

Women voters urge school board to take de-segregation initiative

The Chapel Hill League of Women Voters has urged the local school board to take the initiative in de-segregation of Negro first grade pupils, rather than await an application for re-assignment.

This was expressed in a statement to the School Board from Mrs. Everett Rush, President of the non-partisan women's group. The letter to Board Chairman Dr.

J. Kempton Jones expressed the formal opinion of the League's Board, based on "substantial agreement" of League members.

Currently the group is studying the effect of the state's Pupil Assignment Act on the local school district.

"This study, while touching on the problems involved in all assignments, concentrated on the current problem of assignment by

race," Mrs. Rush noted. "The League attempted to learn what had been done and was being done in Chapel Hill and other communities.

On the basis of this information the League members are in substantial agreement on the following points, the group's President said:

"1. That they are encouraged by the initial step the Chapel Hill School Board has taken in adopting its new policy.

"2. That they hope suitable preparation will now take place throughout the district, such as: joint PTA meetings, joint teacher meetings, and preparation of teachers and principals to insure their full cooperation, because we realize that your problem is not along a governmental one, but a social and economic one as well;

"3. That they hope the School Board will consider availing itself of its powers under the North Carolina Pupil Assignment Act to assign Negro first grade students to schools other than Northside without the necessity of application for reassignment, looking toward an eventual geographic assignment of all first grade students with the option of transfer open to them."

New White Cross vote is called on merger

The Chapel Hill Board of Education Monday night agreed to call another election on the merging of the White Cross School into the Chapel Hill Administrative School District.

It will be the third election held on the question. The last referendum, held in August, was defeated by six votes.

The board's decision followed a request for the election submitted by representatives of the residents of the White Cross area and members of the Orange County School Board.

The referendum will probably be held sometime in February, the earliest possible date under a law which requires six-month lapse between referendums on a question.

C. W. Stanford, a White Cross resident and chairman of the

County Board of Education predicted Monday that the next election will pass "because the younger people in the community have lent their efforts to get it passed."

Carrboro asks more time to buy school

An extension of time for purchase of the old Carrboro School property has been asked by the Town of Carrboro.

Last summer the municipality bid \$30,000 for the un-used building with the idea of converting it to use as a town hall. The consummation of the sale will be subject to voter-approval of a bond issue to finance it.

Annexation

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er Rd. west to the bypass—76 acres, \$247,650 valuation; and the Davie Rd. neighborhood between Weaver Rd. and Jones Ferry Rd., 138 acres, and \$229,938 valuation.

The various possibilities were based on maintaining the present town tax rate, but with a recommendation for some change in street and utility improvement policies to provide that property owners would pay more of these costs. Wicker stated "The Town is in an excellent financial position and has the capacity to service the entire territory." However, he advised caution in reaching the decisions to be made on the possible annexations.

Mayor R. B. Todd said a special Board meeting would be held next week to begin discussion of the various possibilities. "We are very pleased with the report," said the Mayor. "I know it will be extremely helpful to us."

ABC SALARY RAISE OK'D

The County ABC Board's policy to raise store employees \$10 a month after six months employment was extended to cover all non-supervisory employees at the Board's meeting on Monday. By the previous policy store managers receive a \$15 monthly raise after six months.

GOLDEN SHOW TO CLOSE

"Only In America," the Broadway production based on the life of Carolina Israelite Editor Harry Golden, will close this Saturday

Fluoridation

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the fluorides, after equipment was purchased, for the town would be about 60 cents per day or \$200 per year.

Thirty-one North Carolina towns are now adding fluoride to their water supplies and in 20 towns of the state the water naturally contains the fluorides in the approved quantity to control tooth decay.

Murphy, Moore boost

Dr. Robert J. Murphy and Dr. H. W. Moore, local leaders of the move to fluoridate the town's water supply, stated their interest in improving the health of the community and confirmed that fluoridation has the unqualified backing of the American, the State, and the local county medical and dental societies.

It is the responsibility of the town governing body to act on the fluoridation question after determining to its own satisfaction (1) that a need exists, and (2) that the citizens of the community want it, the State officials pointed out.

ORANGE SCOUTERS TO MEET

Scout leaders of the Orange District will meet Tuesday evening at 7:30 in the Episcopal Parish House at Chapel Hill, according to Eddie Cothran, new district executive. Hank Koon of Troop 826 will be in charge of the program for troop committeemen.

DON COLLIER HIRED

Don Collier, 22, formerly employed at a Carrboro service station, has joined the Chapel Hill police force as a patrolman.

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