

**Bags neighborhood foul marauder . . .**

# Orange schoolboy kills wildcat

Seventeen-year-old Jerry Wilkerson, who ordinarily drives a school bus when not pursuing his studies in the 11th grade at Hillsboro High School, turned to wild animal hunting this week and killed the first wild "bobcat" reported in this area.

Jerry is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Lacy Wilkerson, who live on Davis Road, a few miles south of Hillsboro.

Recently, strange wild animal cries have been heard frequently in the neighborhood and a number of chickens have been killed. When the cries began Sunday night, Jerry picked up his 12-gauge shotgun and went out to await the marauders.

When a couple of the 'cats appeared, Jerry fired and got one. Game Protector Bob Logan later identified the member of the "wildcat" family and estimated the weight as about 12 pounds. It had all the claws

and teeth of the ferocious 'cats of yore.

Jerry thinks there might be eight or 10 in the pack believed in the neighborhood and he hopes to get some more of them. With hunting as an ac-

tive hobby, killing the wildcat was one of the biggest thrills for Jerry and his family.

Some 50 people trekked to the Wilkerson home the following day, Monday, to view the prize.



JERRY WILKERSON & HIS BOBCAT

## Labor commissioner says Orange better off than much of state in its level of income

"Orange County is far better off than many parts of the State in the income and general level of living of her citizens," according to Commissioner of Labor Frank Crane who spoke to the Hillsboro Lions Club Tuesday night.

He said Orange ranked 54th among the 100 counties in per capita income in 1958, the latest year for which county figures are available. He said this was \$1,102 or about 78 per cent of the state's \$1,420 for that year. By 1960 the State's per capita figure had risen to \$1,581.

**71 pct. rural**

"Because 71 per cent of the Orange County's nearly 43,000 people live in rural areas and the amount of business and industry is relatively small," he said, "your county per capita income in recent years has run well below the State figure."

"This situation prevails in spite of the fact that more than \$9,133,000 in wages were paid during 1959 to 3,265 Orange County workers covered by the Employment Security Law. Employed in 230 establishments, these workers averaged \$53.80 per week. (UNC workers not included under this law)."

"Slightly more than a third of them were employed in manufacturing industries; another third in wholesale and retail trade; and the remaining third in con-

### Mac Smith to speak on civil rights group

McNeil Smith, lawyer of Greensboro, will talk about the work of the North Carolina Advisory Committee to the U. S. Commission on Civil Rights at 8 p.m. in St. Paul's A.M.E. Church at Chapel Hill.

Smith is Chairman of the Committee. The meeting, sponsored by the Chapel Hill Fellowship for School Integration, is open to the public.

A native of Rowland, N. C., Smith graduated from the University of North Carolina in 1938 and obtained his law degree at Columbia University in 1941. A member of both the North Carolina and the New York Bar, he has practiced in New York City and in Greensboro, where he is a member of Smith, Moore, Smith, Schell and Hunter.

struction, transportation, finance, service industries, and other non-agricultural business"

**Shows typical need**

He said the situation in Orange "in many respects, is typical of much of the State in showing what has to be done in North Carolina to advance our level of living. We must have more and higher paying industry, more commerce, better schools, improved education and training, a higher development of both physical facilities and the intelligence, working skills, aptitudes and attitudes needed for living in our age."

Crane noted that 30 Orange employers and registered to train young people on the job in the apprentice training program, but only 11 young people are in training at present.

### Human relations group hears movies report

Richard P. Calhoun and the Rev. Charles Jones, representing the steering body of the Chapel Hill Committee for Open Movies, reported on the recent activities of their group before the Chapel Hill Mayor's Committee on Human Relations Tuesday night.

Among other developments in the current campaign they told the human relations committee members that a poll of 1,800 UNC students showed 87 per cent of them either in favor of or having no objection to de-segregation of the local theaters.

The Committee indicated it would continue to study the situation.

He discussed in general the history and the current functions of the Department of Labor.

### N. C. recreation exec recommends Chapel Hill buy land, hire director

The acquisition of playground areas and hiring of a director for all public recreation activities in Chapel Hill was recommended to the local Recreation Planning Committee at its Tuesday night meeting.

The group heard from Jim Stevens, Assistant Director of the N. C. Recreation Commission. He compared the current public recreation programs of other municipalities of comparable size in North Carolina and stressed that long-range planning for a total program was the key to an effective Chapel Hill recreation set-up.

Mr. Stevens urged the planning body to seek a director of recreation for Chapel Hill who would be an administrator of finances, a policy executor, and a program and facility supervisor.

The acquiring of land for future development and expansion of the present minimum program were also recommended by Stevens.

### DR. DOBSON RECEIVES GRANT

Richard L. Dobson, M.D., assistant professor of medicine at the University has been awarded a grant of about \$145,000 by the National Institutes of Health. The five year grant will extend from July 1, 1961 to July, 1966.

### After drunk charge is nol prossed . . .

## Police sued for \$15,000 on false arrest

Two patrolmen and the Chapel Hill police chief have been sued for \$15,000 for the alleged false arrest on public drunkenness charges of a middle-aged handyman.

