

and Time In Less Than Year

Young Family Loses All In Fire

the second time in less than months, a young West Hillsboro family has lost all of their possessions when fire destroyed their Monday night.

and Mrs. Vernon Wilson and three children were the unlucky victims, left with only bare night clothes in the darkness which struck during the freeze-weather Monday night.

is a local taxi driver; his former Tony Neal of Durworks at the Yancey Nursing Home. Their children are: Teresa, son Jr., 4, and Gall Laverne, were buying their home, was said to have been only covered by insurance.

said there was no stove in room in which the fire started, and the family was sleeping in room of the house and his up at 11:50 to put some coal heater when she smelled. She immediately called her and investigation revealed adjacent room to be in flames, was a switch box in that

room and he thought the fire might have been caused by defective wiring.

The Hillsboro Fire Department fought the fire valiantly but it was too far along to save anything but the house next door of Mrs. Ernest



Vernon Wilson home — now rubble

Spoon, which was seriously threatened. Only the chimneys and rubble was left of the Wilson home. The Wilsons are staying temporarily with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Richard Wilson of West Hillsboro.

Friends Issue Public Appeal

Friends of the Vernon Wilson family, headed by R. J. Smith Sr., immediately issued a public appeal to help the destitute family who lost all of their belongings in a fire Monday night.

Immediate needs, of course, are for clothing for the parents and the children, and for money for other immediate necessities, furniture, etc. Since everything except the night gowns they were wearing was lost, they need everything.

Contributions will be accepted for the Wilsons here at The News of Orange County office, at Smith Furniture Co. or at the Yancey Nursing Home. The need is urgent and any help given will be gratefully received.

For clothing, the girls ages are 5 and 3 years, the boy 4. Mrs. Wilson wears size 9 clothes, weighs 105 lbs. Wilson's measurements are 36" waist, 31" length.

Special Act Sought For Court Clerk

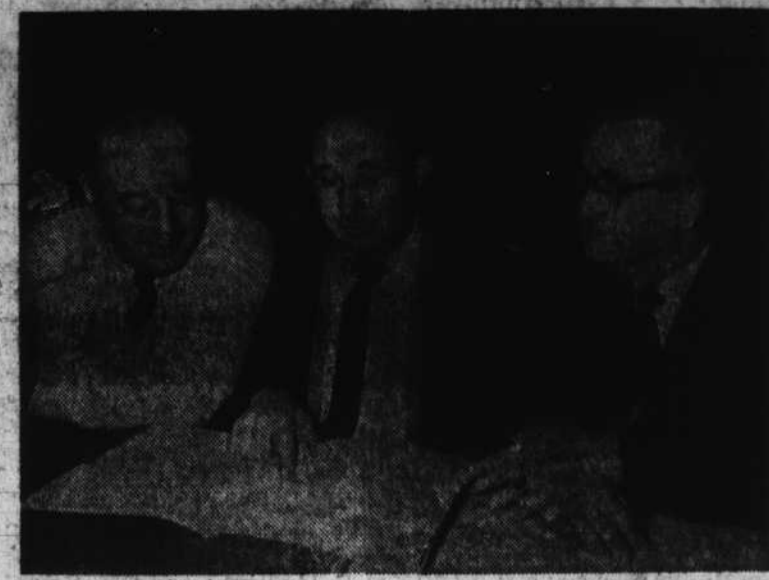
The Board of County Commissioners Monday approved a request from Clerk of Court E. M. Lynch for preparation of a local enabling act to permit the appointment of an assistant Clerk of Court whose exclusive duties would be committing the insane and inebriates to Memorial Hospital and the opening of lock boxes of deceased persons in Chapel Hill.

Such an appointee would be paid by established fee only for the performance of these specific duties, and doubtless would be a resident of Chapel Hill.

Under present law, the Clerk of Court is required to perform these duties and must travel to Chapel Hill in each instance when such service is required. The Clerk of Court of this county is the committing officer for all insane and inebriate patients who are brought to Memorial Hospital from any part of the state and this requires considerable time and inconvenience on the part of the Clerk, not commensurate to its importance to Orange County.

In other actions, the commissioners approved a 50c fee for meat inspections by the County Meat Inspector; and at its request endorsed a resolution of the Chapel Hill Junior Service League asking for legislation permitting the enactment of an ordinance prohibiting the maintenance of a swimming pool without a surrounding fence.

School Finance Studies Get Boards' Attention



NEW OFFICERS of the Orange County Red Cross Chapter, who took office the first of the year, have already begun making plans for the Year's activities. They are: Ramus J. Smith Jr., chairman, center, Joe Rhinhardt, left, secretary-treasurer, and W. C. Mangum, right, vice chairman.

Meeting Called On Selection Study Group

School financing received wide discussion at Monday's regular meetings of the Board of Commissioners and the Board of Education.

