

Chapel Hill, N.C.
Feb. 28, 1955.

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

Dear Mr. Rose:

Following is a recap of the activities of the Chapel Hill
Fire Department for the year 1954.

Total number of investigations and alarms	88
Total number of investigations	67
Total number of alarms	21

Recap of alarms, showing number of alarms, attendance and
percentage.

P.R. Perry	21	7	33.3%
- J.S. Boone	21	15	71.4
- C.E. Vashaw	21	14	66.6
- G. S. Baldwin	21	15	71.4
- W. H. Ray	21	14	66.6
- Eric Crabtree	21	17	80.9
- Phillip Andrews	21	15	71.4
Mebane Durham	21	9	42.8
B. R. Smith	21	15	71.4
Harold Cheek	21	10	47.6
- Robert Cheek	21	3	14.3
N. F. Jackson	21	15	71.4
George Poe	21	14	66.6
J. Thayer Lloyd	21	16	76.1
Odis Pendergraft	21	8	38.1
D. T. Neville	21	10	47.6
Aggie Thomas	21	10	47.6
E. L. Merritt	21	7	33.3
- Duncan Neville	21	3	14.3
George Pickard	21	4	19.0

The men at the station made 93 inspections of business and
fraternity houses during the year.

The total fire loss for the year amounted to approximately
\$18,525.00. Most of this loss was due to two fires. One
the Kappa Alpha Fraternity and the other the Gulf Service
Station. Each of these had an approximate damage of \$8,000.00.

The greater part of the investigations were caused by oil stoves
becoming flooded and overheating, also furnace and refrigerator
motors came in a good second. Grass and woods fires accounted
for 27 alarms and investigations.

Broken down in specific catagories the calls were for the following:

Residences	33
Business houses	7
Fraternities	5
University Campus	5
Cars	5
Grass, trash etc.	27
Rescue	1
Use of pnealator	1
Storage shed	1
False	3

During the year we laid 2800 ft $2\frac{1}{4}$ " hose. There were only 5 times that we had to use $2\frac{1}{4}$ " hose to fight fires. The balance of the fires were controled by the booster tanks and small hose carried on the trucks.

Respectfully submitted,

P. R. Perry
P.R. Perry, Chief.

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MINUTES

Board of Aldermen

Town of Chapel Hill, N.C.

February 28, 1955

The Board of Aldermen met in regular session February 28, 1955, at 7:30 P. M. in the Town Hall with the following present: Mayor Cornwell; Aldermen Wager, Davis Burch, Putnam, Robinson and Wade; and Town Manager Rose.

MINUTES for the February 15, 1955, regular meeting were read, and at the recommendation made by Alderman Burch and unanimous consent by the Board members, the January 10th MINUTES were corrected to read as follows ; "The Board agreed that an open ditch should be put to drain from Ransom Street across the Pritchard property to Sycamore Street, and the Town would take care of the culvert under RANSOM STREET." Upon a motion made by Alderman Putnam, seconded by Alderman Robinson, the MINUTES were adopted as corrected.

AUDITOR'S REPORT was made by Mr. Erle E. Peacock who reported that the vouchers have been examined and he found them to be in order.

FIRE DEPARTMENT reports were read by Town Manager Rose. Mr. Phillip Andrews made the inspections with recommendations to many of the property owners, for reducing the fire hazards. Alderman Burch suggested to the Board that fire inspections and recommendations are not of much value unless followed up and carried out. Alderman Burch suggested that a meeting be arranged soon with a committee of Aldermen, Town Manager Rose, and the State representative relative to this problem. Alderman Putnam made a motion, seconded by Alderman Wager.

TAX REFUND. That a refund in the amount of \$73.10 be made to Frederic Coenen on Hillsboro Street & Franklin Street properties, due to reduced valuation by the County. Alderman Putnam made a motion that this refund be paid, seconded by Alderman Robinson. There was unanimous consent.

ENABLING ACT. A motion was made by Alderman Wager, seconded by Alderman Putnam that our representative in the Legislature, present the act as prepared by Town Attorney LeGrand, to authorize the desk officer or desk sergeant in the Chapel Hill Police Office to issue warrants. All members of the Board agreed to this.

TREES. Town Manager Rose informed the Board of Aldermen that arrangements have been made with Mr. Armstrong to secure the nursery trees needed within the next two or three weeks.

ZONING ORDINANCE. Alderman Burch informed the Board that in many cases citizens are carrying on businesses that seem to disregard the Zoning Ordinance as set up in 1949 governing such cases. There was much discussion as to the legality of this Ordinance. The matter was referred to Town Attorney LeGrand and Town Manager Rose for further study. Alderman Putnam made a motion, seconded by Alderman Wager.

BAPTIST CHURCH members request a driveway off S. Columbia Street to the Church. Lowering the sidewalk was discussed. Two dead trees are being removed and a driveway put in, and will be graded within the next two weeks.

TOWN OF CHAPEL HILL NOT IN KEEPING WITH TOWN'S GROWTH. Town Manager Rose supplied facts, figures and diagrams explaining why in his opinion, Chapel Hill has an urgent need for new motor equipment; new sewer lines; storm sewers, and that Rosemary Street should be widened for two blocks to handle the badly congested traffic tangle; that about \$200,000 would be needed to handle these needs. The Board of Aldermen agreed that such a program would be in keeping with the needs but thought this matter should be heard in time for the electing of board members as Aldermen. There was unanimous consent.

Mayor Cornwell read a letter from Mrs. Guy Phillips, President of the Chapel Hill Community Club wherein during their meeting held February 4, 1955, they set forth the following resolutions:

"WHEREAS: The Community Club of Chapel Hill believes that recreation is an important part of youth education; and

WHEREAS: There is no public building and grounds in the village for recreational activities, or for meetings of Civic Clubs and other community organizations; be it therefore

RESOLVED: That it is the opinion of the Club that such building and grounds should be made available; and

RESOLVED: That the Club pledge itself to aid in promoting such a project and contributing to it; and be it further

RESOLVED: That a copy of these resolutions be sent to the Junior Chamber of Commerce and to the Board of Aldermen.

NEW BUSINESS:

Alderman Robinson mentioned that there is need for moving the street light at the Corner of W. Rosemary and Sunset Drive and that Starlite Street needs a street marker.

Alderman Burch requested that the ditching problem at Sycamore Street be carefully inspected.

Upon motion by Alderman Davis, seconded by Alderman Putnam, and unanimous consent the meeting was adjourned at 8:57 P.M. o'clock.

After hearing the minutes for the meeting read, on motion made by Alderman Burch, seconded by Alderman Davis, the MINUTES were approved by vote of the Board of Aldermen this the day of February, 1955.

Olin K. Corns Mayor

Mary Loyas Town Clerk

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