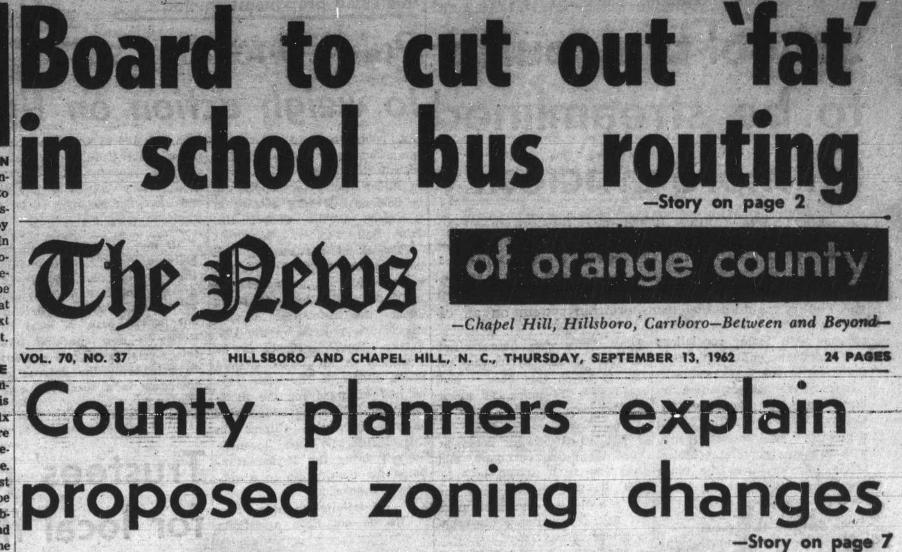
Orange Pealings

OUT OF SEVERAL DOZEN IN rem tax sale cases the County Tax Collector has set up to date, only one parcel of real estate has actually been bought by a private owner at auction. In that case, it is reported, the total amount bid, plus all the delinguent taxes that had to be paid, just about equaled what the land was worth. The next such auction sale will be Sept. 90

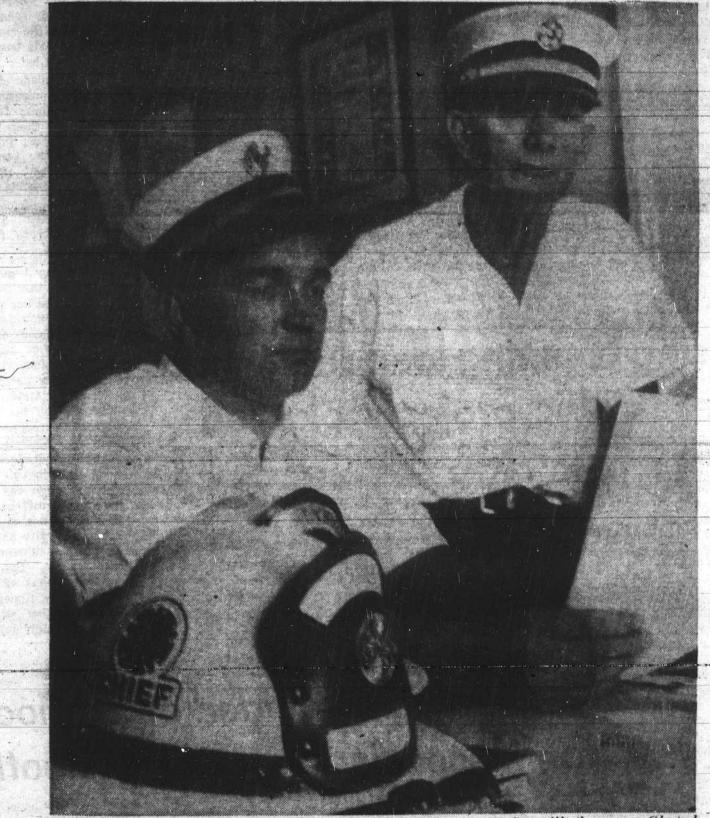
TAX COLLECTOR ORTENSE Dickson said almost all delinquents pay up before the sale is held. The law requires a six months waiting period before the county can advertise tax-delinquent real property for sale. And then, only property at least 18 months delinquent may be sold. However, a buyer can obtain a clear title to this land when it's sold at auction if he pays up all taxes due. This lengthy process has been started now on several hundred delinquents, and tax auction sales will be held at regular intervals just as fast as tax officials can procoss these cases, Mrs. Dickson says.

THERE HAS NOT TO DATE been a single applicant for reassignment to another school in Chapel Hill during the newly-advertised period for pupil transfers which opened Sept. 6 and will. close this Saturday, Sept. 15. Over 150 transfer applications were turned in during the initial 10-day period set up in midsummer. The School Board agreed to re-advertise and have a second such period in response to protests aired at the time. ... But in the wake of the hullaballoo now, they're yet no takers for the opportunity in this new period.

AS OF YESTERDAY THERE were 35 Negro pupils in four predominantly white schools in the Chapel Hill System. This is a decrease of two from last year, despite the School Board's stepped-up policy of geographic



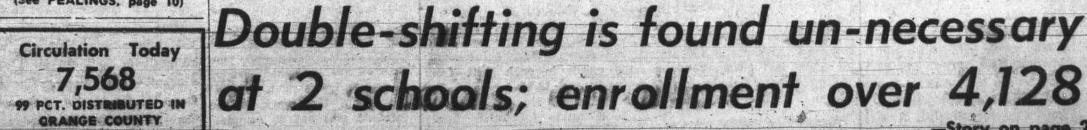
Swapping helmets...



assignment for all elementary school grades. There were understood to be no white pupils in the Lincoln, Frank Graham; and Northside Schools, though a number of them received automatic geographic assignments to the latter two, then elected to transfer to oher schools wihin the Board's assignment policy.

EASTGATE SHOPPING CENter apparently has a trademark now, in keeping with the Madison Ave. idea for all mature shopping centers. It's a smartly designed interior - lighted sign. posted along the bypass highway. Another like it is reportedly to be put up on the Durham Road side. The "trademark" includes a red, pink, yellow, and orange circle beneath the bluelettered sign, Red circle is appropriate, one wag noted, since the sign is posted immediately behind the ABC Store, and in South Carolina a red circle automatically denotes a retail liquor outlet.

IT WILL BE COUNTRY HAM. red - eye gravy, eggs, grits and (See PEALINGS, page 10)



NEW FIRE CHIEF NAMED - James Stewart (seated) will become Chapel Hill Fire Chief this Sunday, succeeding J. S. Boone, Chapel Hill fireman for the past 34 years and chief since 1955. Stewart has been Assistant Chief in Chapel Hill since last June. His promotion to Chief was made by Town. Manager Robert Peck at the request of Boone, who was in turn named Assistant Chief.

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