



'PLUM' BEST—A 20-pound 'Heinz' variety cat named 'Plum,' house pet of Mrs. James Alderman of Bagley Drive, Chapel Hill, was judged best-in-show in the pet competition at the recent old-fashioned Fourth of July celebration.

New negotiations in race strife now being sought

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'Unprovoked assault' nets fine, suspension for Hillsboro youth

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A HANDY NEW MAP OF the Chapel Hill community, covering about 25 square miles, has been prepared by the Bank of Chapel Hill and is available to the public. Alongside the map is a complete index of all streets in Chapel Hill, Carrboro and suburbs, as well as special designations for public buildings, schools, recreational areas, and miscellaneous facilities. It's a very readable and useful map — especially at this season when so many newcomers are arriving. However, it is already outdated by the June 17 annexations to the Town of Chapel Hill and the imminent merger of the Bank of Chapel Hill.

MRS. JOHN C. HEITMAN OF Chapel Hill will attend the forthcoming American Legion convention in Miami Beach, Fla., as a state delegate wearing three caps — at least in a figurative manner of speaking. She'll be an official representative as a Legionaire; as a member of the Legion Auxiliary, for which she is State Historian; and for the Twenty and Four, honor society of women Legionaires. In World War I Mrs. Heitman was in the Navy, serving at the Naval Torpedo Station in Alexandria, Va., and also in Washington.

JOHN CRADLE OF ROUTE Two, Chapel Hill, can come in to the Chapel Hill police station and get his blue snare drum any time he wants it. The cylindrical noise-maker was recovered in Durham yesterday and brought back to the Chapel Hill police station for return to its owner. Just how or who stole the snare drum, regrettably, must be quite a news story, but the facts, unfortunately, were not available at deadline time.

AN EDITORIAL

Fair compromise is best alternative to dangerous drifting

The News is vitally concerned with seeking a practical and a just resolution to the existing racial controversy in Chapel Hill.

In this situation the potential businessmen-negotiators have declined to consider the offer of the Chapel Hill Committee for Open Business. The protest group offered to call off until a deadline of next Sunday its demonstrations and other public activity while the business group negotiated. Specific requirements — the desegregation of at least three more places — were embodied within the protest group's ultimatum.

The reason for the rejection is that the volunteer business group — men chosen by the Mayor and publicly unknown (but assumed to be men of concerned good will) — refused to negotiate under the pressure of a specific deadline and without a pledge that the demonstrations would be halted indefinitely.

Communication frozen . . .

As a result the demonstrations have been re-instituted and organized civil disobedience is expected as an imminent development. While Mayor Sandy McClamroch continues to seek negotiations and work for voluntary elimination of racial discrimination in business, interracial communication on a broader level between the opposing sides is, at least for the moment, frozen.

Events of this week to date, in which unilateral actions are taken by opposing factions without benefit of conference, could lead to the impasse that has crippled Cambridge, Maryland.

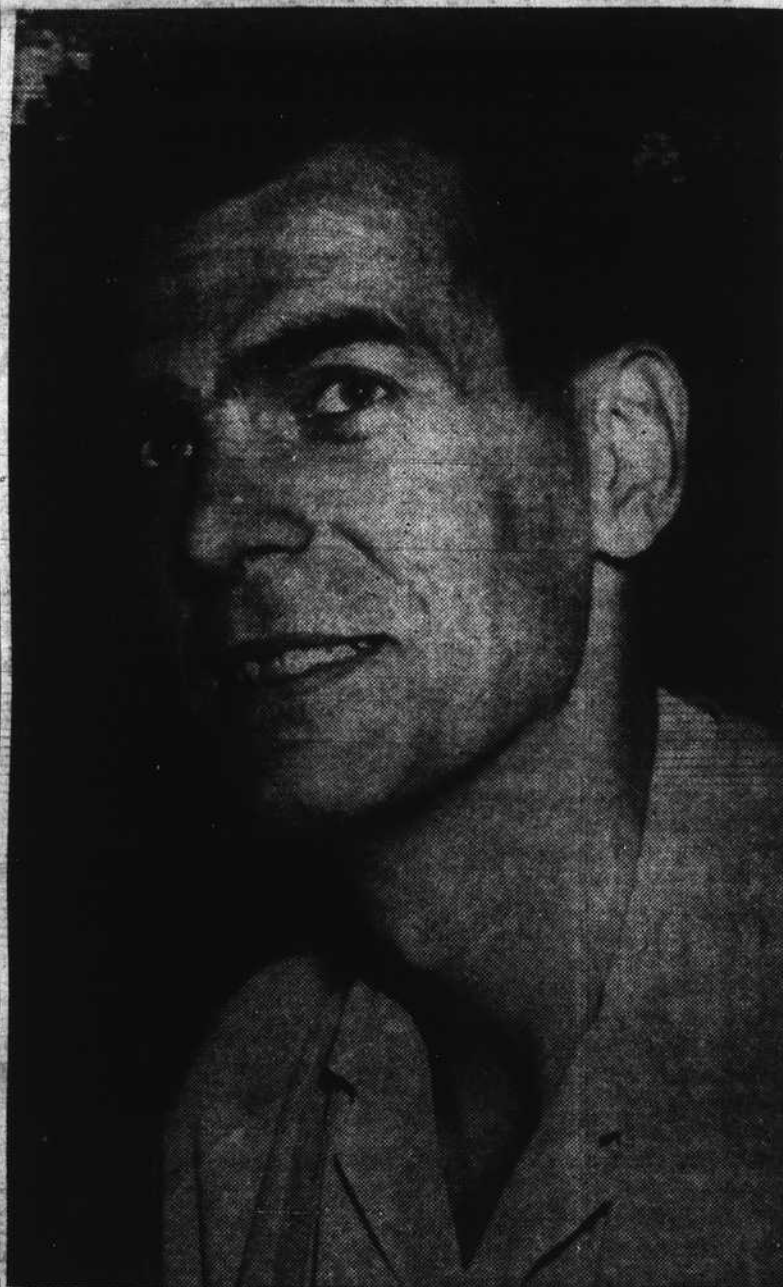
There is yet the chance for compromise in the present situation. Demonstrations are continuing, since there is no way, except by martial law they could at this time be prevented. In the absence of a constructive and honorable compromise, it is pretty predictable that the situation can only worsen. Thus The News respectfully submits that compromise on specific issues is in order.

Re-convene — or re-appoint? . . .

For instance, could the Mayor's private committee

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Counter-offensive..



SWITCHES IN PROTEST — James B. Botsford of Hillsboro, owner of a radio-television repair service in Chapel Hill, said he had no racial discrimination in his business service until his decision last weekend — "as a protest" — to refuse service to Negro customers until integrationists' racial demonstrations are halted. He stated that he had received an overwhelmingly favorable reaction to his move. (See story on back page, Sec. II.)

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