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# Higher Taxes, Bonds Are Proposed For Securing School Expenses, Building

By AL ELMER

The securing of additional money for school building construction and improvement of the instructional program locally through raising County taxes, voting more bonds, or hiking the local supplementary tax rate was discussed at the Parent-Teacher-Student Association's final meeting of the new year last night.

Donald B. Hayman, Assistant Director of the Institute of Govern-

ment, analyzed money sources available in light of the need for a new \$300,000 elementary school in a few years.

### Against ABC Stores

In answering a question on the possibility of ABC stores as a source of revenue, he declared they would bring in practically no revenue for the first year "and approximately only two dollars per capita when well established."

Pointing out that the County provided \$153,030 for current expenses

in 1957-58 and that Chapel Hill received \$47,030 of this sum, he added "The only possibility of sizeable additional funds would be in a county tax rate increase."

The hiking of the District supplemental tax levy Mr. Hayman saw as a possible current expense revenue source. The present rate of \$15 per \$100 valuation actually nets Chapel Hill schools "more for less" than many other N. C. cities, he said. "This rate provides \$21.94 gross tax per pupil. This is the important

thing because assessment ratio and not actual levies show the true value of the rates."

By a public vote the school system could borrow up to five per cent of its assessed valuation, he pointed out. This would provide about \$1,200,000 for bonds.

### Johnston Cites Needs

The immediate and future needs of the schools were outlined by Joseph J. Johnston, Chapel Hill High School Principal, who declared "A more efficient job in the classroom can only be accomplished if more and better materials are provided."

"We need instructional supplies in the library, music room, English department—in fact in all departments of the school." Another need, he said, is a wider testing program "to discover the abilities and aptitudes of students on the high school level and to guide them along these lines."

Population trends show a need for more teachers and "more diversified courses" for the different students, the Principal said.

Mr. Johnston expressed the need for vocational courses to train students who end their educations after high school and for a more efficient transportation system for students in outlying areas.

He concluded by calling attention to "a new elementary school which is going to be necessary in the next three or four years."

### Budget Analysis

An analysis of the current school year budget was given by Dean Henry Brandis of the University Law School, a School Board member. He pointed out that state and federal funds account for 70 per cent of school monies. The rest comes from local sources. Chapel Hill is now getting "almost a half-million dollars year for operating expenses," he stated.

"About \$130,000 of this money was raised locally," Dean Brandis said. "The University provided \$11,000, the County \$47,000 and the local 15 cent tax supplement provided \$52,000." The rest of the money came from a \$21,800 bank balance of July 1, 1957. "It seems certain we will not have anything near that balance at the end of this fiscal year," he said.

### BABCOCK SPEAKS HERE

Chapel Hill Rotarians last night heard State Director of Highways William F. Babcock speak on the general activities of his Department. Program Chairman Edwin S. Lanier introduced the speaker.

## School Area Merger Vote Set May 20

Following through on previous tentative discussion, the Board of Commissioners yesterday completed legal machinery and set May 20 as the date for the election on the merger of the Carrboro and White Cross school districts with the Chapel Hill special school tax district.

In its third attempt to set the legal boundaries of the proposed areas to be merged, the board finally approved the required formal resolution containing the boundary description in metes and bounds to satisfy previous objections as to the legality of earlier

descriptions submitted with the approval of both boards of education, Orange County and Chapel Hill.

The resolution set up two voting precincts, with their respective polling places, and named the election officials to conduct this special election. A complete new registration of eligible voters in the two school districts was ordered.

Registrars will be Mrs. Luther Sturdivant for Carrboro and Mrs. Thomas Y. Teer for White Cross.

Named a judges of election were Ashwell Harward and Bruce Riggsbee for the Carrboro precinct and

Grady Crawford and Miss Martha Lloyd for the White Cross precinct. Polling places will be the Town Hall in Carrboro and the Grange Hall at White Cross.

The new registration books will be open from 9 o'clock until sunset from Saturday April 26 through May 10 for registration of voters and Saturday May 17 will be Challenge Day. Registrars will be at the polling places on the Saturdays.

The complete resolution including the description of the areas to be merged may be found on another page of this edition.

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## Party's State Chairman 'Gets Acquainted' Here . . .

