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Plagued By Assignment Problems

School Board Hits Back At Neighboring Counties

It's assignment troubles on all sides as far as the Orange County Board of Education is concerned.

The board learned Monday night that 11 pupils, members of the Kirby families, who live in Orange County in the Aycock district, had entered school at Prospect Hill in Caswell County, at the urging of the Caswell school folks.

Board Members John E .Hawkins, stung by the refusal of Person County's board to permit 13 Person border-line pupils to attend Aycock as they had been doing for many years, moved that Orange County "demand the return of the children or credit for their attendance," and the board voted with him unanimously. Aycock stands to lose another teacher unless the cuts are restored.

The board then, in apparent retaliation for Person County's refusal to permit the 13 White students from across the line to attend Aycock School, voted to reassign some 19 or 20 Negro students from Person and Caswell counties, who were enrolled at the Cedar Grove Negro Elementary School, back to their respective counties. They noted that return would probably cost a teacher at the school next year and possibly save the construction of another new classroom which had already been requested.

Chairman Charles Stanford, worried about the dwindling attendance at White Cross, demanded the return of the A. G. Crawford children, who had enrolled at Hillsboro but who reside in the White Cross district.

On the motion of Clarence Jones, the board acted favorably on the application of a child residing on Highway 70 in the Murphey district to attend school at Cameron Park, furnishing his own transportation.

Other assignment incidents noted on the first day included requests from West Hillsboro residents to attend Cameron Park and an attempt of some Hillsboro district students to enroll at Efland, both of which were denied.

The Orange County Board of Education Monday night, following an exhaustive hearing, denied the appeal of the Carrboro Negro couple seeking to reverse the previous decision assigning their child to Chapel Hill's Northside elementary school.

The parents, Lee and Lattice Vickers, had protested the assignment of their child to the Negro school and sought a transfer to the all-White Carrboro Elementary School. Their original request for transfer had been denied and Monday's meeting was in the nature of a hearing as provided in the machinery of the so-called Pearsall Plan.

In their appeal the Vickers couple contended that the board's assignment of their child to the Negro school was "discrimination based upon race and our child is entitled to go to the school in the district in which he lives, notwithstanding his race." Their appeal notice further requested that "you cease operating the school system on a racial, discriminatory basis."

In examining Vickers, who was accompanied by C. O. Pierson, Negro attorney of Durham who has been involved in most of the segregation cases in this area as attorney for the NAACP and other groups, members of the board noted that the additional expense and inconvenience of attending the more distant school had been largely mitigated by the provision of free school bus transportation for the child. They then asked Vickers what benefits he thought would accrue to his child by assignment to the Carrboro school. Vickers answered he thought it was a "better school."

Member-elect Ross Porter, questioning Vickers at this time, said, "We have every reason to assume the opposite." And Superintendent G. Paul Carr described the extra financial support received by the Chapel Hill schools in the form of supplementary taxes which enables an "enriched academic program" which is not provided in the county system.

Pressed further for elaboration, Vickers, who is houseman at Sigma Nu fraternity, said he meant it was a "better building."

No indication was given by Vickers or his attorney as to whether they would now proceed to court litigation. At the conclusion of the hearing Pierson filed notices of appeal on behalf of the four children of Darnell and Clara Walden, another Carrboro couple who are seeking to have their children transfered.

Present for the hearing Monday night in addition to Vickers, the Walden couple and their attorneys Pierson and C. O. Pierson Jr., were Mary Nies, D. A. Okun and Preston Weaver of Chapel Hill and Carl Braden of Louisville, Ky., field secretary of the Southern Conference Educational Fund, Inc.

Orientation Is Underway At University

New students hold the spotlight at UNC this week as they participate in the orientational program of speeches, placement testing, campus tours and entertainment.

Some 1,100 freshmen are expected to have registered before classes begin Sept. 28, along with several hundred transfer students.

New students gathered on the campus yesterday and today when dormitories opened. Convocations of men and women students, both freshmen and transfer, formally open the program tonight.

Chancellor William B. Aycock will address the newcomers Friday at 8 p.m. in newly-renovated Memorial Hall. Other Friday events will include library tours, proficiency tests, physical exams and honor system lectures.

Herman Godwin Jr. of Dunn heads the men's orientation program, and Miss Katie Stewart of Norfolk, Va., is women's orientation chairman.

Weekend activities will include the annual Chancellor's Reception in Graham Memorial Student Union from 2:30 to 5:30 p.m. Sunday, and a Student Government meeting at 8:30 that night in Memorial Hall.

In addition to the full schedule of tests and interviews and lectures which will keep the newcomers busy during the next seven days, the orientation includes such events as field day, open houses, Planetarium shows, worship services and coffee hours.

