

Centenarian Sentiment

Blacknell... age 103 as of last Sunday... this city's oldest citizen... looks out from eyes dimmed by hardship... but with a cheery view to the future. 'I'm gonna try to make it another hundred if I can't make it this year. And he speaks with sincerity when he says 'I don't reckon there's a man in the world any younger than I am... even though I have to sit around and wait for death... From the shade of a tree in front of my house... a mile north of town... he looks out across the ploughed barefoot behind a mule... as he recalls his life... And he recalls with pleasure his married life... and 17 children—most of them close by his home... The Ten Commandments, Blacknell, are what he lives by... 'I don't recollect all of 'em, but I've tried,' he says... 'And now but one man who could keep 'em all.'

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People Brief

Civitan Club Chooses Lane For President

James F. Lane was elected President of the Chapel Hill Civitan Club Tuesday evening, succeeding John Chase. He will be installed in office next July.
 Other officers elected at that time were Elmer Oettinger, First Vice-president; Harold Walters, Second Vice-president; Earl Tyndall, Secretary; and Sheldon White, Treasurer.
 Elected as Directors were William H. Alexander, Gordon Cleveland, Dwight Galloway and Earl Wynn.
 Albert Coates was guest speaker for the meeting. He talked on the origin and organization of the Institute of Government.

Wilmington Minister To Talk At Graduation

Graduation exercises for Chapel Hill High School will be held Friday, May 30, at 8 p.m. in Hill Hall with the Rev. William B. Hall, Minister of the Wilmington Presbyterian Church, as the speaker.
 The invocation and benediction will be given by the Rev. Samuel T. Habel, Pastor of the University Baptist Church. The Chapel Hill High School Chorus under direction of Mrs. Patricia White will provide the music.
 The Rev. Mr. Hall is to be introduced by Senior Class President Tammy Lefler. Awards are to be presented by Superintendent

Lincoln Graduation Set May 29

The Lincoln High School Commencement activities for graduating seniors began last week with the Awards Program Friday in the gymnasium.
 The seniors will present their Class Night program tomorrow evening at 8 p.m. in the LHS gymnasium.
 Senior Vesper Services will be held Sunday at 5 p.m. in the gymnasium. Dr. James D. Roberts, associate professor of religious education at Shaw University, will be the featured speaker.
 Commencement will be next Thursday, May 29, at 8 p.m. in the gymnasium. The last day of school will be Friday, May 30.

Staton Talk To Feature YDC Supper

William L. Staton, a past president of North Carolina Young Democrats, will be the principal speaker at the Orange County YDC Supper to be held tomorrow night at 7 o'clock at Brady's restaurant in Chapel Hill.
 The affair is being planned as an informal get-together for the county YDC organization and an opportunity for candidates in the Democratic Primary to attend and be presented.

Arrangements will be made for 150 to 200, according to Lucius Cheshire of Hillsboro, county YDC president.
 Staton is one of the state's most active Young Democrats. A resident of Sanford, he is a graduate of Wake Forest Law School and serves as city attorney for the Lee County community.
 Tickets for the occasion may be obtained from Cheshire, Miss Betty June Hayes, national YDC committeewoman, Charles B. Hodson, and other active members of the club.



HONOR SCHOOL SUPERINTENDENT—The staffs of the Chapel Hill Elementary and High Schools and of Glenwood School joined night before last to stage a reception in honor of retiring Superintendent of Schools C. W. Davis. Highlight of the occasion was the presentation to him and Mrs. Davis of a complete set of outdoor furniture and cooking equipment. Also present for the occasion—a surprise guest—was their daughter, Carolyn Davis, (right), a graduating senior at the Woman's College in Greensboro.
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Tuition Principle Adopted For Out-Of-District Pupils

Policy Decided In Secret Meet Of School Body

A tuition charge will be levied on all pupils from the White Cross and Carrboro School Attendance Areas who go to schools in the Chapel Hill System next year, according to a policy adopted last night by an executive session meeting of the Chapel Hill School Board.
 The terms of the tuition and time by which all non-district pupil assignments must be made are subject to the recommendations of a special committee of the Chapel Hill School Board and also to such written agreement as may be made on the matter between the Chapel Hill and Orange County School Boards. This was the explanation of Chapel Hill Board Chairman Grey Culbreth this morning, on the basis of last night's special meeting of the Board.

of all six Board members. They were: (1) That the principle of charging tuition for non-resident pupils attending school in the Chapel Hill Unit be adopted subject to

a legal agreement between the Chapel Hill and County Boards, and subject to subsequent action of the Chapel Hill Board as to the amount of tuition to be charged; and (2) That the Board Chairman be authorized and directed to appoint a committee to discuss the

matter of assignment of pupils with the County School Board and to make recommendations to the Chapel Hill Board regarding assignments of non-resident pupils and tuition charges to be paid by them, and that one possible (See SCHOOL BOARD, Page 8)



MRS. LAMPLEY CHOSEN—Mrs. Pearl S. Lampley of 600 W. Rosemary St., who for 25 years has taught in the Northside Elementary School, has been selected Woman of the Year by the Northside P.T.A. She will be honored at a reception given by the P.T.A. and the community on May 26 at Northside School at 8 p.m. The public is invited to attend.

