

Orange
Peelings

THE COUNTY COMMISSIONERS have begun their budget deliberations and are having informal meetings with various county agencies. There's likelihood of an increase in the \$.95 tax rate. School capital outlay requests alone will be more than this year's \$1.4 million total budget. The question to decide is how big an increase there's to be in the rate. A bond issue will likely figure in the deal.

CHAPEL HILL POLICE CAPTAIN Coy Durham already had a cold when he took off to the Pinnacles of Meadows of the Dan, Va., last Friday at noontime with 47 Boy Scouts, three troop leaders and Eddie Cothran, District Scout Executive. Tenting out in the mountains may have brought exposure, or the hiking, but when Officer Durham returned Sunday around 1 p.m., he had a light case of pneumonia. Two days in bed, and a check by telephone brought news that the patient was about recuperated.

FOR A LITTLE WHILE EARLY yesterday morning it looked like the lumber yard fire at Fitch Lumber Co. was going to get out of hand. The Chapel Hill police and fire department telephones were jammed with frantic callers who were worried about the spectacular blaze.

THE NEW HIGHWAY FROM Chapel Hill to Raleigh will be built within the next three years, according to word drifting over from the state capital this week. The road will be completely relocated to run through the center of the Research Triangle Park just north of the Park campus, thence skirting the southern tip of the airport and into the western bypass to be built around Raleigh. A north-south highway through the middle of the Triangle Park is also planned.

THE BOUNDARY OF THE Carrboro School Attendance Area was described Monday night by School Board Chairman Kemp Jones as "following the back-house lines on Homestead Road." He quickly corrected the slip to state that he meant "the rear property lines."

WHATEVER THE LONG-awaited report of the county-wide Citizens School Finance Study Committee recommends will likely bear as much weight as the School Board requests themselves will on the county commissioners' decisions on bonds and/or pay-as-you-go school building policy this coming year. Committee Chairman Don Hayman says the report is awaiting completion of one final section.

IF ALL SCHOOL BOARD MEMBERS had voted last summer as they did last Monday night on the coming year's pupil assignment policy the policy might well have been changed. The de-segregation vote of Board member Henry Brandis, before he resigned over this issue, added to Messrs. Milner and Manley, would have tied the voting. The chairman who didn't vote, would then have had to cast the deciding ballot.

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Pick your princess...



PLEASE MR. JUDGE . . .—Among candidates for the title of Orange County Dairy Princess who appeared before judges in the county courthouse at Hillsboro Tuesday afternoon were (left to right) Ann Prince of Chapel Hill, Geraldene Murray of Hillsboro, Carol Pittard of Aycock High, and Brenda Jones of Carrboro. Finalists for the title will be selected next month at another judging in Chapel Hill. The judges pondering the parade of pulchritude above are Bob Cox (left and Paul Carr. News Photo

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Lumber yard saved in night-time fire; Man held for burning his own house

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