

Transfer requests to be accepted through July 30 . . .

## New Chapel Hill pupil assignment regulations are published today

Pupil assignments for the coming school year were legally published in the Chapel Hill newspapers today.

They appear in full on Page 10, Section II, of this issue of The News. In substance the new policy, as adopted by the Board on July 9, continues the previous assignment policies with two exceptions:

(1) All pupils through grade six are assigned on the basis of geographical attendance areas; and (2) the borders of these areas are considerably changed for the coming year with the opening of the new Frank Graham School.

Outlines of the territories covered by each school are included

in the published statement of the Board's regulations. A map showing these five attendance areas is posted in the office of Superintendent of Schools Howard Thompson in the Chapel Hill High School.

Parents who wish to seek re-assignment for their children from those made by virtue of the publication today of these regulations may do so any time during the next 10 days, or through Monday, July 30. Application forms for such re-assignments are available in the superintendent's office.

The only grounds upon which such requests will be granted, according to the adopted regulations, are: (1) when a child

would be required to attend a school where a majority of the pupils were of another race; (2) when a child would have to attend a school which previously served principally children of another race; or (3) when the pupil would be attending a school different from the one other members of his family had been assigned for the coming school year.

The new attendance area boundaries will automatically desegregate both white and Negro pupils. School officials have estimated that about 80 Negro pupils are in this manner assigned to dominantly white schools, and an un-designated number of white pupils to the two dominantly Negro schools—Northside and Frank Graham.

Last year 12 white children were similarly assigned to the Northside School. Under similar re-assignment regulations at that time the Board granted transfer requests in behalf of all of them to dominantly white schools.

## Action on demurrer is seen in anti-fluoridation lawsuit

State Assistant Attorney General James Bullock said in Raleigh this week that he is proceeding toward action in the civi- lity from fluoridating the Chapel Hill public water supply. A lawsuit to prevent the Uni-

versity lawsuit brought by Manning Simons of Chapel Hill was filed by the University late last year. Mr. Bullock said he was preparing the University's case for a hearing on the demurrer.

However, he said he could not state whether or not his case on this motion would be ready for a hearing at the civil term of Orange County Superior Court in September. If the demurrer were sustained it would close the case, pending a probable appeal by the complainant. If it were not granted the next likely step would be for the University to file an answer to the 57 main charges in the case and to proceed with the trial.

Earlier this month the Executive Committee of the UNC Board of Trustees gave unanimous approval to the University administration's previous decision to proceed with fluoridation. Mr. Bullock said this was done to answer one of the charges brought by Simons in his lawsuit.

## Billy Arthur opening store here today

Billy Arthur today opened his hobby, crafts, and selected toy center in Eastgate Shopping Center, Chapel Hill.

Operating under the name of Billy Arthur, Inc., the store features "over 1,000 hobby and craft items for all ages," according to Mr. Arthur, the diminutive and peppery proprietor.

Free gifts offered for the grand opening event include exotic fish "as long as they last, by the pair, to adults"; gliders and other gifts for children; and a registration for drawing of more than two-dozen prizes.

The store is billed as the largest and most complete hobby and craft center in the south. In the stock are models, decorator projects, artists' ceramics and sculpture materials for all levels of skill, exotic tropical fish, collector items, science games and projects, and raceways and racing sets.

The 2,500-square-foot store is owned and operated by Mr. and Mrs. Arthur. He has been publicity director for the Morehead Planetarium.

On the staff are David Neville, Susan Patterson, and Wilbur Todd. As time permits, Miss Sarah Umstead will also work with the new store, Mr. Arthur said.

The firm is a member of the Hobby Industry Association of America. Demonstrations and instruction classes as well as contests for all ages will begin soon, he said.

"We're not a toy store as such but we do have a good line of selected educational toys," said Mr. Arthur. "We have made a sincere effort to make this establishment one of which Chapel Hill and all North Carolina will be proud."

## County to get bids Monday on revaluation

Orange County's tentatively-adopted \$2,188,000 budget for 1962-63 is scheduled for final adoption by the county commissioners in a special meeting next Tuesday.

To date no significant changes are planned in the schedule of appropriations and revenue as earlier adopted, according to commissioners chairman Donald Stanford.

Also at their meeting next Tuesday the commissioners will open bids on tax mapping of the Chapel Hill zoning district and on the complete re-appraisal of all county property for tax purposes, which is to be carried out next year.

## Late try to disqualify Chapel Hill entry at beauty pageant revealed

A last-minute back-stage attempt was made last Saturday night to disqualify Miss Chapel Hill, first runner-up for the title of Miss North Carolina in the statewide beauty pageant at Charlotte.

The situation, now well known in several garbled versions across the state by members of the sponsoring Jaycee organization, came about after a former Miss Chapel Hill, Joanne Aldridge, went to pageant officials and made a number of allegations about Dorcas Elena Henley, who won the local beauty title last spring.

Miss Aldridge, now a field director for the N. C. Heart Association, was Miss Chapel Hill of 1957 when she was a graduate student and teacher at the University.

Asked about the matter last night, Miss Aldridge said she went to the pageant chairman in Charlotte last Saturday and suggested he "check into the credentials and some other pertinent things" about the current Miss Chapel Hill.