There were two focal points:

(1) Appointment of a county-wide committee to study overall school financing in this county, a development which has received support of both Orange County and Chapel Hill school boards since it was first discussed during budget hearings last June.

(2) Discussion of a State-wide School study report made by a Governor's study commission, which will come before the legislature next month. This study includes an incentive plan providing additional financing for local schools from a \$10 million equalization fund to counties on the basis of a formula taking into consideration what the local groups are doing for themselves.

These decisions were made:

(1) The county commissioners called a meeting of the two school boards for next Tuesday evening at 8 o'clock at the courthouse to make a decision on the composition of the county study group. The Chapel Hill board called for appointment of a "citizens" committee, the county board suggested a committee from the Citizens Advisory committees of the two school systems, and some sentiment among the commissioners appeared in favor of a joint group composed of members of the three official boards, rather than an unofficial body.

(2) The Board of Education agreed to set up a meeting of county officials, school committees and school professional personnel to discuss the report of the Governor's Committee on School Finance either on January 22 or 29, depending on when a competent authority can be obtained as speaker.

In other actions, the school board decided to repair the roof of the old Carrboro school, reportedly badly needing such attention, reviewed the retirement policy of the county school system, and established a policy of "clearing out" should bomb scare incidents arise in the future.

Sign-Up Monday Opens 1959 Program

Monday will mark the opening of the initial sign-up under the Agricultural Conservation Program of Orange County.

1959 program like the previous programs is a flexible one that can be tailored to the needs of every farm in Orange County. This flexible program can meet the needs of farmers in the piedmont and can be made possible through cooperative efforts of the soil conservation service, the forest service, the extension service, work cooperation with ASC State committee.

Through the ASC Committee operating ACP at the county level the success of the program depends on the cooperation of all the agricultural agencies. Flexibility in the program is achieved through 10 agricultural conservation practices that are maintained in the County Program. The farmer himself selects the practices which are best suited for the conservation needs of his farm. Persons who administer the Agricultural Conservation Program at the county level are farm agents and neighbors to serve as committees. The economic benefits of most farmers in this program are increased emphasis on conservation the first order of the

conservation progress in conservation upon public understanding and the support of the program. Public must know that participation in the ACP is voluntary. The program is open to all agricultural practices as determined by the County ASC Committee designed to meet the soil conservation needs of all farms in the County. When a farmer agrees to cooperate in the ACP, he receives the conservation practice which will help correct the conservation problems on his farm. The program is a flexible program that producer and consumer both derive benefits from the program which are directly proportional to the number of farmers who partici-

Highway Property Loss Below Figure Of 1957

Property damage resulting from highway accidents in Orange County declined during 1958, Sgt. W. A. Baxter of the local patrol district said today in a memorandum to Pte. T. C. Winborne of the Chapel Hill area.

Damage during the past year totaled \$117,010 compared to \$127,010 in the previous year, Sgt. Baxter reported.

Total fatalities in the county were eight, compared to seven in 1957.

"Orange County was ahead of 1957 in all categories and we hope

to improve that record for the year 1959," Sgt. Baxter said.

"During the coming year the Highway Patrol is going to try everything we know to do to reduce traffic fatalities and will be asking the help of all the citizens to assist in this task," the sergeant said. "Law enforcement officers cannot cope with this task alone. We must have the help of all our civic organizations and other agencies in trying to keep the people safe-conscious."

There are five patrolmen stationed in the county, two here and three at Hillsboro.

Major Issues Harmony Seen By Durham

Congressman Carl Durham, who left Monday for his 11th term as U. S. Representative from the Sixth District, predicted today that the Democratic Congress and the Republican administration will once "rise above politics" when vital issues are raised during the 86th Congress.

The opening session of the Congress was held Jan. 7 when all congressmen and new senators will take the oath of office.

Taking note of the fact that President Eisenhower will face an overwhelmingly Democratic majority in both houses, Rep. Durham said that in the major issues, such as foreign policy, Congress has always avoided serious conflict with the Administration.

"I've served with both Democratic and Republican administrations," he said, "and though a lot is said, Congress and the Administration in power fundamentally agree on the major issues."

He also pointed out that for six years, Congress and the Administration have had "good" relations. He did say, however, that on other issues, such as farm policy, Congress usually has a mind of its own.

Rep. Durham did not comment on the upcoming battle on "Rule 22"—the right of filibuster—noting that it was a Senate problem. But he did have a few remarks on the seating of Segregationist Dale Alford of Arkansas' Little Rock district, who defeated incumbent Brooks Hays on a last-minute write-in campaign.

