

Mild contest seen in Chapel Hill as compared to races in Carrboro

A comparatively mild election contest is in prospect for the May 7 municipal elections in Chapel Hill, as contrasted to that in Carrboro.

With the passage of the filing deadline for Chapel Hill candidates this week, first-term Mayor Sandy McClamroch is unopposed for re-election to a new two-year term. Judge William S. Stewart also drew no opposition in his bid for a sixth two-year term on the bench of the Chapel Hill Recorder's Court.

For the three four-year terms at stake on the six-member Board of Aldermen there are four seekers: Challenger Joe S. Nagelschmidt and incumbents Gene Strowd, Joe Page, and Roland Giduz.

Two other votes

Also to be decided in the Chapel Hill elections are a \$650,000 sewer bond issue and another referendum on the levying of a public recreation tax.

In contrast to the Chapel Hill scene there are four candidates for mayor and 10 candidates for the three seats to be filled on the six-member Board of Commissioners in Carrboro. The filing deadline

You may think you're registered but you just might not be

Municipal officials in Chapel Hill and Carrboro yesterday predicted that many persons will go to the polls on May 7 only to find they are ineligible to vote—unless they take action by the close of the registration period this Saturday.

In both Chapel Hill and Carrboro, they noted, there are large areas that have been brought into the municipality since the last town elections in 1961. Every single potentially-qualified voter in these areas will have to register with their precinct registrars in order to be eligible to vote in the municipal elections, they cautioned.

Several precinct registrars also pointed out that a good number of persons who are registered on the county election books are not registered on the municipal voting books, and as required by state law will not be allowed to vote in the town elections unless they do register properly.

In Chapel Hill the registration period is continuing through this Saturday, April 27. Precinct registrars will be in the polling places all day Saturday to accept new registrations.

In Carrboro the registrar will be in the Town Hall for this same purpose from 9 a.m. until 5 p.m. today and Friday and from 9 a.m. until 9 p.m. on Saturday, the final day for registration.

Registration for the Chapel Hill School Board election, which covers an area including and larger than both Chapel Hill and Carrboro, will also close this Saturday.

for the Carrboro election, also to be held May 7, is this Friday, April 26.

A Negro woman, Mrs. Lee Vickers, is the latest to file for one of the four-year commissions and has become the first of her race to seek municipal office in Carrboro. An active civic and church worker, in her community, Mrs. Vickers attended North Carolina College and has been a Chapel Hill school traffic guard.

Filed school suit

Her son, Stanley Vickers, now a ninth grader in Chapel Hill Junior High School, was admitted to previously white schools

here in 1960 following a federal court lawsuit for desegregation. Mrs. Vickers said she was "interested in the future growth of Carrboro and if elected would work for all residents, regardless of race."

The other candidates for commissioner are Mrs. Ben Williams, Gordon Fisher, Bryant Hackney, T. W. Hoenig, Leon Ivey, Robert Butner, Bynie Riggsbee, Hughes Lloyd, Offie Durham, and Ralph Morgan. Running for Mayor are incumbent C. T. Ellington, Claybourne Greenhill, J. A. Williams, and E. N. Shelton.

Chapel Hill endorses measure to permit joint zoning set-up

Enabling legislation to permit the re-joining of the Chapel Hill and Carrboro zoning districts by mutual consent will be presented to the General Assembly at the request of the Chapel Hill aldermen.

The Chapel Hill Board gave its general approval to the terms of a bill drawn up by Phillip P. Green Jr., staff zoning law expert for the Institute of Government. The Chapel Hill and Carrboro zoning areas were recently divided at the request of the Carrboro Town Board.

The proposed legislation would simply make it possible to re-join the two areas, including the Town of Carrboro, if the town governments of both municipalities so desired at any time in the future.

