

# Ordinance will regulate growth in York

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YORK, S.C. — York County has joined 18 other South Carolina counties in adopting regulations to govern subdivision development.

The ordinance, which took effect Sunday, prohibits home construction in flood-prone areas, and regulates street design in new developments and distances between individual dwellings and the streets.

It is a watered-down version of the original proposal drawn up by the County Planning Commission four years ago. A divided County Council approved the regulation in its Sept. 18 meeting.

But even the present version doesn't sit well with opponents who say there is no need for a subdivision ordinance for the entire county. "Four-fifths of the county doesn't need it. It's farming, rural land and it'll be 50 years before there's any growth there," said M. S. "Booney" Chappell, 42, president of the Concerned Citizens for Better Government Through Less Government.

Chappell said the only parts of the county that need the ordinance are around Rock Hill and Fort Mill.

In the eyes of former Planning Commission Chairman Marshall

Doswell, what the county now has gotten is a relatively mild subdivision ordinance.

Doswell, who stepped down from the county post in June after serving six years, three as chairman, says "some of our earlier drafts were better than our later drafts."

For example, community protest forced the commission to eliminate a ban on unpaved roads in subdivisions with lots larger than two acres. Nor is there any requirement that new roads be paved. Rules for planting vegetation on

land along new roads were also relaxed.

Supporters of the ordinance hope it will help avert some of the problems that are expected to crop up as the predominantly rural county takes on a more urban character.

Population increase alone is anticipated at about 40 percent with the present 96,000 expected to reach 135,000 by the end of the century.

Opponents claim the ordinance is another example of unnecessary and costly government regulation. The strongest opposition came from the agricultural western half

of the county, where many argued against the governmental interference they see implicit in the regulations.

"People, after they work hard for a piece of property, just resent like hell having to go ask somebody what they can do with it," said Chappell.

Chappell's group collected 32,000 signatures on a petition opposing the ordinance that also called for abolishing the planning commission.

Chappell said the group will continue its efforts to abolish the planning commission and will

work to vote out of office the County Council members who favored the ordinance.

Others say the ordinance favors big developers and makes it difficult for farmers without large cash reserves to subdivide their land.

Developers reluctantly gave the measure their support as they realized that some sort of ordinance was inevitable.

Robert Belk, former president of the York County Home Builders Association, said the group wanted an ordinance that "helps developer and homeowner could live with."



A real antique

The Edsel was once hailed as the car of the future, but now that the future's here, the Edsel isn't, unless you look like Garrett's Antiques and Variety Shop, located on U.S. 521 about three miles south of Pineville. (News photo/Elmer Horton)

## Convicted killer wanted to save lives

SMITHFIELD — Norris Carlton Taylor sat awkwardly smoking a cigarette with his hands manacled, his legs shackled and five police officers sitting nearby.

Taylor, a convicted murderer who had shouted obscenities at the presiding judge and spat at him during his trial for murder last week, seemed calm and sincere as he talked to a Fayetteville Times reporter.

"When I was young, I wanted to be a rescue squad driver," said Taylor, sitting in the security room of the Johnston County Courthouse.

Taylor, who still faces trial in Fayetteville on a charge of murdering a pregnant woman, talked about his desire to save lives.

It was, he said, a thought he had "at that time in my life."

But as the interview ended, Tay-

lor said, "Can you take that part out about being a rescue driver? I don't think I want that in. I changed my mind."

Why? "I'd rather not answer that," he said, smiling.

As the interview took place, Taylor was preparing to leave for Central Prison in Raleigh for safekeeping until his next trial, which is scheduled.

"I won't be glad to go to prison, but I'll be glad to leave this jail," Taylor said calmly.

He complained of the isolation and about not getting writing tablets or pens or envelopes.

Who would he write?

His eyes narrowed for an instant and a half-smile crossed his bearded face.

"I'd rather not answer that," he said.

He is 34, a black man whose life began in the slums of Hampton, Va., and may end in North Carolina's gas chamber.

His life was spared this time by an all-white jury he had rallied against from the start of the trial.

Taylor has been described as unpredictable, enigmatic and irrational. One story had it that he wanted the death sentence. Was he relieved that he had been spared?

"No, not relieved. Not anything," he said.

He discounted the stories of his wanting to die. He didn't seem to want anything except some correspondence supplies.

No one in Taylor's family was with him during the trial. He doesn't expect, or want, any of his relatives to share his ordeal, or the ordeal of his next murder trial in Fayetteville.

His wife, Floydine, died of cancer at the age of 36 in a Newport News hospital July 29. It has been said that his wife's death triggered

his alleged crime spree after his escape from a Virginia prison, but Taylor will not talk about the effect her death had on him.

## Trains back on track

Associated Press

Railroad service in North Carolina was expected to return to normal today in the wake of President Carter's back-to-work order Friday and the 10-day restraining order issued by a federal court to enforce it.

