

Hillsboro man bound over . . .

Fatal stabbing of brother charged

A Hillsboro Negro has been bound over to Superior Court for the fatal stabbing of his brother last Thursday. Bond was set at \$2,500 by Judge Marshall Smith who held the preliminary hearing.

According to Sheriff's deputies, Richard Faucette Crocker, 37, died in a car in front of a Negro funeral home while his brother was discussing with the firm the cost of haul-

ing the man to the hospital.

Delancy Crocker, 38, allegedly stabbed his brother just below the heart during a fight growing out of an argument about taxes. Paul "Boss" Jones was in the three-man party said by officers to be centered around a little gin drinking.

According to the stories told officers, Richard and Delancy smacked each other, Richard reached for a hammer and then Delancy struck with the

knife. Boss, in the meantime had gone to the porch and didn't see the finale. Delancy brought Richard to the porch and told Boss to call a taxi. Boss called the law instead and Deputies Will Gilmore and Bobby McCulloch were on the scene when death came in front of the funeral home.

Delancy's knife was later found by the Sheriff under a rose bush in the yard.

—After giving review of legislative activity . . .

Ex-Rep. Phipps all but declares candidacy for Assembly in next Democratic primary

Former Orange County Rep. L. J. Phipps has all but formally declared his candidacy for the General Assembly in next spring's Democratic primary election.

He made his statement in closing a review of his activities as Orange County Representative during the last Legislature while speaking before the County Democratic Executive Committee meeting on Tuesday night. After explaining that the Constitution of the North Carolina Department of the American Legion prohibited him as its Commander from holding elective office, he declared "After my American Legion obligation is completed and if you want to send me back, I might be available."

Previously the local attorney has replied "no comment" when asked if he would seek election

to the Legislature in his own right in the forthcoming primary and election.

In reviewing his service in the Assembly, Judge Phipps noted that he'd introduced 23 bills and two resolutions, about two-thirds of which were passed. From the time he was sworn in on March 18 until adjournment on June 26, and except for three days leave to attend the American Legion convention and the perfunctory Saturday sessions, he noted that he missed only one hour's attendance in the House while it was meeting.

Commenting on general legislation that was before the Legislature, Mr. Phipps defended his support of the anti-Communist speakers bill applicable to state college campuses. "I voted for it because I thought it was a good bill, and I have

no apologies. I think it doesn't violate academic freedom." He said by way of previous explanation that while the American Legion, in its militant opposition to subversion, had passed similar resolutions, he knew nothing of this bill until he heard it being read from the rostrum of the House.

He also supported the re-districting bill and "piggy-back" constitutional amendment proposal that failed to finally gain conference committee approval, Phipps noted. He explained opposition to it in part by noting that "in some places where the population hasn't increased in keeping with the general growth of the state they didn't want any change."

On the American government school course bill he introduced for the American Legion, he noted that the Superintendent of Public Instruction spoke against it because he felt there were no teachers qualified to teach it. This measure, and a resolution of similar spirit, were both killed in committee.

He called attention to the fact that "almost without exceptions, the appropriations made by the Legislature to the University at Chapel Hill came nearer meet-

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Ervin resolution put on table by 19-21 vote

A resolution of commendation to U. S. Sen. Sam Ervin for "his forthright stand" against further federal encroachment into the field of states rights was tabled by a vote of 21 to 19 by the County Democratic Committee.

Introduced by Fred Cates, the resolution praised Sen. Ervin as a "symbol for the preservation of states rights" and noted he was being severely criticized for his stand.

Chapel Hill delegate William Gear called the proposal an issue "divisory of the Democratic party" in that the President, as Party leader, was involved in the issues being attacked by Sen. Ervin. Declaring there was "room for honest disagreement" in the party he moved that it be tabled.

After the vote Carrboro delegate Delos O'Daniel arose to declare "I am ashamed that this committee can't back our senior senator." Committee Secretary Earle Wallace took issue with this statement, declaring "This resolution is a slap at the President of the United States, the head of our party. There is room for disagreement in our party."

Democratic party rallies set for this Saturday and Sept. 20

A fund-raising dinner with State House Speaker H. Clifton Blue as the speaker will be sponsored by the Orange County Democratic Committee in the Chapel Hill American Legion Clubhouse on Friday night, Sept. 20.

This Saturday at 5 p.m. the County Young Democrats will stage a barbecue and rally at Frank Umstead's home on Umstead Drive, Chapel Hill. Former State Democratic Chairman Bert Bennett, Dr. Henry Jordan of Cedar Falls, and Thomas J. Pearsall — gubernatorial prospect, of Rocky Mount, have tentatively accepted invitations to appear. YDC President Fred Cates said

that gubernatorial candidate Dan Moore of Canton, and prospective candidate L. Richardson Preyer of Greensboro have been invited. Tickets at \$1.50 apiece are on sale to the public through YDC members.

The Sept. 20 banquet was decided upon by the County Executive Committee at its Tuesday evening meeting. Chairman L. J. Phipps suggested that tickets be sold to the public at about \$5 apiece, directing County Treasurer Bob Satterfield to work out the details. The project is planned in conjunction with the statewide annual Vance-Aycock dinner.

Chapel Hill pupil total expected to list 4,300

An enrollment of about 4,300 is expected when pupils in the Chapel Hill public schools system report for a one-hour orientation session to kick off the 1963-64 school year tomorrow.

Regular classes at the nine schools will begin at 8:30 Monday.

