

PUBLICANS IN HOT FIGHT OVER PARTY CONTROL

Publicans, with a few Democrats infiltrating the ranks, in county convention here last Saturday, over-ruled of "certified" precinct delegates and took control of organization when former officers and delegates as the new party chairman to succeed Marshall was Col. H. L. Robb of Chapel Hill, still an un-Republican in this county, who has spearheaded a Republican Club in the Chapel Hill area and

put on at least one public rally in an effort to arouse GOP interest in the area. In the party hassle, the convention, attended by a sizeable Chapel Hill contingent, nominated a registered Democrat for the chairmanship, who declined to serve, but later was elected a member of the County Executive Committee. He is Col. Thomas F. Taylor of 1889 Gimghoul Road. When nominated for the post of temporary chairman, he declined, protesting he did not know enough about the job. A check

of registration books revealed he is still registered as a Democrat in his Chapel Hill precinct. Tempers flared on several occasions in connection with the meeting and at one point the Sheriff's Office was advised to get to the meeting at once as two women, said to be from Chapel Hill, were about to fight. Legality in Doubt The question of the legality of the convention proceedings was immediately turned over to the State GOP Credentials Committee, said to be in session and studying the

matter Tuesday. M. L. Cates Jr., long-time member of the Orange County Elections Board and son of the ousted chairman, declared the Saturday's proceedings, were in his opinion in violation of the Republican Party's plan of organization and that participation of persons not registered as Republicans and persons registered as Democrats was illegal. He said a check of the registration books revealed Col. Robb was not registered to vote, that Col. Taylor, Nellie G. Cort, 22 Brandon Rd., Chapel Hill and Orman Grant Crabtree, Hillsboro, all of whom are registered as Democrats, were participants at the convention which voted out the 17, who came as "certified" precinct delegates. He said 40 delegates were authorized under the party plan of organization.

The plan of organization of the Republican Party of North Carolina, as recorded in The North Carolina Manual, includes this provision as Article XI: "Participation in Party Actions - All references herein to voters, delegates, alternates, chairmen, vice-chairmen, and other precinct, county and state officials shall in all cases be construed to mean persons identified and registered with the Republican Party."

Named as new officers of the party after the walk-out were Col. H. L. Robb, chairman; Mrs. H. H. Brown, vice chairman; Mrs. C. T. McAdams, second vice chairman; J. L. Brown Jr., secretary; Mrs. Geddie Fields, Jr., assistant secretary; and E. A. Brown, treasurer. The following were named members of the Executive Committee: Claude A. Gray, J. S. Dark, Thomas F. Taylor, L. W. Sparrow, C. W. Brown, Mrs. G. W. Trindal, Mrs. Marion Crossen, W. G. Fields Jr., J. M. Pendergrass, M. J. Walker, R. M. Hill, M. L. Cates Jr., E. L. Cheek, A. G. Crawford Jr., Hedrick Dodson, C. G. Cates, and C. E. McAdams. All of the new officers were nominated and elected from the floor after the Chairman and "certified" delegates walked out of the meeting. Identity of those making the nominations could not be ascertained.

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Merger Vote Is Approved

With no dissenting comment being aired, the County Board of Education Monday morning passed unanimously a request to the County Commissioners calling for an election in the Carrboro and White Cross School Attendance Areas in the question of joining the Chapel Hill school district. Later in the day, the members met with the Board of County Commissioners and the Chapel Hill City Board of Trustees and appraised them of their decision. The city board had already acted on the matter by polling its members, thus making it mandatory that the Commissioners order the election. Official action will be taken by the commissioners next Monday when the formal resolution, including the legal description of the area to be included in the annexation proposal to be submitted to the people, will be submitted to them. Date and other details of the election will be fixed at that time. A delegation of Carrboro residents representing the town's Citizens Committee for Schools pressed for the holding of the vote as soon as possible, in order that the matter be settled before the beginning of the next fiscal year. If approved the proposal would extend the Chapel Hill Special School Tax District to include the Carrboro area and the residents of the latter sector would pay the same school tax now imposed in the Chapel Hill District.

