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DEPARTMENT OF MOTOR VEHICLES  
RALEIGH

January 16, 1951

Mr. W. T. Sloan  
Chief of Police  
Chapel Hill, N. C.

Dear Chief Sloan:

The Record Section of the Highway Safety Division contains no report of even one fatal accident occurring within your City during the year 1950.

Kindly verify this non-fatal record of last year by appropriately marking and mailing the enclosed card. This will put your City in line for an Honor Roll Plaque from the National Safety Council for last year.

Yours truly,

L. C. ROSSER, COMMISSIONER

*L. R. Fisher*

L. R. Fisher, Director  
Highway Safety Division

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Enclosure

Chapel Hill, N.C.  
Jan. 21, 1951.

Mr. Thomas D. Rose, Mgr.,  
Town of Chapel Hill,  
Chapel Hill, N.C.

Dear Mr. Rose:

Following is a report of the activities of the Chapel Hill  
Fire Department from December 9th 1950 to Jan. 21, 1951:

Dec. 14th 12:25 P.M. Call to Louis Graves, res. Leaves  
on fire. No Damage.

Dec. 16th 1:30 A.M. Call to 107 Johnson St. Victory Village.  
Overheated Oil Stove. Damage about \$10.00

Dec. 17th 1:50 P.M. Call to Clark Marsh Cottage on Pritchard  
Ave. Defective flue. Used 550ft 2 $\frac{1}{2}$ " hose. Damage about  
\$250.00

Dec 25th 10:00 A.M. Call to Noble Street. Grass and  
woods on fire. No Damage. No Alarm sounded.

Dec. 26th 10:40 A.M. Call to 223A E. Rosemary St. Grass  
fire. No Damage. No Alarm so

Dec. 26th 2:30 P.M. Call to J. B. Woosley res. Hillcrest Rd.  
Grass and leaves on fire. No Damage.

Dec. 26th 3:00 P.M. Sent one truck to University Airport.  
Woods on fire near airport. No Damage to Airport. No Alarm.

Dec. 27th 5:40 P.M. Automobile on Hillview Road. No Damage  
No Alarm Sounded.

Dec. 30th 5:00 P.M. Call to C. W. Gardner res. at 208 $\frac{1}{2}$  Carr  
St. Oil Stove overheated. No Damage. No Alarm sounded.

Jan. 12th 1951 6:15 P.M. Call to W. Cameron Ave. Oil Stove  
overheated. No Damage. Alarm did not sound on this.

Jan. 12th 9:50 P.M. Call to Beta House, 114 S. Columbia St.  
Automobile fire. No Damage. No Alarm.

Jan 17th. 5:20 P.M. Brush fire on North Garham St. No Damage.

Jan 18th. 1:00 P.M. Call to 740. Gimghoul Road. Grass & woods  
on fire. No Damage.

Jan. 18th 4:00 P.M. Call to 501 E. Rosemary St. Grass fire  
No Damage.

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Jan. 20th 7:25 A.M. Call to Carolina Cleaners, W. Franklin St. No Fire. Smoke filled building from boiler. No Damage.

Jan. 21st. 1:00 P.M. Call to U. N. C. Golf course. Grass fire. No Damage.

Jan. 21st. 5:30 P.M. Call to Edgar Merritt res. on North St. Overheated Oil Stove. No Damage. No Alarm sounded.

If you will notice, you will find that overheated oil stoves and grass fires are causing the greatest number of alarms and investigations. Most of the grass fires are caused by carelessness in burying trash during the days when the wind is blowing. Now is a very bad time for grass fires and the grass is very dry and the least little spark will set it on fire.

Respectfully submitted,

*P.R. Perry*

P.R. Perry, Chief.

CEV

Chapel Hill, N.C.  
Jan. 22, 1951.

Mr. Thomas D. Rose, Mgr.,  
Town of Chapel Hill,  
Chapel Hill, N.C.

Dear Mr. Rose:

Following is a summary of the activities of the Chapel Hill  
Fire Department for the year 1950.