The civil action in Orange County Superior Court was brought by Sam Maynor against Chief W. D. Blake, Sgt. W. F. Hester, and Patrolman John Nesbitt. Maynor, who has a record of drunkenness convictions, was given a nol pros with leave in Chapel Hill Recorder's Court following

his Oct. 5, 1960, arrest.

The lengthy complaint filed by Carrboro attorney E. L. Shelton charged that Maynor was walking home from Memorial Hospital where he'd been under treatment for a back injury received in his employment, and that when he reached downtown he was "abruptly and gruppily (sic) arrested" by Nesbitt.

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## Precinct Circuit . . .

*Strictly unofficial—County political trends*

As expected and noted in this column earlier, Chapel Hill Mayor O. K. Cornwell this week announced his retirement. First term Alderman Sandy McClamroch, is now admittedly seriously considering running for the post in May. Will there be a lady-like challenge at the ballot box from Alderman Adelaide Walters? Some say definitely not, some say quite likely yes. It'll be a dandy race. —Best way to find out from either potential is to ask 'em. Mayor Cornwell, incidentally, is recovering quite satisfactorily at home from a mild heart attack last month.

Now to straighten out a foul-up in information that was "Circuited" last week: Mayor Pro-Tem Gene Strowd, along with Aldermen McClamroch and Roland Giduz, won't be up for re-election this spring. Their four-year terms run to 1963. Aldermen Paul Wager, Walters, and Hubert Robinson will be up for election.

Robinson's a sure bet to stand for a third term, Wager may retire but is being strongly urged to stand for election again. If one of the aldermen is elected Mayor the remaining and new Board members will elect a successor to serve until the 1963 town elections.

Toss these names in the aldermanic rumor mill in Chapel Hill: Whid Powell, insurance-realtor, Andy Shearer, local contractor and engineer; and Fred Cleaveland, UNC faculty member and former Secretary of the Planning Board.

For Chapel Hill School Board these names have cropped up: Dr. Syd Alexander, Asst. Administrator of the UNC Division of Health Affairs; Jimmy Wallace, UNC teacher and owner of the travel agency; — a pretty certain challenger—Dr. Dick Peters of citizens committee fame; and political scientist Earle Wallace.

## Guard again exonerated in death of prisoner

An Orange County grand jury has declined a renewed appeal to indict a prison camp guard in connection with the death last summer of a prisoner.

The jury for the second time unanimously ruled that guard James A. Caulder Jr., fired his shotgun in the line of duty when he shot Walter F. Kincaid last July 27. The prisoner died almost instantly from the wound. Caulder said at the time that he shouted at Kincaid to halt as he ran away from a road work gang and shot only after the prisoner failed to heed the warning.

The move to re-examine the case came last fall after Kincaid's family in High Point presented a letter signed by eight fellow prisoners alleging that he had merely stepped to the side of the road with other prisoners to pick some plums when he was shot.

District Solicitor William Murdock presented this evidence as well as the findings of the State Bureau of Investigation to the grand jury. The jury's report on their renewed consideration of the case this week declared "After studying previous reports and evidence and hearing additional testimony, the members of the grand jury were again unanimous in their conviction that the prisoner, Walter Kincaid, was breaking prison regulations and that the guard, James A. Caulder Jr., fired in line of duty. Therefore the grand jury definitely does not recommend that a bill of indictment be drawn."

## 4 youths admit 11 robberies

Orange County Sheriff's deputies have arrested four youths and in so doing solved at least 11 robberies on two sides of the county.

Richard B. Maxton, 18, and James W. Allen, 16, both of Mebane, were arrested Thursday on charges of larceny, damage to property and forcible trespass after they allegedly broke open Pepsi-Cola and candy-cracker coin machines and stole \$50 to \$60. Under questioning they admitted six other break-ins in the Mebane area.

Timothy S. Burns, 17, of Chapel Hill and Curtis Creed, 22, of Carrboro face two charges of breaking, entering and larceny in connection with break-ins at Mellett's store in Dogwood Acres on Feb. 13 and Harkness Store on Farrington road last Saturday night. During the investigation

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"Tears in his eyes" Maynor alleged that he pleaded he was not drunk, showed the medicine prescribed by his doctor,

and "with tears in his eyes" asked the police to call the hospital to check on this, but was taken to jail for the night. The following morning he was noticed in jail when "happily a Good Samaritan (sic) from the sheriff's office and (seems to have been God-sent) . . . said he would stand bond for his appearance in court," the complaint states.

It further alleged that but for "said Good Samaritan" the plaintiff would have "no doubt stayed in jail indefinitely." Fel-

lowing the Oct. 11 trial Maynor was granted a nol pros with leave to reopen the case. His lawsuit now alleges that he was falsely arrested — an act he terms "wanton, malicious, and without a probable cause and not in good faith" and in a "wanton and inhumane manner."

For "mental and bodily anguish" the complainant seeks \$5,000 damages severally and from each of the defendants, and \$10,000 punitive damages similarly.