

of the five-year limit this March 14.

The aldermen directed him to again notify the sign owners that their boards must be removed by this time or else they would be subject to legal action.

Town warns sign owners; March 15 is deadline

The Town of Chapel Hill has served notice that it intends to enforce a five-year-old zoning law that will require the removal by March 14 of highway billboards in the suburban zoning district.

Also concerned with the growing number of commercial signs in the downtown business district, the Board of Aldermen has asked the Chapel Hill-Carrboro Merchants Association for a recommendation as to control legislation. Several years ago the merchants body urged the passage of strict curbs on signs. However the business district was excepted from the ordinance that was subsequently passed on this matter.

Building Inspector Howard Stewart said that several firms have

erected large and expensive billboards along the Chapel Hill-Dur-

ham boulevard in recent months, even after being notified that the

suburban zoning law would require their removal on expiration

\$400 okayed for expansion of CH library; no bonds now

The Chapel Hill Public Library will be expanded into three additional rooms through use of a \$400 appropriation approved by the Town aldermen.

Mrs. R. H. Wettach, spokesman for the Library trustees, asked for the extra appropriation during this fiscal year to provide needed shelving and table space. The money will go for rent on the rooms, which are to be converted from apartment space, she said.

The necessary shelving and furniture will be bought with donations to the Library, in accordance with the trustees' policy of looking to the Town for current expenses and using gift funds for permanent equipment.

There was informal talk at the aldermen's Monday evening meeting on the possibility of including a large sum for a library building in the forthcoming capital improvements bond issue to be presented to the voters of the town soon.

However, Mayor O. K. Cornwell, noting that he would favor such a public expenditure, said that to put such a program in the already proposed bond referendum would necessitate postponing the vote until next fall because of legal requirements.

Tax take tops in Chapel Hill, auditor says

Tax collections showed a modest improvement for the Town of Chapel Hill according to the report of the Town Auditor for fiscal 1958-59.

In his annual statement to the Board of Aldermen Auditor Erle Peacock noted "some improvement" in the financial position of the Town's general fund, for which \$364,000 was budgeted during the year.

Just under 90 per cent of the \$262,268 in ad valorem taxes billed for the year was also collected—an improvement over the previous year, the auditor noted.

He also recommended an extra effort be exerted to collect some old accounts in the miscellaneous receivable group, such as street-cut fees and privilege licenses.



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