Oxford Next Football Foe For Wildcats

Chapel Hill's Wildcats go after their second victory of the season tomorrow night at Oxford.

Coach Bob Culton's youngsters, 6-0 victors over Southern of Durham last week on the Rebel's field, will be favored over an Oxford team that was plastered in its opener against Roxboro last week, 34-13.

However, the Wildcats can be expected to be wary against an explosive Oxford offense. On their first play from scrimmage in last week's contest, Oxford went some 60 yards for a touchdown on a pass-and-run clicker.

Chapel Hill will probably rely again on a tight defense, a trademark of Culton teams. Against Southern, the Cultoners scored early and then depended on a tight defense to thwart numerous Rebel threats.

Apex Negro Is Sentenced For Larceny

Judge William S. Stewart Tuesday sentenced a 36-year-old Negro to six months in jail after the man pleaded guilty to robbing the Belk-Leggett-Horton Department Store in Chapel Hill Aug. 28.

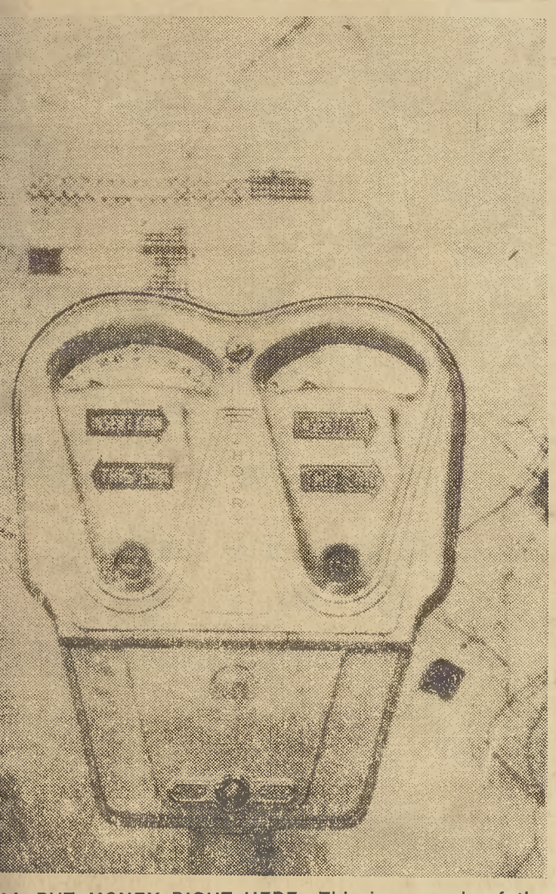
Upon sentencing Lewis C. Becknell of Apex, N. C., on the larceny charge, Judge Stewart recommended that Becknell be examined by a physician "to determine whether he can be safely confined." The man reportedly has a heart condition.

Becknell first demanded a jury trial but later changed his plea to guilty. He was charged, specifically, with taking $77 in money and checks from a cash register at the store.

Weather REPORTS

Diminishing cloudiness and cooler today. High 74-80. Fair and cool tonight, with low 48-54. Tomorrow mostly fair and cool. High in the 70's.

	High	Low	Rainfall
Monday	90	57	.00
Tuesday	84	48	.00
Wednesday	78	54	.00



LL PUT MONEY RIGHT HERE—This is a sample of the matic, dual-type parking meter machine which will be put ation in Chapel Hill's business area in about six weeks. In f the machines will be in operation. News Leader Photo

ntract Approved r Parking Meters

Chapel Hill residents and visitors will be paying for their downtown parking space in about six weeks.

The town's Board of Aldermen Monday night approved a contract for 405 automatic meters. The $24,826.50 pact is for the period of one year, after which time Chapel Hill can either return the meters to the company, Dual Parking Meter Co., Canton, O., or keep them.

The dual-type meters were selected from seven investigated. The dual meters will be used except when a single meter for a space is required because of area.

An official of the company, Alex Andrews, said the meters should arrive and be installed in about 45 days.

Among other action taken by the Aldermen Monday:

Referred to a street committee a request for installation of a traffic light at the Estes Hills Road-Durham Highway junction.

Voted expenditure of $231 for various repairs to the Negro Community Center, $150 of which is for a used stoker furnace.

Decided on a median price of $2.69 as the basis of price per running foot for curb and gutter improvements.

Truck Purchase Ok'd

Authorized Town Manager Tom Rose to negotiate for purchase of new garbage truck. Rose told the group that he had priced one truck at $5,600, and proposed that $3,000 of its cost come from the town's contingency fund, the rest from the budget. He said that the town has three such trucks currently, but that two are in poor repair.