Mrs. Jesse West, a member of both the Citizens Committee and the Carrboro School Advisory Committee, was spokesman for the local group at the Board of Education meeting this morning. Board member John Hawkins moved and Clarence Jones seconded the motion that they ask the commissioners to call the election. Chairman Charles W. Stanford expressed his endorsement of the idea, too. Both the County Commissioners and the Board of Education received today a letter from Chapel Hill School Board Chairman Gray Culbreth stating that a poll of the Chapel Hill Board favored it to be in favor of the holding of the election. Its endorsement is required by state law. In other actions, the Board of Education: Approved preliminary plans for the new building at Central School, after voting to reduce the allotted funds for this building to \$206,000. Let contracts for approximately \$200,000 in construction projects for three schools, Cedar Grove, Efland, and Efland-Cheeks, after deleting approximately \$6,000 from the contracts. Successful bidders were W. L. Jewell & Sons, Sanford, general contract; W. M. Hunt Plumbing & Heating Co., Durham, plumbing; Ingram's Inc., Durham, heating; and Barton Electric Construction Co., Durham, electrical. Awarded a contract to Odie Johnson for \$11,600 to build the new principal's home at Aycock School, Cedar Grove. Rejected all bids for salvaging the iron, brick, etc. at the burned-out Central School and voted to turn the matter over to the State Insurance Division to handle the sale and removal.

TRADE ... Until last body seemed to care much the N. C. Citizens Assn. chosen the president of Electric as its chief at the annual meeting to here on March 19. week when GE announced dropping fair trade most of its smaller ap- the talk coming at the to the Citizens assumed portance. A large crowd

LECTION? ... As we move finitely toward a decline ue to the State, Raleigh e inquiring more and here are we going to get ey in 1959 to balance the Good question. gh sales tax collections alendar year 1957—releas- w days ago by the N. C. Department—showed in- on this source up a slight over 1956, business is off now in about half the coun- the State. is no need to whistle in the out it. ame, our school population s by leaps and bounds— ave a solemn obligation— in 1933 when we adopted the x-to support at State ex- ar schools: from first grade twelve, for nine months, white, Indian, or Smiling, ever situated within the of North Carolina. what-about the multi-mil- ar tax sacrifice we are this fiscal year—and will next fiscal year—to big in- in the hope of keeping the s here and getting more? stick? You hear in Raleigh the State Highway Fund may the greatest danger of 25 Fearful of that, highway re girding their loins for a if necessary. They say that in thing that prompted for- highway Commissioner Em- louslow of Perquimans Coun- nounce for the Senate last s his desire to protect the s Fund.



THE NEW METHODIST PARSONAGE. Dedication Rites Scheduled Sunday At 3

'Economy Measure' ...

Carrboro's police have been ordered to halve the monthly mileage on their patrol cars in an economy measure ordered by the Town's Board of Commissioners. Main point in the new regulations was to have the two-member police department spend more time in the downtown district. But the orders have for all practical purposes eliminated routine patrolling and checking around the town—a duty generally considered important and necessary to police duties. The new ruling came about after a check of the Police Department's \$9,000 annual budget showed that two-thirds of this amount had been spent as of Dec. 31—the half-way mark in the year. This was the only section of the town's regular budget of \$114,000 which was much



REPUBLICANS ELECT — Orange County's Republicans met at the County Courthouse on Saturday morning to choose officers for the coming year. Left to right are E. A. Brown, Treasurer; J. L. Brown Jr., Secretary; Louis W. Sparrow, State Committeeman; Col. Holland Robb, Chairman; and Mrs. Geddie Fields Jr., Assistant Secretary. Absent are Mrs. H. H. Brown and Mrs. C. T. McAdams, Vice-Chairwomen. Photo by Herb Gupton

Red Cross Divisional Chiefs Named

Divisional Chairmen of the Orange County Chapter's 1958 Red Cross Fund and Membership campaign met at the Presbyterian Church in Hillsboro Tuesday night and planned their annual drive. W. C. Mangum, Chapter Fund Chairman, outlined plans and distributed campaign materials to the Division heads. Division Chairmen are: Rural Southeast — Mrs. W. E. Strayhorn; Southwest — Mrs. Cecil Thompson; Northeast — Mrs. Clyde Roberts; and Northwest — Gardon Liger. Schools — Mrs. Irene Pender; Colored — A. L. Stanback; Efland — Mrs. John Forrest; Special — Carl Davis; Industrial — John Terrell; Business — Charles Walker, Jr. and Hillsboro Residential — not announced. The Reverend C. H. Reckard gave an inspirational talk to the group, pointing out that the work of the campaign workers was essentially one of love and mercy. The film "Neighbor to Neighbor" was shown, and was followed by a discussion period and the completion of Divisional plans.

