

Orange Peelings

FIGURING IN THE RENEW ed Carrboro annexation push is a hot industrial prospect. Municipal officials are mum on the matter. But it's understood that if the annexation goes through this time as it's being sought by suburbanites, the chances are very good that the consequent extension of utility lines will aid a possible decision on the industry's settling on a west-side site.

AND ON THE OTHER SIDE of town, it's now definite that the State Highway Commission is going to dual-lane the Raleigh Road from Country Club Rd. at the top of the hill on east to the county line. There's also an excellent chance, according to an informed source, that a sidewalk-width shoulder will be graded on the north side of the boulevard going up Gimghoul hill.

A BURNED CROSS, THE first reported in Orange County in 5 years, was found Tuesday in Dominick's Gravel Pit off the Farrington Mill Road. The cross, about eight feet high and five wide, was made of lumber wrapped in burlap. It was burned near the top of a dirt wall that overlooked the amphitheater-like pit, and had been burned in the pit sometime between last Saturday and Tuesday afternoon.

IF THE THREE CHAPEL HILL municipal voting precincts are sub-divided into five so as to duplicate the county precincts within the town, it won't necessarily mean presently registered voters will have to re-register. When the old single precinct was split up three ways in 1957 the names of registrants were automatically transferred to the new North, South and East Precinct books.

THE RECENT HOOP-LA about election costs has brought forth some interesting cost comparisons not previously reported. A recent study of 12 counties via the Institute of Government showed that Orange spent 21c per registered voter on elections in 1957-58 and 21.1c in 1958-59. This was neither the highest nor the lowest of the 12 counties considered, all of them more populous than Orange. Our expenditure per registered voter was less than that of New Hanover (highest with 82c), Wake, Mecklenburg, Guilford and Buncombe; but more than that of Alamance, Nash, Forsyth or Gaston (lowest of the group with 12.4c). We were about the midway point among the counties in per capita expenditures also at 10.9c in 1957-58 and 11c in 1958-59.

CARRBORO COMMISSIONERS voted former Mayor R. B. Todd \$2 payment for "bootleg whiskey" at their meeting Tuesday. Investigation showed no wild party had been given the retiring official. Evidence needed by police as they closed in on a white lightning ring had to be purchased — by the mayor.

WATCH FOR WORD SOON on a major land transfer in the downtown area of Chapel Hill. It will make a considerable area of off-street parking available. The deal has been agreed to by

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Town seeking building site

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550 ready to vote at White Cross

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MAJOR LIQUOR HAUL — Orange County and Chapel Hill law enforcement officers cooperated in a chase that brought the arrest of a Burlington man hauling 27 cases of liquor in his car. Above, inspecting their catch after the night-time arrest are (left to right) Patrolman Hoyt Crabtree, ABC Officer Burch Compton, Patrolman John Nesbitt, and ABC Officer Charles Talbert.

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Rural zoning body to seek a county planning board

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FIREMEN BATTLE BARN BLAZE — Shielding themselves from the heat of the blaze with a wide board, Chapel Hill firemen douse a burning barn at Frank Umstead's farm near Chapel

Hill. The fire was discovered early Saturday afternoon. The District fire truck answered the alarm but was unable to save the hay-filled barn. Photo by Lee Gupton

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