

Instead of enlarging present one . . .

Uptown ABC store asked in Chapel Hill 285 sign a petition

A strong movement to secure the establishment of an ABC store within the business area of Chapel Hill was launched this week.

Bernice Ward and Carlton Byrd, leaders among the merchants group of the community, presented a 285-name petition to the Orange County Alcoholic Beverage Control board at its meeting in Hillsboro Monday morning.

The board agreed to investigate the feasibility of the proposed fifth store for the County and later in the day went to Chapel Hill to look over a number of possible sites for a location.

Eastgate plan cited

Impetus for the movement came from the announcement last week that the Board was considering plans for enlarging the store at Eastgate shopping center. The petitions originated among the merchants, employees and others throughout the downtown areas.

Location of a store in the business area of Chapel Hill has long been favored by many of the downtown business interests, by residents of the wide area west and south of Chapel Hill who find the Eastgate store inconvenient and inaccessible, and by law enforcement officers who favor location of a store nearer the low-income Negro residential section as a bootlegging deterrent.

Two members of the Board have favored such a location but

have not forced the issue in deference to the Chapel Hill member, former Dean D. D. Carroll, who has been adamant against the uptown location.

The text of the petition was as follows: "We, the undersigned interested citizens of Chapel Hill, request and urge this honorable board to locate within the established business area or its immediate environs an Alcoholic Beverage Control Store.

Want uptown site

"We have given consideration to this question of location in the Chapel Hill area, and we believe that a second store should be opened rather than the present store enlarged, and that this second unit should be located within the uptown area of Chapel Hill, and so situated as to be reasonably accessible to the westerly portion or fringe area of the established business district.

"We ask your favorable consideration at your forthcoming Board meeting on Monday March 20, 1961, or at your earliest convenience."

WOMEN VOTERS ANNUAL MEETING

The annual meeting of the Chapel Hill League of Women Voters will be held next Wednesday at 8 p.m. in the library assembly room. Business for the evening will include presentation of the 1961-62 budget, consideration of the program for the coming year, discussion of continuing responsibilities and the election of officers.

Swimming pool group to start construction of bath house

The Chapel Hill Carrboro Swimming Pool Corp. at its meeting on Monday night agreed to start construction on the bath house immediately, with less than \$3,000 on hand.

"June 1 has been set aside for the opening date for the pool, therefore we must start construction at once" said Adolphus Clark, Chairman of the Corporation.

Mr. Clark added: "Some people have given their most loyal support, others have waited on the side lines, we now feel it necessary for all to shoulder the responsibility. Unless we move now,

it is likely to be a failure, so let us get in and push, play your part in helping to provide for Chapel Hill's citizens some of the bare necessities for wholesome living."

Edwin Caldwell has secured a console television set to be given away May 1 to the holder of the lucky ticket. The set is on display in the window of the S and W. tailor shop on W. Franklin St. Tickets are being sold by Mr. Caldwell at \$1.00 each.

The Elks Lodge will give a benefit plate dinner Saturday April 1, at the Community Center.

Halving of year residency law is being sought by Carrboro

Enabling legislation reducing the residence requirement for candidates in municipal elections from one year to six months will be sought from the General Assembly by the Town of Carrboro.

The Board passed a resolution to this effect Tuesday night on recommendation of Town Attorney L. J. Phipps, who noted that most other municipalities only required a six months residency.

If approved by the General Assembly in time, the bill will enable one challenger for a seat on the Board to stay in the race. He is realtor J. Gordon Fisher, who will have lived in the town only 11 months by the time of

the May 2 elections. Though he has been in business in Carrboro for two years, he previously lived outside the town limits.

The commissioners also discussed the pending annexation of a large northside suburban tract. Study of the cost of sewer and water line service to the area is being continued.

A half-acre plot adjoining some present town property off N. Greensboro St. was purchased by the town in connection with its extension of sewer line service to Hillcrest St. The commissioners agreed to try to obtain right-of-way for a sidewalk on the north side of W. Poplar St.

Voters approve school bond issue by margin of almost two-to-one

Voters of Orange County last Saturday approved the \$1.5 million school construction bond issue by a margin of almost two-to-one.

There were 2,836 ballots for the issue and 1,513 against. The poll total of 4,349 represented approximately 28 per cent of the 15,498 registered voters.

