

# Chamber in Carrboro asks ABC store for community; action seen tied to petition

The Carrboro Chamber of Commerce has urged the county ABC board to establish a whiskey package Carrboro.

In Courthouse Monday . . .

## First, last meetings of commissioners set

The county commissioners will hold their first and last meetings in Hillsboro next Monday.

It will be the last meeting for the old five-member board, which will be convened at 10 a.m. in the Board Room by Chairman Donald Stanford. They will take up all remaining matters of old business. These are expected to include resolutions of appreciation for the services of the late Commissioner Donald McDade and one of thanks to the County Planning Board, appointed by the Commissioners two years ago.

Retiring members of the Board are Commissioners Clarence Jones of Hillsboro and Henry Walker of St. Mary's.

The new commissioners will

## Human relations body picks Robert Phillips

Dr. Robert Phillips of the University Department of Psychiatry faculty has been elected Chairman of the newly organized Mayor's Commission on Human Relations in Chapel Hill.

The members of the Commission were recently appointed by Mayor Sandy McClamroch on expiration of the two-year terms of the first Human Relations Commission. At their meeting night before last the 11-member body also elected C. A. McDougle as Vice-Chairman and Mrs. Ted Danziger as Secretary.

Other members of the group are Mrs. Donald Hayman, Mrs. Alex Sessoms, Adolphus Clark, Dr. Donald Irish, William Toller, Mrs. Edward Caldwell, Mrs. Thomasine Register, and the Rev. Loren Mead.



**'PEARL' — IN TOBACCO ROAD**—Mary Lindsay Spearman of Chapel Hill will play the role of a beautiful blonde wife in a depression-stricken family in the Carolina Playmakers Theatre next Wednesday through Sunday evenings (Dec. 5-9) with a Sunday 2:30 p.m. matinee. The famous tragic-comedy is based on Erskine Caldwell's best-selling novel. —UNC photo

then be sworn in by Clerk of Court Edwin M. Lynch. They are Carl Smith and Gordon Cleveland of Chapel Hill. One of the first orders of business the new Board will have before it will be election of a commissioner for a full four-year term as a replacement to Mr. McDade.

Officers of the Board itself—a chairman and a vice-chairman (the post now being held by Commissioner Walker)—are to be elected. And the Board is also expected to consider appointments to the judgeship and solicitorship of the Orange County Recorder's Court.

## Power lawsuit case expected to go all week

Hearing of testimony in the Duke Power Co.'s land condemnation lawsuit may take the rest of this week.

This appeared probable yesterday as witnesses for the eight Chapel Hill area land owners involved continued to present their statements to Judge Hamilton Hobgood, who is presiding over a special term of superior court in Hillsboro for this purpose.

Duke has offered about \$20,000 to the land owners for damages it feels would be caused by erection of a 100,000-volt overhead power transmission line across their properties. Court-appointed land commissioners assessed the damages at \$150,000. And the property owners claim the project would cause them over \$1 million in damages.

Both sides have appealed the findings of the land commissioners to the court. The line, from near Research Triangle Park to the University's power plant in Chapel Hill, would be erected on steel towers up to 120 feet high on a 68-foot right-of-way, traversing the residential land of the contesting property owners in the vicinity of Morgan Creek south of Chapel Hill.

These property owners are Clarence Heer, Kenneth Ness, William L. Hunt, Edward L. Gray, Mr. and Mrs. William B. Parker, Mr. and Mrs. James Parker, Turner E. Pardue, and the Morgan Creek Land Co.

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Jesse Basnight, Vice President, in a letter addressed to the ABC board, said the officers and board of directors had gone on record as favoring the establishment of such a store. They offered assistance in obtaining a suitable location and building.

**Cites general benefit**  
He expressed the opinion of the chamber leaders that an ABC store in the community would stimulate business for the "good merchants" of the town and would be of general benefit to the economy.

**The letter was received by County ABC Manager Carl Davis last week but has not yet come before the board in formal session. Next meeting of the board is Monday.**

The action of the Carrboro organization is the second movement seeking the establishment of a second store in the southern part of the county. Last year a Chapel Hill merchants group sought the establishment of a store in the western section of Chapel Hill, but strong opposition in the form of petitions led the board to reject the proposal.