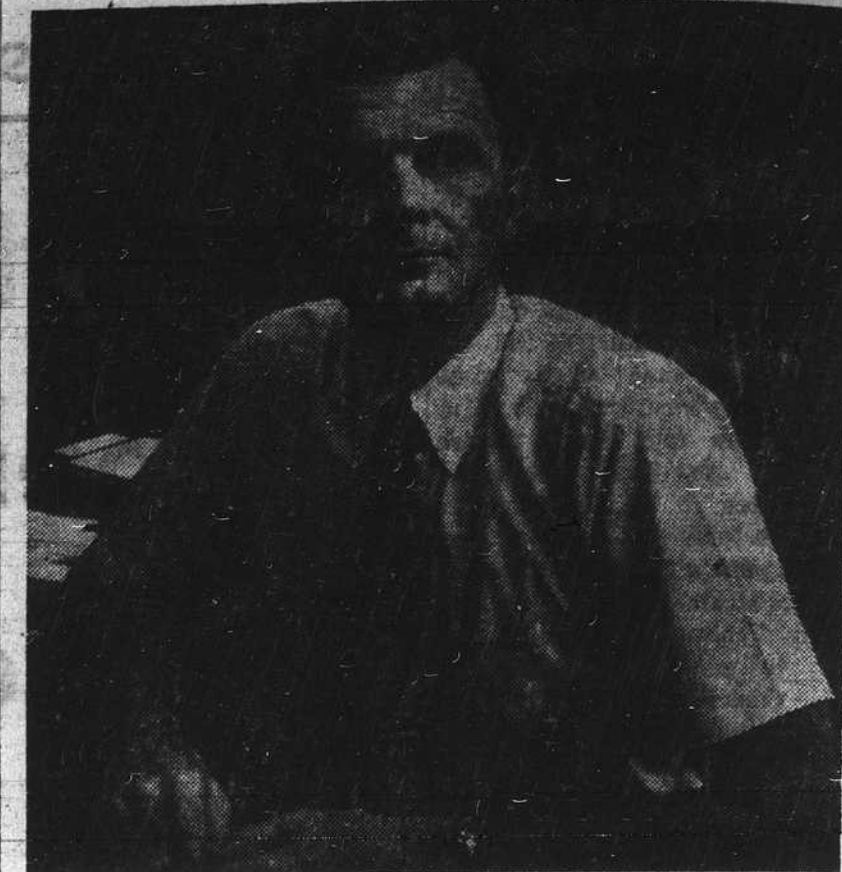
Local persons accompanying Miss Henley to the week-long beauty pageant in Charlotte said they were told by pageant officials that the charges included allegations that Miss Henley did not comply with local residence requirements for the pageant and additional statements that reflected on her character.

They said they were told that the charges had been disproven and that the allegations would not affect their judgment of Miss Henley in the pageant.

However, the circumstances surrounding the very peculiar transmitting of the charges to the judges, and the matter of their being aired only at a late hour during the pageant are yet the subject of considerable controversy here. It has been alleged, too, that the statements made to the judges were slanderous as such.

The News has learned that there is a serious possibility of legal action in connection with these allegations.

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HOWARD THOMPSON

## Special meeting is set for local school board

The Chapel Hill School Board will meet for luncheon on Tuesday will have a special get-acquainted session with new Superintendent Howard Thompson next Monday evening at 7:30 in the high school building.

Although he has met with the Board several times previously, Dr. Thompson formally assumed his duties only on Monday of this week. At the same time Monday the Board will also discuss progress of several building projects. Among these will be the junior high school now under construction beside Estes Hills School; the nearly complete Frank Graham Elementary School; the pending addition of 12 classrooms at Estes Hills School; and renovations at Northside and Lincoln Schools.

In addition some discussion is expected on a proposed auction of the downtown school property. The Chapel Hill Board of Realtors has offered its services free in working out arrangements for such a sale. The realtors and school board members

## Northern bypass link meeting re-scheduled before school board

The previously-scheduled July 23 meeting in Carrboro on construction of a northside bypass link will be held with the Chapel Hill School Board at its meeting Monday night.

That meeting will be held at 7:30 in the Chapel Hill High School Library. Carrboro Town Clerk R. B. Todd said the meeting was changed from Carrboro so that the school board officials could meet with interested Chapel Hill and Carrboro citizens and officials.

The Carrboro Town Board has been seeking an improved access to the Chapel Hill Junior High School, now being constructed on Estes Drive. Such a roadway is proposed on the tentatively-adopted Chapel Hill Thoroughfare Plan, linking Pleasant Drive in Carrboro to the Umstead Drive-Elkin High area.

## W. Hill man shoots self in shoulder

A West Hillsboro man shot himself in the left shoulder about midnight Monday in an alleged suicide attempt.

Kenneth Conklin, about 40, an employee of a Durham drug store, was carried to Watts Hospital where his condition has been described as "not serious."

According to Sheriff's Deputies who investigated the incident, a 22 caliber rifle was used in the attempt. They quoted Conklin's wife as saying he had been in a depressed condition recently.

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