Student Orator In State Finals

Miss Ann Hawkins, Hillsboro High School student, has advanced to the State finals in the American Legion Oratorical contest on the "Constitution of the United States." She is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. C. D. Hawkins of Hillsboro Route 2. She will compete as one of four district winners tomorrow at Smithfield for the State title and advancement along the path to the National competition. After winning the county event and the area competition later at

SCHOOL ON SATURDAYS

Orange County schools will operate on two Saturdays, March 8 and 29, and continue until May 31st, to make up for the time lost during the recent snow, the Board of Education decided Monday. Central School will have to make up eight days by Saturday operations throughout March and April to enable them to get out on May 31 also. Students began occupancy of the new 12-room building Monday at Central.

Rabies Clinic Vaccinations Going Slowly

Dog vaccination clinics for Orange County are now being held and County Dog Warden Cashe Boggs says that in some areas dog owners are not attending the clinics. A schedule of vaccination clinics in the various communities is published in each issue of The News and Boggs urges dog owners to refer to this schedule and meet him at the most convenient place. The fee for vaccination is 75 cents per animal at the clinics and if the warden has to go to the owner's home to vaccinate the dog \$1.50 each. Owners who fail to get their dogs vaccinated during the clinics which end May 1, will be charged \$1.00 for each dog vaccinated later, and will be also be subject to penalties prescribed by law. The law says: "In any county in which a dog warden is appointed pursuant to this act, it shall be unlawful for any person who owns or has custody of a dog to allow such dog to be off the premises of such owner or custodian unless such dog is

Fire Destroys Reitzel Home

The home of Mr. and Mrs. W. J. Reitzel, north of Efland, was completely destroyed by fire Tuesday morning. Mr. Reitzel suffered second and third degree burns on the back of his hands, when he almost became trapped in the burning structure and had to crawl from the house, feeling his way with his hands along the scorched baseboards. Mrs. Reitzel was not at home and Mr. Reitzel was some distance from the home when the fire began, apparently in the kitchen, where two gas units were in use. Origin of the fire was not determined. The home was burned to the ground before the Rural Fire Truck at Hillsboro could reach the scene.

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Clem Strudwick Local Artist, 57, Succumbs

Clement Read Strudwick, 57, Hillsboro artist, died at his home here Wednesday evening, Feb. 26, after an extended illness. Mr. Strudwick was one of the State's best known portrait painters and his work on many occasions has received wide recognition. Likewise, he served as teacher and mentor to many young artists in this and other nearby communities. He was the son of Sheppard and Susan Read Strudwick of Hillsboro. Other survivors include two brothers, Sheppard Strudwick Jr. of Coscob, Conn., and Edmund Strudwick III of Hillsboro; and one nephew, Sheppard II of Coscob, Conn. Funeral services were conducted Saturday morning at 11:30 o'clock at the Hillsboro Presbyterian Church by the Rev. C. H. Reckard, pastor. Burial was in the Hillsboro Cemetery.

Carrboro Police Told To Cut Down Mileage

Hill official has reported that the curbing of the patrol cars—placing them out of touch via radio—has caused "an inconvenience" in contacting the Carrboro patrolman on duty. "Calls for the Carrboro Police Department have to come through out station," he explained. "Since the car is now usually parked downtown we have to telephone to stores up and down Main St. in order to reach the patrolman on duty, and this generally delays getting the message through. Parking, Traffic Problems Mayor Todd explained the new ruling this way: "We felt we needed the police more in the business and school sections, rather than on patrol around town—and sometimes even outside of town. Our downtown traffic problem is getting terrific and parking is also getting to be a problem. "So we've had to cut down on just driving and riding. If the police are called on in an emergency, of course we expect them to go. They keep a record of their travels on a daily log. Mayor Todd emphasized that the new policy means "no criticism of our police. They are doing a good job. We're just running a little tight on our Police Department account. If this doesn't work out, it's nothing that can't be corrected. Next year we may need to put more in our Police Department." The New Orders Following is the complete directive to the police in this situation: "That the police car not be driven more than one-half the number of miles per month that it has been driven in the past. The aver-