

Orange Peelings

A BRAND NEW FOUR-COLOR map of Orange County, Chapel Hill, Carrboro and Hillsboro — and including the numbers of all secondary roads in the county, have been received by a number of local business firms that ordered them last winter. The specially prepared four-by-five-foot map is the most comprehensive and readable diagram of its type ever prepared for use here. A commercial for the Champion Map Corp., Box 17435, Charlotte, is well-deserved.

FOR THE SPRING PILGRIMAGE in Hillsborough next weekend (April 27 & 28, that is) the downtown business firms are setting up window displays of merchandise in the colonial era, in keeping with the spirit of the occasion. For instance, Orange Farm Equipment Co. will display antique hardware; Forrest Fashions, dress of the colonial period; and Summey's Shoe Shop, old-fashioned shoes.

IN THE LINE OF OLD-FASHIONED articles, Chapel Hill's first fire truck, the old 1914 model-T purchased from Bruce Stroud's Ford agency, is now in several hundred pieces spread over the Glen Lennox Fire Station. Under the loving care of Chief J. S. Stewart and former Chief J. S. Boone it's been dis-assembled completely for a total clean-up and tune-up. Their objective: To make it the finest show-piece antique fire truck in the state.

FRANK PENDERGRAFT, genius-in-the-rough at the Chapel Hill postoffice has a brainstorm on a practical use for all the old automobile tires in the world: Traffic control barriers. Mount 'em vertically on flanges fastened with bolts into edge of the highway or shoulders of the road. In appearance they'd be relatively symmetrical, would be subject to less wear and tear than less flexible barriers, and would cost almost nothing. The invention is not patented, nor is the idea copyrighted yet, says public-spirited Frank.

POLICE IN CHAPEL HILL yesterday were still on the lookout for Roy Lee Merritt, 21, a Carrboro painter who escaped from custody after being arrested last Thursday afternoon for an attempted assault on one of the picketers in front of the College Cafe. Chief W. D. Blake said that Police Lt. C. E. King saw Merritt walk up to the picket, Paul Hutzler, and swing at him. The blow missed its mark but hit the picketer's sign. Merritt escaped from Lt. King as he was being taken to the police station and has not been seen by officers here since.

JOHN UMSTEAD HAS BEEN a patient in Memorial Hospital again recently, and was reported to be in only "fair" condition earlier this week. Visitors at that time were restricted to his immediate family.

