# Growing towing puzzles police

By CAROL HANNER Staff Writer

The Chapel Hill Police Department is looking at its towing procedure after the steady increase in towed cars since August, Police Chief Herman Stone said last week.

"We're just not getting to the root of the problem," Stone said of the more than 600 cars towed in the last three months.

Lt. Ben Callahan, police administrative assistant, said the police department is meeting informally with its legal advisers to develop a solution to the massive towing.

"We're towing just as many cars now as we were two months ago," Callahan said. The department tows an average of 16 cars each day. The town does not tow cars on campus, although Callahan said a large number of cars are towed from the edges of

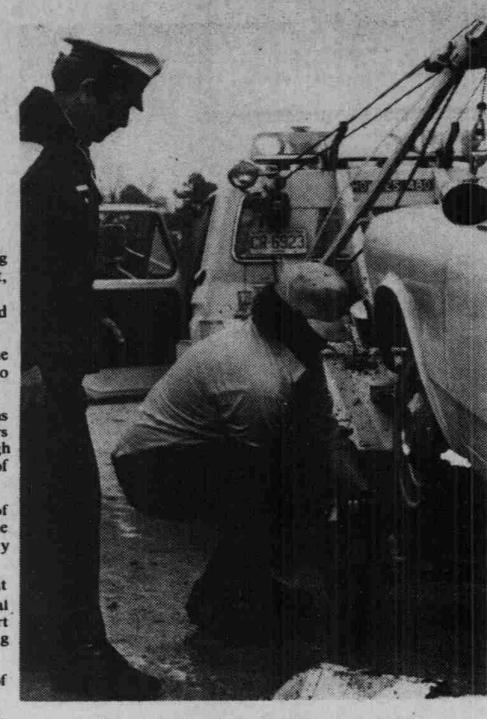
Callahan said Chapel Hill always has towed in some areas of town, but the problem increased dramatically in 1977 when the town prohibited parking between 9 a.m. and 4 p.m. on 43 city

Towing stopped following a restraining order during a lawsuit which questioned the legality of restrictive parking on residential streets. The suit was dropped in August when the Supreme Court struck down a similar case in West Virginia. Police began towing again in August as students returned for the fall semester.

Callahan said the problem was compounded by the creation of bike lanes on Cameron Avenue.

"We're towing in areas where we didn't used to have to tow, such as (cars) too close to fire hydrants, driveways, intersections, loading zones and bus zones," Callahan said.

"People have to park somewhere, and they're parking could change its policy to try to cut illegal parking. "We're open illegally," he added.



Town police tow nearly 16 cars daily

Callahan said he does not know how the police department to any suggested alternatives," he said.

Area apartment tenants must pay from

"People seem to love animals even

though they cost money," said Carolyn

Dawson, a staff member of the Animal

Protection Society. "From what I can see,

they are as willing as ever to keep them in

Dawson said rising medical costs are

"Prices range from \$50 to \$60 just to

the basic financial burden for pet owners.

\$50 to \$100 a year to keep a pet.

# Southern Bell buys Belk store for new district headquarters

By CAROL HANNER Staff Writer

Southern Bell has purchased Belk-Leggett department store's West Franklin Street building for use as a district headquarters, telephone company officials announced this week. In other action Tuesday affecting

Southern Bell, the Chapel Hill Planning Board recommended approval of a special-use request for an addition to the telephone company's East Rosemary Street switching station.

Southern Bell will use the \$765,000 Belk-Leggett building as a central headquarters to replace offices now on Rosemary Street, West Franklin Street, Manning Drive and Jones Ferry Road, Carr Mill Mall, and the NCNB plaza, District Manager Mike Carson said.

"We wanted a location within reasonable walking distance of the downtown and campus areas, and the Belk-Leggett building is ideal," Carson

He said the parking lot beside the building is an advantage for driving customers who previously had metered parking spaces available only at the West Franklin Street office.

Glenn Kelly, Belk-Leggett store manager, said Southern Bell should be able to move in during the first quarter of 1979. Southern Bell will have to do extensive remodeling then, Carson said.