Southern Railway employees dropped their picket lines and returned to work Saturday, and Southern's district superintendent, J. E. Sims, said service would be back to normal by today.

The nation's rail clerks struck

last week, and service ground to a halt as other unions honored picket lines of the Brotherhood of Railway and Electrical Clerks.

The strike was in support of the nearly 3-month-old strike by the clerks against the Norfolk and Western Railroad.

Southern was able to operate about half its usual schedule during the strike with supervisors, Sims said, so the resumption of full service would present no major difficulties.



Meeting the ducks

End of summer brings different things to different people. For these two boys, Mike and Shane Timberlake of Myrtle Beach, S.C., feeding the ducks at the Intercoastal Waterway landing in Socastee, S.C., was a treat. Mike is 6 and Shane, left, is 5. (AP)

## 3 counties get mental health grant

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A federal grant of \$419,750 to the Piedmont Mental Health Centers, which serve Cabarrus, Stanly and Union counties, will be used to improve and expand services at the center's facilities in Concord, Albemarle and Monroe.

The grant from the Department of Health, Education and Welfare, announced last week, is effective Nov. 1 and is renewable for eight

years in decreasing amounts. It doesn't require matching local or state money and is in addition to the center's estimated \$2 million budget.

Area Director Ervin M. Funderburk Jr. said in a prepared statement that the money "will help us substantially in being able to provide home-based treatment and will also allow time to prepare better systems of reimbursement from clients, public and private insurance and contractual services."

Funderburk, who couldn't be reached for comment Friday, said the money will be used to improve consultation, educational, emergency, out-patient and partial hospitalization services.

New services to be provided with the money will include psychiatric in-patient care, short-term detoxification for alcoholics and establishment of a halfway house for emotionally disturbed adults.

"They call it an operating

## Those toga parties are all the rage on campus

RALEIGH — Not since streaking has a fad found such popularity on college campuses.

But this time it's not scamping about without clothes that is the rage.

It's wearing Roman togas and staging toga parties, a revival of a form of merriment once popular on college campuses.

Togas and toga parties are the "in" form of partying thanks to the movie "Animal House," a tale of fraternity madness in 1962.

"Students," said North Carolina State University senior Vic Stephenson, "are going to come up with something to entertain themselves."

The newest entertainment scene was set by the movie's fictional Delta, who are about to lose their charter for various prohibited acts. They decide to banish their depression with a toga party.

And North Carolina students and the rest of the country picked up the madness. At NCSU, togas are everywhere. The Phi Kappa Tau brothers togaed two weeks ago.

Tau Kappa Epsilon has also tried the sheeted look, as has Sigma Phi

Epsilon. Edwards Grocery, a night spot near the Raleigh campus, invited students to toga Sunday.

Even dormitory residents are donning togas for their parties.

Tuesday night it was toga time at the NCSU Farmhouse fraternity. The fashionable turned out in everything from an "Izod" toga, complete with homemade alligator robes of bright floral or stripes.

The wrappings ranged from gladiator-style or short to one-shoulder, floor-length designs. Pins, robes and imagination held the togas together.

The frat's one-passenger chariot, which is normally used during

Greek Week, was pulled out of storage for the event.

And at one of the recent toga parties, a concoction comprised of a grape drink and grain alcohol was served.

Similarly brewed, rumor has it, are frequently consumed when togaing.

The toga-wearing seems to get the guests in the spirit of things, said one student who attended a recent toga bash.

"Wearing the toga made the party a little different," he said. "It got kind of wild . . . which most parties do."

## Albemarle votes on bond issues

Voters in Albemarle will decide bond issues totaling \$3.8 million for water and sewer projects, a fire training facility and a municipal swimming pool Tuesday.

The city government wants authority to issue \$1,225 million in water bonds to provide service in areas that might be annexed in the future and \$2,225 million for sewer lines in annexed areas.

In addition, \$200,000 in bonds would finance construction of training facilities for the fire department and \$150,000 would be used to replace a 40-year-old swimming pool in the city's Rock Creek Park.

The city says approval of the issues will not cause an increase in property taxes.

Little controversy over the bonds has surfaced. Proponents

have conducted a low-key campaign and there has been no organized opposition. Albemarle Mayor Wade H. McSwain calls the issue "bonds for progress."

The city points out that some adjacent areas have water and sewage tank problems, and that the water and sewer bonds would allow the city to improve these if they are annexed.

Park officials say the filters of the 40-year-old pool are rusted out and cannot be repaired. The present pool is leaking badly and remodeling is impractical, officials say.

Passage of the issue would permit a new pool to be built after the existing pool is razed. A new pool could be completed before next summer ends.

Polls will be open from 6:30 a.m. to 7:30 p.m.

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