

# Morris Telephone merger is proposed to its stockholders

The merger of Morris Telephone Co., which serves Hillsboro and the northern half of Orange County, along with Roxboro and Yanceyville, with a large mid-west utility corporation may be effected at a meeting of stockholders scheduled for Monday, Aug. 20 in Roxboro.

Notice of the meeting has been received by local stockholders along with information of the proposal of Western Gas and Electric Corporation to exchange two and one-half shares of its stock for each share of Morris Telephone stock. Western's subsidiary, Central Telephone, would be operating agency in the event of the merger.

### Plan improvements

It is understood that the merger proposal to be acted upon by the stockholders will include plans for future development of the company and improvements contemplated to serve the company's area. Morris has exchanges at Hillsboro and Prospect Hill which serve the rural areas of northern Or-

ange.

**Alternate plans for additional financing, including a plan for REA loans, to modernize and provide additional facilities will also be presented, according to one spokesman.**

The Company was founded by the Morris family in Roxboro almost 50 years ago and members of the family have retained a major share of control through the years, although more recently publicly owned shares constitute a majority of ownership.

Central Telephone operates in Mt. Airy and several other communities in North Carolina, as well as in other areas of the country as far distant as Reno, Nevada.

# County School Board weighs full Orange High site plan

## Historical Society buys 1768 Wm. Read house

The Hillsborough Historical Society has purchased the remains of the old William Read house, which dates back to 1768 and was known as the "still" house.

The Society expects to restore a portion of it as a headquarters building near the site of the Regulators' Graves on the Cameron Park School property.

A request for location of the house on school property was submitted to the County School Board Monday by Dr. Charles Blake.

The school authorities

agreed to the proposal "in principle" but suggested that approval of the Board of Commissioners also be obtained and a legal document be drawn setting forth in detail conditions of the agreement.

The "still" house derived its name from the business of the early owner who was the licensed distiller of the community. The front rooms of the house are said to contain valuable and beautiful old wood. Destruction and removal of the remainder of the house had begun when it was bought by the Society.

A plan for developing the entire 100-acre site of the New Orange High School, now under construction, was presented to the County School Board Monday by Landscape Architect Richard Bell.

The Board engaged in brief discussion, but asked Mr. Bell to return to another meeting set for August 27 at 10 a. m. to present the plans with some revisions.

No action was taken on a proposal to install an underground electrical service to the school, pending further investigation.

### Approve budget

Formal action approving the budget as finally drafted by the Commissioners was taken and a contract was awarded to Montgomery Green & Co. for new lunchroom equipment for Hillsboro High School in the amount of \$3,463.22.

**Applications for transfer of the following students to Chapel Hill schools were approved provided they provide their own transportation:**

Ann Stokes Branson, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Donald A. Branson; Marie Dale Lloyd, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Roy Lloyd; Carl Brady Lloyd, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Paul B. Lloyd; and Robert Earl Riley, son of Mr. and Mrs. Alton Riley, all of Route 1, Chapel Hill.

### Hire teachers

Appointment of the following teachers new to the system was approved by the board: Mrs. Blanche Kammer Monroe to West Hillsboro; Miss Olethea Ann Smith, Mrs. Mabel C. Martin, Mrs. Helen Davis Newton, and Miss Christine Artis to Central School; and Mrs. Margaret H. Roberts to Cedar Grove School.

**No action was taken on a request by the Rev. and Mrs. Charles W. Coats for the transfer of their daughter, Vickie Lynn, from Caldwell to Cameron Park.**

Decision was made to receive bids for fire insurance coverage on county school property at a meeting to be held on Sept. 11 at 8 o'clock. State Insurance Division of the Department of Public Instruction has carried local school insurance for a number of years.

roads sentence, suspended on payment of costs and three years probation.

Howard Larry Duncan Jr., breaking, entering, and larceny; 12 months roads sentence.

Charles Hooker Butler; disorderly conduct; \$25 and costs. Haywood Whitted; larceny (three charges); 12 months roads sentence, suspended on payment of costs and three years probation.

Mack Ray Wall; reckless driving; \$100 and costs.

Lee Torain; driving drunk; 60 days roads sentence, suspended on payment of \$100 and costs by Oct. 1, 1962.

Herbert Lee Gupton; driving while license suspended; nol pros granted.

Walter Duke; public drunkenness; nol pros.

A. M. Jackson; speeding; costs.

William Edward Camden; escape; six months additional sentence.

Jerry K. Jones; escape; six months additional sentence.

# Street paving work planned at Hillsboro

Three street paving projects were approved by the Hillsboro town board at its monthly meeting Tuesday night. Request was made that the work be done by the State Highway Commission on contract with the use of Powell Bill funds.

The streets slated for paving are: West Orange from Wake to N. Oconeechee; N. Oconeechee from West Union to West Orange; and W. Tryon extension from the end of the present paving to Oconeechee.

### 222 tickets paid off . . .

## Parking cases against lawyer are not prosessed

Parking violation charges against a Chapel Hill attorney were not prosessed in Orange County Superior Court this week after the defendant paid off \$222 in delinquent one-dollar parking tickets in Chapel Hill.

