

# 'Calamity' Seen In Results Of Vote

"It's a calamity. I don't know just how we'll work it out. But we'll have to follow the policy we previously adopted."

These were the words of County School Board Chairman Charles W. Stanford Tuesday night

immediately after he learned the returns were in and showed the defeat of the White Cross Chapel Hill school area merger referendum.

Mr. Stanford, a resident of the White Cross area, was in

the forefront of the effort for passage of the issue. He said he was surprised at the outcome. "I guess we'll have to arrange for our board to meet with the Chapel Hill Board and see what we can work out," he said.

Chapel Hill Superintendent Joseph Johnston and County Superintendent Paul Carr were both attending the state meeting of school superintendents in Mars Hill through tomorrow, and were thus unavailable to comment on the dilemma.

The County School Board chairman expressed particular surprise on the outcome of the vote as he noted that 204 persons in that area signed the petition calling for this second

referendum, and thus indicated their support of the issue. The vote was called almost as soon as possible, since the Carrboro Attendance Area became a part of the Chapel Hill District officially only on July 1. Law requires merger votes to be for adjoining areas.

"I don't know how crowded our Hillsboro schools will be with these additional students," noted Mr. Stanford. "It'll depend on how many want to pay Chapel Hill tuition and are admitted there. I hope we can hold 'em all right in Hillsboro. We'll have to now."

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## Man Answers? Hang Up — Can Happen To You!

"If a man answers, hang up!" This old chestnut has been given a literal meaning in Chapel Hill.

The phone company installed an automatic device to cut in when a customer dials the wrong digits on certain number series.

A male voice with a pleasantly formal southern accent interrupts the dialing process and blandly states: "This is a recorded message in Chapel Hill, North Carolina. You have reached a wrong exchange. Please consult your information operator or re-dial."

The 10-second explanation ends with a well-modulated "Thank you."—And it'll keep right on repeating as long as you want to listen to it.

The gadget is equipped to handle up to five different types of interception messages. But to date the mechanical man gives out only with wrong number spiel.

## A Real Whodunit . . . New Detective Seeks Culprit In Congrats

In the mail to newly-appointed Chapel Hill Police Detective Howard Pendergraph the other day came a case he's having a tough time cracking. The big manila envelope was addressed in printed crayon letters, and bore no return listing. Inside, pasted on a half-dozen stapled canary legal pad sheets was an endearing message of congratulations to the new "public eye."

It consisted of sentences made up of magazine titles and excerpts from ads, all pasted on the lined paper to form a bit of satiric coherency. Lines like: Congratulations . . . MR. DETECTIVE (big red letters from a pulp magazine title page) . . . A Dream come true (auto advertisement) . . . It'll be a better LIFE for you . . .

The man who thinks for himself. (See DETECTIVE, Page 3)

## Draw Top Honors At Durant . . . Orange Scouts' Camp Record Praised

Dr. Willie Demeritt, Orange District Camping Chairman, has just announced a banner summer for the Boy Scout troops of Orange County.

The regular long-term camping season of the Oconeechee Council camps has just ended. During it Scouts of Orange County have made an enviable record compared with the other 12 counties of the Council.

Almost half of the registered Scouts of Orange County spent at least one week at Camp Durant. This figure does not include the some 28 Scouts from the troops in Chapel Hill who stayed an additional week or more.

## Scouts Already Signing Up For 1960 Trip To Jamboree

Twenty-one scouts from Chapel Hill are already registered for the biggest event to take place in Scouting in the year 1960.

Frank Yandell, District Scout Executive for Orange County, announced that this number have already registered to go to the Jubilee Jamboree to be held next July in Colorado Springs, Colo., with some 200 Scouts from the Oconeechee Council. This is the most enthusiastic interest ever demonstrated by the Scouts in an activity which is at such a distant date, he said. This being the 50th birthday of the Boy Scouts of America there will be some 53,000 Scouts from all over the country attending this National event.

The Oconeechee Council trip will include travel through 13 states, spend five days at Philmont Scout Ranch in New Mexico, and 10 days at the Jamboree site in Colorado Springs. The only qualifications are the Scout must be 12 years of age by January 1, 1960 and must be a Second Class Scout by the time he leaves for the trip.

