

Orange Pealings

THERE ARE NAMES APLENTY being bandied around for the School Board races in Chapel Hill. Among those of late are Jesse Basnight, builders hardwareman; Bernard Whitefield, Carrboro merchant; Raymond (Wimpy) Andrews, also a Carrboro businessman; and Dr. Clifton E. Crandall of the UNC dental faculty. Like Gov. Sanford told the Chapel Hill school children last Thursday when they asked his advice for a person planning to enter politics: "Everybody ought to take an interest in politics. . . . As far as running for office, that comes naturally." And so mought it be hereabouts!

A NUMBER OF CHAPEL HILL businessmen and municipal officials will accompany Merchants Association Director Joe Augustine to Smithfield today where the Chamber of Commerce will put on a demonstration of civic projects carried out in the past year. Smithfield is currently in the running for national designation as the All-American City in its population category. The local interest is piqued to see how such an accomplishment could be wrought in Chapel Hill.

FIRE CHIEF JIM STEWART returned last weekend from a one-week firemen's instructors conference, attended by about 3,000 fire chiefs from around the world in Memphis, Tenn. While he was gone last Thursday the Town received a lone bid, at an official opening last Thursday, for a new fire truck. American LaFrance will supply the vehicle, in keeping with a previous offer, for \$20,500.

RESIDENTS OF COKER HILLS voted Monday night to name their one-acre neighborhood park lot on Clayton Road in honor of the late E. C. Leonard, surveyor for Coker College's properties in Chapel Hill and consultant in the recent planning for the playground. The residents are privately subscribing money for development of the park this spring. Dr. William Waddell was elected President of the E. C. Leonard Playground, which is to be formally incorporated.

A FELLOW CAN USE LIES, big lies, or statistics for his authority, as he sees fit. With that introduction the Pealer reports that County Tax Supervisor Sam Gattis, speaking before the Chapel Hill Rotary Club last night, gave figures to show that of the eight fastest growing counties in N. C. over the last decade, Orange County's per capita real tax load was just about average. Mecklenburg had the highest load, found to be \$9.66 per \$1,000 worth of true property value. Orange was in third place with \$6.60, whereas the average for the eight was \$6.18.

ONLY ONE SERIOUS FIRE was reported in the Chapel Hill area during the height of the bad weather last week. The kitchen at the home of Mrs. Willie Mae Brown, 611 Nunn St., Chapel Hill, was badly damaged in a 4:45 p. m. blaze Tuesday. The fire stemmed from an oil stove in the kitchen.

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Terry tells 'em . . .



GOVERNOR—AT SCHOOL PRESS CONFERENCE — Gov. Terry Sanford directs his answer to 800 listening Chapel Hill school children during the press conference for Chapel Hill High School 'Proconian' reporters following his talk at the school last Thursday. The interviewers, from

right to left, are Jane Dyer, Jim Gilmore, and Myrt Trageser. Also shown, in the background, are Mrs. Jesse West, Orange County member of the North Carolina Committee for Better Schools; and State Senator Ralph Scott of Burlington.

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