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THE NEWS_THURSDAY, MAY 11, 1961 \$38 per pupil budget also discussed ...

new board organized

Chapel Hill's municipal administration has been reorganized for the next two years with Joe Page being named interim member of the Board of Aldermen and Mrs. Harold Walters, Mayor Pro-Tem.

Newly-elected town officials took their oaths of office Monday night as retiring Mayor O. K. Cornwell turned over his duties to former Alderman Sandy Mc-Clamroch. Recorder's Court Judge William S. Stewart administered the oath for four-year terms to re-elected Aldermen Mrs. Walters, Paul Wager, and Hubert S. Robinson.

The New Board immediately and unanimously elected Page to fill out the remaining two years in Mayor McClamroch's term as alderman. Page, a downtown businessman and civic leader, is a long-time resident of Chapel Hill and placed fourth in the aldermanic elections recently in which three Board members were chosen. 1

Ask annexation

Residents of the Knolls development appeared before the board to again request annexation of their neighborhood to the municipality. Town Manager Thomas D. Rose was directed to make a new study of the area to determine the costs and tax revenue involved in such an annexation.

Elmer Oettinger, speaking for **Oakwood** Drive residents, asked for relief from a drainage problem resulting from the recent installation of curbing. The matter was turned over to the

Town Manager for action. The petition of Burlage Drive residents to have their street frontage curbed was granted.

The Board ordered that the practice of receiving and paying out non-support monies ordered by the local court, through the Clerk of Court's office be halted and referred it to the County Welfare Department as the appropriate agency to handle the matter. Seek cost figures

Specific information on right of-way costs for additional area needed in the Raleigh Road widening project was asked by the aldermen before they would agree to share any of the costs with the state.

Town Manager Rose announced that South Road and S. Columbia St. between South Rd. and downtown was to be re-surfaced by the State shortly. Tapered widening of the west side of Country Club Rd. in the block between South Rd. and Gimghoul Rd. was approved in keeping with the current widening of N. C. Hwy. 54 by the State. .

As Cornwell retires . . .

Mayor is given fishing outfitfor seeing all town 'angles'

"I hope we've made the Town the U-shaped Board of Aldermen a better place in which to live." With a few brief, sincere words retiring Chapel Hill Mayor O. K. Cornwell prepared to relin- order of business "from the quish his seat in the center of Streets, Cemetery, Finance, and

table on Monday night.

His honor was interrupted with a request to present a special Recreation Committees" by Al-

Aldermen tap Page; Controversy over county schools architect selection continuing

The long regime of Archie R. Davis as county school architect High School at Hillsborg.

As a result of the opposition the architect. Board for a second time postponed the architect's selection after a motion that would eliminate Davis from consideration for the job failed through lack of a second.

Citizens join Brown

Delmar Brown, Board member leading the fight on Davis, had the backing of some 10 to 12 Hillsboro area citizens, most of the architect and standards of school construction prior to the submission of the motion.

Following the failure of Brown's motion, Gordon Cleveland, board member from Chapel Hill, formally moved that the Board make further study, inspect more buildings and "perhaps" invite a number of architects to consult with the

board before making a selection. Davis has been the architect on continued under fire Tuesday all schools constructed in the night at a meeting of the Board County system since the war with of Education called to choose the the exception of the Carrboro architect for the new Orange school, where patrons put up a successful fight to use another

Reasons for opposition

Chief opposition to Davis seems to center around the wide variance in square-footage cost on buildings he has designed in the county, a general feeling on the part of some that the county is not getting the best job for its money, that lack of competition for the job has resulted in an inferior product, and a general whom joined in the discussion on dissatisfaction with some aspects of schools he has built in the County.

> A number of architects have expressed interest in the Orange County work since the fight on Davis began, it was reported.

In other actions the Board discussed several aspects of the new budget now being prepared, giving preliminary consideration to policies to be evolved in the light of the Commssioners' advice that the school budget should be prepared on the basis of \$38 per pupil and the increases which would fall on the county in the event the legislature adopts the "B" budget, or Sanford educational proposal;

architect in connection with the improvement of the appearance luncheon on Tuesday at 1 p.m. of the Cameron Park school and at the Carolina Inn on "Some set a time for meeting with him Personal Views of the Univernext Monday at 2 p.m.

the Editor KEEP WHITE CROSS OPEN The following letter was presented to the Orange County Board of Education at its meeting on Monday night. I believe a number of citizens in Orange County will give it a sympathetic reading. I have asked Dr. Ryan's permission to send you the letter.

Letters to

Charlotte Adams Chapel Hill

County Board of Education Chairman, Charles W. Stanford Dear Friends:

A number of us here in the Chapel Hill area are concerned over possible action with regard to the White Cross School. Would it not be possible to continue operation of this schooldesegregated, as the parents request?

As you know, of course, the Pearsall plan assures the right of communities to express their desires with respect to their own . schools.

> W. Carson Ryan Kenan Professor of Education Emeritus University of N. C.

GODFREY TO SPEAK

Dr. James L. Godfrey, Dean of Agreed to consult a landscape the Faculty of the University, will speak at the Faculty Club sity."

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