

Orange Pealings

CHAPEL HILL SCHOOL CHILDREN will get their delayed quality education message from Gov. Sanford on Feb. 28. His scheduled visit of last fall was postponed when he was called out of the state. This time he's scheduled to speak at the Chapel Hill High School gymnasium at 2 p. m. and at Lincoln High at 2:45. The visit is under the general auspices of the Governor's Committee for Better Schools, of which Mrs. Jesse West is the Orange County member.

THE IDES OF FEBRUARY, tomorrow, the 15th, mark the deadline for purchase of state and local auto license plates. Police in Chapel Hill and Carrboro have warned that local residents who do not have the '63 tags displayed on their vehicles after tomorrow will be subject to arrest.

IT IS TENTATIVELY ESTIMATED that the increased voting precinct set-up in Chapel Hill will shoot election costs up several hundred dollars above the budgeted \$500 for salaries of the various elections officials. Couple of years ago the County Board of Elections divided its total expenses for that election into the number of persons who voted and found out that each vote cost 'em about \$.35. Figuring a Chapel Hill poll total this spring of about 1,200, the votes could cost \$.70 or more apiece.

THE APPEAL BY NAACP ATTORNEY Floyd McKissick of the Chapel Hill School Board's refusal last summer to re-assign seven Negro pupils to predominately white schools has now evaporated, even though the appeal has not yet been perfected. All of the pupils involved have since been granted transfers as requested, it was learned this week.

NARY A DOOR IN THE Chapel Hill Town Hall is now without a letterhead designation of some sort, by dint of the sign painting artistry of J. Eldridge (Jack) Howarter, who's been there lately drawing the fire department mural shown on the front page of this issue. Through his lyrical imaginative-ness the jail is now called the "Detention Room." And a closet in the basement now bears the title of "Captain's Office," in deference to Police Capt. Coy Durham.

AS OF YESTERDAY THE Chapel Hill aldermen still hadn't been able to arrive at a decision on the kind of brick to be used in the new fire station. A committee-of-the-whole meeting was called and the board spent more than an hour on a Cook's tour of the town, viewing various brick designs in new homes construction. Big issue was between one hue called "Full Color Antique" and another known as "Northampton." Presently they're awaiting construction of a couple of brick and mortar sample panels to further ponder over.

MRS. A. M. JORDAN, PATRON saint of dogdom in Chapel Hill, was recently honored by the Animal Protection Society. More PEALINGS, page 12

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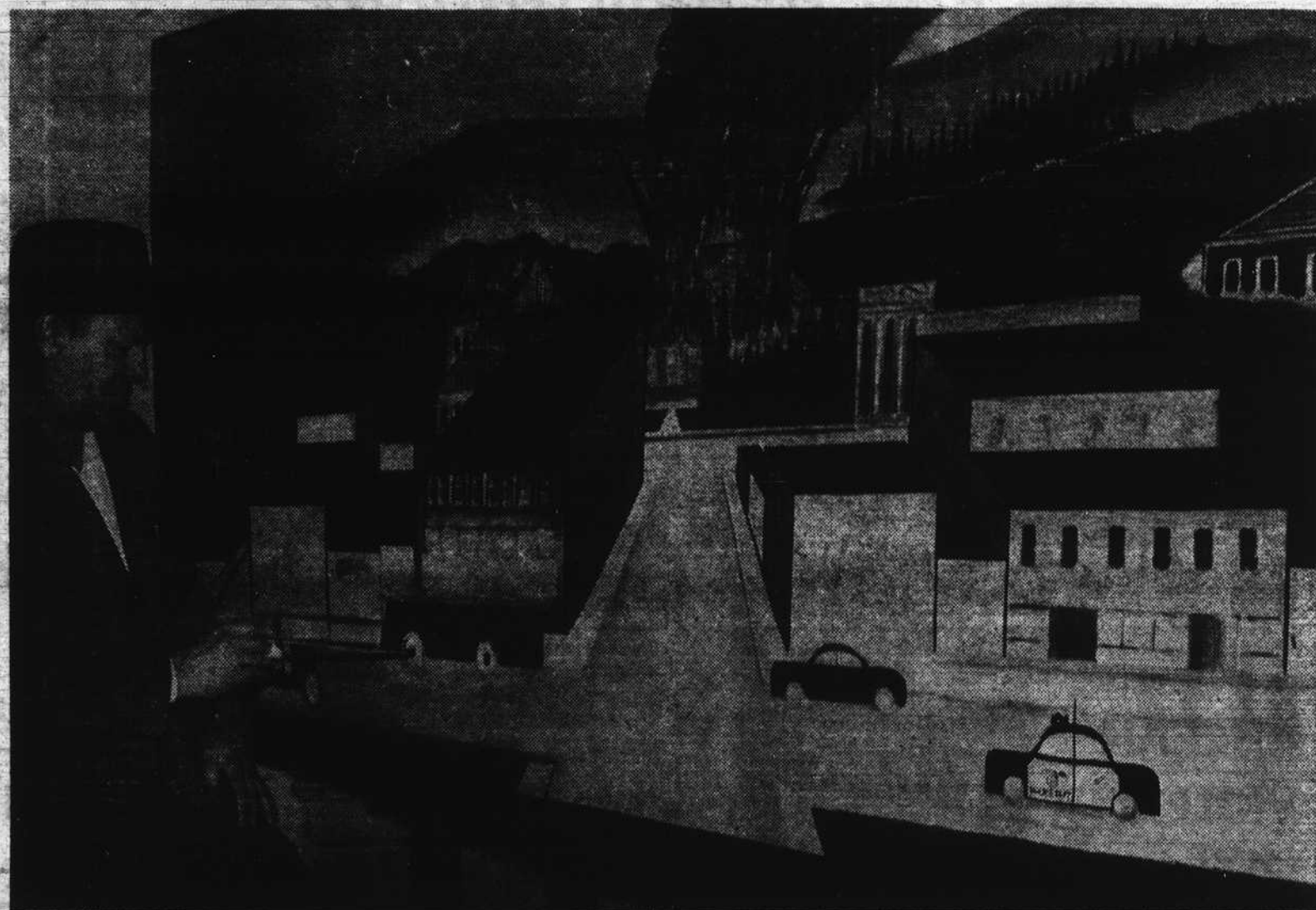
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'Great Fire' muralized...



ART-FOR NEW STATION—The night-time holocaust that razed the Chapel Hill Presbyterian Church several years ago has been memorialized in vivid colors on a four by eight-foot mural drawn for Chapel Hill Fire Chief James Stewart, and to be hung in his office at the new Chapel Hill Central Fire Station.

The artist, sign painter Jack Howarter, operating under the name of Rembrandt Sign Co., came to Chapel Hill recently in search of work and took on the job for the fire chief when regular business looked lean. The scene, when completed, is intended to represent downtown Chapel Hill, with all of the Town's fire fighting equipment being shown. The church was moved, with artist's license, from

its location in the second block of E. Franklin St., to the dominating background scene on Columbia St., looking northward from the main downtown intersection.

While the general idea is intended to depict Chapel Hill, the painter said the background landscape and some of the building elements were simply placed according to his own feeling about the picture.

Howarter says he's a former Nebraska weekly newspaperman, and merchant seaman and wants to set up a sign painting service in Chapel Hill. —And he asked that prospective clients contact him through the Police Department.

Will voters of Chapel Hill have to register all over?

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