# Special County GOP Convention Is Seen Likely

Orange County's Republican Party control dispute will likely be decided at a special County convention of the GOP.

This seemed evident today in the wake of a luncheon meeting here yesterday of a number of Orange Republicans with the party's new N. C. Chairman, William Cobb of Morganton.

About 18 Republicans, most of them from Chapel Hill, attended the session at the invitation of Col. Holland Robb of Chapel Hill, elected Chairman of the County organization last winter in a split within the GOP political ranks in Orange. The new convention would be called to resolve the group's county leadership, which is still claimed by the also re-elected Marshall Cates Sr., of Hillsboro.

'A Get-Acquainted Affair'  
At yesterday's meeting — strictly an informal and "get acquainted" affair, Col. Robb said—a petition was presented to Chairman Cobb asking that the new County convention be called on the basis of irregularities in party procedure in the calling and holding of the convention last winter.

Mr. Cobb stated that he would base his decision on this matter

on the wishes of the Republican candidates for office in the County. As of this time there are no announced GOP candidates; however, local Republicans assured that some would come forth before the filing deadline 10 days hence.

The petition was directed to the party's State Grievance Committee, of which Chairman Cobb is a member. According to Col. Robb the State Chairman felt that there were enough signatures on the petition to show good cause for a new convention.

### Registration Campaign

The group also discussed plans for a campaign to get Republicans registered during the regular voter registration period next month. A number of persons in the Robb faction of the party have been hampered in their GOP political activities in that they are not registered on the voting books as Republicans.



REPUBLICANS 'GET ACQUAINTED' HERE—State Republican Party Chairman William Cobb (left) of Morganton introduces himself to Mrs. Marion Crossen, one of a number of local GOP members who met at a luncheon given at the invitation of Col. Holland Robb (center) here yesterday.

## PTSA Elects Prof. Doak President For New Year

Prof. George O. Doak of the University School of Public Health Faculty has been elected President of the Chapel Hill Parent-Teacher-Student Association for the coming year.

He and other new officers were chosen unanimously on presentation of the slate of the nominating committee at last night's final meeting of the current year of the Association. About 200 persons attended the session.

Prof. Doak succeeds Dr. William Fleming. Other newly-elected officers are V. L. Bounds, First Vice-President; Mrs. N. P. DiCostanzo, Second Vice-President; J. Arthur Branch, Treasurer; Mrs. Brevitt Hook, Recording Secretary; and Mrs. Raymond Andrews, Corresponding Secretary.

The other outgoing officers are James Wadsworth, First Vice-President; Mrs. Claude Baker, Second Vice-President; Leon King, Treasurer; Mrs. Kerr White, Recording Secretary; and Mrs. Bernice L. Ward, Corresponding Secretary.



PROF. GEORGE O. DOAK

### In School Merger Area

## No Action Taken On Committeemen

Faced with a 475-name petition urging their re-appointment and endorsement of others for the posts, the Board of Education yesterday declined to act on the re-appointment of two Carrboro district school committeemen whose terms expired April 1.

Likewise, no action was taken on the re-appointment of C. P. Jones, Route 1, Mebane, a White Cross committeeman, whose term like those of Chairman Carl Ellington and Ernest T. Hearn of Carrboro has expired.

All other incumbent district school committee members whose terms expired were re-appointed at yesterday's meeting of the Orange County Board of Education.

A petition bearing 475 names, including all town officials of the Town of Carrboro, with the exception of Mayor R. B. Todd, virtually all of the "qualified" (meaning eligible to vote) business owners of the community, was presented to the Board of Education in support of the re-appointment of Ellington and Hearn. The cover letter to the petition, signed by Mack Williams, Carrboro insurance man, termed it vital to the welfare of the school that the two long-time school leaders be re-appointment.

Earlier, a Carrboro citizens' group favoring merger of the Carrboro and Chapel Hill school districts had suggested a number of other persons considered suitable to be appointed to the committee posts. This list has not been disclosed.

