

Hillsborough to switch over to 7-digit dialing on Sunday

Hillsborough's new seven-digit All-Number-Calling system will be formally put into effect at 12:01 a.m. this coming Sunday, following an open house at the renovated Morris Telephone Co. plant on Saturday night.

Walter Murray, District Manager for the Company in Roxboro, said yesterday that he hoped Hillsborough Mayor Fred Claytor would actually throw the switch just after midnight, chang-

ing the present four-number dialing system to require seven digits. The general public was invited to inspect the \$125,000 renovation program in the newly-enlarged exchange building on E. King St. between 8 p.m. and midnight Saturday. Refreshments will be served.

Mr. Murray said that the present 600-line exchange would be enlarged to 900 lines and that terminals had been installed to

enlarge it to 2,500 lines when needed. There is a 50-line exchange for Cedar Grove and Efland in Efland, and which is wired through the Hillsborough exchange.

All telephone numbers are being changed for the switch-over and will have the prefix "732." New telephone directories were distributed yesterday, Mr. Murray said, and tabs carrying the new numbers were mailed out to customers on Monday, to be affixed to the telephone instruments as of this coming Sunday. As many as 10,000 lines can be put on the single "732" series of numbers, he noted.

"We hope we won't run into too many 'bugs' in making this switch and that we'll be able to give the people the kind of service they want," said Mr. Murray. He added that at some time in the future additional equipment would be installed so that Hillsborough subscribers would be hooked in to the Direct Distance Dialing system for inter-city telephone calls.

Public housing progress noted

Some progress toward acquiring purchase options for a 60-unit \$900,000 public housing project in Chapel Hill has been reported by Housing Authority Chairman Dr. Sidney S. Chipman.

Within two months, Dr. Chipman said yesterday, the actual acquisition of the necessary land—either in a single site or several separate areas—is expected to get under way. The availability of land will determine whether all 60 units will be in one

place or not, he said. Estimated total area of the project is nine acres.

Since it's not yet established when the land purchase can be completed, the construction schedule is yet indefinite, according to the Chairman. To date no final decision has been made on buying any single piece of land, he explained, although the availability of some tracts has been established.

Miss Orange County event tomorrow night

Beauty pageant entertainment set

Miss Ellen Vann, daughter of attorney and Mrs. Arthur Vann of Durham will appear for special entertainment at the "Miss Orange County" pageant in Memorial Hall, U.N.C., tomorrow night at 8 o'clock.

Ellen, a rising senior at Durham High School, will present a jazz-acrobatic dance to the Overture from the "West Side Story" for special entertainment. Though she admits this is the first time she's been asked to dance at a pageant, she has performed at fashion shows, recitals, conventions, and banquets all over the State.

Ellen has taken eight years of toe and ballet, and acrobatics, but this is not the extent of this young lady's talents. She is a member of the National Honor Society and editor of the Hi-Rocket, Durham High School newspaper.

Jim Beatty, world-famous track star, will be master of ceremonies for the pageant, which is sponsored by the Hillsborough-Chapel Hill-Cariboro Jaycees. Tickets can be purchased from any Jaycee for \$1.00 advance and \$1.25 at the door.

Nine entrants from the Chapel Hill and Hillsborough areas, will

vie for the title to succeed Ann Clayton as Miss Orange County. Each will give talent, swim suit, and evening gown appearances.

Entrants for the pageant are Barbara Johnson, Joyce Rabon, Sharyn Ann Rasmussen, Ann Sikes, Linda Upchurch, and Lydia Ann Cheek of Chapel Hill, and Sarah Louise Bell, Gayle Sims, Frances Laws, and Mary Lee Smith of Hillsborough.

Judges will be Bob Saunders of the Charlotte News; Barbara Hauser, Fayetteville writer; Mrs. Ethel Casey, singer from Raleigh; and Raymond Stone, Pres-



ELLEN VANN

ident of the community college in Southern Pines.

Winner of the event will receive a \$250 scholarship check, a \$250 wardrobe, and will represent Orange in the Miss North Carolina pageant at Raleigh this summer.

Robbers get good haul at Efland PO

Thieves broke into the Efland Postoffice and made off with a right substantial haul early Saturday morning.

The Sheriff's Department investigators said entry was made by breaking through the door and then ripping off the safe door in which money, stamps and money order forms were stored.

Missing, according to the report, were \$232 in cash, \$375 in stamps and \$509 in blank money orders. The control stamp for the money order was taken away by the robbers, to enable the invalidation of the money order forms. No clues to the identity were revealed by the officers.

Planners recommendations upheld

All recommendations of the District Planning Board were unanimously upheld as the Chapel Hill aldermen unanimously rejected several requests for re-

zoning to business use several tracts on major highways leading into Chapel Hill.

At the same time the aldermen were told by the planners that the planners were immediately undertaking a study of possible revisions in the Limited Business Zone. These requirements might be relaxed, a planners' spokesman indicated, and a recommendation made that such a zone be set up on part of the Durham Road area where the present business re-zonings were rejected.

In upholding the planners at their Monday meeting, the aldermen denied re-zoning to Region-

al Commercial as requested by W. B. Upchurch, and Bruce Martindale and J. R. Weaver on Durham Road, and by Sam Sparrow on Airport Road. Extensions of time for further consideration was granted for C. M. Mayse's business re-zoning request for his Durham Road property.

Additional time was also granted at the petitioner's request for consideration of H. B. Williams plea that his establishment, The Patio, be zoned Suburban Commercial. Jerry Hudson's request for a special use permit to build a 15-unit apartment on Raleigh Road was also deferred on a technicality.

Precinct Circuit . . .

Neighborhood political trends and gossip . . .

INTRA-PARTY WATERS CALM . . .

Despite the wide factional divergence of Orange County Democrats on the issue of their favorite nominee for Governor, the intra-party waters were quite calm, though interest was high, at last weekend's biennial convention of the party.

There was some talk of competition in the executive committee for various elective posts, but it didn't develop. However, the same will not necessarily hold true for next Tuesday night's caucus meeting of state convention delegates at which various committee membership posts will be elected.

G.O.P. GROWING . . .

Republican workers across the county bespeak optimism on the prospects for their cause in every conversation they have about politics. Significant figures are not yet available on how the registration of new Republicans and converts is coming along, since the voting books won't close until this Saturday. But the registration drive has been the real focus of the county Republican organization through the winter months.

Also, the party's ward heelers note that they've rounded out the organization a good bit since the holding of their County convention in February, at which time only about half the precinct committee posts were filled.

WILL THE FUR FLY?

The first tiny tufts of fur have begun to fly this past week as various candidates for local offices began taking modest pokes at one another or incumbent office holders. In past years some hotly-contested races have been bitter personality and name-calling clashes, and some have not. The nature of the campaign generally develops and snowballs in the last two weeks of May—like from now on! Seasoned observers expect the political stumping to get right warm henceforth.

REGISTRATION OVERSIGHTS . . .

As always in the Chapel Hill community, a great many people will be out of town for the scheduled party primary election day on Saturday, May 30. For this reason some of them have passed up appeals to register for voting. —Why trouble, they reason even regretfully, when they won't be able to vote on primary day?

But what many of these folks are forgetting is that there'll probably be a second primary election sometime in June—not only on the state, but perhaps even on the county level. And many citizens out of town for the Memorial Day weekend will be back home for the second primary voting day. But they won't be able to register between the two primaries!

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