

**In Democratic balloting . . .**

# Primary vote of over 7,500 seen

Upwards of 7,500 persons are expected to go to the polls in the Orange County Democratic primary election this Saturday.

In addition a total of 1,353 Republicans will be eligible to vote in the District Congressional and U. S. Senatorial primary election. An extraordinarily high proportion of the 5,895 persons eligible to vote in the Chapel Hill School District tax increase referendum are expected to cast ballots on this hotly contested issue. Some sources have predicted this total would run well above the 5,000 mark, since an all-new registration was necessary for this referendum, as well as for all voters in the new 12-precinct set-up for Chapel Hill Township.

The polls in all 25 precincts of Orange County will be open from 6:30 a. m. until 6:30 p. m. as usual. Elections Board Chairman Sam Latta issued the customary appeal for voters to go to the polls early in order to prevent the possibility of late-hour confusion.

Major interest in the balloting will center on the two elections which will be on the county Democratic Primary Ballot. One is between Dick Cooper of Burlington and Roy Cole of Chapel Hill for nomination as District 10-A Solicitor. In the other, the six candidates for nomination to four-year terms as county commissioner are Carl Smith, Clarence D. Jones, Donald McDade, Gor-

don Cleveland, Henry S. Walker, and Lee Kennedy.

All have been campaigning vigorously throughout the county via handshaking, speaking, and advertising. Democratic party and election officials alike declined to speculate on the chances of the candidates, except to state that they felt the commissioner races would be close. They said the same concerning the prospects for authorization of an increase in the Chapel Hill School District supplementary tax election. The only other election to be held Saturday will be a Democratic primary nomination contest for Chapel Hill Township Constable in which incumbent Vernon Burch is being challenged by Carrboro service station operator Jan Martin Pinney.

There are a total of 12,589 voters presently registered in the County — 11,076 Democrats, 1,353 Republicans, and 170 independents. In the last county-wide Democratic primary — that of May, 1958 — there were 12,712 Democrats registered, out of which 4,718 voted.

The new figures show 6,208 voters in Chapel Hill Township

where the complete re-registration has just been held and 6,381 in the other 13 precincts of the County. Within these totals there are 5,320 Democrats registered in Chapel Hill Township and 5,756 in the rest of the County.

### Call The News for the results . . .

*In keeping with its established custom The News office in Carrboro will be open this Saturday night to receive and give out election returns by telephone.*

*Persons who wish this information may call The News office, 968-4444 any time after 7 p. m. until the final returns are in.*

*Precinct registrars are asked to have the results of various contests telephoned to The News immediately as they are tabulated. In northern Orange County the results should be called in to the sheriff's office, 2675 Hillsboro.*

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Chapel Hill Township	School District	Democrats	Repub.	Ind. & No par	Precinct Totals
	North Carrboro	517	425	83	9
South Carrboro	742	627	102	15	744
Country Club	596	540	54	11	605
Dogwood Acres	303	257	52	7	316
East Franklin	630	561	64	6	641
Estes Hills	569	485	82	2	569
Glenwood	585	509	104	5	618
Kings Mill	375	311	63	1	375
Northside	806	730	89	7	826
Westwood	644	567	82	4	653
Cole's Store	21	127	21		148
Patterson	107	181	14	1	196
<b>SUB-TOTAL</b>	<b>5,895</b>	<b>5,320</b>	<b>810</b>	<b>78</b>	<b>6,208</b>
Caldwell		341	46	5	392
Carr		213	14	7	234
Cedar Grove		317	9	4	330
Cheeks		612	152	16	780
Efland		651	25	1	677
<b>Hillsboro</b>					
Cameron Park		564	17	4	585
Hillsboro		562	21		583
West Hillsboro		1,035	53	11	1,099
Orange Grove		258	64	11	333
St. Mary's		172	26	4	202
Tolar's		267	12	5	284
White Cross		326	57	19	402
University		428	47	5	480
<b>SUB-TOTAL</b>		<b>5,756</b>	<b>543</b>	<b>92</b>	<b>6,381</b>
<b>GRAND TOTAL</b>		<b>11,076</b>	<b>1,353</b>	<b>170</b>	<b>12,589</b>

### Human relations body discusses rec staff

The Chapel Hill Human Relations Commission discussed the pending reduction of the staff at the Negro Community Center during its meeting Tuesday night.

Previously Center Director Miss Lucille Caldwell has had a staff assistant during the summer. Dr. William Joyner, Commission Chairman, was asked to contact the Chapel Hill Recreation Commission to find out why this person wasn't being retained this coming summer.

The Commission also discussed a Tuesday afternoon traffic accident on S. Merritt Mill Rd. in Carrboro and the hazardous conditions existing on this road, so heavily traveled by Lincoln School pupils. There was also a discussion of the need to have an overgrown lot adjoining the Negro Community Center cleared off.