There are 18 Scouts registered from Troop 835, Congregational Christian Church; two from Troop 39, University Methodist Church; and one from Troop Nine, Chapel of the Cross Episcopal. Though the Orange District quota is as been more than filled for this event, the Scouts who register now will be put on the Council waiting list and as places become available they will be the first in line for the trip, said Yandell. Milton Julian, Activities Chairman, encouraged every Scout in Orange County who would like to make this trip and who has not yet sent in his \$25 registration fee to the Council office to do so immediately so that he will be high on the list as places become available.

## White Cross Rejects Merger By Slim Margin

A whopping voter turn-out in the White Cross community on Tuesday rejected a proposed merger of their school attendance area with the Chapel Hill School District by the slim six-vote margin of 116 to 110.

This means that approximately 120 White Cross area children who would have attended Chapel Hill System schools this fall will be assigned to the Orange County School System institutions, since they reside in the County district. Also, citizens of this southwestern Orange rural sector won't be subject to the \$20 supplementary school tax rate paid in the Chapel Hill District.

## Dalton Loftin Now In Firm Of B. D. Sawyer

HILLSBORO—Attorney Bonner D. Sawyer has announced that Dalton Loftin is now associated with his legal firm here.

Sawyer also noted that he has bought the building next door to his present offices on Churton St., and is planning to move his office into the second floor of the new quarters over the News, Inc., offices. Loftin, a native of Trenton, was graduated from the University of North Carolina Law School last spring, and admitted to the State Bar last week. For the past several years he served part-time as assistant to Chapel Hill Recorder's Clerk B. J. Howard. His wife, the former Emma Sue Larkins, taught in Hillsboro High School several years ago. The Loftins recently moved from Chapel Hill to Hillsboro.

Sawyer opened his practice of law here in 1930 with A. H. Graham, but has been practicing by himself since 1935.

## Town Wants Fewer Pool Halls

The Town of Chapel Hill wishes the University wouldn't okay so many pool halls there. Under the provisions of an old blue law imposed by the State, the President of the University must give his approval before anybody can open up a pool hall within five miles of the campus.

For many years there'd been no applicants for the privilege. Now, in the last few weeks, three different entrepreneurs have come to the local municipal bodies, fortified with the required University approval, seeking permission to go into the billiard business. On hearing of the latest request, which also carried a beer permit application, the Town Board balked. Pending police endorsement of the proposition they took no action on it.

Meanwhile they authorized an ordinance to prohibit the sale of beer in pool halls and to restrict persons under the age of 18 from patronizing them. "I think we've got all the pool halls we need," said Alderman Hubert Robinson. "I hope the University doesn't approve any more of 'em."

## Barbecue, Discussion Planned By Scouters

Orange County District Scouters and their wives will hold a District meeting and roundtable Monday night at New Hope Presbyterian Church, at 6:30 o'clock. Sandy McClamroch, District Chairman, announces this will be a barbecue supper and ladies' night. Reports of summer activities and coming events will be given. Persons planning to attend are asked to let the chairman know if they will attend.

## Hillsboro Scouts Win Honors At Camp Durant

Hillsboro Boy Scout Troop 438 received high awards at Camp Durant when 11 Scouts of the troop attended camp during the week of July 26.

Walton Moore was acting Scoutmaster. Boys attending were: Gene and Jack Knight, Dupre Jones, Jimmy Parsley, Graham Broadwell, Jimmy Allred, Forrest Porter, Johnny Turner, Johnny Hicks, Nicky Drowns and Jimmy Strayhorn. Tom Bivins and C. D. 'Buck' Knight spent a portion of the time there with the troop.

Among the awards won by the troop were: Archery, Gene Knight; Shooting Match, Jack Knight; Canoeing, Jack and Gene Knight; Swimming relays, Dupre Jones and Johnny Turner and Graham Broadwell, Johnny Hicks and Jack Knight.

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## Notice To Parents

County Superintendent of Schools G. Paul Carr yesterday sent word from Mars Hill, where he's attending a conference, emphasizing that White Cross Area parents who want to apply to the Chapel Hill School Board for transfer of their children to Chapel Hill District Schools this fall must have their applications, accompanied by \$30 tuition payment, in the Chapel Hill School Superintendent's office by a deadline of next Thursday, August 20.

## Third ABC Store Is Set To Open Within Month

Work is progressing well on the construction of Orange County's third ABC Store—scheduled to be opened within a month near the Alamance County line.

