

Burnside site envisioned . . .

Plans, scale models would aid Hillsborough in arts school bid

Historic Hillsborough hopes to have the benefit of a ready-made set of tentative plans and model buildings as an asset in its favor when local residents make their bid later this month for location of the proposed North Carolina School of the Performing Arts.

The newly-appointed 10-member advisory committee for the institution will begin several days of touring the state in consideration of possible sites on April 27. Members of the Hillsborough Historical Society and the Historic Hillsborough Commission feel that the county seat of Orange will merit much consideration from the committee. They cite its natural assets and also a set of site plans now being drawn for the Hillsborough location by fourth-year design students of architect Harwell H. Harris at N. C. State in Raleigh. Dr. Robert J. Murphy, Chairman of the Commission, said he hoped the students would finish their proposed designs in time to submit them to the Committee when it comes to Hillsborough.

Dr. Murphy said that he and Mrs. A. G. Engstrom had talked with others in Hillsborough and found they could obtain an option on the Burnside property, a tract of about 300 acres just east of the village. The design students are drawing their plans to fit into this wooded site, which is known as a part of Cameron Park. It is crowned by a knoll sloping off to the Eno River on the East.

A part of the students' plans involve a civic-tourist center that would link the school to the town. This building would be in the block immediately west of

the campus and bounded by Margaret Lane, Cameron, Churton and King Streets.

Where to get the several million dollars that would be necessary to put up the performing arts school buildings and the tourist building is the big question. The Hillsborough backers of this project admit that it will not be possible to raise that kind of money locally, but believe they could secure it from philanthropic foundations on the basis of specific plans drawn to suit a place with Hillsborough's natural qualifications.

The high school level 400-pupil regional institution for concentrated training in their fields of dance, drama, and music, has a \$325,000 grant from the 1963 General Assembly and pledges of maintenance funds for five years from private foundations. John Ehle of Chapel Hill, Gov. Sanford's special assistant for cultural and educational affairs, has been spearheading the setting up of this school. As for the Hillsborough site he stated "I'm still not altogether certain that Hillsborough is big enough, but because it isn't big the whole town could be identified with the school. It's an interesting problem in the development of the arts."

Under the plan for a Hillsborough site the pupils would live in private homes and attend regular classes at Orange High School, taking only their special arts training at the state-sponsored school. If located on the Burnside tract, as envisioned by the student planners, the campus would consist of three buildings—one each for dance, drama, and

music. Each would include an indoor theater or auditorium, studios, rehearsal rooms, and classrooms, and would probably be built around an outdoor amphitheater.

Mr. Harris became interested in the Hillsborough possibility when he happened to stop off here briefly last fall while bound for Winston-Salem to look at a proposed site for this same institution there. He said he was fascinated by the natural attractiveness and colonial atmosphere of Hillsborough.

Make-up vaccine clinic demands top supply

So successful and popular was last Saturday's "make-up" session for persons wishing to take the Sabin oral polio vaccine in Chapel Hill that the sponsors had to dip into supplies they planned to use for the second mass dosage on May 17.

Dr. Robert Senior, chairman of the project for the sponsoring Durham-Orange Medical Foundation, announced last week that 400 previously-thawed doses left over from the county-wide vaccination program on March 22, would be available to any takers who missed out previously at the University Infirmary on Saturday afternoon.

In the scheduled two hours of this make-up clinic a total of 625 doses were passed out. To meet

the demand, he explained, it was necessary to thaw out a small quantity of the frozen serum that was scheduled to be given out on May 17 as the second dose for the more than 25,000 Orange County residents who took the initial serum-laden sugar cubes on March 22.

This second and final dose will be administered at the same eight school buildings across the county that the "feeding stations" were earlier set up in. Dr. Senior noted that persons who have recently received one of these three-strand doses of vaccine from their private physician or through last Saturday's make-up session may take their second dose at the regularly-scheduled public "feeding" on May 17.

Air Carrboro residential rezonings

Two major residential rezoning projects were presented at formal public hearings before the Carrboro commissioners and Planning Board night before last. In accordance with local ordi-

nance each proposal was referred to the planners for a recommendation back to the commissioners for action.