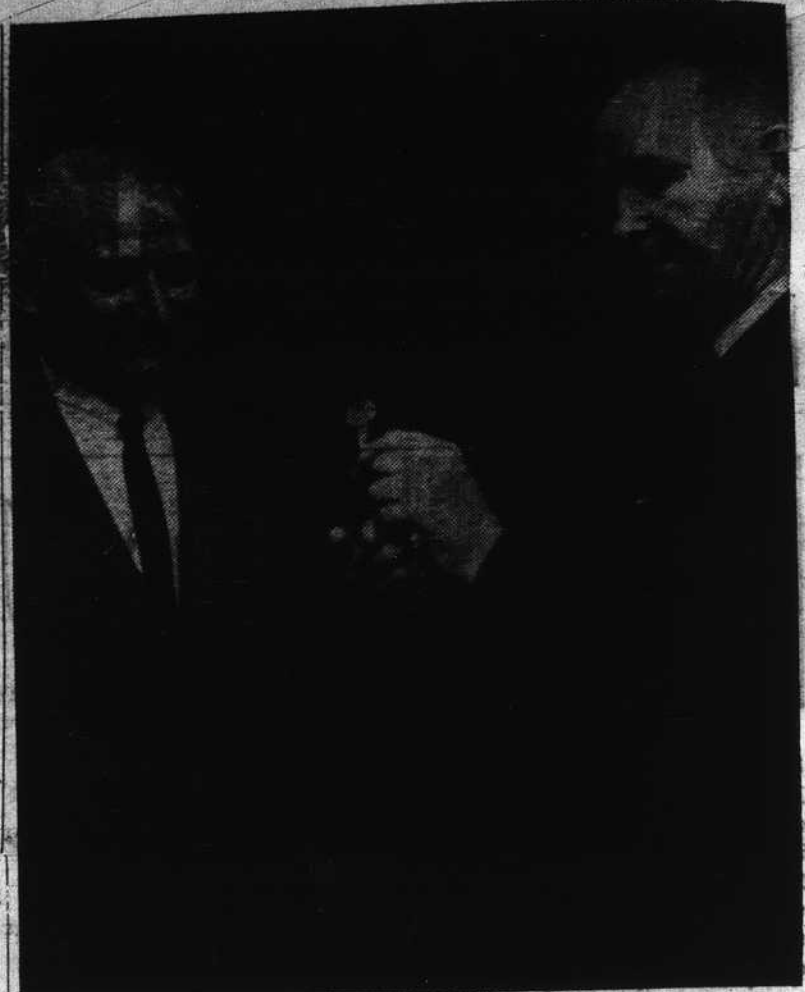
Previously enrolled pupils have already been assigned to schools. Late-coming pupils may apply for admission at Superintendent Howard Thompson's office. He said they would be assigned to "the most convenient school possible within classroom enrollment limitations."

Dr. Thompson noted that dou-

ble-shifting at Estes Hills School has been eliminated, and classroom enrollments are being held at 30 pupils or below.

The new \$900,000 Guy B. Phillips Jr. High School, beside Estes Hills School, is designed to accommodate 900 students. It will not be quite full this year, he said.

Twelve new classrooms at Estes Hills, built at a cost of \$157,000, have provided more elementary school space, and renovation of the West Franklin School, formerly the junior high school, has virtually provided the school system with another elementary school.



KEY TO STATEHOUSE OFFICE—Orange County Representative-Nominate Edwin J. Hamlin receives from his predecessor, L. J. Phipps, the key to office 2301 in the Statehouse at Raleigh. The exchange was made Tuesday night as the Hillsboro newspaper publisher was elected by the County Democratic Committee to succeed Phipps.

Democrats nominate Hamlin to succeed Phipps as legislator

News of Orange County publisher Edwin J. Hamlin of Hillsboro was Tuesday night nominated to succeed attorney L. J. Phipps as Orange County Representative in the General Assembly.

The County Democratic Executive Committee voted 28-27 for Hamlin over Hillsboro builder Fred Cates. According to law, the 47-year-old newspaperman will be appointed by Gov. Sanford to fill the vacancy created by Mr. Phipps at the end of the legislative session last spring.

Of the 57 members of the County Committee all but two were present at the dinner meeting in the General Sherman Restaurant east of Hillsboro. Mr. Phipps, also County Chairman for the Democratic Party, was host to the Committee members for the buffet banquet spread.

Gattis nominates

Hamlin was nominated by Sam Gattis of Hillsboro and seconding speeches were made by William Geer of Chapel Hill and Hugh Wilson of Orange Grove. Cates was nominated by Delos O'Daniel of Carrboro and Mrs. Ruth Howard of Cheeks Crossing gave a seconding statement. While the possibility of former Congressman Carl Durham being nominated had been mentioned frequently in recent days, no other nominations were made.

The votes of St. Mary's precinct delegates Conway Browning and his sister, Mrs. Eleanor Walker, Vice-Chairman, were challenged by Mrs. E. T. Cartee on the grounds that the party plan of organization prohibits two persons from the same immediate family from serving on the same precinct committee.

Mr. Browning stated in his defense that he and his sister had lived in separate households for many years and each had their own families. Chairman Phipps appointed a credentials committee consisting of

Alex McMahan, Jim Taylor, and Hugh Wilson to rule on Mr. Browning's right to be a delegate, if the outcome of the election should show that his one vote could have affected the outcome.

OK'd by committee

After the secret ballot vote was taken Mr. Phipps directed the committee to retire and make a recommendation. Subsequently the committee said it interpreted Mr. Browning to be a valid delegate in keeping with the language of the party plan. A motion to this affect was unanimously approved.

Mr. Phipps thereupon announced that the vote had been 28 to 27 for Hamlin and declared him to be the Committee's nominee.

Also before the voting, Hugh Wilson challenged the seating as Hillsboro Precinct Vice-Chairman of Mrs. Frank Frederick and Mrs. Virginia Forrest. Precinct Chairman stated that Mrs. Frederick had moved from the precinct and that Mrs. Forrest was the official delegate. Fred

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