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The Board also authorized the town attorney to see if Carrboro has claim to state funds being given to UNC to support local public transit.

"The Chapel Hill Board of Aldermen have eliminated the possibility of pursuing an alternative," Sharer said. "This has been a disappointment to me."

Carrboro Alderman John Boone said, "We've been offered a bitter pill. Either we pay the high costs or we get no service."

## Grants awarded locally

The University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill, the Town of Chapel Hill and the Orange Water and Sewer Authority in Carrboro were recently awarded grants by government agencies.

The University received a \$15,020 grant from the National Endowment for the Humanities to organize, analyze and index the folklore collection of Annabel Morris Buchanan.

The collection of books, manuscripts, photographs, and recordings of the noted folklorist was given to the University last fall by Mrs. Buchanan of Paducah, Ky., and her four children.

Buchanan gathered the material during her long career as a writer, music teacher, performer, composer and student of the American folksong. Her disc and tape recordings and music books are housed in the music library in Hill Hall. Manuscripts and photographs are in the Southern Folklore Collection of Wilson Library.

The Buchanan Collection contains 44 rare 19th century American religious

tunebooks, her own unpublished choral compositions, unpublished transcriptions of folksongs that she collected and three unpublished studies of folksongs.

A continuing Community Development Block Grant of \$302,000 was awarded to the Town of Chapel Hill by the Department of Housing and Urban Development. This amount was an addition to the previous award of \$1,395,000. The total grant is now \$1,697,000 through the fiscal year 1978.

The funds are to be used for acquisition, relocation, referral, streets and park improvements.

In another grant, the Environmental Protection Agency awarded a wastewater treatment construction works of \$344,025 to the Orange Water and Sewer Authority in Carrboro.

These funds will be used for preparation of plans and specifications for upgrading and expanding the 5.5 MGD Mason Farm Wastewater Treatment Plant to a 8.0 MGD Plant.

# Polk Youth Center overcrowded

A brisk wind blew as the electric gate slid open. A young man about 18 wearing dingy grey pants and a white t-shirt shuffled through. He was wearing leg irons.

A prison guard followed him through two more gates. Once they were inside the fences, the guard removed the leg irons and walked back outside to a small guardhouse. The young man stayed inside. The gate slid shut.

Soon another guard would come and take him to one of the barracks that house the inmates. Once there, he would be another addition to the already overcrowded prison population at Polk Youth Center.

Polk Youth Center, located in Raleigh, houses inmates aged 18 to 21 who have been convicted of a felony. The center is designed to house 450 inmates. It now houses about 600.

The overcrowding places a strain on prison employees. Richard Davenport, a counselor at the prison, said he has a caseload of 125. He also said he works a split shift that includes working 40 hours a week plus returning to the prison three nights a week to conduct special programs for the inmates.

A 21-year-old inmate convicted of robbing a drugstore was not happy with conditions in the prison. His main complaints were the overcrowding and the lack of counselors.

A 21-year-old inmate convicted of armed robbery said more fights between inmates break out in the summer. He said living in the prison is

harder when the weather is hot because the inmates get restless.

The inmate convicted of robbing the drugstore said the overcrowding causes friction between the inmates and guards. Still, he said, there is little open conflict between them. Most of the inmates' anger is directed at the system and not at the guards, he said.

Jim Leathers, program supervisor at the prison, said that overcrowding is a great problem.

Leathers said it is hard to accept the reality of working on a limited budget: "We're supposed to be non-political and keep our mouths shut. What happens behind bars is a tragedy not even Shakespeare could write about."

But, said Leathers, the prison employees become insensitive to the conditions: "If you work in it long enough, you get used to it."

Polk is classified as a medium-security prison. That means there are barracks instead of cells and wire fences instead of stone walls, but to the inmates there is little difference. Polk is still a prison.

