

Orange  
Peelings

IT WAS STRICTLY UN-OFFICIAL but downtown Christmas shoppers had the advantage of the police department's Yuletide spirit in Chapel Hill last weekend. Parking meter regulations weren't enforced except in extreme violation cases on Friday and Saturday. Nobody, it seems, sent through formal order for the meter holiday. Patrolmen simply played Santa Claus in their own way. However, next Monday, Jan. 2, will be a meter holiday, since Jan. -1, legally designated as a free-parking day, falls on Sunday this time.

THE SWITCH-OVER TO THE new radio system for all Chapel Hill, Carrboro, and county, law enforcement vehicles has brought about a change in the call numbers for patrol cars, too. At present there are 13 cars on the hook-up: Five for the sheriff's department, five for Chapel Hill, two for the ABC officers, and one for Carrboro. To provide for future expansion the sheriffs have call numbers one to 10 reserved for their cars, 10 to 19 are for the ABC units, and from 20 upwards, Chapel Hill and Carrboro.

INTERESTING FACTS GLEANED from the inside cover ad in the new Chapel Hill telephone directory. During the last decade the Chapel Hill Township population has grown 32 per cent—from 18,222 to 23,987. During this same time the number of telephones on the Chapel Hill exchange has increased almost 400 per cent—from 2,905 to 11,451. (The Township includes almost all of the area served by the phone exchange.)

THE SIX-YEAR-OLD IN THE Newsman's household joined right in the spirit of things Christmas morning. —Telephoned Ty Boyd at WCHL to tell him on the "beeper" line what he got for Christmas. Then he asked Ty what Santa brought him. Genially the announcer and proud father replied "Well, we got a new baby before Christmas this year and we think Santa Claus had something to do with that." "What?" asked the fascinated youngster. Ty quickly switched the subject. —It all sounded great on the airwaves.

SOME RESIDENTIAL AREAS of Chapel Hill are in a questionably safe situation from the standpoint of fire protection. Under the town's Class Six fire safety rating every home is supposed to be within 1,000 feet of a hydrant. All of 'em are, too, counting distance as the crow flies. But on several streets, particularly the Circles such as Highland Woods, Dogwood Drive, and Tenney Circle, it's more than this distance to a number of homes via the street route. For the alarm at the George Barclays on Tenney Circle last Sunday the firemen had to reel out 900 feet from hydrant to house. Each truck carries 1,000 feet. It's difficult to haul hydrant hose by hand. And the water pressure is greatly reduced by friction if more than 1,000 feet are hooked in a single length.

# New hearing asked by town as Raleigh Rd. project OK'd

—Story on Page 12

## The News of orange county

—Chapel Hill, Hillsboro, Carrboro—Between and Beyond—

VOL. 67 NO. 52

HILLSBORO AND CHAPEL HILL, N. C., THURSDAY, DECEMBER 29, 1960

20 PAGES

# Bond vote seen on March 18; Carrboro annexes four acres

—Stories on Pages 2 and 3

## Chief to Chief...



'FRIENDLY NATIVES'—Gov.-elect Terry Sanford raises his left hand in the traditional 'how' of the friendly Indian greeting, standing beside the traditional cigar-store statue in the Ranch House at Chapel Hill. Next Thursday he'll raise his other hand to take the oath of office as North Carolina's chief executive for the next four years.

Circulation Today

7,141

99 PCT. DISTRIBUTED IN  
ORANGE COUNTY

# What did '60 mean to county?

—See editorial comment, P. 1, Sec. II