

County to have 3-digit emergency code

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Orange County residents will soon be able to get emergency rescue, fire or law-enforcement aid by dialing only three digits on their telephones.

As soon as a new consolidated communications system for the county is installed, residents will be able to dial 911 to reach a dispatcher who can send an appropriate emergency vehicle to any location in the county.

Flo Garrett, public coordinator of the Emergency Medical Service Council, which has supervised the project's implementation in Orange County, said recently that the new system will provide more efficient emergency service to the entire county.

Garrett explained that better service will result from a combination of three features: quick citizen access because only the one three-digit number will have to be remembered; a team of trained dispatchers who will operate out of a central dispatcher's room equipped with three consoles at the Chapel Hill Police Department; and a new telemetry system which will enable ambulance crews trained in mobile intensive care to provide more effective treatment to patients before they reach the hospital.

Garrett said she hopes the equipment for all three phases of the system can be tested and installed by Jan. 1. However, she emphasized that the target date is tentative.

Garrett gave a report on the project at the Chapel Hill Board of Aldermen meeting Monday night.

The Carrboro Board of Aldermen voted unanimously last week to accept the system if it is approved by Chapel Hill and the county. Apparently, approval is little more than a formality, since Garrett said the equipment has already been bought and partially installed.

The project will be operated solely by Orange County, even though the dispatchers will work in an enlarged, console-equipped room in the Chapel Hill Police Department Building. Eleven dispatchers will be hired and paid by the county.

First preference for dispatching jobs will go to dispatchers already working for the Chapel Hill and Carrboro police departments and the Sheriff's Department, Garrett said.

The dispatchers will be trained in use of emergency medicine and in familiarization with their territories. Three dispatchers will work each shift.

Garrett said the dispatchers will be able to give advice over the phone for treatments of some patients before emergency vehicles arrive. She added that part of their training may include field training with emergency vehicle crews.

Garrett said the installation of telemetry equipment for communication between ambulances and N.C. Memorial Hospital is another important part of the project. She said that with the new equipment, ambulance crews will be able to communicate with doctors at the hospital. The new equipment also will enable doctors at the hospital to read cardiograms and other data from the ambulances and advise treatment.

Garrett said such a system will greatly

improve the chances of survival for patients such as heart attack victims.

Garrett said another part of the 911 telephone system which will be added later is the ringback feature. The ringback would mean that if a caller failed to give a dispatcher all necessary information before hanging up, the dispatcher would be able to call him back immediately.

Garrett said Southern Bell Telephone Co. has promised this feature will be available by 1981.

Garrett said the project began several years ago when Memorial Hospital and the Orange rescue squad wanted to improve communications. The Emergency Medical Service Council received a Robert Wood Johnson grant to fund the project. Orange and Chatham counties received the grant jointly. Chatham County is also installing an emergency communications system.

UNC, British teams debate porn vs. censorship

By ELIZABETH MESSICK
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A touring British debate team and two members of the UNC Debate Team will argue the merits of pornography and censorship at 8 p.m. today in the Great Hall of the Carolina Union.

The British debaters, whom UNC forensics director Bill Balthrop termed the best in Great Britain, will face David Williams and Walker Smith, UNC debaters ranked 13th in the nation last year.

Balthrop said students could expect something a mite different from the British debaters.

"There's a certain eloquence the British bring to debate," Balthrop said. "It's a different sort of speaking opportunity than people in Chapel Hill normally hear. It's very witty and humorous and involves a lot of audience participation and interaction."

R. Victoria Schofield, a 1977 graduate of Oxford, and Philip Engelman, a graduate of University College in London, are the British debaters.

Schofield has written several articles for English journals based on her travels in Africa, North America and South America.

On application of Title VI

Briefs requested in Bakke case

WASHINGTON (UPI) — The Supreme Court, giving a clue to its thinking, Monday asked all parties in the Bakke "reverse discrimination" case to submit their written views on how a section of the 1964 Civil Rights Act applies to it.

The court ordered extra briefs filed within 30 days regarding Title VI of the act, which says no one may be excluded by reason of race from participating in any program receiving federal aid.

Government agencies, such as the Department of Health, Education and Welfare (HEW), are authorized under the law to issue rules consistent with its objectives.

In the Bakke case, the University of California at Davis medical school is appealing a California Supreme Court ruling striking down its special admission program, which reserves 16 percent of seats in each entering class for disadvantaged

applicants. Allan Bakke, a 37-year-old white engineer, won that ruling on the argument that he was discriminated because of his race and would have been admitted had it not been for the program.

