

Minutes Regular Meeting
Board of Alderman--Chapel Hill, N. C.
November 13, 1950

The regular meeting of the Board of Aldermen was held in the Town Hall on November 13th at 8:00 P.M.

Present were Mayor Lanier, Aldermen Fitch, Hobbs, Burch, Davis, and Fowler, and Town Attorney Hinshaw.

The minutes of the regular meeting of October 23rd were read and approved.

Robert Pendergraft came before the Board with a written petition that he be granted a license to operate two taxicabs in the Town of Chapel Hill. He explained that he was buying one of these cabs from the Independent Cab Company, but would operate under the name of the Custom Cab Company. Mr. Hobbs made the motion that Robert Pendergraft's request for a taxicab license be granted, subject to his provision of insurance called for in the Taxicab Ordinance. This motion was seconded by Mr. Davis and passed unanimously.

The Health Department's report for October was read by the Clerk.

The combined report of the Police Department and the Clerk of Court for the month of October was passed to each member present.

Mr. Burch moved that the Town Manager's recommendation for the appointment of Eric Crabtree as Fireman for the Town of Chapel Hill at a salary of \$40 per week be approved. This motion was seconded by Mr. Fitch and passed unanimously.

Mr. Hobbs moved that the recommendation of the Recreation Commission to appoint Mrs. E. G. McGavran to fill the unexpired term of Mr. L. V. Huggins on the Recreation Commission be approved. This was seconded by Mr. Davis and unanimously passed.

Mr. Lanier presented to the members of the Board maps being made for the Chapel Hill Planning Board by F. Stuart Chapin, Jr. and explained the purpose of the Planning Board's project for the year. It was brought out that the Planning Board had not presented

a budget for the year 1950-51 for approval of the Board. No action was taken on this matter, but Mr. Lanier stated that he would try to straighten out the matter and report back to the Board at the next meeting.

There was some discussion about disposing leaves from lots and sidewalks. Also, the Board discussed the possibility of a Burning Permit to issue to people so that they can burn their leaves. No action was taken.

Mr. Lanier asked the Board's opinion of installing a television set in the Fireman's quarters upstairs in the Town Hall. The Firemen are willing to buy the set if they are allowed to use it upstairs. They want to borrow the money out of a Fireman's Insurance Fund and pay it back, but there was some question about them being allowed to borrow this sum for that purpose. Mr. Burch stated that Mr. Sparrow was going to Raleigh to find out whether or not they could borrow the money out of this Fund. The Board stated that, without a formal motion, it is sympathetic with the idea of the Firemen installing a television set in their private quarters on the second floor of the Town Hall. No other action was taken.

Mr. Burch moved that the Board require that the excavated lot on the corner of West Franklin and Robinson Streets be made safe for the public by building a protective fence or wall, subject to the approval of the Town Manager. This motion was seconded by Mr. Hobbs and unanimously passed.

The following persons were appointed by the Mayor, with the Board's approval, to serve on the Special Committee on Street Names: J. M. Saunders, Zeb Council, Miss Josephine Pritchard, Harry Wolfe, and L. J. Phipps. The Committee is to elect its own Chairman, study the problem of re-naming some of the streets in Chapel Hill, and present their report to the Board of Alderman by the 1st of February, 1951. The Board will then approve, disapprove, or offer suggestions on the report.

Mr. Lanier passed a copy of the Municipal Roads Commission's Report to the Governor to each member for his careful study.

The Board set December 11, 1950 as the date on which they will be glad to hear anybody that wishes to express an opinion, pro or con, concerning the continuation of rent control in Chapel Hill after December 31, 1950.

Upon motion of Mr. Burch, seconded by Mr. Fitch, and unanimous consent, the meeting was adjourned at 10:10 P.M. o'clock.

Walter J. Gidney
Town Clerk

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Editorial

THE INSENSATE PLOT

The attempted assassination of President Truman was not only shocking; it was mystifying and senseless. So far as he was concerned, in a personal and official capacity, he was the last person that Puerto Ricans honestly seeking the independence of the island should have attacked. His record from the beginning of his term showed willingness and even determination to give Puerto Rico whatever status her people desired. He appointed the first native ever to be Governor; he encouraged Congress to pass legislation giving Puerto Ricans the right to elect their own officers and to vote for a Constitution of their own creation. The first step in this direction will be taken tomorrow, when there is a referendum to discover whether Puerto Ricans really want a Constitution. In his special message to Congress on Oct. 16, 1945, Mr. Truman left it open for Puerto Rico to become a state or a territory. That was the first time that was visited in February of 1945. The gesture will.