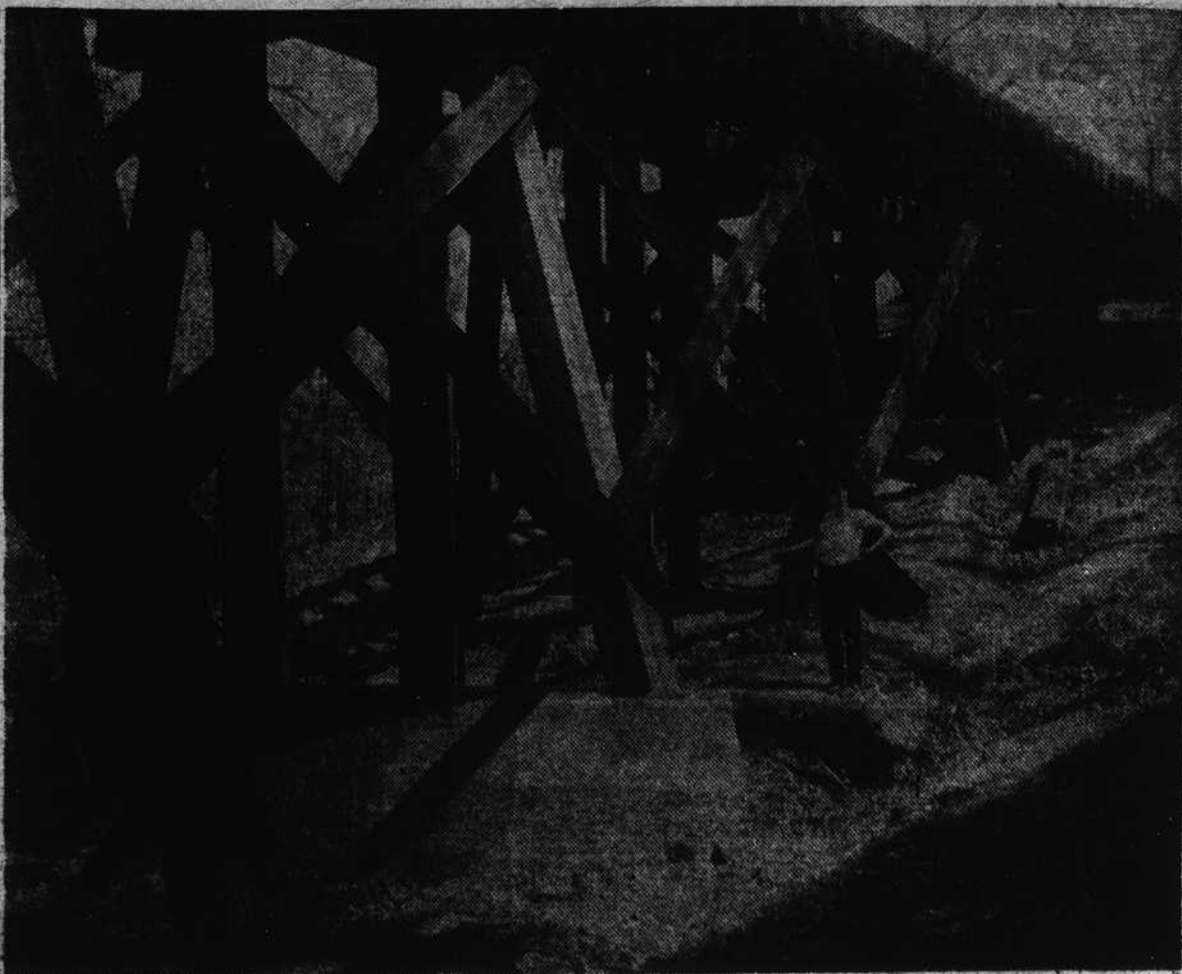
MEMBERS OF THE CHAPEL HILL police force started a unique in-service training program this week — an 18-hour course in pursuit driving. Eight policemen are currently enrolled for the three-hour daily sessions, taught in their off-duty morning hours. As one feature they have to negotiate an intricate course laid out on the Ram Varsity parking lot behind Kenan Stadium in 85

seconds. Next month an 18-hour course in firearms techniques is scheduled.

COMING TOWARD CHAPEL HILL on the Durham boulevard near the Orange County line drivers note that the white line on the edge of the highway swerves neatly into an access road exit at the new Amoco station. All of which on one of these foggy nights is calculated to lead some motorist suddenly and surprisingly into a gas station.

DIRECTORS OF THE FORTHCOMING Spring Pilgrimage to Historic Hillsborough very wisely are urging prospective women visitors to wear flat-heeled shoes when they visit the old houses on April 27-28, taking cognizance of a recent article in a journal on historic preservation. Said the article: women wearing needlepoint heels or "glamour daggers," as it prefers to call them, can make beautiful old pine floors look as though someone had peppered them with buckshot and Oriental rugs take on a shredded wheat appearance. A 105 pound woman wearing needlepoints exerts a pressure of 2,000 pounds per square inch when her heels strike the floors — exactly equivalent to an elephant walking on the same floor. So-o-o Ladies, take heed.

Near tragedy here...



WHERE THEY FELL — Thirteen-year-old Buddy Ellis of Carrboro was an early arrival Monday at the scene of the near-tragedy on the Bolin Creek trestle over Bolin Creek north of Carrboro. Above, he points to the place where one of the seven persons who had to jump to avoid an oncoming train was lying when he got there. The group of Calvary Missionary Baptist Church youths were returning from an Easter Monday picnic a short ways up the track when they became trapped on the track. Several were seriously injured. (Story on Page 2.)