Some objections were raised by neighbors in the southern area of Smith Level Road to the petition of Bobby Roberts for the Roberts Construction Co. to rezone from Agricultural to RA-15 the 20-acre portion that is within the zoning district of a 186-acre tract he recently purchased from George Cole.

supply extended to the development and curbing and paving installed.

In the other matter before the hearing, C. J. W. Simpson asked that his 45-acre tract above Plantation Acres be rezoned from Agricultural to RA-20. No opposition was expressed to the proposal.

However the Town Board agreed to write to the State Highway Department to try to learn the location of a proposed north-side bypass road that would touch the top side of this development. Mr. Simpson agreed to lay out his subdivision in keeping with such a road, if its location could be established.

Every tomorrow has two handles. We can take hold of it with the handle of anxiety or the handle of faith.—Henry W. Beecher

Hamlin hits pay hike idea for legislators

Opposition to a pay-raise suggestion for members of the General Assembly has been expressed by Orange County Rep. Ed Hamlin.

His statement, made public this week, came on the heels of a proposal for the pay increase made before the State Democratic Platform Committee by National Committeewoman Mrs. Herbert McKay of Chapel Hill when the platform group opened its deliberations in Raleigh last week. Gordon Cleveland of Chapel Hill, candidate for the House seat for Orange County along with incumbent Hamlin and Donald Stanford of Chapel Hill, also appeared before the Platform Committee. He made proposals on liberalizing voter registration laws and passage of the state's lieu-of-taxes payments to local governments.

Rep. Hamlin's statement against the legislators' pay raise idea follows:

"As a Democratic candidate for the House, several other matters calling for money interest me much more.

"I refer particularly to free textbooks for public school children, adult drivers for school buses, and reduced teacher loads, among other things.

"The 1963 sessions of the Legislature cost North Carolina taxpayers \$1,044,653.15, of which \$672,928.65 was paid directly to members in salaries and subsistence. This appears to me to have been quite adequate, otherwise they might have been shortened considerably from the 145 days to which they were extended. The 1963 session began with no significant money problems before it, but consumed 104 days before the principal appropriations bill could be completed.

"Also, there appears to be no dearth of patriots, in this County, or any other, who are willing to offer their services at the existing pay.

"A quarter of a million dollars, which would be the probable cost of a \$10 per day pay raise, would go a long way toward some other essential or desirable expenditure."

Man loses unusual \$3,500 suit over results from grass seed

An Orange County farmer, who alleged he infested his fields with Johnson grass and other obnoxious weeds and grasses when he planted guaranteed "pure strain lespedeza" seed purchased from a Randolph seed firm, lost his case in Orange Superior Court

last week.

Attorneys for D. H. McCulloch of Orange County gave notice of appeal following the jury verdict in the case brought by him against Melvin Nunn, trading as Liberty Farm and Garden Supply. McCulloch sought damages of \$3,500 in the unusual case.

The jury answered "No" to the first issue submitted to it, "Did the defendant warrant the seed?" thus obviating the necessity for answering other issues on damages.

McCulloch alleged in his complaint that the defendant guaranteed the seed to be pure strain lespedeza and he bought 3,005 pounds for \$465; but after planting he discovered "a large majority of the seed consisted of Johnson grass and rough button seed.

He further alleged that since the planting he had been unable to kill out the obnoxious weeds and grasses. The defendant denied the seeds were guaranteed and claimed the selling price was much lower than would have been for pure strain seed.

It was the first case of its kind recalled in the local courts.

Three other cases heard during the last two days of last week and Tuesday ended in non-suit. In one divorce action Monday, Mrs. Shelby Head Vickers was granted a decree from Roy Harold Vickers.

Long session planned for recorder's court

Orange County Recorder's Court will convene next Wednesday for the first session in six weeks.

It has been recessed because of the scheduling of four weeks of criminal and two weeks of civil court in the county, primarily to handle the cases growing out of racial disturbance.

Plans of Judge Marshall Smith are to hold the court in session for three days, Wednesday, Thursday and Friday, if required to dispose of pending cases.

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