Authorized Town Attorney Jack LeGrand to alter an ordinance and provide for parallel parking in area on the south side of Franklin St. across from the Belk-Leggett-Horton store.

Referred to the town manager for investigation a claim from Walter Neville that the town alleges owes him $44.30 for damages to property while running a sewer line.

And also referred to Mr. Rose for study a complaint from Mrs. Louis MacMillan against the use of banners in residential areas.

EOPLE Brief

T RHYNE, ASSOCIATE f the UNC Extension Dicharge of evening classnounced that six classes fered for the 1958-59 fall beginning Sept. 17. The clude Freshman English, nce and mathematics and ing sophomore electives: classics and economics. on will be held Monday ay evening from 7 to 9 bernethy Hall.

BERT A. ROSS OF THE 's School of Medicine is dent-elect of the Ameriiation of Obstetricians cologists, having been the association's 69th eeting at Hot Springs, veek.

R CLARK OF CHAPEL more than a little interday night at the Board en meeting when a hear- Connor Ridge shopping ne up. Seems Mr. Clark e stages of building a en the rezoning of the up, and, when a Planrd recommendation was educe the immediate re- 20 acres, his property ut. Promises of compenthe property seemed to r. Clark.

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ENDAR EVENTS

hursday, Sept. 11
– Community Council Town Hall.

Friday, Sept. 12
– Lincoln High School vs. High School, Carrboro .

Monday, Sept. 15
s' Welcome Day for new
– Oakview Garden Club home of Mrs. J. C. D. ll picnic.

Ackland Reinternment Held On Wednesday

Re-internment for William Hayes Ackland, benefactor of the new Ackland Art Museum which is to be dedicated at the University Sept. 20, were held Wednesday at the museum.

Participating in the services were trustees of the Ackland Estate and University officials.

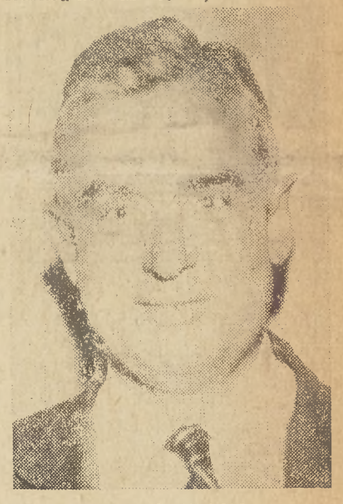
PUT RIGHT TO WORK—After Chapel Hill's Board of Aldermen elected Richard P. Calhoon to a seat on the board Monday night, Recorder's Judge William S. Stewart (left) was called right in and the new alderman sworn in and put right to work. The above was taken immediately after Judge Stewart had administered the oath of office to Calhoon (right.) News Leader Photo

R. P. Calhoon Named To Serve As Alderman

Chapel Hill's Board of Aldermen again has a full complement of six members. Forty-six-year-old Richard P. Calhoon, professor of personnel administration at the University, was elected Monday night, sworn in on the spot and put right to work.

Mr. Calhoon replaces Roland Giduz, editor of the News Leader, who resigned to accept a study grant at Harvhard University, Cambridge, Mass.

The new board member was elected unanimously after the group had first named Rogers Wade to the post, only to have him turn it down. Mr. Wade was elected to the board at one time only to be releived of the office when it was learned he was not a qualified voter and therefore not eligible.



R. P. CALHOON

Mr. Calhoon brings a long and diversified business background to the job, which he will hold until next May.

A native of Sewickley, Pa., born Feb. 3, 1909, the new alderman graduated from the University of Pittsburgh with a Bachelor of arts degree in 1930 and with a master of arts in 1932. He taught at the Pittsburgh school until 1934, when he became labor adjuster for the N. I. R. A. in Pittsburgh.

He then was assistant to the factory manager at the Ansco Company, Binghampton, N. Y., 1936-37; public relations, training and safety director for the U. S. Rubber Co., at Naugatuck, Conn., 1937-40; personnel director of Kendall Mills, Charlotte, 1941-46; and since that time professor of personnel administration at the University.

Consultant, Arbitrator

Mr. Calhoon is a member of numerous groups connected with personnel administration, is consultant in the field for some North Carolina business firms, and is an arbitrator for the American Arbritration Association, the Federal Mediation and Consiliation Service, and the North Carolina State Labor Department.

He is author of four books and numerous research publications and articles.

The new alderman lives at 104 Pine Lane with his wife, Frances; three daughters, Kitty, 14, Susan, 13, and Carol, 9; and a son, Bruce, 5.

Aldermen Defer Action On Connor Ridge Zoning

Chapel Hill's Board of Alderman have under study a recommendation that 20 acres in the Connor Ridge area be rezoned to permit proposed construction of a big shopping center.

