

news

# New OWASA budget to fund Cane Creek

By Susan Garrett

The Orange Water and Sewer Authority approved its budget Thursday for the 1980-1981 year. Everett Billingsley, executive director of OWASA, said the budget would be more than \$6 million.

If the budget is carried out as proposed, and if the Army Corps of Engineers issues the necessary permits, OWASA plans dam construction at Cane Creek to begin in 1981.

Flo Garrett, chairman of the OWASA board of directors, said \$265,000 of the budget would be for the Cane Creek Reservoir Project.

Other funds for Cane Creek will come from a special projects fund, an ongoing \$24 million fund shared with three other projects.

Money for the 1980-1981 budget will come from several sources, including funds from previous years, Billingsley said.

These funds will be spent in two areas: for maintenance of the water system and for OWASA's share of a project ordinance. Approximately \$2.3 million of this budget will go into the larger Special Projects Fund as OWASA's share of the project ordinance.

Billingsley said the remainder of the \$24 million special projects fund would come from federal and state grants (more than \$10 million), assessment proceeds,

restricted funds and the anticipated sale of nearly \$10 million in revenue bonds next summer.

Garrett said the restricted funds total about \$1.4 million and have been accumulating. A portion of these restricted funds comes from a trust set up by the University eight or nine years ago. The \$265,000 to be spent on Cane Creek this year comes from this fund.

OWASA plans to spend more than \$10 million on a water supply augmentation project—one of four special projects, Billingsley said. That project is the proposed construction of the Cane Creek reservoir, which would supply water for this area.

A small percentage of this \$10 million will go for improvements on the Stone Quarry site near Pittsboro. The remainder of the special projects fund is for three other projects:

- improvements on the Mason Farm Waste Treatment Plant.
- water treatment for sludge disposal.
- sewer assessment projects (extension of sewers into problem septic tank areas.)

Approximately \$10 million will be spent on the Cane Creek Project, Billingsley said. Garrett added that the amount is subject to change after the project is actually under way. OWASA spent \$152,000 last fall for the purchase of mitigation property near the Cane Creek Reservoir site.



Staff photo by Flora Garrison

Estes Park apartment complex in Chapel Hill  
... housing report suggests fewer restrictions

## Report suggests changes

By Jeff Bowers

Chapel Hill must have less restrictive zoning laws to relieve the shortage of housing, according to a report released in mid-June by a committee on housing in southern Orange County.

The committee, made up of town government officials from Chapel Hill and Carrboro, area developers and UNC students, also suggested the housing code be enforced more strictly to keep residential buildings from becoming substandard and that a new housing officer be created.

"Everyone in the Chapel Hill/Carrboro community (feels) the crunch of housing in

some way, and hardest-hit are the low- to middle-income families—particularly black residents," the report stated.

One reason for the housing problem is the town's zoning laws. "Chapel Hill's zoning ordinance appears to discourage the construction of multi-family rental housing," the report said.

Currently, a developer must go through the lengthy process of obtaining a special-use permit from the town before building a large apartment complex, even if the site is zoned for high-density development.

"The process of obtaining the permit could be accelerated by eliminating some of the steps, the size of development permitted without a special-use permit could be increased, or in some situations, the special-use permit could be eliminated altogether and replaced with a staff review," the report suggested.

Making the special-use permit procedure quicker and more simple would give developers more incentive to build apartment houses, the report said.

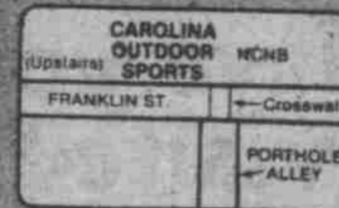
In addition to the change in the zoning ordinance, the committee suggested that a "housing ombudsman" similar to one in Durham be created to coordinate housing projects. The developer position of the Chapel Hill Housing Authority could be expanded to meet this need.



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## "WHY DO THE HEATHEN RAGE?" Psalms 2:1 and Acts 4:25

Are you concerned and troubled about the great increase in lawlessness? Violent hold-ups, stealing, cheating, swindling, murder, rape, adultery, and other kinds of violence and anarchy! At times these things strike mighty close to our homes, loved ones, and friends, and they will get closer unless some change is made.

In the days of Noah God destroyed the earth and everything wherein was the breath of life excepting the eight members of Noah's family, and the animals he kept alive in the Ark according to God's orders. The cause of this judgment was for causes similar to the ones that exist today: "Man corrupted God's way on the earth, and the earth was filled with violence."

"MY SPIRIT SHALL NOT ALWAYS STRIVE WITH MAN —," The Almighty announced in the days of Noah, and sent the flood, Gen. 6:3. It may be the time has about arrived when His Spirit will quit striving with you, and me! Until that time comes we would do well to remember that Christ told us to do some striving: "STRIVE TO ENTER IN AT THE STRAIGHT GATE: FOR MANY, I SAY UNTO YOU, WILL SEEK TO ENTER IN, AND SHALL NOT BE ABLE!" Luke 13:24. We can strive to be "faithful unto death" to the vows made to God in joining His Church — "When thou vowest a vow unto God, defer not to pay it; for He

hath no pleasure in fools: pay that which thou hast vowed." Eccles. 5:4.

We should strive to be faithful in our testimony that The Bible is the Word of God, and be careful not to get in the "broad way" of unbelief of those who both in and out of the Church attack the Bible. We should strive to be faithful in our testimony, righteousness, and very character of God; and strive to be workers together with His Holy Spirit in writing these Commandments in our hearts to the end we may accomplish and keep His Commandments."

In Jeremiah 23:21, God says if the prophets, even though He did not call them to prophesy, would stand in His counsel and cause His people to hear My Words: "THEN THEY SHOULD HAVE TURNED THEM FROM THEIR EVIL WAY, AND FROM THE EVIL OF THEIR DOINGS." The application here is especially for the clergy, preachers, teachers, parents, and all who claim to be Christian. Who is to blame when wickedness grows and abounds, becomes rampant and worldwide, and the stench of man's vileness mounts up to heaven!

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