IBM equipment used in the University's Central Records Office has produced figures which necessitate upward revision of registration totals.

The error happened when registration personnel, hastening to get the total after the registration deadline, did not wait for the electronic equipment to complete its computations.

The mistake was in subtracting from the Graduate School total the registration from the School of Public Health. Owing to a change in submitting totals from professional schools, figures had been subtracted, in one instance, rather than added.

Ray Strong, director of Central Records, got on the phone and obtained totals from deans of several professional schools, but did not take into account the new way of submitting totals from the schools. That's where the slip-up occurred.

Haste was the culprit. In justice to Mr. Strong, it ought to be said that he was being subjected to extreme pressures from state

newspaper reporters, by the University News Bureau, and others to hurry up with the enrollment figures on the largest registration in Carolina's history.

Knowing that it would take several days for the IBM equipment to give enrollment breakdowns—statistics by schools and departments, classes, sex and other categories—Mr. Strong did the calculations with pencil and paper—and by consultation with deans of schools.

Mr. Strong made no alibi. "I am proud of our electronic equipment," he said. "This doesn't mean the mechanical brain is

superior to the human. It just means that in this particular circumstance the mechanical brain has won a round."

The registration is the largest in the history of the University—not only that, but the 10,887 is over twice the number in increased enrollment as had been expected to enroll this year.

Enrollment last year, the fall of 1962, was 9,604.

Current enrollment of 10,887 is 1,283 more than the autumn of 1962.

It has been the policy of the University here in the past six (Continued on Page 4)

Thorough Traffic Survey Coming Up

The traffic of Chapel Hill and Carrboro will receive its first systematic examination during the next two weeks.

Resident Planner Lucien Faust said yesterday that a survey of traffic within the two planning areas would be complete in its first phase by mid-October. The over-all study is expected to be complete roughly a year from now.

Mr. Faust has been in process of assembling a team of "surveyors," who will collect data necessary for the study, and they are expected to begin work this week.

Basic sources of the information to be used in the study will be a limited house-to-house survey aimed at determining the number, frequency and destination of trips residents of the area make within Chapel Hill each day. A second set of interviews will be conducted at selected interview stations on various streets and roads, during which drivers of vehicles will be stopped and asked a set of questions concerning trip origin, destination, and the route used to reach the destination.

The interviews will be supplemented by traffic counters both mechanical and human, at selected points.

Once data has been gathered, Mr. Faust said, it will be tabulated to determine what areas and factors generate traffic in Chapel Hill, where the traffic goes and how it gets there.

From this will be inferred the efficiency and shortcomings of the area's present road and street systems, and which roads or streets will become overcrowded in the future.

The survey will also provide a major test of the Major Thoroughfare Plan. Using the survey, Mr. Faust said, it will be possible to construct a "model" traffic pattern "to anticipate the traffic we will have when the community has grown further—we can anticipate deficiencies that have not yet occurred."

The traffic survey was proposed early this summer after completion of two other major surveys of the Planning Area, made and reported on by the Research Triangle Planning Commission.

Building Permits Revoked By Board

Residents Protest Trailers; Developer Appealing To Court

The Board of Adjustment last night revoked building permits on five trailers erected as apartments near the Rolling Hills Subdivision.

Developer Jack Carlisle, owner of the units, immediately announced that he would appeal the decision to Orange Superior Court, and landowners adjacent to the project announced through their attorney, Harold Edwards, that they would oppose the project's re-instatement.

In making the ruling, the Board of Adjustment found that Mr. Carlisle had located two trailers on one five-acre tract and three on another, each group comprising a separate trailer park.

Under the Board's ruling Mr. Carlisle must remove all but two of the trailers from their locations within a period of fourteen days.

The action came on an appeal from Town Manager Robert Peck that issuance of building permits for the units be revoked, because the Building Inspector had erred in issuing them.

Mr. Carlisle replied to the effect that the permits had been granted by Town authorities with full knowledge of the nature of his development, that he had been permitted to proceed with the trailers' erection at considerable expense and that Mr. Peck should be enjoined from revoking the permits.

Approximately a dozen residents of the area in which Mr. Carlisle erected the trailers appeared to support Mr. Peck's appeal.

The trailers had originally come into question at last Tuesday's meeting of the Board of Aldermen. At the time two residents objected to the project and Mr. Peck told the Board of Aldermen that Mr. Carlisle was operating a trailer park in violation of the zoning ordinance.