Members of the board "temporarily deferred" action on the recommendation from the Town Planning Board which would pave the way for construction, over a 10-year period, of a $2,500,000 center.

The rezoning, from agricultural and A-15 to suburban commercial, is being sought by Security Homes of Raleigh, which has announced intentions of constructing the "long-range" shopping area.

Opposition to the rezoning appeared from another group represented by Attorney Ralph Strayhorn, Durham, wich has a contract to buy a 10-acre site only 1,500 feet away from the proposed Security Houes site.

Strayhorn, who said he was speaking for the owners—David Royster Sr., and David Royster Jr., of Shelby, Andy Karres, Charlotte, and Dick Young, Chapel Hill—charged that the Chapel Hill-Carrboro area, which he said has about 20,000 population, "cannot support two shopping centers only 1,500 feet apart." The Roysier-Karres-Young property has already been rezoned suburban commerical, and Karres, who also was at the hearing, said that the granting of rezoning to the Raleigh interest would "destroy our property's value."

Strayhorn also charged that Security Homes is "receiving a $250,000 windfall from Chapel Hill." He based this, he said, on the point that his firm paid $50,000 for the 10-acre rezoned site and Security Homes, "so I hear," is buying 60 acres for about "$700 or $800 an acre."

Strayhorn Speaks

Strayhorn, who said his firm had several leading national firms contracted for the center and "five or six local merchants," concluded by saying, "I believe justice, fairness and morals are on our side."

Speaking for Security Homes before the board were E. N. Rich-

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Carrboro's Board Will Try Tightening Motel Ordinance

Carrboro's Town Commissioners have decided to amend the town's zoning ordinance and tighten regulations on motels and house trailers. Mayor R. B. Todd said the ordinance, in effect, will "eliminate" them.

Previously, the only requirements on trailers and motels concerned footage.

Mr. Todd said the group will seat a hearing soon to attach an amendment to the zoning ordinance, which he said will be similar to Chapel Hill's ordinance when completed.

In other action at the Tuesday night meeting, the council approved purchase of 12 fire-call boxes at a total expense of $850.

The boxes, which will be placed in the homes of 12 firemen, operate as one-way radio sets to inform them of fire calls. In the past, sirens have alerted the firemen to assemble at the fire house for a call.

Author-Playwright Noel Houston Taken By Death

Funeral services were held today for Noel Houston of Chapel Hill, playwright, novelist, short story writer and University instructor who died after a brief illness Tuesday in North Carolina Memorial Hospital at the age of 49.

Graveside services were held this morning at the Old Chapel Hill Cemetery, with Rev. Vance Barron officiating. Mr. Houston had undergone a stomach operation Aug. 6 and was believed recuperating when complications developed.

A native of Lawton, Okla., Mr. Houston came here to study in 1939. Since last fall, he had been an instructor in the UNC Department of Radio, Television and Motion Pictures, teaching script writing.

One novel, "The Great Promise," sold 600,000 copies, and a play, "Stretch on the River," dramatization of the Richard Bissell novel, is under option to Columbia Pictures, which has not as yet put it into production. He was also a frequent contributor of short stories to The New Yorker, Collier's, American Mercury and Holiday magazines.

Mr. Houston was born March 26, 1909, in Lawton, the son of the late Ross Houston and Frances Houston, who survives. He completed high school in Oklahoma City, attended Oklahoma City University 1926-27, and the Oklahoma City Law School 1933-34.

From 1928 until 1934, he was reporter, city editor and telegraph editor for the Oklahoma News and wrote all art, music, theater and movie reviews. Among his colleagues was Mike Monroney, now Oklahoma senator. He began as a copy boy for the newspaper.

He moved, in May of 1934, to the Daily Oklahoman in Oklahoma City, covering mainly general assignments and features and writing reviews. He also covered the state house and legislature and once had a six-weeks assignment in Hollywood writing on manners and personalities in the movie capital.

He came to UNC in 1937 and began his creative writing career with a series of experimental plays. He won a Rockefeller Fellowship for playwriting 1938-39, which was renewed in 1939-40.

In 1940-41, he had a Dramatist Guild Fellowship and produced plays at Oklahoma City University, the University of Oklahoma in Norman, and UNC. He won the American Civil Liberties Union prize for a play illustrating the Bill of Rights in action. The play, "According to Law," was produced at the Provin-

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NOEL HOUSTON

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SPEAKER NAMED

Art educator, critic and author S. Lane Faison Jr. of Williamstown, Mass. will give the main address here Sept. 20 at the dedication of the Ackland Art Center on the UNC campus. Art authorities from throughout the nation, as well as North Carolina officials, are expected to be on hand for the opening of the center, named for its donor, William Hayes Ackland.