School Merger Is Soundly Defeated

The proposed merger of the Carrboro and White Cross School Attendance Areas with the Chapel Hill Special School District was soundly defeated day before yesterday by a three-to-two proportion.
 Following is the official breakdown of voting in the two special precincts:

	Registered	Voting	Pct. Voting	For	Against	Plurality
Carrboro	1330	1226	92.1	490	723	233
White Cross	304	268	93.7	75	193	118
Totals	1634	1494	91.43	565	916	351

The turnout of 91.43 per cent of the total registered electorate of 1,634 was considered the highest proportionate vote recorded here in many years.
 Well-organized factions on both sides of the issue and weeks of bitter campaigning obviously ac-

counted for the unusually large vote—though extremely heavy balloting had been expected.

Compare To Other Elections

By comparison only 80 per cent of the electorate voted in the Chapel Hill municipal elections last year. And this was thought to be a heavy vote in a briskly-contested campaign. Chapel Hill's special referendum on public recreation last year brought out 85 per cent of the 2,028 registered voters, and this, too, was thought at the time to be a record.

Further analysis of the totals shows that 61.3 per cent of the voters cast their ballots against the merger proposal—defeating it by a total of 351 votes.

A number of factors seemed to figure in the outcome of the voting. On the basis of issues in the campaign it would seem that citizens of Carrboro felt they might lose their identity and the identity of their schools by changing their administrative headquarters from Hillsboro to Chapel Hill.
 Expected in White Cross

The vote of better than two-to-one against the merger in the White Cross precinct was generally expected by observers of the campaign, but in that area the matter (See MERGER VOTE, Page 8)

Opposing Merger Vote Groups Make Formal Public Statements

Formal statements in the wake of Tuesday's school area merger election have been issued by the Carrboro School Development Council and the Carrboro Citizens Committee for Better Schools—opposing factions in the referendum.
 Shelton Sparrow, Chairman of the School Development Council, stated today:

"The Carrboro School Development Council wishes to thank the citizens of the Carrboro and White Cross School Districts for the interest shown in Tuesday's election by voting more than 90 per cent of the registered voters. We deeply appreciate the voters who supported us in making the anti merger majority so successful.
 "Our Council was organized as a permanent organization for the betterment of our school by cooperating with the Local School Advisory Committee and others

working for the best interest of our children.
 "The Council plans to hold monthly meetings and any citizen in the Carrboro and White Cross School District who is not a member and believes in local school autonomy will be invited to join our organization. We will have a meeting in the near future to discuss and plan our immediate and long range program."

The following is a statement from the Citizens Committee for Better Schools, as released by Chairman Odell Barham:
 "The Carrboro Citizens Committee for Better Schools recently completed a campaign for a school district merger. Although the vote was unfavorable, the Citizens Committee feels that many people are more aware than ever before of the growing need for wholehearted public support of the

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County Candidates Invited To Speak On Same Platform Monday Night

All candidates seeking Orange County offices in the May 31 Democratic primary have been invited to attend a public meeting where they may speak and be available

for questions here next Monday evening.
 The session will be held at 8 p.m. in the Chapel Hill Elementary School under sponsorship of the Chapel Hill League of Women Voters.
 Those seeking an office which is contested will be given the first opportunity to speak, it was announced.
 Following is the full slate of primary candidates: Sheriff—Odell Clayton and Charles Johnston; County Commissioners (three to be elected)—Dwight Ray, Mrs. Jesse West, Henry Walker, Clarence Jones, Hugh Wilson, James Cheshire Jr., and Donald McDade; Board of Education—Ross Porter and Carl Ellington; Coroner—Allen Walker

Sr.; Clerk of Court—Edwin Lynch; Register of Deeds—Betty June Hayes; State House of Representatives—John W. Umstead Jr.; and (See CANDIDATES, Page 8)

Weather Reports

Sunny and warm today, becoming cloudy tonight, with low 60-65. Considerable cloudiness tomorrow and not so warm, with scattered showers.