There were a total of 32 alarms sounded and the truck  
investigated 27 other fires without sounding the alarm.  
The fires are summarized as follows:

Type	Alarms Sounded	No Alarm Sounded
Grass & Woods	8	1
Automobiles	2	13
Chimney burning out	2	1
Commercial Buildings	7	3
Residential Buildings	9	1
Motors	1	1
Oil Stoves	3	5
Miscellaneous		2
Totals	<u>32</u>	<u>27</u>

Total estimated fire loss for the year, not counting  
automobiles amounted to \$7,147.00. The largest of these  
were, Stella Gattis, res. on School St. \$2,000.00,  
Colter & Chappell Elec. Co. at New Hospital, \$1,500.00 and  
Ernest Thompson, res. on Church St. \$1,500.00. Other  
loses were comparatively small. These estimates are our  
own, and have no reflection on the insurance coverage or  
any official estimates.

Respectfully submitted,

*P. R. Perry*  
P. R. Perry, Chief. *627*

CEV.

Chapel Hill, N.C.  
Jan. 22, 1951.

Mr. Thomas D. Rose, Mgr.,  
Town of Chapel Hill,  
Chapel Hill, N.C.

Dear Mr. Rose:

Following is a recap of the attendance record of the department, showing the number of alarms, the number of alarms answered and the percentage to total:

Name	Alarms	Answered	Percentage.
P. R. Perry, Chief	32	19	59.4
J. S. Boone, Asst. Chief	32	20	62.5
G. S. Baldwin	32	24	75.0
W. H. Ray	19	16	84.2
J. F. Partin	20	16	80.0
Phillip Andrews	6	6	100.0
Eric Crabtree	11	6	54.5
Mebane Durham	4	4	100.0
George Pickard	32	20	62.5
C. E. Vashaw	32	21	65.6
B. R. Smith	32	19	59.4
J. Thayer Lloyd	32	26	81.3
E. V. Leigh	32	15	46.9
D. T. Neville	32	15	46.9
A. J. Thomas	32	10	31.3
George Poe	32	15	46.9
Harold Cheek	32	5	15.6
Robert Cheek	32	5	15.6
Albert Poe	32	0	0.0
Duncan Neville	32	13	40.6
C. L. Merritt	32	14	43.8
Clyde Lloyd	32	4	12.5
D. W. Merritt	32	3	9.3

Average attendance per Alarm 9  
Percentage of firemen attending 44.3%

Respectfully submitted,

*P. R. Perry*  
P. R. Perry, Chief. *CEV*

CEV

TOWN OF CHAPEL HILL  
Chapel Hill, North Carolina

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This notice is to call your attention to the fact that your Town taxes, as indicated below, are now past due. The Board of Alderman insists that unless these taxes are paid within 30 days from the above date, I must take steps to collect same by attachment, garnishee, <sup>MENT</sup> or otherwise, as required by law.

	19__	19__	19__	19__	19__
Tax	\$ _____	\$ _____	\$ _____	\$ _____	\$ _____
Penalty	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
Total	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
			Total Tax & Penalty	\$ _____	
			Cost	\$ _____	
			Total Due	\$ _____	

Please note that the penalties indicated above are for payment within 30 days and that penalties increase at the rate of 1/2 of one percent per month.

Yours very truly,

Thomas D. Rose  
Town Manager

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PROPOSED

January 22, 1951

RESOLUTION CONCERNING THE COLLECTION OF DELINQUENT TAXES DUE THE TOWN OF CHAPEL HILL:

WHEREAS, the Town Manager reports to this Board, from the Auditor's Reports, that for 1943 and prior years uncollected taxes due the Town of Chapel Hill amount to \$7,471.00, and that uncollected taxes for 1944-49, inclusive, amount to \$14,505.00 --- or a TOTAL of \$21,976.00; and

WHEREAS, unpaid taxes are unfair to those taxpayers who have paid their taxes, and are a hardship on the financial operations of the Town, and are a reflection on this Board; and

WHEREAS, the Town Manager and the Town Attorney need be in no doubt about the attitude of this Board and its moral support of them in this matter; THEREFORE,

BE IT RESOLVED,

*Hoff moved  
Davis seconded*  
FIRST, That the Board of Aldermen of the Town of Chapel Hill hereby and now directs the Town Manager and the Town Attorney, individually and jointly, to proceed at once to collect all delinquent taxes, and that they use all the legal means at their disposal to collect all delinquent taxes due the Town of Chapel Hill.

