

Attorney General says it's illegal

Public accommodation law proposed

The Mayor's Committee on Integration in Chapel Hill Tuesday night recommended that the Board of Aldermen enact an ordinance prohibiting segregation in any public business

in the community. Such a law, it was proposed, would make it illegal for restaurants, retail stores, theaters and other establishments doing business with the public to de-

ny service to anyone on the basis of race.

In making its recommendation, the committee apparently ignored the opinion of the Attorney General of North Carolina, just received by the Town

and reported by Mayor Sandy McClamroch to the Board of Aldermen Monday, to the effect that such an ordinance is not presently legal "within the framework of the State Constitution."

Reported the committee: although no town in North Carolina has such an ordinance at present, the committee was told that ordinances had been enacted elsewhere and upheld in the courts.

Attorney-General opinion

The Mayor discussed the situation informally with the aldermen at their Monday evening meeting. He said the attorney general had told the Town in reply to its inquiry that it did not, in the absence of enabling authority from the legislature, have the power to require non-discriminatory business service as a condition of privilege license issuance. It was further his opinion, the attorney general was quoted as stating, that a public accommodations ordinance prohibiting business discrimination based on race was not presently legal within the framework of the State Constitution.

The anti-discrimination committee recommendation followed a report on the efforts of the committee, which the Mayor heads, to aid in de-segregating Chapel Hill businesses.

The following businesses

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This is a rendering of a 128-unit downtown hotel on the general order of one proposed for construction on W. Franklin St. (left foreground) in Chapel Hill by interstate investors. Plans for the five-story fully air-conditioned structure are currently in the stage of final revision, according to a spokesman for the firm.

New plans for downtown motel revealed in rezoning request

Plans for construction of the oft-postponed hotel in downtown Chapel Hill were revealed in a rezoning request but before the Town Board of Aldermen on Monday night.

W. J. Darnell, representing Interstate Investors, said his firm had bought the Royal Carolinian Hotel tract on W. Franklin St. from an organization headed by George Goodyear and would put a 128-unit facility on it as soon as plans were revised and a decision rendered on their rezoning request.

He asked that the Town increase the existing 45-foot height limitation on buildings in the central business district. The Board agreed to call a special public hearing, as required for such a change, for its July 8 meeting.

Just over a year ago an option on the property, with frontage on both Franklin and Rosemary St. was held by a local group which announced it would construct a five-story luxury hotel on the site — the old June Harris home place. The option was for purchase of the site at a cost of about \$150,000. Since then the deal has passed through several hands.

Mr. Darnell showed a rendering of his group's possible use

of the property, noting that they planned to revise the plans again. He said they particularly

wanted to include in the five-story building a meeting room that would accommodate about 1,000 persons. He added that it would have at least 148 parking spaces in a double-deck lot.

The present plans, providing

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LOCAL CHAMPION RECEIVES ROADEO TROPHY—At the North Carolina Motor Carriers Association, Inc., at the State-wide Jaycee event just ended in Burlington. Shown at left is NCMA's safety director Jeff B. Wilson of Raleigh, formerly of Durham, making presentation to Dwight McAllister of Chapel Hill.

Fire chief says 'thanks'

The Chapel Hill Fire Department has expressed appreciation for the support given the Junior Fire Marshal Program by E. C. Smith, manager of the Carolina Theater, and Andrew Gutierrez, manager of the Varsity Theater, who supplied Junior Fire Marshals with free passes to their theaters.

Fire Chief J. S. Stewart also thanked the Optimist Club and

the Exchange Club for installing emergency sirens in all school buildings of the Chapel Hill system. "The cooperation of Howard Thompson, Superintendent of the Chapel Hill Schools, and all principals, is greatly appreciated," he said. "Through their efforts we have been able to develop standard safety measures for all schools in the system."

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