Neither he nor Americans generally, therefore, need feel any qualms of conscience about Puerto Rico. The island could not possibly exist by itself, and up to the present an overwhelming majority of the inhabitants have rejected independence. The legitimate Independentista party could only get about 10 per cent of the votes at the 1948 election, and did not elect a single candidate.

Part of the injustice and senselessness of the plot and of this week's uprising lies in the fact that the Nationalists are a small, lunatic-fringe group with no mass following. They polled 500 votes at the last election and have a membership of much less than 1,000. Pedro Albizu Campos, the leader, who lived in the same Bronx tenement house as one of the assassins, is a man with a fixation. The illegitimate child of a Spanish father and a Negro mother, he became obsessed by racial and social prejudice against him, and turned them into a hatred of the United States. Frustrated, sensitive, egomaniatic, he was believed in his own greatness and in the right of Puerto Rico to freedom. His American education helped him to mislead ignorant or half-educated followers. His dedication to the cause he championed and his willingness to suffer or even die for it are what made his leadership so dangerous.

That the Cuban House of Representatives should have asked the Puerto Rican Government to guarantee the lives of Albizu Campos and his associates, and that the Cuban President should have transmitted the message to San Juan, will be considered shockingly irresponsible

by all Americans. President Prío Socarrás received the reply from Gov. Muñoz Marín that he deserved.

The part that Puerto Rico Communists played in the present developments is far from clear, but it was obviously a vicious one. The Nationalists are ignorant or misguided fools; the Communists know what they are doing. There probably are not more than 200 of them in Puerto Rico but they have access to outside advice and funds, which cannot be said of the Nationalists.

It all adds up to a sordid, insensate picture in which President Truman had no logical place. However, it is often in the nature of political assassination to aim at a symbol. Terrorism is frequently a gesture in which the individual victims are considered impersonally. They have to pay the price for the supposedly valid revolutionary goal. The remarks of Mrs. Collazo, wife of one of the assassins, proves the extent to which blind fanaticism and stupidity dominated the action.

That does not make the plot and the loss inexcusable; it merely helps to explain to normal human beings how such things can happen. They are aberrations, and no one with any sense of justice is going to blame Puerto Ricans as a whole or allow this burdens to delay the progress toward self-rule and economic betterment. It will not be forgotten that a regiment of Puerto Ricans has been fighting gallantly in Korea, and that the Puerto Rican people are good, decent, law-abiding American citizens. Gov. Muñoz Marín was surely speaking for all but a small fraction in expressing attempt and should have

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THE CHAPEL HILL SCHOOLS
CHAPEL HILL, N. C.

October 26, 1950

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We shall appreciate your bringing this matter before the City Council as soon as convenient and letting us know the results.

Sincerely yours,



C. W. Davis, Secretary
Recreation Commission

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CC: Mrs. R. H. Wettach

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REPORT OF RECORDER'S COURT
FOR THE MONTH OF OCTOBER, 1950

NUMBER OF CASES BEFORE THE COURT -----	136
NUMBER OF NEW CASES BEFORE THE COURT -----	116
NUMBER OF CASES CONVICTED -----	104
NUMBER OF CASES NOT GUILTY -----	5
NUMBER OF CASES NOL PROSSED -----	5
NUMBER OF CASES CALLED AND FAILED TO ANSWER -----	5
NUMBER OF CASES SENTENCED -----	3
NUMBER OF CASES APPEALED TO SUPERIOR COURT -----	3
NUMBER OF CASES TRANSFERRED TO SUPERIOR COURT, JURY TRIAL, ETC. ---	0
NUMBER OF CASES TRANSFERRED TO SUPERIOR COURT, PROBABLE CAUSE, ETC.	0
NUMBER OF CASES NOW PENDING -----	17
NUMBER OF TRAFFIC CASES -----	61

FINANCIAL REPORT

FUNDS ON HAND AT BEGINNING OF MONTH -----

RECEIPTS:

COURT COSTS COLLECTED -----	\$ 923.40
✓ FINES COLLECTED -----	1,391.30
WITNESS FEES, ETC. -----	45.00
TAX FOR STATE TREASURER -----	174.00
COURT COSTS FOR CARRBORO -----	41.70
TOTAL AMOUNT OF MONEY HANDLED -----	2,575.40