SECOND, That the Town Manager and the Town Attorney report to this Board on March 12, 1951, the items of delinquent taxes collected during the Month of February, 1951; on April 9, the items of delinquent taxes collected during the month of March; on ~~April~~ May 14, on items paid during the month of April; etc., through the month of June, 1951.

On motion made by Aldermen ....., seconded by Alderman ....., the following Resolution was passed, Aldermen ..... voting "yes" and Aldermen ..... voting "NO".

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REPORT OF THE FINANCE COMMITTEE OF THE  
BOARD OF ALDERMEN

Jan. 22, 1951

TO THE BOARD OF ALDERMEN:

The Finance Committee (Hobbs, Fitch, and Putnam), along with the Auditor, the Attorney, the Town Manager, and the Mayor, met January 15.

1. The Town Manager made a tentative report on the condition of the 1950-51 Budget, as of December 31, 1950, as follows:

Budget for 1950-51 .....	\$147,029
Spent July 1--Dec. 31.....	72,605
Available for Jan. 1-June 30	74,423

He, also, reported uncollected taxes, as follows:

1943 and prior .....	\$7,471	
1944 .....	1,131	
1945 .....	1,349	
1946 .....	1,800	
1947 .....	2,462	
1948 .....	4,031	
1949 .....	3,732	Total \$ 21,976.00
1950 .....		

2. RECOMMENDATION: That the Board of Aldermen by resolution direct the Town Mgr. and the Town Attorney to proceed promptly to use every legal means for collecting delinquent taxes, and that a monthly report be made to the Board of delinquent taxes collected, the first report to be made to the Board on March 12.

3. RECOMMENDATION: That the Town Manager be authorized and directed to discontinue garbage collection service, on March 10, for all individuals and firms which are now delinquent; and

That, hereafter, the Garbage collection charge shall be paid annually (or semi-annually) in advance of service rendered. *Copy to Health Dept.*

4. The Town Manager reports that only one Negro policeman is now being used, which policy Chief Sloan recommended to the Town Mgr.

5. Salary payments to Mr. Ray, fireman, who has been out due to illness have been discontinued. Since, there is a possibility he may recover soon than was first expected, the Finance Committee RECOMMENDS that the Town Mgr. wait for the Doctors' reports before hiring a permanent replacement for Mr. Ray.

6. RECOMMENDATION: That the Board authorize the Town Mgr. to purchase two (2) new sewer pumps, for replacements at the Westwood pumping station.

7. RECOMMENDATION: That studies on a Retirement Plan, Etc. be continued, and that a recommendation be made to the Board as soon as possible.

8. RECOMMENDATION: That preparations for paving certain streets in the New Area of Town be pushed along.

9. Developments about additional land for Town near Town Hall. (Mr. Rose).



Minutes Regular Meeting  
Board of Alderman--Chapel Hill, N. C.  
January 23, 1951

The regular meeting of the Board of Alderman was held in the Town Hall on January 23th at 8:00 P.M.

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

The minutes of the regular meeting of January 8th were read and approved.

Mr. Rose introduced Mr. Burton Jones, Professor of Mathematics at the University of North Carolina, who came before the Board regarding a sewer connection for a residence he proposes to build on Vance Street Extension. After discussing this matter, Mr. Putnam moved that this request be referred to the Utilities Committee for their recommendation at the next meeting of the Board. This motion was seconded by Mr. Burch and passed unanimously. Mr. Rose was asked to notify Mr. Jones of the Committee meeting in order that he may attend if he desires.