**Action tied to petition**  
ABC Chairman R. J. Smith, apprised of the Carrboro letter, expressed the opinion no action would be taken by his board on the matter unless petitions bearing the names of more than 50 per cent of the registered voters in Carrboro were presented in support of a store.

Inasmuch as Carrboro voted against the stores in the county-wide ABC election, he said the State ABC board would not ap-

WATER, that is! . . .

## The Sigma Chi brethren don't drink that much!

The boys at the Sigma Chi fraternity house in Chapel Hill—never noted for drinking an unusual amount of water—have finally stopped a water pipe leak which resulted in their having an astronomical water bill.

The situation came to light this week when their advisor, Dr. Charles (Gus) Johnston, was given some relief from town sewer charges that were based on a water consumption shown to be "almost three times that of our competitors." —Dr Johnston explained he was referring to the water bills of other fraternities on UNC frat row.

His presentation of figures showed that the brethren's average monthly consumption of about 50,000 gallons of water suddenly began shooting up in January, 1960. It went

to 200,000 a month, to 249,000, and finally, before the leak was discovered, to an all-time high of 339,000 gallons in one peak month.

The brethren began suspecting a leak in the pipes when they were renovating the basement floor of the house and water kept seeping through the walls. "We must have been floating in a sea of mud," advisor Johnston recalled. "I checked the water bills and saw how much they were using and I knew the Sigma Chis weren't that clean," he chuckled.

After a bit of discussion the Town Board agreed to recompute the fraternity's sewer rental bill for 1961, using average monthly water use figures to date for 1962. This, as it turned out, was a comparatively thirsty 52,000 gallons a month.

## Public meeting is to be held by citizens fluoridation body

The Chapel Hill Citizens Fluoridation Committee will hear a progress report on its local campaign for fluoridation of the public water supply at a public meeting next Wednesday.

The meeting at 8 p. m. in the Town Hall courtroom is open to all interested citizens, it was announced. The recently formed citizens group has joined as an amicus curiae with the University in defense of the 29-month-old civil lawsuit that is holding up fluoridation for Chapel Hill.

A spokesman for the Committee said that a report would be heard by its attorney, Robert Cooper, who is preparing a brief to present the court in behalf of the defendant University. In addition the latest word from the

N. C. Attorney General's office, which has a demurrer to the case pending, is expected to be presented and discussed.

Committee Chairman Roland Giduz appealed for persons who have expressed interest in the drive to contribute money for the legal expenses involved. "There is a great deal of work to be done. We need contributions in any amount for this purpose, and we need them now," he said.

Contributions may be made out in the name of the committee and given to any of the steering committee members — Chairman Giduz, Treasurer Dr. E. R. Burns, Dr. Theodore Oldenburg, Dr. Floy Oldham, Dr. William Creighton, or Dr. William Straughn; or mailed to the treasurer, 410 Airport Rd., Chapel Hill.

## Man shoots up 'wrong house'

James Odell Howard of Hillsboro has been charged with assault with a deadly weapon with intent to kill for pumping five bullets into the "wrong" house in a shooting spree last Sunday. Mr. Howard was to be committed to a mental institution yesterday.

Resident of the W. King St. house, E. S. Hopper, received a facial cut from flying glass. No one else was injured.

Howard, a 48-year-old cotton mill worker, went to the Orange County sheriff's office immediately after the shooting and gave himself up.

When questioned by authorities, Howard said he realized after the shooting that he had been at the "wrong" house. Evidently he intended to go to a house about a block away from Hopper's home. A man who dated Howard's wife before the couple's marriage lives at the other house.

Hopper told the officers that Howard came to his home Sunday evening and asked to be let in. Hopper, a jewelry salesman, became suspicious and told Howard that he could not get the door open because a key was jammed in the lock.

About that time, Hopper said, he saw Howard's .22 caliber pistol. Hopper said he dived to the floor just as Howard fired the

five shots through the front door.

Orange County authorities said Howard's family had instituted commitment proceedings against

Howard and that he was scheduled to be sent to a mental institution Wednesday. They said Howard has previously been in a mental institution.

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