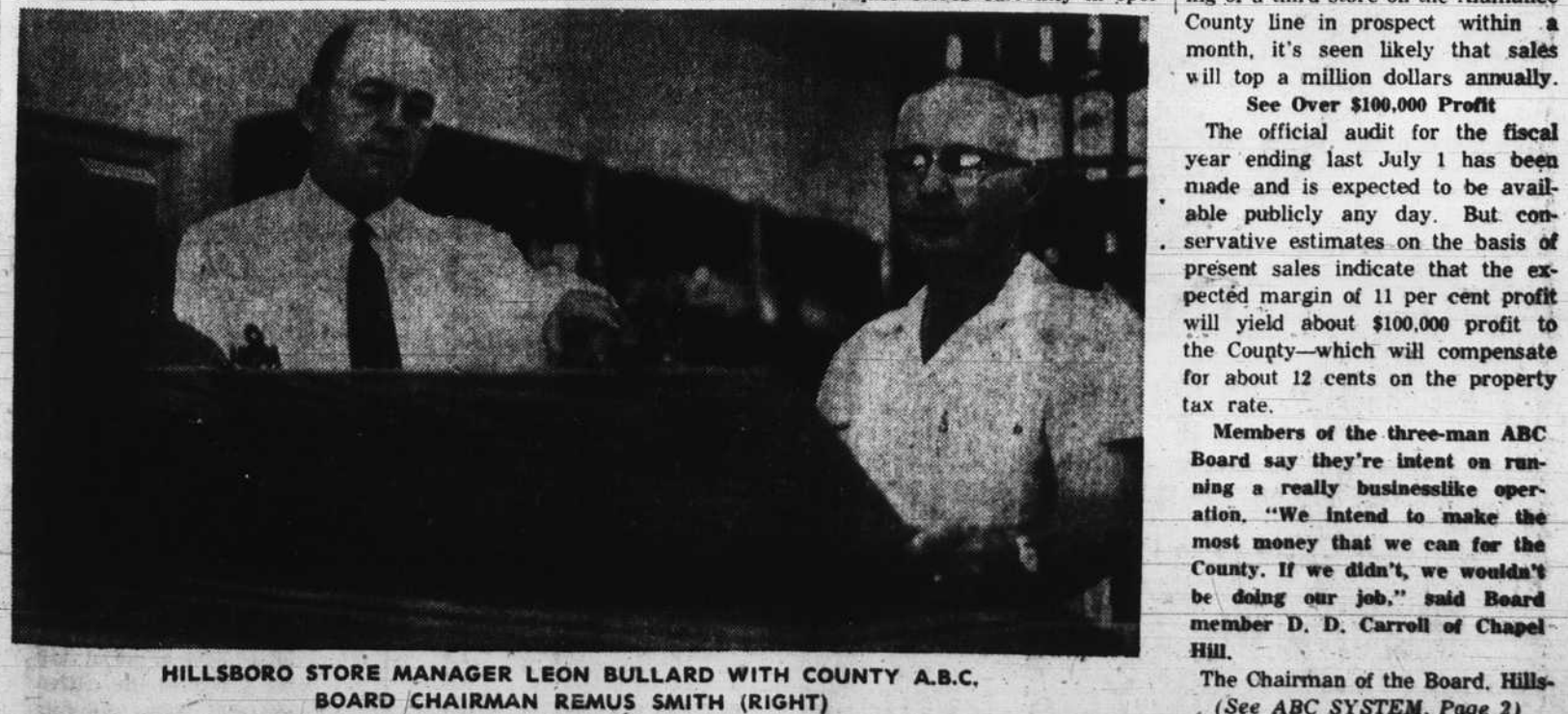
Located on Mutt Byrd's property about 200 yards from the County's western boundary along the Roxboro-Burlington highway, the block structure will be about 22 x 60 feet. It's to be completed around the first of September, according to ABC Board Chairman Remus Smith. And within about two weeks after that it should be in operation. No additional funds will have to be borrowed to set up the new store, he said. It's to have two clerks—one of whom may be transferred from the Hillsboro store. After it's opened the ABC Board may find it necessary to buy its own delivery truck, Smith said. At the present time the Chapel Hill delivery is made by a contract carrier.

## Business Efficiency Of ABC Set-Up Cited; Annual Sales Of Over A Million Expected

At six months after their system was set up by approval of the County's voters, the Orange County ABC administrators now take considerable pride in the business efficiency of their organization. Sales of about \$2,500 a day in the two liquor stores currently in operation are running at a rate well above three-quarters of a million dollars a year. And with the opening of a third store on the Alamance County line in prospect within a month, it's seen likely that sales will top a million dollars annually.