Mr. Rose read a petition from the merchants and property owners on West Franklin Street from the corner of Strowd's Motor Company to Graham Street requesting whiteway lights in this section. A committee of the following men came before the Board to consult with the members on this petition: Kenneth Cheek, Long Meadow Farms; F. E. Strowd, Johnson-Strowd-Ward; J. C. Fox, Village Pharmacy; David Carter, Hospital Saving Association; James R. Farlow, Attorney; William Alexander, B F Goodrich Dealer; Herbert Pendercraft, Village Service Station; Herman H. Ward, Caston Motor Company; and Mr. W. G. Fields. Mr. Rose reported that he had investigated the possibility of installing lights along this section, but that there would have to be more investigation before he could present figures to the Board. Mr. Burch stated that that end of town was growing so rapidly that he would like to see suitable lighting facilities installed as soon as possible. After discussing this matter, Mr. Putnam moved that the petition be referred to the Utilities Committee. This motion was seconded by Mr. Burch and unanimously passed.

Mr. David Carter, representative of the Hospital Saving Association came before the Board to ask their permission to contact employees of the Town in regard to joining Hospital Saving as a group.

He stated that 65% must be willing to join before it could be offered. He further stated that the Hospital Saving policy would take up where the Workmen's Compensation leaves off. After discussing this matter with Mr. Carter, Mr. Hobbs moved that Mr. Carter be encouraged to form a unit with most of the employees, telling them that the amount of the policy will be deducted out of their salary each month. This was seconded by Mr. Putnam and passed unanimously.

The Health Officer's report for the month of December was read by Mr. Rose. Mr. Fitch made the observation that the Health Department's report should give the bacteria count. The members of the Board asked Mr. Rose to remind the Health Officer of this in connection with future reports.

The Fire Chief's report from December 9, 1950 to January 21, 1951 was read by Mr. Rose. Mr. Rose reported that he had purchased a small fire extinguisher for each police car and hopes to save trips of the fire truck in cases of small fires when an extinguisher is all that would be necessary. The Fire Chief also included an attendance report in which the average attendance was 44%.

Mr. Rose read a letter addressed to Mr. W. T. Sloan, Chief of Police, from the Department of Motor Vehicles, Raleigh, North Carolina, stating that no fatal accidents had been reported from the Town of Chapel Hill in 1950, and that this put the Town in line for an Honor Roll Plaque from the National Safety Council.

Mr. Rose reported that Mr. H. C. McAllister was exactly 195 feet from the sewer line, and, therefore, the Board would not have to take any action on his letter.

Mr. Rose presented each member with a statement of expenditures up through December, 1950.

Mr. Rose reported that the new bookkeeping machine arrived Saturday and that he is waiting on Mr. Cavin to come over to install it so that it can be used.

Mr. Rose presented a request from the residents of Cobb Terrace to make the circle a one-way street. Mr. Hobbs moved that the Attorney be requested to draft an Ordinance and present it at the next meeting of the Board making traffic one-way on Cobb Terrace. This motion was seconded by Mr. Putnam and unanimously passed.



Mr. Rose stated that the outside woodwork on the Town Hall needs painting, but that he would make a report on this at a later meeting.

Mr. Rose reported that Mr. Fussler had requested that a light be installed opposite the driveway that goes into his property off Tenney Circle. Mr. Burch moved that Mr. Fussler's request for a street light be referred to the Utilities Committee. This motion was seconded by Mr. Putnam and passed unanimously.

Mr. Rose stated that Mr. John W. Umstead had asked him to remind all the members of the Board to get any local bills they wanted to see introduced to him within ten days.

Mr. Hobbs, Chairman of the Finance Committee, presented each member with a copy of a report of the Finance Committee meeting held on January 15th. Mr. Hobbs moved that the following Resolution be passed:

BE IT RESOLVED: That the Board of Alderman of the Town of Chapel Hill hereby and now directs the Town Manager and the Town Attorney, individually and jointly to proceed at once to collect all delinquent taxes, and that they use all the legal means at their disposal to collect all delinquent taxes due the Town of Chapel Hill.

This motion was seconded by Mr. Davis and unanimously passed.

Mr. Rose read a letter that he had written to go to all delinquent taxpayers. He stated that it was his intention to have this letter mimeographed and mailed to all persons owing taxes to the Town of Chapel Hill.

