

## Orange Pealings

AN UNUSUAL SERIES OF daytime robberies plagued rural Orange and surrounding counties several weeks back. Officers asked that stories be withheld at the time in the hopes the robbers might be trapped. In most cases two or three white men would go to a house seeking work in topping trees. They'd inquire about neighbors, till the ascertained which ones weren't home during the day, then would go loot the food freezers on their porches, or enter the house to steal other things. Most of the rural populace has been alerted to the ruse for some time now.

**THE CRUCIAL COLLIER**  
Cobb corner of Boundary and E. Franklin St. in Chapel Hill caught another lick from an in-bound auto last Friday night. This time the fire hydrant was snapped off clean with the ground. The wrecked driver (only slightly injured) said another car forced him to lose control. Through the years the hydrant has been battered several times, the utility pole sheared off, and the Cobbs' shrubbery torn up on various occasions as automobiles failed to complete the final incoming curve before the straight-away of E. Franklin St.

**B. C. HEDGEPEETH, MANA-**ger of the Rathskeller in Chapel Hill until he took over a Wrightsville Beach restaurant recently, was back in town last week, replete with toupee purchased with Chapel Hill contributions. Nobody, but nobody at all recognized him at first with the new fringes on top. —B. C. told (for real) how a fellow came into his waterfront restaurant one evening recently and ordered crab cakes. Since they were momentarily out of crab B. C. sent a resourceful waiter out the back door with a strip of bacon. Short while later the fresh-cooked crab dish was served to the waiting diner.

**JOE AUGUSTINE, NEWLY-**ensconced as executive director of the Chapel Hill - Carrboro Merchants Association, this week sent out a memo to the membership to squelch talk that he was resigning to take a store-keeping job with the University. He noted that while such a move had been considered by him he had definitely decided to stay. Noting that the unknown quantity of the merchants post was "a great challenge," he added that he had been "favorably impressed with the determination and spirit" of the group's leaders to date.

**THE HILLSBORO HISTORI-**cal Commission bill introduced Monday night by Rep. Phipps provides for appointment of a body of at least 15 members on or before April 1 with the aim of restoring and preserving old Hillsborough and its area as "a living, functioning, education and historical exhibit to North Carolina's life and time. The Mayor of Hillsboro, Chairman of the County Commissioners, and a representative of the State Department of Archives and History would be automatic members.

# Barnes new farm agent; commissioners back off from picking new judge

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### In the 'halo box'..



**'ANGELIC AIR'** — The halo over the head of Mrs. Jim Phipps is actually the chandelier in the rotunda of the Legislative Building in Raleigh. The photo of the new 'honorable' from Orange County and his lady was taken adjacent to his office, overlooking the red carpet stairway in the Statehouse after he was installed on Monday night. One of Rep. Phipps favorite stories, apropos of

the coincidence in the above photo, is about the fellow who was discussing the specifications for his new house with the contractor. 'I wants you to put a halo box in it,' the owner said. The puzzled contractor asked 'What in the world is a halo box?' 'Oh, you knows what I mean,' came the reply. 'It's one of those little boxes you puts on the wall and pick up the handle and say 'hay-lo.'

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