

Orange Pealings

AS IT TURNS OUT SAM BARBEE didn't own any land on Mitchell Lane near Chapel Hill after all. Work on improvement of the sinuous dirt trail leading north from Chapel Hill was held up nearly two years, in part because Barbee wouldn't sign a right-of-way agreement. Recently the State Highway Commission went ahead with the work anyhow. — Then the real owner, Clarence Merritt, came into the Chapel Hill Town Hall and wanted to know how come tractors were tearing up his land without asking. He owned the front of the Barbee lot, unbeknown to public officials. Bre'r Sam, he jes' lay low and didn't say nothin'.

POLICE, TOWN, AND UTILITY officials don't know where it hit or of any damage that it caused, but people all over the Chapel Hill community were jolted about 7:50 p.m. Monday by a tremendous double thunderclap that seemed to center around mid-town.

TRAVELING TROOP 835 OF the Boy Scouts in Chapel Hill is off again, this time on a bus trip to naval installations in Norfolk. Scoutmaster Paul Trembley and his boys will be housed by the Navy, tour Oceania Naval Air Base, and go through an aircraft carrier and submarine during their jaunt to Virginia this weekend. Last year the troop went to the wilds of Canada and several times before that to the N. C. mountains. Many of the boys returned only last month from the national jamoree in Colo.

A 20-YEAR-OLD CHAPEL HILL Negro youth was given a six months' sentence Tuesday for break-ins last Saturday night at Ogburn's Furniture Market and automatic laundry on N. Graham St. Sgt. Charles Edmonds assisted by Patrolmen Earl Allison and Lindy Pendergrass cracked the case on Sunday, arresting Gaston Sanford, employe of Ogburn's. The youth admitted entering the furniture store via a roof trap door and getting the laundromat coin box key. Over \$30 was missing from the coin boxes. Identification of a rare half-dollar coin taken from Ogburn's desk cinched the case.

AS NOTED IN PEALINGS LAST week, the Chapel Hill Masonic Lodge cornerstone was placed in a different location after the Grand Lodge rites on Aug. 15. But the action constituted an exercise of the Grand Master's prerogative to have the stone placed in the right-hand front corner, rather than the northeast corner as called for in the Masonic code book. No error involved.

HOLDERS OF FOUR-DIGIT telephone numbers in Chapel Hill may get an idea of the type of changes that'll be wrought in the switch-over to the seven-digit all-number dialing system next Jan. 15 through the new number designated for The News as of that date: Now 8-444, it'll then become 968-4444.

THE EXCELLENT CREDIT rating of the Town of Carrboro is shown in the low interest rate it won on a \$35,000 five-months note sold by the Local Government. More PEALINGS on page 12

Public schools of County ready for fall opening

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Herald of autumn...



GRID PRACTICE OPENS—The first signs of fall weather across Orange County this week were marked by the opening of high school football practice. Awaiting the center's snap at Chapel Hill High are (left to right) Skippy Snyder, left half; Ronnie Pendergrass, quarter and fullback; George Cannefax, quarterback; and Co-Captain Terry Stapleton, right half.

School board must pare budget in Chapel Hill

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Two sheriff's deputies resign posts

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County system raises graduation units

The Orange County Board of Education, acting on a request of Principal A. L. Stanback and recommendations of the State Board of Education, this week increased the requirements for graduation to 18 units in county high schools. The new requirements will go into effect with the present Freshman and Sophomore classes. The present 9th graders will be required to have 18 units to graduate, the present 10th grad-

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