

Annexation hearing Jan. 18 for 375-acre Carrboro area

Carrboro's Town Commissioners will be able to enlarge the size of the town by a little over 75 per cent following a legal hearing next month, unless formal objections to a 375-acre annexation proposal are made.

At present the rectangular-shaped town limits enclose an area of 480 acres. As a result of action taken at a special meeting of the Board of Commissioners on Tuesday night, a public hearing will be held Jan. 18 on the annexation of four specific areas on the north and west sides of town.

Have 800 people

Bringing these into the municipality would increase its size to 855 acres. The new sectors have a property valuation of about \$18 million and a population approximating 800.

They include Oak and Pine Streets to the north, and Greensboro St. up to these streets, Plantation Acres, High and Goldston Streets, Westview Drive, Greensboro and Hillsboro Roads, Fidelity St., and Weaver Rd.

If less than 15 per cent of the residents of the areas concerned protest the proposed annexations, they may be brought into the municipality after the legal hearing by simple vote of the Town Board.

See no tax hike

Mayor R. B. Todd said the Town anticipated no increase in its tax rate if the annexations are effected, though capital improvement expenditures of more than \$200,000 would be necessary.

This program would be exclusive of a pending bond issue to buy the old Carrboro School property and convert it into a municipal building. Citizens of the town will vote some time this winter on a \$95,000 bond issue for this purpose.

The Mayor said he hoped the annexation could be brought about before next April 15 so that the new area would be included as a part of Carrboro in the 1960 census.

TERM FOR SAFE ROBBERY

A former Carrboro man, William Earl Chambers, 25, was sentenced to 3½-5 years in prison, and Miss Ellen M. Neighbors, 18, of Durham, was placed on a three-year probation when they pleaded guilty in Superior Court on Dec. 18 to charges of store-breaking and larceny. The pair was involved in the theft of a 250-pound safe containing \$800 and valuable papers, from Elmer Pendergraph's Service Station Carrboro on Sept. 4. The safe was later fished out of the Eno River north of Durham.

Todd says reaction favorable — where people are informed

"All the reaction I've heard so far has been very favorable to the annexations — when the people have all the information about it."

This was the comment of Carrboro Mayor R. B. Todd regarding the municipality's proposal to annex several north and west-side neighborhoods. Citizens of the suburban areas will be provided, if they want them, copies of the recent survey of the entire annexation, as prepared by the Institute of Government, according to Mayor Todd. In addition, he said, the Town officials hoped to set up an informational meeting prior to the legal hearing.

In support of the annexation proposals the Mayor made these points:

- * The Fire Department would be moved nearer the center of town in the municipal building (old school building) — assuming the forthcoming referendum for purchase and improvement of this land is approved.

- * Round-the-clock police and fire protection would be provided by the hiring of a third policeman.

- * Garbage collection would be started in the new area within a month.

- * Suburban residents who have installed sewer and water lines at their own expense would be re-imbursed, proportionately for the Town taking over these lines.

- * Water rates and sewer rents would be reduced to the suburban areas being annexed.

General 2-day holiday to be observed here

As the Christmas shopping period comes to a close, tired but happy merchants in Orange County are reporting record-breaking sales for this year's Christmas shopping season.

Stores in the County will close Thursday, reopening Monday, Dec. 30.

All banks will close on Thursday and reopen again on Monday.

Postoffices in Chapel Hill and Hillsboro will be closed on Christmas Day. Special deliveries will be made throughout the day, however, and all regular pickups and outgoing mails will be made on schedule. There will be no rural carrier service on Christmas Day, but this service will be resumed on Saturday.

Public schools in the County remain closed until Jan. 4. The University also will reopen on that date.

County and municipal employees will enjoy a long weekend since these offices closed on Wednesday for the holiday. Business resumes

SORRELL AREA ENGINEER

Quinton L. Sorrell, 34 of Durham, has taken over the duties of area construction engineer for the 17-county area comprising the Fifth, Seventh and Ninth Highway Divisions.

UNC LIBRARY'S SCHEDULE

The UNC Library's holiday schedule follows: Through Dec. 27, closed; Dec. 28 through Dec. 31, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.; Jan. 1 through Jan. 3, closed; Jan. 4, resumption of regular schedule.

The News of Orange County Newsletter

—A sideways glance at the week's news

HOWDY HOME FOLKS —

AND WHAT A WEEK IT HAS BEEN, I'LL TELL YOU.

Pears to me that municipal-wise Orange will enter the '60's with the idea of chipping right smart territory off the County's territory and putting it into the towns.

Now you take Chapel Hill — they've had four separate annexations during the '50s, and're talkin' about bringin' in the area surrounding three public schools sometime next year mebbe.

Carrboro's all fired up over the possibility of annexing at least one of four neighborhoods on its north and west sides.

And even the talk around the County Seat is that Hillsboro'd do well to let out its municipal belt-line a ways over the boundaries Gen. Cornwallis gave it in 1752.

And White Cross folks, some of 'em at least, allow they're determined for the third time now to annex their school territory to the Chapel Hill District.

Mind you, now, I don't hold to robbin' County just to pay town. But if it's not hittin' me too hard in the pocketbook, well, I'm all for it. We'll just be plumb growin' on all sides come 1960.

—LEAST-WISE THAT'S HOW IT STACKS UP TO ME.

—THE ORANGE PEALER

Decoration winners named for Carrboro

Mr. and Mrs. W. L. Riggsbee, Oak St., won the first prize, \$15 in cash, in Carrboro's Christmas Door Decoration Contest sponsored by the Women's Civic Club.

Second prize, \$10, went to Mr. and Mrs. Bill Hardee of Weaver St., the \$5.00 third prize was won by Mr. and Mrs. Joel Hackney, Plantation Acres.


Honorable mentions were made by the judges to the following: Mrs. Arthur Durham, Mrs. Boyd Ellington, Mrs. Tom Goodrich, Mrs. E. L. Petit, Mrs. Frank Poythress, Mrs. Bruce Riggsbee, Mrs. Edgar Riggsbee, Mrs. Earl Sattlemire, Mrs. R. J. Wells, Mrs. Jessie West, Mrs. J. A. Williams, and Mrs. A. D. Yates.



Merry Christmas

May Christmas bring you joy and may each day of the year add to your enjoyment of life! And may we continue to serve you in the future as we have during the past!

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