Concorde set to fly

NEW YORK (UPI) — After 19 months of court battles and often bitter public demonstrations, the Concorde supersonic jetliner was given the chance by the U.S. Supreme Court Monday to prove itself on the vital Europe-to-New York route.

Air France and British Airways immediately announced nonpassenger proving flights of the 1,350-m.p.h. jet will begin Wednesday at Kennedy International Airport in New York.

The start of commercial service to New York from Paris and London was set at Nov. 22.

Veto for deregulation?

WASHINGTON (UPI) — The White House indicated Monday that Sen. Henry Jackson is correct in believing President Carter will veto any measure that includes a

form of natural gas price deregulation. Jackson, D-Wash., is chairperson of the Senate Energy Committee and has said Carter is not willing to approve any legislation that would eliminate federal controls on natural gas prices.

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Press Secretary Jody Powell was asked about Jackson's statement Monday and did not refute it.

"I think Sen. Jackson is giving his impression of the President's view," Powell said. "He is an experienced and interested observer."

Carter has threatened before to veto deregulation, but has not publicly discussed possible compromises on the issue.

Saccharin ban delayed

WASHINGTON (UPI) — The House Monday agreed with the Senate to delay a proposed ban on saccharin for 18 months, but difference on labeling requirements will have to be reconciled before final approval.

Elvis

Yancey was in Chapel Hill Monday as part of a tour promoting *Life With Elvis*. She has appeared on Ebc-TV's *Good Morning America* and several local talk shows in New York, Chicago and Raleigh. Her tour through North Carolina and other southeastern states was organized by Belk Department Stores.

The author said previously published reports that Elvis was a drug addict are false. She recalled

that the star was a diabetic and overweight, two conditions believed to be related to his death from heart failure.

Yancey said she believes Elvis' health was failing when she saw him on a TV special taped months before he died.

"He looked bad to me," she said. "His voice and smile were good, but I could tell he didn't feel well. But even so, I was very surprised when he died."

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conservation

has abandoned its plans for the dam. Opposing development of the North Carolina coast. The CCNC was one of the groups which successfully fought to preserve the Jockey's Ridge area from development in 1973.

The council also opposed the construction of a water pipeline to the Outer Banks' community of Avon in 1976, arguing that the move would lead to further development and, therefore, compound the water crisis.

The CCNC also is urging that development of Bald Head Island be limited, because of the lack of facilities to evacuate the island's inhabitants in the event of a hurricane.

Two of the CCNC's priorities are the passage of a packaging act in the N.C. legislature and discouraging nuclear power in the state.

THE CCNC, working with the League of Women Voters and the Sierra Club, has lobbied in the 1973, 1975 and 1977 sessions of the General Assembly for a bill which would require a deposit on all beverage containers, but has so far been unsuccessful.

"We had everyone on our side last spring — the Boy Scouts, the Girl Scouts — everybody," Sharp said. "But they (container manufacturers) had an incredible lobbyist and he convinced enough

legislators to defeat it. Look next year for a packaging bill, which would tax all new packaging."

The CCNC's arguments against nuclear power are based on skepticism about the ability to store nuclear wastes safely and power companies' future prices for nuclear-produced electricity.

No nuclear wastes have been permanently stored and the materials remain at the individual nuclear plants, Sharp says. President Carter has said that the wastes cannot remain at the plants after 1985.

"IF THEY'VE been looking for a way to store wastes for 30 years and still haven't found one yet, I think it's time to ask some questions," she says.

Sharp also questions the power companies' figures on the cost of nuclear power. The companies say the cost of nuclear power is 11 mills (1.1 cents) per kilowatt, as opposed to 15 mills per kilowatt for electricity produced by coal.

The price charged for nuclear power, however, will need to include the cost of transporting and storing the wastes and restoring the land used for storage, Sharp says.

"We estimate that once these factors are included, the cost of nuclear power will be more like 50 mills per kilowatt," she says. "If it will really cost that much, is it right for our children to have to pay for this?"

"Sweden uses half as much energy (per capita) as we do and lives just fine," she says. "In this country to oppose development is to oppose progress."

THE CCNC plans to grow and retain its environmental-watchdog role. "I've been involved with a lot of conservation groups," Sharp says, "and the Conservation Council is by far the bravest of them all."

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