

# Board considering cut in valuation at Belle-Vue mill

A request that the valuation on machinery at Belle Vue mills be reduced on the grounds that the present tax valuation is "discriminatory" was submitted to the Board of County Commissioners Monday by L. E. Beard, chief executive of the firm.

He said the county now has a tax valuation of \$400,000 on the machinery alone in the Hillsboro plant, based on the 1954 revaluation, when an appraisal of the machinery as of Jan. 1, 1959 by experts of the Comer Machinery Corp., experienced in this field, indicated the worth to be only \$124,000. The firm's detailed valuation of the machinery as of January 1, 1954 was \$194,000, he said.

### Compares to sale price

He cited the County's valuation of \$937,000 on the total property of the plant in comparison to a 1957 sale price of \$235,000 for the entire property by the owners at that time; but said he was mak-

ing no protest other than on the machinery. He proposed that the county reduce the machinery valuation to \$200,000 rather than all the way to the valuation set by the appraising firm.

"This matter is so obvious the Board ought to take the necessary steps to correct," he said, pointing out that the firm in its present operations puts some \$400,000 to \$500,000 per year into the community while just "limping along" and it ought to be \$1,000,000 if operating fully.

Belle Vue is one of the last of the old type mills which processes its products all the way from the raw cotton to the finished cloth in the same plant. "There is nothing comparable to it in the county," said Mr. Beard in describing the type of machinery and operation involved.

The board took no action on the proposal but agreed to render a decision later.



ROBERT OPPENHEIMER

## Oppenheimer to speak here next Thursday

Dr. Robert Oppenheimer, world famous physicist and Director of the Institute for Advanced Studies at Princeton, N. J., for the past 12 years, will speak on "Some Reflections on Science and Culture" in Memorial Hall next Thursday at 8 p.m.

His appearance is being sponsored by the Faculty Committee on Established Lectures, according to Prof. Bernard Boyd, Committee Chairman. Dr. Oppenheimer, also Professor of Physics at Princeton, will be presented as the McNair Lecturer in this endowed speakers series, set up as a memorial lecture-ship in science and religion to John Calvin McNair.

Dr. Oppenheimer, 55, received degrees from Harvard and Goettingen University in Germany and has taught physics at California University and California Institute of Technology. For two years during the war he was director of the Los Alamos Science Laboratory and from 1947-53, Chairman of the General Advisory Committee of the Atomic Energy Commission.

### IKE APPOINTS DR. WELLS

President Dwight D. Eisenhower has appointed Dr. Warner Wells of the University School of Medicine a regent of the National Library of Medicine. Dr. Wells is an associate professor in the Department of Surgery.

## Building tops \$107,000 in Chapel Hill

Permits for construction totaling \$107,800 were issued in Chapel Hill during October by Building Inspector Howard Stewart. They were:

Ed Mann; erect six-room dwelling for Richard Hocks, Estes Drive; \$19,000.

Bank of Chapel Hill; erect sign; \$950.

Eston Rives; erect six-room dwelling for C. E. Hornaday, Granville Rd.; \$19,000.

Dick Bone; erect seven-room dwelling, Granville Rd., for Hubert Neville; \$18,000.

Laws Sign Co.; erect sign, Smith Building, N. Columbia St.; \$400.

George Tate; erect five-room dwelling for Olivia Edwards, Pritchard St.; \$10,000.

Herman Lloyd; erect eight-room dwelling for James Mangum, 12 Christopher Rd.; \$19,950.

G. B. Barbee; erect three-room dwelling on Mitchell Lane; \$2,000.

C. R. Parker; erect four-room dwelling, Roberson St.; \$7,000.

Hutchins Construction Co.; alterations to dwelling, 310 Pittsboro St., for Harry Kear; \$1,600.

### WESLEY LECTURE SERIES

Dr. Carl Michalson, professor at Drew University in Madison, N. J., will deliver two talks this week under sponsorship of the Wesley Foundation at Chapel Hill on Friday, and Sunday, Nov. 8, at 8 p.m. in Hill Hall on the University campus. He will speak on "Injustice, Neurosis and Unbelief" on Friday evening and on Sunday, on "Christianity and the Meaning of History."

### RUMMAGE SALE

A Rummage Sale will be held by the Buckhorn Grange at Piedmont Warehouse in Mebane Saturday from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. In addition to rummage sale, food will be served—chicken stew, hot dogs, sandwiches, pie and coffee. All proceeds will be used for the Buckhorn Grange Building Fund.

# County ABC board taps Compton, Cook to first enforcement jobs

The Orange County ABC board has selected a deputy sheriff to head its law enforcement staff and a former deputy to assist him as it prepares to begin the enforcement phase of its program Dec. 1.

Burch Compton, a deputy sheriff for the past four years and a native of Cedar Grove, was named chief of the law enforcement branch from a field of 13 applicants for the job.

### Start at \$350

He will receive a starting salary of \$350 per month plus a \$25 per month clothing allowance, with provision for \$10 per month raise after the first six months.

His assistant will be Paul Cook of Chapel Hill who will be paid \$340 per month and the \$25 per month clothing allowance. He also will receive a \$10 per month raise at the end of six months.

Automobiles will be assigned to both men as soon as delivery is made by Yates Motor Company of Chapel Hill whose bid of \$2,-

157.45 for a 1960 police-type Plymouth automobile was accepted by the board Monday. For a second car the board purchased Compton's 1955 Ford for \$900.

### Both in law enforcement

Compton is a graduate of Aycock High School and an alumnus

of High Point College. Cook who was a Chapel Hill fireman before becoming a deputy sheriff left the county's employ several months ago to become a State ABC inspector, which post he will resign to take the local ABC job. He resides in Carrboro.

## ABC-sheriff's rift seen over higher pay scales

A rift between the Sheriff's department and the new ABC enforcement unit appears in the offing, even before the latter's operation gets underway.

The resentment stems from the ABC board's higher salary scale and the hiring of an experienced deputy from the Sheriff's department to head the new unit.

Sheriff Buck Knight, who has experienced considerable difficulty filling county vacancies because of the relatively low pay scale paid by the county, expressed strong resentment to the County Commissioners Mon-

day, intimating the new unit would be on its own and could expect no help from him.

"I have no intention of helping them when they go over my head with their money and hire my men," he said to the commissioners. "I won't ask my men, who'll be receiving less pay, to go out and help them do their work."

Chairman R. J. M. Hobbs agreed the action created a bad situation, commented, "This is not the first time they've raided the county ranks for their help."

## Warehouse enlargement is proposed

The Orange County ABC board has called for the construction of additional floor space to be added to the warehouse portion of its building at the intersection of Highways 70 and 86 at Hillsboro.

The present warehouse is filled to capacity and the additional space is required to alleviate the crowded storage facilities and enable more efficient handling of stocks.

The board at its Monday meeting proposed that the feaser extend the present building by 18 additional feet across the 60 foot rear of the structure, which would provide 1,080 sq. ft more to the building.

### SCIENCE CLUB MEETS

The Science Club of Hillsboro High School will meet in the school auditorium tonight at 8 o'clock. Dr. Jane Echelippe will address the members on the topic of cancer.

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