See Over \$100,000 Profit The official audit for the fiscal year ending last July 1 has been made and is expected to be available publicly any day. But conservative estimates on the basis of present sales indicate that the expected margin of 11 per cent profit will yield about \$100,000 profit to the County—which will compensate for about 12 cents on the property tax rate.

Members of the three-man ABC Board say they're intent on running a really businesslike operation. "We intend to make the most money that we can for the County. If we didn't, we wouldn't be doing our job," said Board member D. D. Carroll of Chapel Hill. The Chairman of the Board, Hillsboro, (See ABC SYSTEM, Page 2)



HILLSBORO STORE MANAGER LEON BULLARD WITH COUNTY A.B.C. BOARD CHAIRMAN REMUS SMITH (RIGHT)

## Lightning-Made Kindling — A freak bolt of lightning completely denuded a towering oak that stood at the Orange Methodist Church cemetery on Highway 1 of Chapel Hill. While huge branches and flakes of bark were blasted off the tree, the church itself and the grave were not damaged. Above, a small boy is dwarfed among the branches of the tree and the 20-foot stump — a pile of natural kindling.

## Superior Court Docket This Week Listed

Richard T. Satterwhite, arson, housebreaking, continued. Odie Davis, called and failed, judgment Ni Sci Si Fa, Instanta Capias. Jackie A. Edwards, called and failed, judgment Ni Sci Si Fa, Instanta Capias. Gales Andrew, called and failed, judgment Ni Sci Si Fa, Instanta Capias. Bill Farrington, speeding and reckless driving, innocent. Fred Bishop, pleaded not guilty to reckless driving; guilty, \$50 and costs. Walter N. Yount, Jr., speeding, \$25 and costs. True Bills—Isaac Williams, Harold Dean Moody, Isaac Williams, Roland Hobgood and Roy Brown, the Roy Webb, Frank Killian and George Andrew Killian, Bobby Nelson Leonard and Ernest Lyle Lassister. William Benson Partin, by his next friend W. Benson Partin was awarded the sum of \$2,600 in full settlement and compromise of all claims and demands of the plaintiff for all damages, past, present, and prospective including medical and hospital expenses heretofore incurred and which may hereafter be incurred by the plaintiff. Ordered that out of the amount recovered the clerk pay to Charles B. Hodson, legal services. Lacy Ballentine, no driver's license, public drunkenness, 45 days roads sentence. Deane Deese, escape, 12 months State Prison to begin at expiration of sentence imposed in Cabarrus April 25, 1959 on charge of forgery. Jones, escape, 12 months State Prison to begin at expiration of sentence imposed in May from Wilson Co., where received sentence of not less than seven years nor more than ten years on charge of forgery. Ellis, escape, nine months State Prison, to begin at expiration of sentence imposed in Durham May Criminal Term, where he received not less than five years nor more than five years on charge of forgery. Alonza Overman, sentenced to State Prison, at expiration of the sentence imposed April, 1959, in Rutherford, where he received 10 years on charge of entering and larceny and receiving.

## Street, Sewer Bids Called For . . . Carrboro Annexation Progressing; Special Meeting Set For Next Week

The prospect of Carrboro extending its town limits—possibly to double the present municipal area—gained steam this week. A special meeting of the Town Board of Commissioners has been set for next Thursday to consider the matter. Mayor R. B. Todd and the Board, seeming to generally favor the idea, noted that the project won't be possible during the current fiscal year.

Night before last the Board discussed the matter with representatives from the Plantation Acres, Westview, Weaver Road, and Pine, Cheek, and High St. neighborhoods. Various methods of effecting the annexing were brought out by

## Jury Commends County Jails

Tucker, Nellie Wright Gulick, and Lois B. Parris. Portions of the jury's report follow: "A committee of the grand jury visited the County Jail and found it cleaner and in better general order with some painting done and still more to be done. A light switch noted on the last inspection has been repaired. "A committee visited the County Prison Camp and found the grounds and building in very good condition and very clean. The food served was very good in both quality and quantity. There are no recommendations as to any changes and no irregularities to report. "The Chapel Hill jail was inspected and found to be in excellent condition. "The County Accountant reported that as of last June 30 tax collections totalled \$688,603 out of a total levy of \$799,900. This represents 83.59 per cent collection of the 1958 levy. This compares with 83.54 per cent collection at the same date last year and in 1957." The jury also approved reports from three justices of the peace, with a minor reservation on one of these. Noting it had . . . ? ? ? ?