	High	Low	Rainfall
Monday	82	61	.00
Tuesday	81	63	.00
Wednesday	78	59	.09

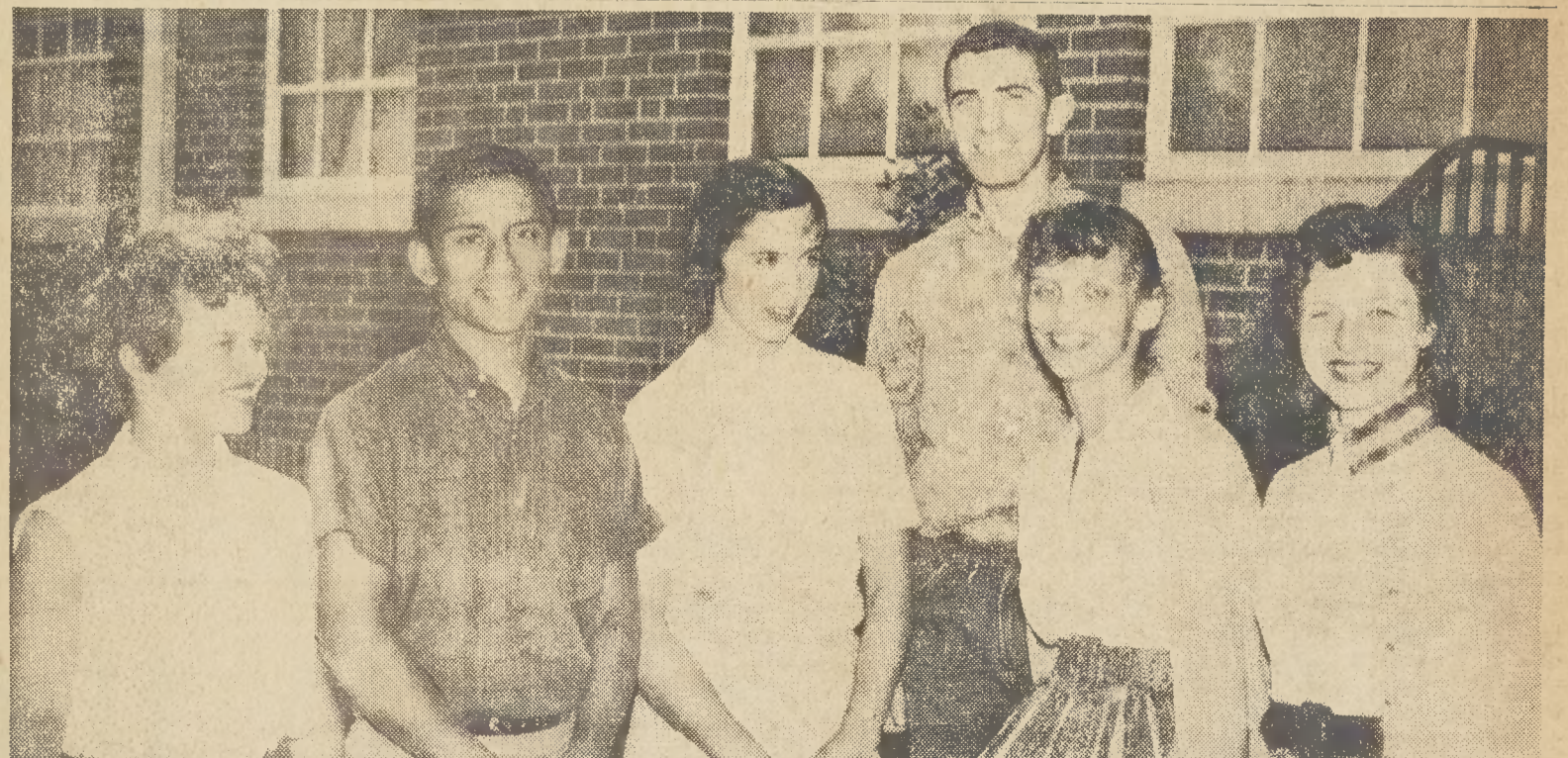
Many Chapel Hillians To Join Casts Of Outdoor Dramas For The Summer

Fifteen Chapel Hillians, including a number of University students, will take part, as players or staff members, in several of the many outdoor dramas in the nation this summer.
 Mr. and Mrs. Harry Davis will return to Cherokee for their ninth season next month, he as director of "Unto These Hills," she as costumer. Foster Fitz-Simmons will be going to Cherokee in two capacities. He will play an important role—that of Major Davis, and will also supervise the choreography for the show.
 Earl Wynn will also be in "Unto These Hills," acting the part of the Indian "Drowning Bear." David Peterson will be another of the Playmakers group in the Cherokee company.

part of Robert E. Lee.

Thomas Patterson's new play, "Old Four-eyes," on Theodore Roosevelt will be given for the centennial at Dickinson, N. D. In addition to working on his drama, he will be teaching at Montana State College.

James Armacost, UNC graduate student in drama, will be at Williamsburg, Va., to work on "The Common Glory" and "The Founders."
 Taylor Williams and Page Williams will work on "Horn in the West" at Boone this season.



CHAPEL HILL HIGH ELECTS—Spirited campaigning preceding election of student body officers for the coming year was climaxed at Chapel Hill High School by the voting on Tuesday. Chosen by the more than 500 students were (left to right) Betsy Fitch, Head

Cheerleader; Subir Roy, President; Sue Ham, Treasurer; Pete Range, Vice-President; Ann Himelick, Chief Justice of the Honor Council; and Iris Wooten, Secretary.
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'HOW ABOUT A POPPY, BUDDY?'—With a winsome, selling smile, Barbara Keller, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John J. Keller Jr., reminds the public that 'Poppy Day' for the benefit of the child welfare and rehabilitation project of the American Legion Auxiliary will be staged this Saturday. The symbolic buddy poppies, made by veterans hospital patients, will be sold by volunteers on the streets of Chapel Hill.
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