"It is tradition to swear in a man if he is elected by a district's constituents," Rep. Durham said. On the question of Alford's designation as a Democrat, the Chapel Hill man merely recalled the election of Sen. Strom Thurmond of South Carolina several years ago. Sen. Thurmond, who ran as an independent, is placed on many Senate committees as a Democrat.

"This sort of thing is nothing new at all," he said.

Three Auto Accidents Occur In Local Area Past Few Days

A rash of automobile accidents has struck the Hillsboro area during the past few days.

A two-car collision took place at the intersection of Margaret Lane and Occaneechee St. Monday evening around 5:30 o'clock.

William Britain Sawyer was going west on Margaret Lane, driving a '53 Buick, and Henry Moore of Rt. 2, Hillsboro was going north on Occaneechee St. Moore, who was driving a '51 Chevrolet pick-up truck, reportedly came into Margaret Lane without stopping and hit the front end of the Buick.

George Hunt, investigating officer, said the Sawyer car was knocked about 15 feet, causing damage to the front grill, head light, front and rear fender with an estimated damage of between \$500 and \$600.

The pick-up truck stopped at about 35 feet and damage to the front was estimated at about \$300.

Hunt said Tuesday no charges had been filed.

On Monday morning Deputy Sheriff Burch Compton narrowly escaped injury when a transfer truck, attempting to pass his car on Highway 70 near Mountain View Estates, met an oncoming car and swerved back into the Compton car, which overturned. Compton escaped injury but the truck was up-ended and the driver hurt. He was charged with failing to yield right-of-way. Heavy damage resulted.

During the weekend, The Rev. Rhue Wesley, West Hillsboro minister, while attempting to make a left turn of Highway 70, two miles west of Hillsboro, was hit from the rear by a 1955 Plymouth, being driven by Paul Fenner of Raleigh. After striking the rear of Wesley's car, Fenner, 68, careened into the rear of a Trailways bus, driven by Carlton Lee Campbell.

Fenner was removed to Veterans Hospital for treatment of injuries. He was alone and the only person injured. Damage to the two cars was estimated at \$600 each, to the bus nothing.

Mill Closing SkYROCKETS Total

At Chapel Hill Town Hall Friday, a line of persons stretched from the downstairs alderman's room, poured into the hall, and wended out the door.

Carrboro and Chapel Hill unemployed, tripled in number since a year ago, had come to receive benefits from the state of North Carolina. The fact that tax listing was taking place in the second floor courtroom necessitated the move to the lower floor and the resulting congestion served as an emphasis to the unemployment situation here.

About this time last year, only 45 or 50 persons were receiving unemployment money. Since then—specifically, since the virtual closing of Carrboro's two mills—the list has jumped to over 200.

Area Unemployment Jumps To 200

formerly employed by the Carrboro mill, which at its peak reportedly employed some 400. The remainder of those receiving the benefits now are construction and saw mill workers, who seasonally are out of work at this particular time of the year.

Mr. Pickard can't say what has happened to the other 250 persons put out of work by the Carrboro closing. "They either got another job or left the place," he guessed.

The big increase in unemployment payments began early in Sep-

Officers Probing Destruction Of Mail Boxes On Highway 86

Someone, possibly New Year's revelers, stuck some form of explosive in two rural mailboxes early Jan. 1 and blew them to pieces.

Local police are investigating the explosions, which could constitute a federal offense.

James L. Hurd and Henry Cate Jr. reported the incidents to officers Friday. Mrs. Hurd said that she was sitting in her front room watching a late television show

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Area Road Meeting Set For Jan. 14

A public meeting to discuss road service in the Seventh Highway Division will be held on January 14 in the Council Chamber of the City Hall in High Point, T. A. Burton, Division Engineer of the Seventh Division announced today.

The conference will be held on Wednesday between the hours of 1:30 and 4:30 p.m. During this time, county and civic officials from the five Piedmont Counties - Alamance, Caswell, Orange, Guilford and Rockingham - of the Seventh Highway Division have been invited to attend and discuss road matters. In addition to Burton, the Highway Commission will be represented by the Assistant Division Engineer, Paul L. Welch, and the two District Engineers, Layton H. Gunter and W. W. White.

It is the policy of the Highway Commission to arrange from time to time, special public meetings with the various Boards of County Commissioners when road service within the respective counties of the Seventh Division can be discussed with the State's highway engineers, according to Burton.

Car Couple At 1959 Citizen

14-pound, 14-ounce girl this week became the newest citizen of Orange County.

At N. C. Memorial Hospital it reported that the first born in 1959 here was a girl, William and Delores Johnston's first delivery, Hillsboro.

The newborn arrived at 5:20 p.m. and by mid-morning had begun her birth reported at the hos-

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Registration polls will be open from 9 a.m. to sunset on the Saturdays of Jan. 10, Jan. 17 and Jan. 24. Challenge Day will be Jan. 31, when polls will be open from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.