Kelly said Belk-Leggett, which has operated on Franklin Street for 24 years, will operate only one store in Chapel Hill, the University Mall store. Most of the employees will go to University Mall or the company's Durham branch, he said. In another property gain for Southern Bell, the town planning board recommended that the Board of Aldermen grant a special-use permit allowing the company to expand its

Rosemary Street building. The Board of Aldermen will vote on

the permit at its Dec. 11 meeting. The request has aroused controversy over the possibility of damage to the nearby Old Methodist Church building now owned by James M. Webb.

Citizens have expressed concern that the historically significant building would be irreplacable if it is damaged during new construction.

Neighbors also have expressed concern that the extension would affect surrounding property values

## Governor to limit faculty pay increase

By KATHY CURRY

Pay increases for faculty and state employees in next year's budget will be held to an average of 7 percent, Gov. Jim Hunt said Wednesday.

The governor said the state will limit increases to comply with President Carter's 7 percent request in his voluntary anti-inflation program.

The governor's comments came one week before the final meeting of the

spay or neuter an animal," she said. "You

find a lot of unwanted litters when prices

are so outrageous because people just

can't afford to give their pets the

the APS provides a spaying and

program," Dawson said.

neutering program based on financial

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Advisory Budget Commission, which will submit the state budget to the General Assembly in January. The commission is scheduled to vote on a draft of the budget Dec. 8 which will include recommended increases for UNC faculty and other state employees.

Edwin Knox, chairperson of the Advisory Budget Commission, said Wednesday that although the commission members would not comment on the exact amount of the increase until the report is sent to the legislature, he said he felt they would follow the recommendations of the administration.

"If the president of the United States adopts a policy of voluntary controls, it seems to me that we would be obligated to comply," Knox said.

Although the president has not handed down an official definition of the guideline, Hunt said he believes added fringe benefits like merit and longevity

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raises would be included within the 7 percent figure.

Hunt also said because the figure is an average, merit pay raises for some employees and faculty may be higher than 7 percent and some will fall short of the actual figure.

If fringe benefits and other increases are included in the 7 percent ceiling, costof-living increases would have to be less to accommodate them, Hunt said. Several legislators have projected a 5 to 5.5 percent cost-of-living figure.

State Rep. Trish Hunt of Chapel Hill, a member of the House Appropriations Committee, said although she would comply with the governor's recommendations, she hoped the increases for UNC faculty would average a full 7 percent. University educators do not receive the automatic step increases or fringe benefits as do other state employees that would receive a lesser cost-of-living adjustment, she said.

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# Despite inflation, dogs still man's best friend

By KATHY MORRILL Staff Writer

How much is that doggie in the

"It's just as much it was two to three

years ago," says Chris Clapp, owner of Dubey's Pet World, University Mall. Owning a pet is one of the few luxuries that survives despite rising inflation.

"Pets are very special to people. They are almost like children," says Al Beitler, administrator for Vine Veterinary Hospital and Pet Manor. "There's no doubt about it-people definitely feel

pets are worth the money." Although the initial price of a pet hasn't changed much, the cost of pet supplies and food has risen sharply. "Pet food has doubled and possibly even tripled in price in the last two years," Clapp says. "But this doesn't seem to

affect pet sales." Clapp says there hasn't been any significant change in the types of animals customers buy. "Customers don't try to save money by buying small animals rather than large ones. You have to understand, you just don't get the same sort of affection from a hamster that you do from a dog or a cat."

Beitler said his boarding prices for cats and dogs are the same as those of three to four years ago. Cats are \$2.50 per day and dogs are \$2.50 to \$5 depending on size.

"Our kennels usually stay full," he said. Big dogs are still as popular as ever, despite the price. Size doesn't really make any difference."

Size can make a difference for apartment tenants, however.

Old Well Apartments, which charge a \$50 per year deposit and a \$5 per month rental fee for pets, also require that the pet be under 20 pounds, full-grown and housebroken.

## Auditions open

Auditions for Anna Mowatt's play Fashion, the third production of the Carolina Regional Theatre's Window to the World series, will be held at 7 p.m. Friday and Saturday in Studio 2 of Swain

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