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Seeds Of War

"The worst thing about the Suez situation is that it contains seeds of war..." See editorial comment, page four.

Umstead Sees Bi-Racial Groups As Key To State's School Intergration Problem

Urges Favorable Vote

On Proposed Changes

The key to eventual solution of the integration problem in North Carolina's public schools lies in the appointment of bi-racial citizens committees, according to John W. Umstead, influential veteran member of the General Assembly from Chapel Hill.

Speaking before the Carrboro Lions Club on Thursday evening, Mr. Umstead declared that Chapel Hill has gone farther toward this goal to date than almost any other community in the state in having such a group. He was referring to the 27-member Citizens School Committee, appointed under direction of the Chapel Hill School Board last spring.

Mr. Umstead spoke strongly in favor of the passage of the proposed Constitutional Amendments for operation of the public schools that will be voted upon in the Sept. 8 special election. He supported the Pearsall Plan as presented and passed by last month's special session of the General Assembly, and re-emphasized his stand in his talk here.

"We need to do something to take the schools situation out of the hands of the extremists," said Mr. Umstead. "And I feel that these (the amendments proposed in the Pearsall Plan) do just that. It is absolutely necessary that some such plan as this be passed now because the people in a large part of North Carolina are not going to accept any mixing of the races at the present time."

The primary benefit in the program that will become law if passed in the Sept. 8 election, as seen by Mr. Umstead, is that "it would give those interested in preserving the schools as well as peace and harmony in the community an opportunity to work out something more satisfactory." The bi-racial committees, he suggested, would be the main means to this end.

See Few Closings
Mr. Umstead predicted that very few and possibly no schools would ever be closed because of the passage of the proposed amendments. "A lot of people think they're voting on whether they'll close the schools next year," he said. "That's not the question."

The speaker pointed out that the options proposed in the Pearsall Plan couldn't be tried until a Negro was admitted to a white school, and noted that this couldn't be done anywhere in the state, at the earliest, before the school boards make pupil assignments for the 1957-58 school terms. And, in the event a Negro applied to some board and was refused, the channels of appeal, as set up by law, could lead to the U. S. Supreme Court, a process that could take as long as a year or two.

In addition to urging passage of the school amendments, Mr. Umstead sounded an appeal for better Negro school facilities in (See UMSTEAD, Page 2)

Wildcats' Season Ticket Sale Starts

Season tickets for the Chapel Hill High School Wildcats' five home games this season went on sale today under auspices of the Carrboro Lions Club.

All games will be played on Friday evenings at 8 o'clock in the Carrboro Lions Park. While the single admission price is a

dollar a game, the combination ticket is again being offered for \$3.00.

Members of the Lions Club are now selling the tickets on an individual basis and they'll also be sold through high school students after classes begin next week. A goal of 500 tickets has

been set for this season's sale. Here's the home schedule for the Wildcats:

Sept. 7, Selma; Sept. 28, Southern High (Durham County); Oct. 12, Graham; Oct. 26, Roxboro; and Nov. 9, Oxford Orphanage.



READY FOR OPENER—Returning lettermen on the Chapel Hill High School football squad will form the backbone of the team when the Wildcats open their 10-game season against Selma here next week. Left to right (kneeling), they are Tommy Buris, end; Clark Rogers, tackle; Tommy Hogan, tackle; Haywood Pendergrass, guard; Charles Todd, center; Sammy Carroll, end; Tom Cheek, end; (standing) Baldy Williams, halfback; Tommy Goodrich, fullback; Wayne Poe, end; Ruffin Harville, quarterback; Rudy Barker, quarterback; and Bobby Blake, guard. Missing is halfback Bobby Costello.

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Fire District Pact Approval Seen

A written contract proposal for fire protection in the Greater Chapel Hill Fire District has been presented to a committee of the Chapel Hill aldermen.

As earlier explained, the agreement basically provides that the Town of Chapel Hill would assume the assets of the District in return for giving it fire protection. The detailed proposal was drawn up by the newly-organized three-man Fire District Commission, of which Alex McMahon is Chairman.

Town Manager Thomas D. Rose

said he was favorably impressed with the recommendations, which will go to the Board committee of Paul Wager, Gene Stroud, and Kenneth Putnam before the aldermen act upon them next month.

To date the Fire District has paid \$5,544 on its \$11,698 fire truck. Two more annual payments of \$3,077 are still to be made, and these would be assumed by the Town, if the proposed agreement is accepted.