All 13 rural precincts voted against the proposal. However eight of the nine urban boxes—including all of Chapel Hill and Hillsboro, supported it. Carrboro went against the bonds — 253 to 198.

More than half the votes were cast in Chapel Hill's five precincts where the margin of support was better than eight-to-one. There 2,057 votes were marked "yes" and 263, "no"—and 88 per cent favorable rates.

The decision of the voters gives the county commissioners authority to issue bonds providing \$940,000 for construction in the Chapel Hill School System and \$660,000 in the County System, as previously agreed between the two school boards.

It's expected to bring a 10-cent increase in the current tax rate of \$.99 per \$100 valuation. The \$1.5 million issue is the first step in a projected \$5.1 million improvements program for the next decade. The plan calls for appropriating the remainder out of annual budgets at \$200,000 a year.

Carr explains school plans

County Superintendent of Education G. Paul Carr yesterday issued the following statement concerning last Saturday's county-wide school bond referendum:

"I am very pleased that the bond election passed.

"I am particularly pleased that the three precincts in Hillsboro approved it and regret that some of the other county precincts did not have a favorable majority.

"Many people have asked since the bond election when the building will be started. We are in the process of developing a curriculum for the new high school. As soon as that is completed, we will ask our educational consultants to develop educational specifications for the building to fit the curriculum.

"The architect will draw plans based on these educational specifications. It will be at least six months before we can start work on the new building."

Nine Orange pupils on UNC dean's list

Students of Orange County named to the Dean's list of the University are as follows:

Miss Evelyn Pauline Lloyd, Hillsboro; William Roger Bowerman, Gail Fambrough Thomas, Franklia Henley, Thomas Kelly Jr., Ann Curtis Spencer, William R. Straughn III, and Herman Thompson Jr., all of Chapel Hill and Jesse Ronald Oakley of Mebane.

Dean Cecil Johnson has announced the names of the above among 140 freshmen and sophomore university students who have received grades of "B" or higher and were enrolled for a minimum of 15 semester hours.

PRECINCT	Nov. 8		SCHOOL BOND VOTE		
	Registered	Total	For	Against	Voting
Caldwell	435	245	18	85	103
Cameron Pk.	552	503	102	68	170
Carr	249	192	13	48	61
Carrboro	1,789	1,344	199	253	451
Cedar Grove	335	256	50	90	140
Chapel Hill No. 1	1,265	1,033	277	64	341
C. H. No. 2	1,218	1,076	412	53	465
C. H. No. 3	1,627	1,500	513	31	544
C. H. No. 4	1,211	1,023	389	59	448
C. H. No. 5	1,365	1,235	466	56	522
Cheeks	759	499	10	59	70
Cole Store	264	184	26	32	58
Efland	698	444	30	85	115
Hillsboro	589	527	106	90	196
Orange Gr.	360	258	8	47	55
Patterson	333	225	22	59	81
St. Mary's	196	157	23	38	61
Tolar's	282	203	20	64	84
University	474	398	43	68	111
W. Hillsboro	1,075	906	85	67	152
White Cr.	412	307	25	96	121
Totals	15,498	12,515	2,837	1,512	4,349

Dewey King hired for surplus food job

The Orange County commissioners have formally agreed to participate in the state's program for distribution of federal government surplus foods.

Dewey King, Chapel Hill real estate agent, has been appointed commodity director in charge of distribution of the food stocks in this County. It is hoped that the program will get under way within two or three weeks, according to Commissioners Chairman Donald M. Stanford.

The supervisory job is expected to be a part-time proposition for Mr. King, according to the intention of the commissioners, who approved a \$150 monthly salary for the post.

County Welfare Superintendent Mrs. Creighton Bunn went to Raleigh on Tuesday to work out procedures for the program with the State Department of Agriculture's commodity director. She noted that the approximately 400 Orange County families, now getting welfare bene-

fits, and which include 946 persons, would be eligible to receive the monthly food parcels upon the filing of an application.

The current public assistance recipients will be sent an explanatory letter concerning the new program and may apply for it by return mail. Other persons desiring to get on the surplus food distribution list have been asked to apply at the Welfare Department in Hillsboro on Tuesdays or Thursdays beginning next week.

BINGO AT CALDWELL

The Caldwell community, through the local steering committee of the North Central Area Development Program, will sponsor a bingo party in the community center next Wednesday at 7:30 p.m. Prizes to be awarded winners of games will include a huge home-baked pound cake as a grand prize.

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