Mr. Burch moved that the Town Manager be authorized and directed to discontinue garbage collection service on March 10, 1951 for all individuals and firms which are now delinquent; and that, hereafter, the garbage collection charge shall be paid annually in advance of service rendered. Also, that delinquent firms or individuals be notified of the discontinuation by letter, and that a copy of this letter be sent to the Health Department. This motion was seconded by Mr. Fowler and unanimously passed.

Mr. Hobbs moved that the Town Manager be authorized to purchase two new sewage pumps for replacements at the Westwood pumping station. This motion was seconded by Mr. Fitch and passed unanimously.

Mr. Rose reported that he had verbal permission from all property owners to build an alley behind the Durham Products' Building on Franklin Street, but that Mr. Abernethy would not give his signature to a right of way. The Board asked Mr. Hinshaw to get easement papers for all the owners to sign, otherwise, the alley will not be built by the Town.

Mr. Burch, Chairman, reported that the Safety Committee was not ready to report on the parking problem on Rosemary Street.

Mr. Fitch suggested that the Board set a definite time and ask residents in one block of Rosemary Street to meet with the Board in regard to widening Rosemary Street. It was decided that at the next meeting, the Board would set a date to invite the people to come in and talk with the Board members.

Mr. Rose asked the Board when he could move the tree on East Franklin Street in front of Mrs. Louis MacMillan's home. The Board suggested that he wait until the Highway Department gets ready to start work there.

Upon motion of Mr. Putnam, seconded by Mr. Burch, and unanimous consent, the meeting adjourned at 10:30 P.M. o'clock.

*Alex J. Gidney*  
Town Clerk



NORTH CAROLINA  
ORANGE COUNTY  
TOWN OF CHAPEL HILL

The following oaths taken and subscribed before Paul H. Robertson, Justice of the Peace, in said State and County on the 17th day of February, 1951:

I, M. W. Durham, do solemnly swear that I will support the Constitution of the United States; so help me, God.

M. W. Durham

I, M. W. Durham, do solemnly and sincerely swear that I will be faithful and bear true allegiance to the State of North Carolina, and to the constitutional powers and authorities which are or may be established for the government thereof; and that I will endeavor to support, maintain and defend the constitution of said state, not inconsistent with the Constitution of the United States, to the best of my knowledge and ability; so help me, God.

M. W. Durham

I, M. W. Durham, do solemnly swear that as Vice Recorder of the Recorder's Court of the Town of Chapel Hill, Orange County, North Carolina, in all articles in the commission to me directed, I will do equal right to the poor and rich, to the best of my judgment and according to the laws of the State; I will not, privately or openly, by myself or any other person, be of counsel in any quarrel or suit depending before me; the fines and amercements that shall happen to be made, and the forfeitures that shall be incurred, I will cause to be duly entered without concealment; I will not wittingly or willingly take, by myself or by any other person for me, any fee, gift gratitude or reward whatsoever for any matter or thing by to be done by virtue of my office, except such fees as are or may be directed and limited by statute; but well and truly I will perform my office of Vice Recorder of the Recorder's Court of the Town of Chapel Hill; I will not delay any person of common right, by reason of any letter or order from any person in authority to me directed, or for any other cause whatever; and if any letter or order come to me contrary to law I will proceed to enforce the law, such letter or order notwithstanding. I will not direct or cause to be directed to the parties any warrant by me made, but will direct all such warrants to the sheriffs or constables of the county, or other officers or ministers of the state, or other indifferent persons, to do execution thereof; and finally, in all things belonging to my office, during my continuance therein, I will faithfully, truly and justly, and according



to the best of my skill and judgment, do equal and impartial justice to the public and to individuals; so help me, God.

M. W. Durham

NORTH CAROLINA  
ORANGE COUNTY  
TOWN OF CHAPEL HILL

The foregoing oaths of M. W. Durham were duly administered by me this day and were duly sworn to and subscribed in my presence.

This the 17th day of February, 1951.

Paul J. Robertson  
Justice of the Peace