Three parking violation cases involving unpaid parking tickets dating back to September 25, 1959, were involved. Solicitor Ike Andrews told Judge Hamilton Hobgood he recommended prosecution be dropped in the cases after the defendant, lawyer W. Harold Edwards, presented a receipt showing he had that day cleared all parking ticket obligations to the town.

One case was an appeal of a \$10 fine imposed by the Chapel Hill Recorder's Court on Aug. 26, 1960 for parking violations. It had been continued through seven consecutive quarterly terms of superior court prior to settlement this week. The other two cases were for parking over the allowed time twice last November. Both those cases were transferred from the Recorder's Court to superior court for trial at the request of the lower court solicitor.

Decision was made to install new T-2 type lights on King St. and Hillsboro Avenue to replace old type lighting units.

Approval was given also to purchase of a two-way radio unit for the town police car to tie into the Sheriff department communication system.

An ordinance pertaining to closing hours for local clubs and entertainment spots was discussed as result of complaints about the Key Club, a night spot on the northern edge of town.

Another meeting was scheduled at 7:30 p. m. on Aug. 21 to consider the latest draft of a zoning ordinance prepared by the Orange County Planning Board.

## Over \$10,000 spent last year by Red Cross

John T. Wettach, Treasurer of the Chapel Hill Chapter of the American Red Cross, has presented his report for the past fiscal year to July 1, 1962.

Expenses incurred by salaries, administration, home service, nursing services, volunteer service, the Junior Red Cross, and first aid and water safety were \$6,544.20. The sum given to the National Red Cross was \$3,600, bringing the total expense to \$10,144.20.

The Chapel Hill Chapter derives all its funds from donations given during the annual Community Chest Drive. The last independent fund drive in the Spring of 1961 netted the Red Cross \$8,817.55.

Miss Emily Pollard, Chairman of Entertainment and Supply at the Veterans Hospital in Durham, reported the activities of her committee at the recently held Red Cross Executive Committee meeting.

She said the entertainment

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## 'Victim of quality education' is sentenced on incest charge

A "victim of quality education" was given a five to seven-year prison term on charges of incest after pleading nolo contendere in Orange County Superior Court.

Judge Hamilton Hobgood passed the sentence on Augusta (Gus) Faucette of Chapel Hill, charged with having attempted to have sexual relations with his 12-year-old daughter. The 47-year-old Negro defendant initially pleaded not guilty to the offense. But after the hearing of half-whispered, half-mumbled, and monosyllabic testimony from the girl, and the reading of a purported confession, the plea was changed to no contest.

Defense attorney Bonner D. Sawyer dwelled on the signed confession paper in his argument to the judge. He said that Faucette, father of seven, was "a victim of quality education" in that he had learned to write his own name, and that was about all. The attorney attempted to convince the court that Faucette did not realize fully what he was doing in signing a statement admitting to the assault on his daughter at their home last June 9.

The chief prosecuting witness, 12-year-old Louvenia Faucette reluctantly gave testimony in

the case. It was brought out through questioning by Solicitor Ike Andrews that her father had threatened her if she told of his acts, and that he allegedly beat her last Saturday because she had told.

Time and again the court officials vainly pleaded with the girl to speak louder. Jurymen admitted they heard much of the testimony only second hand. The court reporter, even though leaning on the witness stand to hear better, said several times she couldn't hear. Finally the trial was recessed briefly for the solicitor to talk to his witness and try to get her to speak louder.

Under cross-examination from the defense attorney she finally did so.

Her testimony and the confession statement presented by Sheriff's Deputy Paul Cook brought out that Faucette, in their own home, threw her down, pulled off her clothes, and unsuccessfully attempted to rape her although she did not resist. A week before, she said, he had made a similar attempt.

According to confession statement read by the officer the girl was slightly penetrated. The father told investigators his daughter was running around with boys and he was simply trying to find out about this.

## Other cases on court docket:

Among other cases disposed of by the high court to date this week were the following:

Divorces — uncontested, on two years' separation — Ike Mincey from Lona Mae Isaacs Mincey, Audrey Ann McGhee from John Davis McGhee, John H. Pratt from Cora P. Pratt, and Edna Thacker from Robert Garland Thacker.

James E. Sinclair, non-support, six months suspended sentence invoked.

James E. Thomas, public drunkenness, forcible trespass, driving after license revoked; 30 days roads sentence suspended on three years good behavior and payment of costs.

Robert Keeter, assault on a female, case dismissed.

Andrew Arger; manslaughter; nol pros granted; improper pass-

ing; \$25 and costs.

Austin A. Kyles; speeding 100; \$50 and costs.

Wilbur Berry Baldwin, reckless driving, \$50 and costs.

H. Ross Norwood; stop sign violation; costs.

James W. Dimmick; reckless driving; \$100 and costs.

Charlie Lee Atwater; illegal possession of non-tax paid whiskey for sale (four charges); 12 months roads sentences, to run concurrently.

Roy Lee Merritt; disposing of mortgaged property; nol pros granted.

James F. McCormick and Robert G. Ellington; larceny of auto; 12 months roads sentence, suspended on payment of costs and three years probation.

Willie James Yeldock; larceny of motor vehicles; 12 months