### Housing body adopts bylaws, picks officers

The permanent organization of the Chapel Hill Public Housing Authority was approved by that group on Monday.

In adopting a set of by-laws the five-member Authority voted to meet monthly the first Monday at 8 p.m. in the Chapel Hill Town Hall. Dr. Sidney Chipman was elected Vice-Chairman and Mrs. Robert Mace, Temporary Secretary. William Cherry was appointed Chairman by Mayor Sandy McClamroch who named the members of the group. A full-time Executive Secretary who would not be a voting member of the body would replace Mrs. Mace after the Authority gets its projects started.

During the meeting various public housing programs were discussed. The members decided to file an application for preliminary planning funds with the federal government, and ask persons from the Federal Housing Authority to come to present their programs. Next Tuesday the Authority will make an informal inspection visit of the Durham public housing projects.

### It was SRO at the courthouse . . .

## Big crowd hears zoning proposal blasted at 'antis' last meeting

There was no S.R.O. sign in evidence, but "standing room only" was the situation at the courthouse Monday night when the Orange County zoning opposition committee held its final public meeting of a series aimed at defeating a proposed county-wide zoning act now under consideration.

Some 275 to 300 people crowded into the 250-seat courtroom to hear Max Kennedy, the committee chairman, explain the purpose of the meeting and the background of the opposition committee's efforts. They heard Durham lawyer Blackwell "Dog" Brogden in a stinging indictment of the zoning ordinance as proposed in Orange County and as it has operated in Durham. The meeting followed the same pattern as those held previously in other parts of the county.

Brogden charged that zoning is killing Durham and said the only purpose for zoning in Orange County was "to grab for more control." He advised his listeners they had two alternatives to kill the zoning proposal: Exerting pressure on the County Commissioners, and/or having their legislator pass legislation exempting the County from the

application of the state-wide act. Kennedy in his remarks said his group would not oppose application of an alternate N. C. law which permits communities to zone on petition where there is as many as 10 landowners, with 640 acres of land and a tax valuation of \$100,000 or more.

Following a question and answer period commissioner candidates present were encouraged to state their positions on the matter. County Commissioner candidate Carl Smith issued a strong endorsement of the anti-zoning efforts and said his opposition to

the zoning proposal pre-dated the formation of the committee opposition. Incumbent Commissioner Clarence D. Jones, also a candidate, explained that the County Commissioners had set the planning machinery in motion following petitions from the Grange organization in Orange County. Fellow incumbent and candidate Henry Walker in later remarks tended to confirm this, citing minutes of the County Board. Candidates Donald McDade and Mrs. Josephine Barbour were also present but did not speak.

## Check shows Smith didn't vote; he again declares that he did

Whether or not county commissioner candidate Carl Smith voted in last fall's \$62 million state-wide bond referendum has become a controversial issue in his campaign.

A citizen has cited voting records to challenge Mr. Smith's statement that he voted and voted for the issues in the referendum. The News yesterday checked the official records and these showed that he did not.

Questioned about the matter again by The News last night, Mr. Smith stated simply that he could not dispute the records, but that he did indeed vote in the referendum.

The difference occurred during a question period at the League of Women Voters candidates meeting earlier this month in Chapel Hill. All commissioner candidates were asked if they voted and how they voted on the state-wide bond referendum last fall.

Mr. Smith stated that he voted

for the issues. A woman stood up and challenged him on this statement. "The record shows you did not vote in that election," she declared.

In reply Mr. Smith said "The record is wrong. I did vote. If you have any argument with the registrar this is not the time and place to take it up."

Inasmuch as there was a disagreement on a matter of fact in this instance, The News checked the registration and poll books for the old Chapel Hill Precinct No. Four for the state-wide bond referendum, held last Nov. 7 to see what they showed.

In that election as in all elections under jurisdiction of the County Board of Elections, it was necessary for a voter's name first to be checked by the registrar in the precinct registration book.

The registration book shows that Mr. Smith voted in almost

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### School Board okays Estes Hills wing plans

The Chapel Hill School Board on Monday night approved the rough plans for a 12-classroom \$150,000 addition to the Estes Hills Elementary School.

Board Chairman Dr. J. Kempton Jones said he hoped a contract for the project could be let by July 1 and the job completed by the end of this year. The plans were drawn by City Plan-

ning and Architectural Associates of Chapel Hill to generally conform to the style of the existing 12-classroom building.

The addition will include six primary grade classrooms on the same level as the existing building and six upper grade classrooms on the lower level playground to the rear of the build-

ing, thus taking advantage of the terrain and eliminating the need for excavation. A teachers lounge will be included in the construction.

On Monday night the Board also approved preliminary plans for renovations to be carried out at Northside School this summer.