

Private recreation group is to be officially dissolved; \$11,500 to be given to Town

The eight-year-old privately-owned Chapel Hill-Carrboro Recreation Center Corp. will be formally dissolved at the end of calendar 1964, according to Mayor Sandy McClamroch, acting head of the non-profit local group.

The organization was formed in 1956 shortly after a referendum to set up a public recreation tax district here was rejected by the voters. Mayor McClamroch said that the approximately \$11,500 remaining in the corporation's treasury would be given to the Chapel Hill Recreation Commission. It was provided in the formal organization of the private group that if it ever ceased to exist its funds would go to the Town of Chapel Hill, he noted.

Raised about \$25,000

In its fund drive program in 1956 the Corporation raised about \$25,000. Approximately \$12,000 of this has been used for improvement of a recreation building on the Umstead family park property, which is used in

the town's public recreation program. The funds were originally intended for construction of a privately-owned recreation center building.

Chapel Hill Recreation Commission Chairman Albert Graham said his group had voted to put \$2,000 of the newly-acquired funds for planning of a recreation center proposed for construction on a 30-acre section of the 120-acre Chapel Hill Senior High School property north of town. This project is subject to a district recreation referendum scheduled to be held at the time of municipal elections next May.

A meeting of the Recreation Committee of the Chamber of Commerce was held last week to discuss plans for promoting passage of the referendum issue and construction of the bond-financed recreation facilities. Committee Chairman Harold D. Meyer proposed that a \$270,000 program be undertaken, according to the following estimated costs:

Stadium, \$50,000; recreation

center, \$80,000; swimming pool, \$60,000; park area, \$10,000; parking area, \$5,000; furnishings, \$20,000; cost of land, \$25,000; and improvements to Roberson St. recreation center building, \$20,000. He said that federal funds might be available for planning and development of the project and for acquisition of the land.

Dr. Meyer urged that five action committees be set up for the following purposes: Planning—with consultants from the Research Triangle Regional Planning Commission and the N.C. Recreation Commission, and municipal and county attorneys.

Legislative—with members of the local government bodies, the school system, and the county's legislators, to arrange passage of General Assembly enabling legislation for the recreation district proposal; building planning; a Recreation District Commission and a follow-up committee.

Membership now over 400 . . .

Sharp to be speaker at chamber banquet

University Chancellor Paul Sharp will be the speaker for the annual banquet of the Chapel Hill-Carrboro Chamber of Commerce on Feb. 22.

At that time the Chamber of Commerce "Man of the Year" award will be made for 1964, and officers for 1965 installed. Chancellor Sharp's predecessor in office, William B. Aycock, was the first annual winner of this award at the Chamber's charter membership banquet last winter.

About 500 persons are ex-

pected to attend the affair, to be held as an evening banquet in the Ranch House, according to Chamber Executive Director Joe Augustine. He noted that the Chamber currently had a membership of 400, as compared with 175 at the time of last year's first annual meeting.

Officers for 1965 will be chosen by the 21-member Board of Directors at its meeting in January. Earl Somers, Social Committee Chairman, is in charge of arrangements for the annual meeting.

Merchants to install officers on January 25

Officers for the coming year will be installed by the Chapel Hill-Carrboro Merchants Assn. at their annual banquet on Jan. 25.

At that time Douglas Powell, local real-estate agent, will succeed R. B. Fitch Jr. as President of the group. A social hour will precede the 6:30 p.m. af-

fair in The Ranch House.

Merchants Association Executive Director Joe Augustine said the Rev. Thomas Haggai, High Point, would be the speaker for the occasion on the topic "A Minister of God in the Market Place." On the same program the fourth annual recipient of the "Merchant of the Year" award will be announced, last year's winner was retired druggist Clyde Eubanks.

Other new officers of the group are First Vice-President John M. Foushee, Second Vice-President Bernard Whitefield, and Directors Bill Locke, Bernice Ward, Jim Heavner, Crowell Little, and Bill MacIlwain.

Yule holiday schedules announced over county

Christmas holidays plans have been set up by most public agencies and business firms throughout the county.

In Chapel Hill most stores will be closed Christmas Day and Saturday. Some have planned sales for Saturday, however.

Banks and postoffices are expected to follow this schedule, too, as will the Merchants Association office. The Chapel Hill and Carrboro Town Halls will be closed Thursday, Friday and Friday.

Stores in Hillsborough generally will observe a two-day holiday—Friday and Saturday.

County offices will be closed Thursday, Friday, and Saturday also, and will reopen on Monday morning, Dec. 28.

University students left for home at the end of class periods last Friday. Their schedule will resume on the morning of Monday, Jan. 4.

In accordance with a statewide agreement all banks and savings and loan institutions will be closed on Dec. 28.

Chapel Hill Town Manager Robert Peck said there would be no residential garbage collection on Friday and Saturday.

Garbage collections in Chapel Hill will be slightly curtailed this week. Only one residence pickup will be made—Wednesday. Business collections will be made daily through Thursday. No collection will be made on Christmas Day.

'Merry Christmas'—at \$10 average . . .

Deposit refunds given to 387 customers of local utilities

It will be "Merry Christmas" for 387 customers of University Service Plants who were refunded their deposits to the tune of \$4,200, an average of about \$10 apiece, in the annual credit-checking outlined in their letter as follows:

"Dear Customer:
"Enclosed is our check for \$— which is a refund of your deposit with the University Service Plants.

"We shall continue to require deposits from new customers when they apply for utility services. However, an annual review of accounts will be made and permanent residents who have been prompt in paying their accounts and have established a satisfactory general credit rating will be refunded

their deposits.

"Thank you for your cooperation and patronage."

John Cox, Commercial Manager, issued the checks last weekend to both business and residential accounts, following a thorough check of both telephone and light and water records at the downtown office.

A majority of the local utilities customers have now been refunded their original deposits for electric and water service, Cox pointed out. The practice was begun three years ago, and now almost all customers except those who are poor credit risks or are not permanent residents have been given refunds in full.

3-day postal holiday set for this weekend

The U. S. Postoffice Department will take an unusual three-day holiday over the Christmas weekend, in the wake of the biggest flood of Yuletide mail in its history.

It is the first time a three-day interruption has ever been declared on regular mail service. Authorities noted that the fact that Christmas fell on Friday is the unique reason for the holiday on that day and Saturday, Sunday being a regular holiday.

This means there will be no

local delivery of mail, except for special delivery matter, and no window service in the postoffices. However rural mail routes will be carried Saturday on their regular schedule, and incoming and outgoing mails will be posted as usual. Mail will also be posted in patron boxes at the postoffices according to the regular schedule, it was noted.


In Chapel Hill Postmaster Paul Cheek expressed his thanks to the general public for their cooperation during the Christmas mailing rush. "We've had the best cooperation this year that we've ever had through people sending their Christmas mail early. We'll deliver every piece of mail in the building by Christmas Eve."

Postmaster Cheek noted that volume of mail from Dec. 1 through Monday of this week (Dec. 21) was also a record—23 million pieces. Last year's record total for this same period was 2.2 million pieces.


Business As Usual . . . on Christmas Day?

To Name a Few . . .

NURSES at Memorial Hospital
POLICEMEN at Town Hall
FIREMEN at Airport Road
SERVICEMEN throughout the world



They are all people who like to be home with their family but whose duty requires they be on the job.



ON CHRISTMAS DAY, if you turn a faucet, flip a light switch or place a phone call UNC Service Plant personnel will be at their post making sure PURE WATER—INSTANT POWER—PROMPT CALLS

help make your

Christmas Day a Happy One

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