

Chamber pledges \$2,000 . . .

Mayors kick off police aid fund

All citizens of the Chapel Hill-Carrboro community have been asked to join in giving to a "Merit Appreciation Fund" for the Chapel Hill police force in light of its extensive overtime duty in recent racial strife locally.

The campaign was announced formally yesterday in a joint statement from Mayor Sandy McClamroch of Chapel Hill and Mayor C. T. Ellington of Carrboro. The directors of the Chapel Hill-Carrboro Chamber of Commerce initiated the project

at a called meeting Monday, at which they pledged \$2,000 to the drive.

The donations will be turned over to Police Chief W. D. Blake for distribution to members of his 24-man force as he sees fit. The Mayors asked that contributions be sent to the "Town of Chapel Hill" for the "Merit Appreciation Fund," Town Hall, Chapel Hill. Various policemen have had to work as much as 50 per cent over-time without additional pay during each of the eight weeks since intensive civil rights activities began here last Dec. 13.

Note unity on police

In their joint statement the Mayors called attention to the feeling of community unity they sensed in "deep appreciation for the competence, dedication to duty, patience and personal sacrifice for the welfare of all of us that has been shown by the Chapel Hill police."

"In recent days various citizens have discussed how they might show their gratitude to the policemen for their good work and sacrifices," they declared. "These citizens hope to repay the policemen, so far as possible, for the real financial hardships they have suffered."

"Our policemen have suffered financially through hours of overtime duty which forced many to quit part-time jobs held during off-duty hours. They have suffered financially through out-of-pocket expenses which the Town can at this time only partially cover."

Help for last summer

The mayors noted that last summer many citizens gave to a police recreation fund, with which money the Department has started construction at its family recreation site north of town. In December a token payment was made by the Town for over- See FUND, Page 11

Race activities continue; picket ruling protests

Racial protests in Chapel Hill this week branched out into militant reaction against the town's amending restrictions on its four-year-old picket regulations ordinance.

Minutes after the Town Board failed Monday night to heed a renewed request to pass a public accommodations ordinance 50 members of the local "Freedom Committee" sat in the main intersection downtown and were promptly arrested. While this was going on the aldermen were passing a motion restricting picketing to the hours of 7 to 7, as requested by Chief of Police W. D. Blake. On the following night about three dozen local citizens paraded silently to the police station in protest against passage of the new picketing regulation. The Board's action was taken

after Chief Blake detailed to it the extreme harassment and near violence that occurred last Saturday night when some local citizens picketed a W. Franklin St. beer parlor, asking persons who entered it not to do so because the establishment offered unequal service to Negro customers.

During Saturday afternoon 100 arrests were made as the Freedom Committee staged sit-downs in the streets and highways in and around Town.

In the local Recorder's Court on Tuesday 82 cases of civil rights defendants were bound over to superior court for jury trial, bringing to more than 600 the total of these arrests. On Tuesday night 28 more arrests were made as Freedom Committee members staged a sit-down, blocking the entrance to Brady's Restaurant on Durham Rd.

Sessions to open week from Monday, Feb. 24 . . .

4 week terms of high court set for trial of race cases

At the request of the Orange County Commissioners, following a special meeting Monday morning, Chief Justice Emery Denny of the State Supreme Court has ordered three additional weeks of Superior Court for the County to follow a regular term beginning Monday, Feb. 24.

The additional terms were ordered to deal with the unprecedented congestion brought about by the racial situation in Chapel Hill, which has led to over 600 arrests in the past few months, and no appreciable alleviation by the courts.

Four defendants among the racial militants were tried during the December term but hundreds of arrests have been made in demonstrations since that time.

Recommended by bar

Attorney Gordon Battle told the commissioners the County Bar Association, at a meeting Friday night, recommended the additional terms with the "feeling something must be done or many of the cases might never be tried under the present situation."

Contact was made immediately with District Solicitor Thomas D. Cooper, Jr., who indicated he would be able to handle the four weeks himself. Earlier, it was suggested that the County seek assignment of a Special State Prosecutor from the Attorney General. A call by Chairman Donald Stanford to that office brought the reply that such authorization would have to come from the Governor, who was out of the State at that time. Commissioner Carl Smith sug-

gested the County should get help from the State in prosecuting the cases, calling it "a state problem as much as local." Battle advised the Board the State had employed special prosecutors in other cases, notably the Burch

Brewer trials recently.

Also in April

Last week, the commissioners had requested additional court terms for the weeks of April 13 and 20, which would be followed See COURT, Page 12

Dollar Day specials are being offered through Saturday

Chapel Hill-Carrboro merchants — members of the Merchants Association — will hold their semiannual Dollar Days today, Friday and Saturday.

Besides many items priced at exactly \$1, many will put special prices on higher and lower priced items.

Most of the participating merchants have been preparing for the sales event for many weeks, searching the markets for specially priced goods.

Shoppers will find extra sales clerks, extra wrappers and extra parking lot attendants on duty during the three-day selling event. Dollar Days have become one of the outstanding sales of members of the Merchants Association.

Participating stores will be designated by signs and streamers distributed through the association.

While business is expected to be brisk all day today, most merchants believe that Friday's volume will be much larger. The stores will be closed at their usual times today, but most will be open until 9 o'clock Friday night, as is their custom.

GOP DEBATE

Opposing factions in Guilford County Republican politics will debate their dispute at 7:30 this evening in the community room of Orange Savings and Loan Association at Chapel Hill.

Everybody invited to breakfast with Preyer next Wednesday

Richardson Preyer, Democratic candidate for Governor, comes to Orange County next Wednesday on his 100-county tour of North Carolina.

Elaborate plans for welcoming him are now being formulated by his supporters and an invitation to meet Preyer at breakfast is extended to all citizens of the county.

Site for the Orange County campaign kickoff will be the Lodge at Camp New Hope, where the candidate will be from 8 un-

til 9:30 a.m. Coffee, juice and doughnuts will be served all corners.

According to the press announcement, "he will make his appearance at 8 a.m. to meet his supporters and discuss informally with the citizens of Orange County his platform for the Governorship."

This will be the fourth week of the Preyer tour. From here he will go to Durham, where he'll speak at 10:30 and from there to Raleigh for a talk at 2 p.m.

Gordon Battle of Chapel Hill is chairman of arrangements for the Feb. 19 event, while Dr. Kemp Jones of Chapel Hill and Bob Satterfield of Hillsborough are co-chairmen for the county campaign. Mrs. Mary Prothro, women's chairman, is in charge of invitations and Mrs. W. E. Strayhorn is in charge of refreshments. Handling publicity is a committee headed by Mrs. Gail Ehle and composed of Bill Ivey, Rollie Tillman and Leon King.

Cleveland running for legislator's job

Orange County Commissioner Gordon B. Cleveland last night joined his Board Chairman and fellow townsman, Donald M. Stanford of Chapel Hill, in announcing his candidacy for the State House of Representatives.

A member of the University political science faculty, he was elected to the five-member County Board in 1960 after serving on the County School Board. The 47-year-old teacher is a graduate of Davidson College and received his Ph.D. degree at the University here in 1953. He has been active in PTA and Boy Scout activities, is a Presbyterian deacon, and has been Secretary of the County Democratic Committee.

"As one with an agricultural and business family background, a personal background in business, military service and college teaching in the field of government and politics, I believe I can fairly represent the various interests of the County," said Mr. Cleveland.

In a lengthy formal statement of his platform, Mr. Cleveland pledged to continue at the state level the policies and programs he has advocated as a member of the Board of Commissioners and School Board, and to try to



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