

# Finishing thoroughfare plan is planners' major objective

Completion of the community's major thoroughfare plan will be the District Planning Board's No. 1 objective in Chapel Hill during the coming year.

The Board's plans for 1960-61 are outlined in its \$4,035 budget request for the new year, along with a report on the current year's activities. The present budget is \$3,875.

Board Chairman Frank Umstead cited the financial advantages of appropriating money for planning, declaring in his report "Past experience clearly indicates that money spent now for planning can reduce costs in the future. This is particularly true for outlying areas that may come into the town some day."

### Asks discussion of plan

He recommended that the comprehensive thoroughfare plan, now tentatively adopted by the Planning and Town Boards, be discussed and reviewed by local civic groups, and finally adopted for filing with the State Highway Commission.

The Commission will be more likely to help carry out the local plan if three additional supplementary studies are made, Mr. Umstead stated:

(1) A population and local economy study — charting the community's expected growth in these fields; (2) Completion of a new aerial map of the planning district; and (3) a residential area

study, to show in detail the most likely and most advisable areas for future residential development.

### To retain Triangle staff

These and other local planning activities in the future can be carried out by the Research Triangle Regional Planning Commission, according to the local planners' recommendation.

They suggested the newly-organized Triangle group as the "logical" organization to carry out this work continually, rather than hire consultants for each individual project.

The Commission is planning a \$25,750 budget for the 1960-61 year—its first full year of operation. Out of this Chapel Hill's share has been designated as six per cent—or \$1,545; and Orange County's part, four per cent, or \$1,030. Wake County, Raleigh, Durham County, and Durham, would pay the remaining 80 per cent.

Here's the breakdown of the coming year's budget request for the local planning body: Salary of planning assistant (who serves as sort of executive secretary for the group)—\$2175; for Research Triangle Planning Commission—\$1,545 (six-months appropriation this year was \$875); office and other expenses—\$315.

### Cite year's accomplishments

Leading off the list of accomplishments by the Planning Board in the past year is the preliminary completion of the Thoroughfare Plan. The Board also reviewed 17

new residential area plans and eight zoning amendments, in addition to proposing the new Special Use Permit amendment to the zoning ordinance.

Members of the 10-man Board, a non-salaried group, spent 220 hours in official meetings, or—as the report pointed out—"the equivalent of more than five 40-hour work weeks donated to these civic duties."

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## North Carolina to be first state . . .

# Processing of 1960 census data begins here at UNIVAC

Processing of part of the 1960 census data began here Tuesday at 1 p.m., by the Univac 1105 electronic computer. North Carolina is the first state to be processed by the University's electronic brain.

The census data is broken into two parts, the first of which will be completed at the Computation Center in Chapel Hill in the fall. The information will be sent to Washington, D. C., by October 1, where the data will be tested and re-tested by the Washington electronic computer. At an unannounced date the verified information will be released from Washington.

The Univac in Chapel Hill has only a portion of the 15,000 reels to be processed. The remainder will be done at the Chicago and Washington computers. Most of the Washington processing, however, will involve testing the data sent there from Chapel Hill and Chicago.

James Pepal, unit chief of the Bureau of the Census operations at the Univac 1105 Data Automation System in Chapel Hill, estimates that the process of certifying census data, originally taking two and a half years, will be cut to three months.

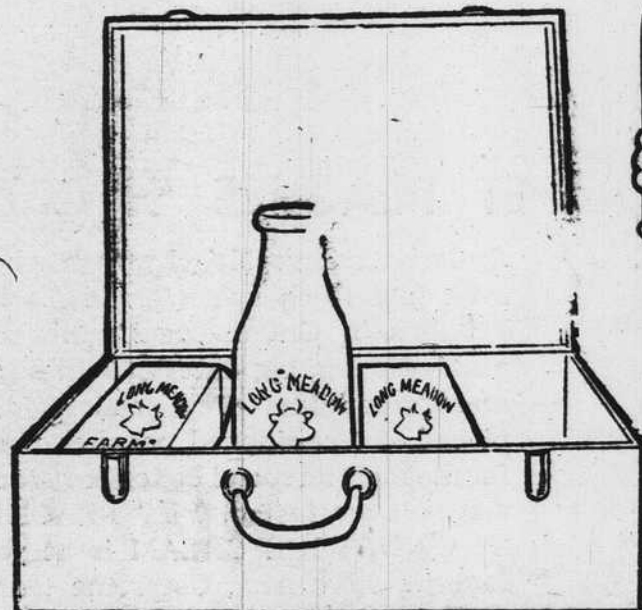
Pepal and approximately five assistants will feed information into the Univac continuously, day and night, until all of the tapes have been calculated. Starting and stopping the process is such a job that the staff must keep the computer operating until the project is completed.

Regular tours of the Computation Center for the public will

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