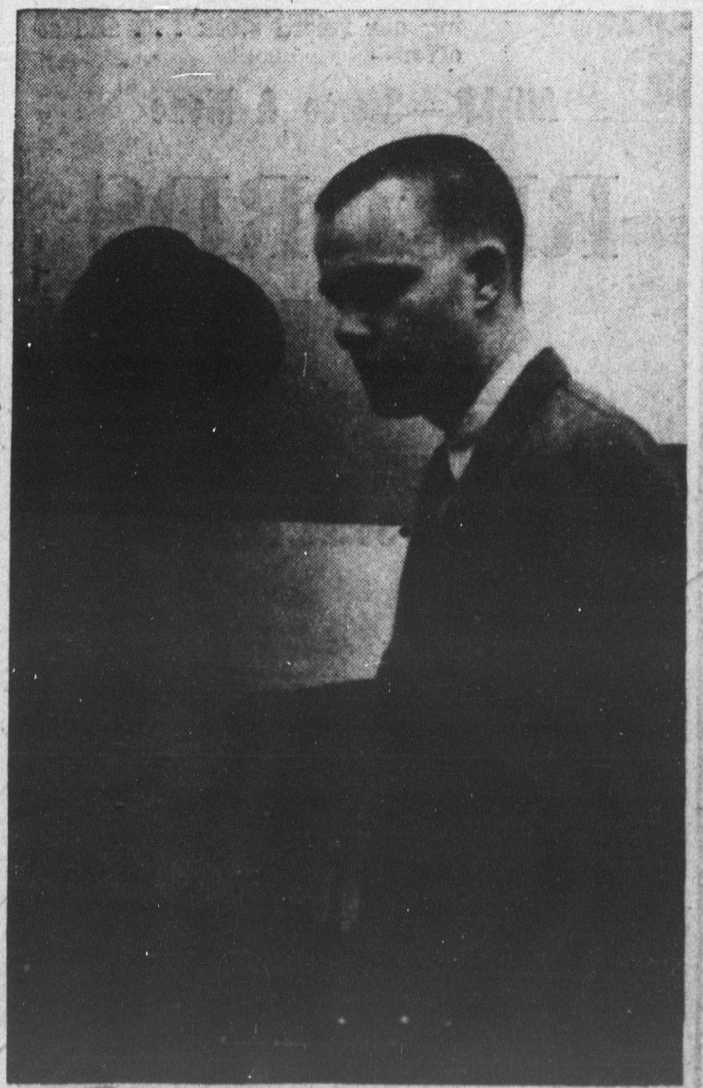
The trailers, some of them containing two living units, are parked next to one another and set on a common foundation. Mr. Carlisle's plans called for erection of five units on each of his two five-acre tracts. The units are presently occupied by between 20 and 25 University students, all male.

According to Mr. Peck, Mr. Carlisle obtained a permit on September 9 to construct four apartments in a single unit on a nine-acre tract. On September 19 the original permit was modified to list three trailers containing five apartments, and a second permit permitting an identical unit on a separate tract was also requested. On September 20 a permit to erect a three-bedroom trailer on Lot 9 of Rolling Hills was issued.

Mr. Peck appealed issuance of all permits except for the single unit trailer on September 23, contending that Mr. Carlisle was operating an illegal trailer park.

Mr. Peck told the Board of Adjustment that he felt the original permit was changed to specify trailers after it was (Continued on Page 4)

Members of the Chapel Hill reception party included Joe Augustine, executive director of the Chapel Hill Merchants Association; and T. L. Kemp, president of the Merchants Association.



Jack Carlisle States His Case

2nd Holmes Lecture Scheduled Tonight

Restlessly and impatiently, and sometimes painfully, the American people in 100 years have gradually changed the economic structure of the United States by proceeding "step by step to subject it to their control" by Constitutional and political means, it was stated here last night by Prof. Arthur E. Sutherland of Harvard University. Prof. Sutherland delivered the first of three Oliver Wendell Holmes Lectures, held this year at the University. Chancellor W. B. Aycock presided.

Citing changes in the Constitution which paralleled changes in the kind of lives people have led in their work and in accordance with the structure of society emerging from agriculture to balanced industrial and economic complexity, Prof. Sutherland cast his remarks in relation to the life and opinions of Supreme Court Justice Oliver Wendell Holmes, "The Great Dissenter."

"The life of the law has not been logic; it has been experience" quoted Prof. Sutherland from Justice Holmes. Sutherland added: "The ex-

The complete text of Dr. Sutherland's address is on Page 1-C.

perience of the United States — before and after the Civil War — has of course governed the course of its law, including the underlying part of our law we call the Constitution. A great part of this has been the effort of the American people to dominate for their collective benefit the operation of their increasingly interrelated and complex economic and political system."

The process, said Prof. Sutherland, "inevitably tended to economic leveling, painful to those whose possessions and power are downgraded."

A century ago the traditions of America "were not those of material egalitarianism" he said. Sutherland. The American land of opportunity in the early 19th century was a place where "an energetic, acquisitive and sometimes ruthless man could go out and get himself a fortune." The west was "there for the taking (Continued on Page 4)

Coming This Sunday

VISUAL AIDS ARE BECOMING an important part of instruction in Chapel Hill schools. Weekly Women's News Editor Paquita Fine tells the story.

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DR. DOUGLAS M. KNIGHT, the young and dynamic new president of Duke University, is the talker in a J. A. C. Dunn talk piece.

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FROM THE CAROLINA-WAKE FOREST action Saturday night will come a game story by Billy Carmichael, color by J. A. C. Dunn, and the coaches' post-game comments.

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You'll find them in this coming Sunday's issue of the Chapel Hill Weekly, along with art news by Ola Mae Foushee, columns by Billy Arthur, Bill Prouty, Pete Ivey and Bob Quincy, and the latest news of the Chapel Hill-Carrboro community. Get a copy. Also useful for chinking busted windows.

SCENES

Two citizens crouched low under umbrellas in a topest MG during last Saturday's rain. . . . KEMP NYE smoking a hookah, without a burnoose. . . . Waitress at Long Meadow Dairy Bar playfully bombarding a customer with paper missiles. . . . Rare occurrence: Town Manager ROBERT PECK and attorney HAROLD EDWARDS on the same side of a public controversy (Jack Carlisle's trailers). . . . One of the Town's political fire ants urging newly elected YDC officials BOB COOPER and BARRY WINSTON to resign in protest of a controversial resolution (praising Sen. Sam Ervin) adopted by the Young Democrats. . . . Dr. W. T. DOBBINS, imperturbable as ever, presiding over a building donnybrook at last night's Board of Adjustment meeting. . . . SPERO DORTON inching closer and closer to the 1964 gubernatorial race, impressed by the fact that his candidacy would mean the first time in history Orange County would have two candidates (RAY STANSBURY of Hillsboro is already in). . . . Chapel Hill's license plate tallyman reporting the discovery of a New Mexico in Town, bringing the number of states, if you include North Carolina which he had forgotten, to 40 (Hawaii and Alaska still being diligently sought.)