The failure of the board to re-appoint Ellington and Hearn leaves the status of the Carrboro committee in doubt. Members of the Board

and Superintendent G. Paul Carr indicated they did not know whether the Carrboro committee should be considered a three-member group with the three hold-over members constituting the full committee or whether Ellington and Hearn might be considered as still in office until successors are chosen. Under the terms of the formal motion on the matter offered by John Hawkins of Cedar Grove, the board re-appointed all incumbent school committeemen whose terms expire this year except those of Carrboro and White Cross. Thus, in effect the board took no action the Carrboro and White Cross appointments, at this time, leaving their status in doubt.

Other committeemen appointed for three year terms were Bonner D. Sawyer and George Smith, Hillsboro; John Eiland Jr., Eiland; L. J. Rogers and A. H. Hawkins, Aycok; and Flint Hamlin, Caldwell.

The consensus of the board in declining to act on the committee appointments was that any action might be construed as favoring one side or the other in the school merger controversy, inasmuch as the positions of the two incumbents are well known as are those who were presented as alternate nominations.

## Golden Deeds Award Set April 29

The Chapel Hill Exchange Club's annual Book of Golden Deeds award will be presented to an outstanding person in the community at the Ladies' Night banquet April 29. Dr. William Poe will be in charge of the program for Exchangites and their invited guests.

Several projects are now in the formative stage for club members, according to President William

Blake. Among them are participation with the Community Council in the American Field Service program, a football concession stand at Kenan Stadium for the coming season, a library book project and one on mental health.

Miss Jo Bissell spoke to Club

members this past Tuesday on the North Carolina Parapalegic Association, its organization and purposes. She illustrated her talk with films on work being done now at the University of Illinois for parapalegic students, including rebuilding entrances to public buildings.

## Sertomans Pick Edwards New President Of Club

Harold Edwards was elected President of the Chapel Hill Sertoma Club at Tuesday night's meeting, succeeding C. W. McKenzie. He will be installed in office the first of July.

Other officers elected at that time were Jim Falconer, First Vice-President; Bill Houck, Second Vice-President; Sam Wilburn, Secretary; Doug Council, Treasurer; and Howard Pendergraft, Sergeant-at-Arms.

Don Belton, Charlton Campbell, Ed Mann Sr., and Bill Colville were elected Directors.

Sertomans will give a picnic for the Chapel Hill High School band this Saturday afternoon at the Recreation Center site, weather permitting. At this time the club will turn over to the band a check for \$1,000 representing proceeds from club-sponsored projects for band uniforms and instruments.

## New Church To Be Amity Methodist

Thirty-one persons became charter members of the new Methodist Church in the Airport Road section of Chapel Hill at Organization Services last Sunday.

The new congregation includes: Mr. and Mrs. J. Floyd Ammons, Mr. and Mrs. Charles L. Byrd, Mrs. S. B. Cameron, Mr. and Mrs. Paul Davis, Mr. and Mrs. Dallas D. Durham, Mr. and Mrs. C. R. Farrell, Mrs. A. M. Fisher, Mrs. Fred E. Gordon, Mr. and Mrs. Herman M. Greene, Herman M. Greene Jr., Mr. and Mrs. Donald L. Hrabak, Mr.

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Prior to its official organization the church had been known as the North Chapel Hill Methodist Church. As part of the charter service a new name was chosen by the congregation. Selecting among four names submitted by a committee,

the congregation voted to name the church "Amity Methodist." "The name Amity was chosen because it suggests friendship and harmony," said the Rev. A. M. Fisher, Church Minister.

Services for the new church are being held temporarily in the basement of the parsonage on William Circle. A Sunday School with classes for all ages will begin this Sunday at 9:45 a.m. The worship service is at 11 o'clock. The public is invited to all services.



TRAILER DAMAGED IN CARRBORO FIRE—Flames and smoke substantially wrecked the trailer home of the M. W. (Bud) Ragan family off the end of Pleasant Drive in Carrboro yesterday afternoon. The smoke was noticed about 12:15 p.m. by a neighbor who turned in the alarm. Firemen quickly put out the flames but damage was serious. Nobody was home at the time. The fire apparently started in a closet.

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### Weather Reports

Moderate to heavy rain today, with thunder showers tonight. Low tonight mid-40's. Cloudy and cool tomorrow.

	High	Low	Rainfall
Monday	81	54	.29
Tuesday	65	32	.00
Wednesday	64	35	.00