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Atlanta, Ga.
December 4, 1929.

Hon. Zeb P. Council, Mayor,
Chapel Hill, N. C.

Dear Sir:

Your letter of November 22nd, addressed to Mr. William F. Dunbar, Manager of this Association, has been referred to this Department for attnetion and reply.

You advise us that you have recently had a fire in Chapel Hill, which has brought about much argument, owing to the fact that it occurred just outside the boundaries of the Town, and you request us to advise you if we have any definite ruling regarding the fire apparatus leaving the corporate limits of the cities and towns.

It seems perfectly natural that a city or town in its discretion should furnish assistance in emergency cases where property is being destroyed by fire in the immediate vicinity, and outside of the city limits, but we believe that this is a matter that must be left to the discretion of the city authorities, as to whether they will allow the only piece of apparatus for fire protection to leave the city, and take the chances of a fire happening while it is away, and consequently, no protection in case of a fire in the city.

For your information, we are herewith enclosing a copy of our report on the various features upon which your city is graded for the classification on which it is now rated, and we find that you now have 750-gallon, triple combination pumper, chemical hose and car.

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Therefore, if the city officials in their discretion, desire to furnish protection outside the city limits in case of emergency, it is reasonable that additional apparatus should be supplied in the city to take care of such emergency, so that the fire apparatus upon which the basis of the classification is made, should at all times be available in the city.

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Yours very truly,

(Signed) N, N. Pye,
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There was much discussion as to what action the Board of Aldermen should take in regard to Town employees failing to pay their debts.

Upon motion of Alderman Hogan, seconded by Alderman Council, it was moved that the Board of Aldermen of the Town of Chapel Hill go on record to the effect that all town employees should pay their debts.

All members present voting in the affirmative therefor.

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Mr. Burch brought up for discussion the condition of the alley between the Bus Station and the Candy Kitchen. He stated that he had discussed this with Mr. Watts Hill, who had requested that the matter be brought before the Board of Aldermen, and determine what action the Town would take in regard to paving this alley, if any.

The City Manager pointed out that under the present rule, all paving was assessed against the abutting property owners 100 %.

Upon Motion of Alderman Hogan, seconded by Alderman Eubanks, it was moved that Alderman Thompson and Mr. J. S. Bennett, manager of the Consolidated Service Plants, go into the matter, and make a report at the next meeting.

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There being no further business, upon motion, the meeting of the Board of Aldermen adjourned.

ZEB P. COUNCIL, MAYOR.

J. A. Osborne Clerk.

12-9-29