It provides that: All fire district tax money collected for 1955-56 be turned over to the Town, except for money paid in the down payment on the truck; all taxes collected in 1956-57 and future years of the contract be given to the town; that the Town take title to the truck and assume the remaining indebtedness on the truck; that the town answer all calls in the District with necessary fire fighting equipment.

That the contract be for two years, subject to renewal; and that the territory of the Fire District may be increased upon petition of property owners who wish to be annexed to it and upon unanimous agreement of the Fire District Commissioners, and County Commissioners, and the Chapel Hill Aldermen.

Enrollment Hike Of 300 Is Seen At University

Final examinations ended the summer session at the University last week, but in less than a month some 7,000 students are expected to enroll for the fall semester.

Roy Armstrong, Director of Admissions, said he expects an increased enrollment of around 300 students over last year. Dormitories open September 13 and classes begin September 20 after a two-day registration period, September 18 and 19. Freshman and transfer orientation will be held September 13-17. Registration will close at UNC September 22.

With increased enrollments constantly facing UNC, plans have been made to build more dormitories. At present, UNC's facilities can not meet all the housing needs. Housing for married students is critical. Last semester saw more than 1,400 married students enrolled while UNC housing was available for only 365 families.

The increased enrollment has taken place even with a more selective screening policy which includes tests on college aptitude, English and algebra.

Patterson Takes Over As Head Of NROTC

Capt. Alex M. Patterson has begun his duties as professor of naval science and commanding officer of the Naval Reserve Officers Training Corps Unit at the University, succeeding Col. Robert Carter Buons who has been named chief of staff of the Second Marine Division at Camp Lejeune.

Capt. Patterson is a native of Raeford, and was graduated from the U. S. Naval Academy in 1927. Prior to reporting to Chapel Hill, he was Assistant Chief of Staff of the Caribbean Command at Quarry Heights, Canal Zone.

Capt. Patterson is married to the former Miss Mary McBryde of Lumberton. They have a daughter, Mrs. Thomas J. Sabiston, wife of an Army major stationed at Ft. Rucker, Ala., and a son who is a rising senior at the Mercersburg Academy in Pennsylvania.

REGISTER NEW PUPILS

Principals in the Chapel Hill! Public Schools will be in their offices from 9 a.m. until noon this Wednesday to register pupils who will be attending the local schools for the first time this fall. Classes will begin on Wednesday of next week, Sept. 5.

Weather Report

Partly cloudy, warm and humid through tomorrow with widely scattered afternoon showers. High today, 87; low tonight, middle 60s. High tomorrow, near 90.

	High	Low	Rainfall
Thursday	72	68	.00
Friday	81	61	.00
Saturday	87	61	.00
Sunday	82	57	.00



A 'JOYFUL NOISE'—Former members of the Navy Pre-Flight School Band which was formed and stationed here from 1942-44 had their first reunion Saturday at the Negro Community Center—their home during their war-time stay in Chapel Hill. About 20 of the original 45 members were on hand for the occasion. Most of them are now band directors in North Carolina public schools and colleges. Above, former Bandmaster J. C. Parsons, now an assistant U. S. District attorney in Chicago, leads his charges in the "Stars and Stripes Forever" during an impromptu concert that featured the reunion.

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After 10 Years . . .

Navy Pre-Flight Band Has Reunion At Community Center On Saturday

Ten years after it was disbanded following the end of World War II, members of the Navy Pre-Flight School Band, held their first reunion here Saturday in the Negro Community Center.

J. C. Parsons, Bandmaster of the 45-man group during its four years of existence, said about 20 men, most of them with their wives and families, were here for the occasion. Mr. Parsons was director of music for the Negro public schools in Greensboro when the band was formed in 1942 as an experimental project.

Assigned New Duty

It marked the first time that Negroes had been assigned to any duty except mess boys in the Navy. At the end of the war Mr. Parsons went back to school under the GI Bill of Rights and attained a law degree. He is now an assistant U.S. District Attorney in Chicago.

The Band was housed in the Negro Community Center, which was completed for its use. During its two years in Chapel Hill the unit performed for a number of community occasions in addition to providing music and drill esprit for the Pre-Flight School.

Mr. Parsons recalled that when O. O. Kessing Commandant of the School here was transferred he requested that the Band be sent to his new post in the Pacific with him. However, the new assignment was only partially completed and the Band ended up at Pearl Harbor for the remainder of the war.