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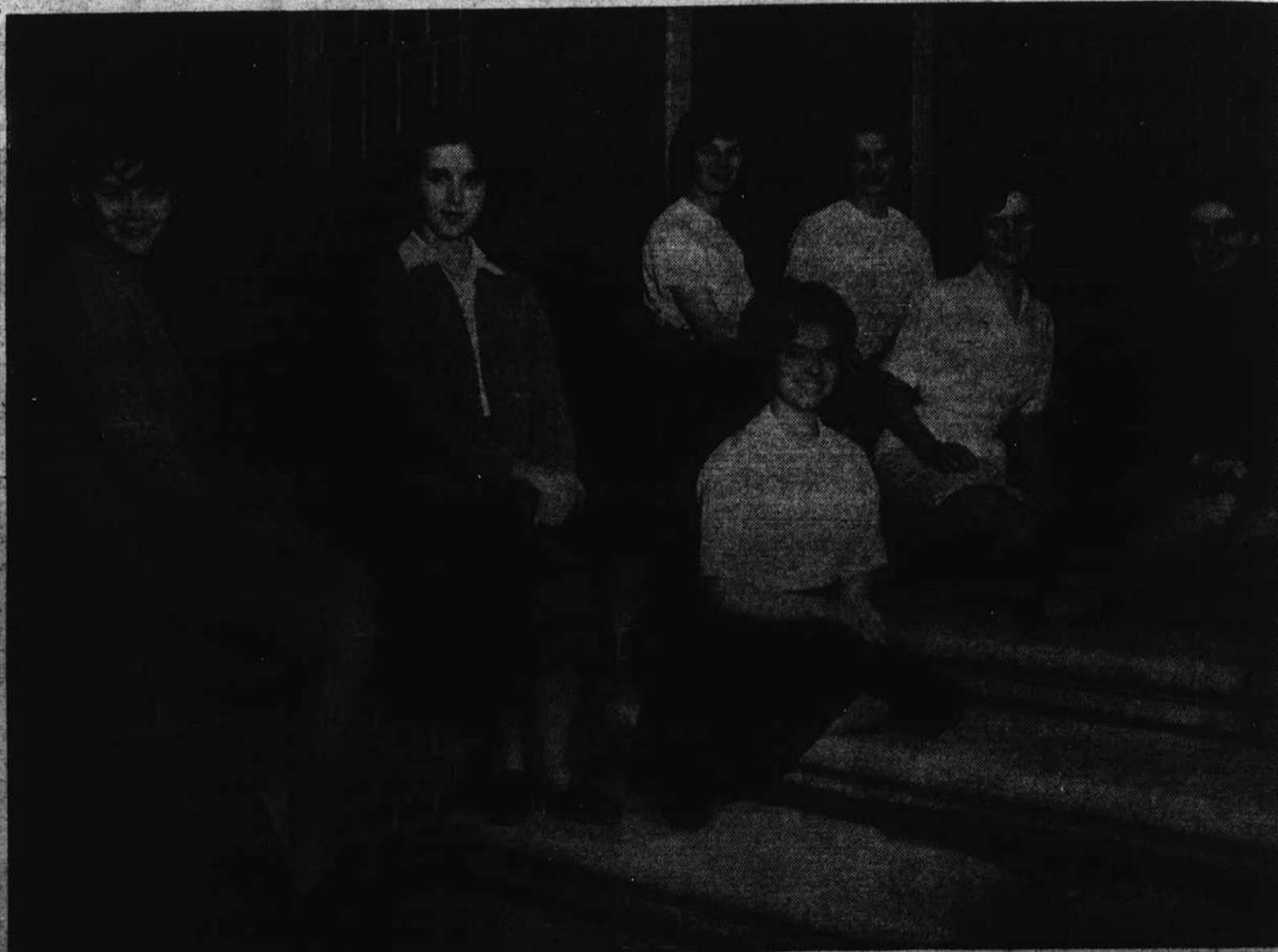
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Seek first 'Miss Orange' title...



HILLSBORO ENTRANTS — Among the seekers of the first title of 'Miss Orange County' are seven Hillsboro girls, shown above on the courthouse steps. Left to right are Ann Clayton, Andrea Ray, Judy Hollis, Sylvia Worrell, Gayle Sims, and (kneel-

ing behind) Peggy Byrd and Marie Minnis. The local eliminations for the Miss America Pageant will be held in Chapel Hill on Friday evening, May 3, under sponsorship of the Chapel Hill Joyces. (Story on Page 2.)

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