Among other matters of business at their Tuesday evening

meeting, the aldermen agreed to seek bids on a 1,000-foot sewer line extension in the Colonial Heights area in order to eliminate a pumping station now used there. The approximate \$5,000 cost of the project would come out of a saving of nearly \$10,000 realized in two other sewer projects this year, Town Manager Robert Peck explained.

The Board gave its unanimous approval to a statement to be drawn up by the Town Manager and Alderman Mrs. Harold Walters urging general Assembly passage of a bill whereby the state would reimburse local governments in lieu of tax payments. A formal statement of support for passage of the \$50,000 municipal sewer bond referendum on May 7 was also adopted by the aldermen.

Annexation draws question

A number of questions, but no outright opposition, cropped up at a legal public hearing night before last on annexation of a 700-acre north and east-side area to the Town of Chapel Hill.

According to present plans the aldermen will take action to incorporate the suburban area—representing about 27 per cent of the existing 2,600-acre municipality—some time shortly before the end of the current fiscal year on June 30. However, annexation of the 500-acre Lake Forest-Eastgate territory is con-

tingent on passage of a \$650,000 sewer bond referendum in the May 7 town elections, officials said. Funds from this bond issue would be used for construction of sewer lines to and through this area, however the money be repaid by property owners through regular assessments, they noted.

Some residents of the Clark Hills area adjoining the Lake Forest development appeared at the hearing to ask that the proposed sewer line not be laid along Booker Creek so as to mar

Solving thefts in five counties . . .

Two 'tree surgeons' nabbed as robbers

A trail of rural robberies by alleged "tree surgeons" extending over five counties and several months in duration came to an end Friday with the arrest of two cohorts in Wilmington and Durham.

Sheriff's departments in the five counties and the S.B.I. collaborated to apprehend the pair, who will be charged in nine cases of larceny and one of breaking and entering in Orange, 13 in Chatham, seven in Person, one in Alamance and two in Durham.

Arrested in Wilmington on locally-obtained information was Raymond Scott Johnson, 22, of Durham, and his partner, Joseph Raymond Brisebois of Canada, who has been visiting in Durham.

The pattern of operation of the pair was to knock on the door of a rural home and if anyone answered to ask about topping their trees or to seek information about the family up the road. If nobody answered the summons, the pair proceeded to ransack the premises, concentrating for the most part on chain saws, shotguns and hams.

Places entered in Orange County included those of T. W. Sykes, Buckhorn; Dr. C. T. Kaylor, Chapel Hill; Jim Hawkins, Cedar Grove; Don Childress, St. Mary's; Bill Parker and Bruce Wagner, Caldwell; Van Kenyon, Hillsboro; and Luther Tilley, Hurdle Mills.

Fugitive has short freedom

A Carrboro youth who ran away from the State probation officer as he was being taken from the county jail Monday for a revocation hearing enjoyed short-lived freedom.

Chief Deputy Paul Cook and Deputy Frank Maddry traced Ace Bryant Riggsbee, 18, to the Eno River area near the edge of town and captured him about 10 minutes after he broke away from Probation Officer Robert Bodenheimer.

Riggsbee was sentenced to a year last Wednesday for an assault at White Cross. Bodenheimer had removed him from the county jail to bring him before Judge William Stewart who previously had given him a year's suspended sentence and probation for

cutting ladies' pants on clothes lines in Victory Village.

CANDIDATES MEETING NEXT WEDNESDAY

The general public is invited to attend the public forum for all candidates in the May 7 Chapel Hill town and school board elections, to be held next Wednesday evening, May 1, at 8 p. m. in the Chapel Hill High School Auditorium. Mrs. Andrew Scott will be moderator of the non-partisan meeting, a traditional pre-election affair sponsored by the Chapel Hill League of Women Voters. She noted that all candidates in the forthcoming election had accepted invitations to appear at the meeting, and would be available for open questioning from the audience following their four-minute talks.

They were told that the route that if feasible this area would be left undisturbed. Dr. Robert Zeppa, spokesman (See Annexation, Page 12)

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