Most Were At A&T

The original band was formed

from Negro music instructors and college students in the state, most of them being at A and T College at the time. At the present time more than half of them are band directors in this state.

Among those present for the all-day reunion here were the following band directors and music instructors: Walter Carson, Richard Jones, W. T. Gibbs Jr., and J. C. Morgan of Greensboro; Robert Tate of Virginia; Huey Lawrence of Ay-

den, W. H. James of Durham, John Herring of Newport News, Richard Jergens of Little River, Charles Wood of Rocky Mount, Otto Harris of Thomasville, William Reader of Charlotte, and Thomas Gavin of Fayetteville.

Others present included Robert Brewer of Winston-Salem, Roger Holt of Chicago, John Clay of Roxboro, William Cole of Durham, Benny Lakin of Durham, and Mr. Parsons.

But Just Barely . . .

Friday Again Comes Saturday; This Time It's Baby Mary Howell

For the second consecutive time this past weekend a Friday came on Saturday.

It appeared more likely for a while that the second Friday would come, more appropriately, on a Friday this time. But nature ran it's course and once again a Friday came on Saturday, but just barely.

There was no mix-up in days involved. Quite simply, the occasion was the birth of Mary Howell Friday to UNC Acting President and Mrs. William C. Friday at 12:20 a.m. Saturday in Memorial Hospital here. The baby takes her middle name for Mrs. Friday, the former Ida Howell of Lumberton.

The Friday's other child, adopted daughter Frances, arrived four years ago last March —also on a Saturday.

282 Sign Up To Vote Saturday; Total Here Now Is About 6,448

Saturday brought a rush of last day registrants to the Chapel Hill and Carrboro precinct headquarters, according to the six registrars, all of whom reported a busy day.

A total of 282 newly-qualified voters were entered on the books with the largest number for a single precinct, 83, being registered in Three by Harold Walters. Saturday's entries brings the total number of registered voters in the Chapel Hill-Carrboro district to approximately 6,448.

The following are approximate figures as reported by the registrars: Number One—Total, 1,000.

J. O. Bailey To Teach At Univ. Of Istanbul

Prof. J. O. Bailey of the UNC English Department has just been advised by the State Department that he has been appointed to teach next year at the University of Istanbul and Robert Junior College for the coming year. He will teach courses in English literature in both institutions.

Prof. and Mrs. Bailey will leave Chapel Hill September 9 for Washington where they will be briefed by the State Department. They expect to sail from New York on or about September 12.

Saturday, 40; Number Two—337, 45; Number Three—1,200, 83; Number Four—1,000, 45; Number Five—1,400, 25; Carrboro 1,400, 75 for entire period.



SLABS SLIP—Joe Ingram, 23-year-old Negro of Route One, was pinned under his truck when the vehicle careened off the old Cedar Grove Road 10 miles west of town on Friday afternoon. The vehicle, which was effectively demolished, dumped its load of pine slabs and rolled over, trapping the driver inside the wreck until nearby residents freed him. He was released from Memorial Hospital after his injuries were treated. According to investigating officers Howard Pendergraph and Mann Norris the driver said he lost control of his vehicle after the door beside his seat flew open. He was hauling slabs for the Chapel Hill Ice Co., from a point near the scene of the accident.

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Towns To Get About \$36,000 For Roads Use

Chapel Hill and Carrboro will shortly receive about \$36,000 as their share of \$6,000,000 allocated to 400 North Carolina municipalities for improvement and maintenance of non-highway system streets during the current fiscal year.

The fund comes from a half-cent levy out of the state gasoline tax and is disbursed on the basis of per capita population and non-state system mileage in the municipalities.

On this basis the Town of Chapel Hill will receive a check for \$30,140, based on 22.96 miles of local streets; and Carrboro will receive \$6,426 on the basis of its 5.56 miles of local streets.

NEED PAPER BAGS

The Parent-Teacher Association's Thrift Shop on W. Franklin St. will open for the coming year this Wednesday morning at 10 o'clock. The Thrift Shop Committee has issued a call for plain mittie has issued a call for plain brown paper bags to be used for articles purchased at the Shop. Persons who will donate bags are asked to bring them to the Shop.

PLANTA NURSES

Cadmus, Director of Hospital, will address graduate education in nursing on Sept. 10 on "Continuity in Care for Better Patient."