DISBURSEMENTS:

TO TOWN OF CHAPEL HILL -----	\$2,314.70
TO STATE TREASURER -----	174.00
TO CARRBORO -----	41.70
TO WITNESSES -----	45.00
TOTAL DISBURSEMENTS -----	\$2,575.40

BALANCE ON HAND -----

POLICE REPORT FOR OCTOBER, 1950

SPEEDING -----	9
RECKLESS DRIVING -----	5
DRIVING INTOXICATED -----	8
NO OPERATORS LICENSE -----	9
IMPROPER STATE LICENSE -----	1
AIDING AND ABETTING IN DRIVING INTOXICATED -----	1
PASSING STOP SIGN -----	5
PASSING ON CURVE OR HILL -----	4
ILLEGAL PASSING ON RIGHT OR LEFT -----	3
ILLEGAL POSSESSION OF EXHAUST WHISTLE -----	1
FOLLOWING ANOTHER MOTOR VEHICLE TOO CLOSELY -----	1
NO LIGHTS -----	1
PARKING TICKET VIOLATIONS -----	1
ONE-WAY STREET VIOLATION -----	1
OBSTRUCTING TRAFFIC -----	1
DRIVING AFTER LICENSE WAS REVOKED -----	1
ALLOWING UNLICENSED OPERATOR TO OPERATE MOTOR VEHICLE -----	1
RIGHT OF WAY VIOLATION -----	1
PUBLIC DRUNKENNESS **-----	32
DISPLAYING WHISKEY OR WINE IN PUBLIC -----	2
ILLEGAL POSSESSION OF WHISKEY -----	5
DISORDERLY CONDUCT -----	2
AFRAY -----	2
SECRET ASSAULT -----	1
ASSAULT WITH DEADLY WEAPON -----	2
ASSAULT ON MALE AND ASSAULT ON FEMALE -----	2
LARCENY -----	2
SHOOTING FIREWORKS IN CITY -----	3
ARRESTED ON CAPIAS -----	4
ARRESTED FOR OTHER TOWNS, SMITHFIELD -----	1

TOTAL 112

TRAFFIC TICKET REPORT

FOR SEPTEMBER AND OCTOBER

RED TICKETS RETURNED MARKED PAID -----	458
BLUE TICKETS RETURNED MARKED PAID -----	283
RED TICKETS RETURNED MARKED VOID -----	170
BLUE TICKETS RETURNED MARKED VOID -----	198
STUBBS PROBABLY PAID BUT NOT RETURNED, APPROXIMATELY ----	30
LETTERS WRITTEN TO PERSONS RECEIVING TWO OR MORE TICKETS -	123
LETTERS WRITTEN TO OTHER STATES FOR LICENSE NUMBER IDENTIFICATION -----	14

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Report of Sanitation Activities Town of Chapel Hill October, 1950

Restaurants Visited

Porthole	Remodelling
Carolina Coffee Shop	Storm Drain
Varsity Soda Shop	Compliance
Mouza Cafe	Compliance
Chi Psi	Graded
Zeta Beta Tau	Graded
Hollywood Grill	Graded
Watts Grill	Compliance
University Cafe	Graded
Carolina Inn	Compliance
Andrew's Restaurant	Grade
Seafood Grill	Compliance
Hospital Store	Compliance

Markets Visited

Village Grocery	Grade
Mason's Market	Grade
W. Franklin Street Mkt.	Grade

Producer Dairies Visited

Clyde Merritt	Grade
W. F. Lloyd	Grade
T. R. Tapp	Grade
H. W. Wilson	Grade
Paul Cook	Grade
Aubrey McLennan	Grade
Clyde Bowden	Grade
E. K. Alexander	Grade
Robert Harris	Grade
Thomas Atwater	Grade
Grady Snipes	Grade
Lacy Neville	Compliance

Dairy Plants Visited

Durham Road	Compliance
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Farmers Dairy	Compliance

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Milk Samples Analyzed

44 wholesale samples
11 retail samples

Septic tanks checked

Crotts
Dr. Lucy Morgan
John Umstead
Mouzon
Slocum

Miscellaneous

16 privies inspected
Visit to sewage treatment plant
22 fish ponds in vicinity of Chapel Hill inspected.
Sanitation Class in School of Public Health taken on field trips
to Farmers Dairy and to a producer dairy.
Conference with Mr. Cline concerning producers.
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Conference with Mr. Rose with reference to sewer line.
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