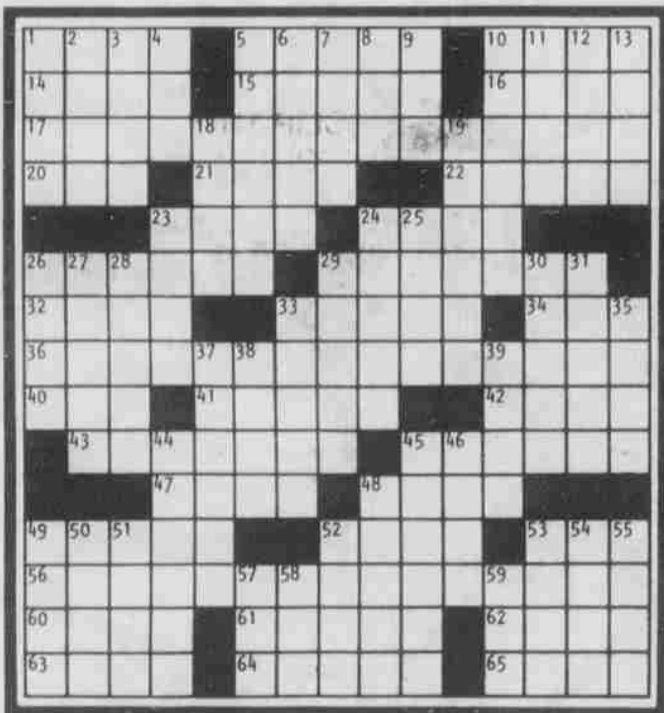
Leathers said the present prison conditions would probably get worse instead of better. He also said the job of rehabilitating the inmates is difficult. He calls the prison a graduate school of crime:

"What we are producing...is a cancer that is going to come back on America."

He said the effect of prison was to toughen the inmates. The result is that they have less respect for society after they are released. And this will eventually worsen the crime problem, he said.

### THE Daily Crossword by William Newland

- ACROSS**
- 1 Utter foolishly
  - 5 Winged Mongolian desert
  - 14 Part of ADC painting
  - 15 Certain Indian ocean gulf
  - 17 Words by Tennyson
  - 20 OK
  - 21 Yale men
  - 22 Unsafe
  - 23 Reared
  - 24 Muhammad and MacGraw
  - 26 — ladder (phlox plant)
  - 29 Diseases
  - 32 Repeat
  - 33 Latest news
  - 34 Western bloc
  - 36 Words by George Root
  - 40 Family member
  - 41 Zoo beast
  - 42 Olfactory stimulus
  - 43 Coveted
  - 45 Hard and shiny
  - 47 John of TV
  - 48 Fraction of an ounce
  - 49 Mackintosh
  - 52 Rich soil
  - 53 Vane heading
  - 56 Words by Kipling
  - 60 Fight on equal terms
  - 61 Car parts
  - 62 Flutter
  - 63 Leanto
  - 64 Musty
  - 65 Conservative
- DOWN**
- 1 Infant
  - 2 Corso money
  - 3 Summer quaffs
  - 4 Souchong, for one
  - 5 Walks easily
  - 6 Sensational
  - 7 Olympian occupant
  - 8 Chinese pagoda
  - 9 Wapiti
  - 10 Flashy
  - 11 Poetic works
  - 12 Spout of a pitcher
  - 13 Stygian
  - 18 Soho side-walk edge
  - 19 Shiny
  - 23 Bullish time
  - 24 Cottonwood
  - 25 Speech problem
  - 26 Spouts
  - 27 Irritating to the taste
  - 28 Pursuit
  - 29 Easy to take
  - 30 Contemptible ones
  - 31 Aegean island
  - 33 French —
  - 35 Nimble
  - 37 Undercoats
  - 38 From end to end, old style
  - 39 Move around
  - 44 Seasoned
  - 45 Like a lea
  - 46 Essayist
  - 48 Was overfond
  - 49 Fundamentals
  - 50 "Winnie the —"
  - 51 English poet
  - 52 Lounge about
  - 53 One-man stint
  - 54 Etoile
  - 55 Catch sight of
  - 57 Pow!
  - 58 Chemical prefix
  - 59 Frequently, to poets



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