

# Power line easement suits are to be heard next week; no route change anticipated

Discussion at a two-hour public hearing last Thursday made it apparent that Duke Power Company's new 100,000-volt power transmission line is going to come into Chapel Hill along its originally-planned Morgan Creek route.

Condemnation hearings on Morgan Creek area land over which the utility firm seeks easement are scheduled for next Wednesday before court-appointed commissioners in Hillsboro.

But it is now obvious that the Power Company will not change its plans for the Chapel Hill end of the new line from Research Triangle Park unless the current litigation goes against them. Seven property owners have refused the company the right to cross their land and Duke has instituted condemnation lawsuits under its state-granted power of eminent domain.

The hearing last Thursday night was held under auspices of the Board of Aldermen to publicly receive reports on possible alternate routes for the line from the Research Triangle Planning Commission and from Duke Power Co. itself.

However, at the end of lengthy and heated discussion of a number of different routes, W. I. Ward, attorney for Duke, de-

clared in answer to a question that his firm would not consider any alternate route while the current condemnation lawsuits were in litigation.

About 100 persons were present, most of them property owners in the Morgan Creek and Mt. Carmel areas that would be directly affected by the various proposed routes. The Mt. Carmel residents bitterly opposed all moves to alter the route to bring it any closer to their neighborhood.

There was a good deal of discussion about running the lines underground—a procedure that the Duke attorney estimated would cost 10 times the average over-land cost of \$20,000 a mile. A number of Morgan Creek area residents pressed for further consideration of this idea.

However on Monday the attorney for several of them, Gordon Battle of Chapel Hill, released a letter to the Town Board in which he reported on a conference held Friday with an engineer for the State Utilities Commission in Raleigh.

The latter told him, Mr. Battle declared, that underground

construction costs would be six to 10 times higher, maintenance costs greater, and that it would be unfair to the rate structure to expect the Power Company to bear this expense for the benefit of a small area.

Mr. Battle did not so state in his letter, but it appeared that he was not going to pursue this campaign further in behalf of his clients.

### GRANT TO UNC DEPARTMENT

The National Science Foundation has awarded a grant of \$38,000 to the University Department of Geology and Geography to conduct an Institute in Earth Sciences from June 7-July 17. The period of the institute coincides with the University's regular summer school and is open to 38 junior and senior high school teachers to improve the subject matter competence of the teachers.

What we need is the prayer of fervent desire for growth in grace, expressed in patience, meekness, love, and good deeds.  
—Mary Baker Eddy

## Vets insurance rider purchase being offered

More than three million veterans holding National Service Life Insurance (NSLI) still have the opportunity of buying a low cost total disability income rider for their GI policies.

This rider was first offered to veterans in November of 1958. Since that time nearly 800,000 of the 4.5 million policyholders eligible have applied for the rider, J. D. DeRamus, manager, Veterans Administration Regional Office, Winston-Salem, said today.

Those policyholders who have bought this rider and who become totally disabled from any cause before age 60 and while their rider is in effect will receive a monthly income of \$10 for each \$1,000 face value of their policies.

Payments will continue for the duration of the disability regardless of its length, Mr. DeRamus pointed out.

However, the rider ceases to exist after age 60 and no payment is made for disabilities incurred after that age.

The premium cost of the rider varies with the policyholder's age, type of policy and its face amount.

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## Walter Allen's group study is published

An article on "Number of Letters in Cicero's Correspondence" in the new issue of "The Classical Bulletin," published by St. Louis University, was written by Walter Allen, Jr., UNC professor of Latin, and his Cicero seminar:

Robert J. Barnett, Jr., William Franklin Boggess, Theodore Crane, Jr., Kathleen Ann Dempsey, Katherine Harelsca, Richard C. Jensen, William C. Kurth, Margaret MacQueen, B. L. Rickenbacker, Jr., Harry E. Whitelock, John E. Ziolkowski.

"Until now," the article begins, "a wise professor would not at an oral examination ask the candidate for the number of Cicero's Epistulae, for the professor could not be himself certain of the answer. The question has likewise plagued generations of graduate students who have come across the results of various calculations in the handbooks."

The difficulties are due to the manner in which the letters were transmitted in the manuscripts. Some are wrongly divided or combined, and it has caused scholars much trouble to set matters straight. It is also troublesome to decide how to count the letters that Cicero sent as enclosures with his own.

Dr. Allen and the seminar decided that there are about 870 letters in the traditional numbering, of which 788 are by Cicero, 70 are to Cicero, and 12 are neither by nor to Cicero. The full count, employing the subdivisions and combinations of the letters in modern texts, is likely to be about 940.

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