



READY FOR SEASON OPENER—The 1961 edition of the Hillsboro High School Wildcats, District III champions for the past two years, posed for this official photograph after last Thursday night's intra-squad game under the lights which was attended by over 700 local fans. The team opens the regular season tomorrow night when it entertains the Knights of Northern Durham High School at Orange Speedway Stadium.

Vandalism to highway signs costs public \$100,000 annually in North Carolina

The sharp clang of a rock smashing into a metal sign—the zing of a well-aimed bullet that finds its mark—the would-be artist who has found that a 3 in 35 can be changed very simply to an 8. These are some of the problems facing traffic engineers and sign supervisors in what has been termed an annual \$100,000 disgrace in North Carolina, according to Highway Department officials.

R. A. Burch, State Traffic Engineer estimates that each year \$100,000 is spent to replace roadside signs which have suffered severe damage at the hands of some unthinking youngster or older person who regards highway markers as nothing more than an object for target practice.

If such useless waste could be eliminated the same amount of money would harden more than five miles of secondary roads each year, replace one or more outmoded secondary road bridges or construct about a quarter of a mile of new four-laning.

Annually the various sign departments estimate they replace about a quarter of a million highway signs, 20% of which have been damaged beyond repair by rocks, bullets or bottles or by bending, stealing, breaking or painting.

Outright theft of signs has also been a problem over the years ever since some high school or college student thought a highway sign would look better on the wall of his room than out on

the road. Happily, according to Burch and others, this expression of adolescence seems to be on the wane but has by no means disappeared. Sometimes theft of signs can take on enormous proportions.

Not long ago field forces of the Highway Department came on what seemed to be a whole truckload of highway signs in a remote, wooded area near White Lake. Carelessly thrown about on the ground or tacked to nearby trees were roadside markers, not only from North Carolina but from Virginia and South Carolina as well. The culprit or culprits had a yen for travel and collected trophies from points as far away as a hundred miles and toted them back to this secluded "graveyard" where they might be enjoyed at leisure.

Missing signs pose the most serious problem for sign men because it is easy to overlook a spot where a sign should be and for this reason the marker may go unnoticed for days or even weeks. Such thefts also create hazards for drivers. The unsuspecting motorist may run up on a dangerous curve, bad grade or dangerous intersection with no forewarning. Accidents with resultant property damage, personal injury or even death have been caused by such lack of adequate warnings.

Most common damage to signs comes from rocks, pop bottles and bullets which dent or pierce the sign face. A pop bottle thrown from a fast moving car may have more than a 75 MPH

impact against the face of a metal or wooden sign. Broken glass at the base or even on the roadway itself stands as mute evidence that a prankster has tested his aim and found it true at the expense of the North Carolina taxpayer. Chances are that his accuracy cost \$15.00 or more to say nothing of replacing the damaged marker.

North Carolina has long-standing laws to the effect that any person who willfully defaces, damages or removes signs shall be guilty of a misdemeanor but

Town Classes fall program is announced

Students from 14 cities and towns across North Carolina, and from five colleges have already chosen Town Classes Secretarial College in Chapel Hill and will enter Fall Semester classes, which begin Sept. 15.

Counselors are available daily from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. to discuss career selections and other guidance problems with prospective students, and parents prior to registration.

Robert M. Wells, College Vice President, stated that recent announcements concerning industrial expansion within the area had resulted in an increased interest in secretarial, accounting and allied business training.

Classes are scheduled from 8 a.m. to 1:15 p.m., five days per week. A nine-month stenographic and a 12-month secretarial program will be offered, leading to the following positions: sten-

apprehension of the guilty party is difficult and conviction even rarer.

rapher, bookkeeper, secretary, payroll clerks, dictaphone and office machine operators. A few vacancies exist in both programs.

Jayettes to present first fall fashion show

The Chapel Hill Jayettes will hold their first annual Fall Fashion Show at the Carolina Inn ballroom on Saturday, Sept. 16.

Seven Jayettes will serve as models during the fashion show that begins at 2 p.m.

Tickets for the show are on sale at J. B. Robbins Andrews-Henninger, Town and Campus, Fireside, Belks, The Youth Center, and Junior Wardrobe. Tickets may also be purchased from any Jayette and at the door the day of the show.

Hair-styles of all the models will be done by La Marick Beauty Salon. The children of the Jayettes will model in the fashion show, and refreshments will be served during the show.

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