

RECREATION

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Development. Recommendations for the use of \$4,085,000 in recreation bond funds have been made, but they have not been approved by the city council or its special citizen's advisory committee.

W. D. Hill Community Center on Fayetteville Street, across from Lincoln Hospital replaces the old W. D. Hill Center, which burned in 1968. When the Center is completed next spring, it will contain facilities for day care, crafts, games, senior citizens activities, and periodic use by social services agencies. It will also house a full size gymnasium for basketball games and community meetings. Cost of this facility is about \$370,000 with 75 per cent of financing coming from HUD and 25 percent from the city.

A smaller satellite center is also under construction in the Weaver Street or Cornwallis Road Housing Development. No recreation area was built within this area, not even a community building, and citizens groups have urged that such a facility be made available in that area for sometime.

Weaver Street Center will also have day care rooms, showers and periodic use for social service agencies and will have a smaller gymnasium. This center is expected to be completed in the spring at a cost of \$230,000. Durham Housing Authority is paying \$40,000 of this and the balance will be split 75 percent by HUD and 25 percent by the city of Durham.

Tennis courts in Forest Hills Park and Northgate Park are scheduled for completion in a few weeks. Gillespie says that as soon as they can get the fences up and put down the green topping, the courts will be ready. Courts in Forest Hills Park are hard surfaced which is quite an improvement over clay courts which were previously used. Tennis Courts in Northgate Park replaced the Barfield Center which was destroyed by fire in 1969.

The Center itself (Barfield) will be replaced by a major recreation center in Rock Quarry Park if the city council approves recommendations from the recreation department.

Other recreation projects that are expected to be complete by next summer is the development of the 30 acres Insoce property between Alston Avenue and N. C. 55. Now under construction, there is a lighted athletic field for softball and Little League, restrooms and a picnic shelter. The recreation department has recommended the site for more picnic shelters, tennis courts and multipurpose courts.

Still another project calls for lighting the basketball courts at East End Park, Walltown Park, C. R. Wood

Park, East Durham Park and Lyon Park. Restrooms are being built at C. R. Wood and Northgate Park.

The last recreation project that has been funded is the development of the 7 acre Grant Street Park to parallel Grant Street from W. G. Pearson School to NCCU. It is planned by the recreation department to install playground equipment and small picnic shelter and possibly basketball courts by next summer.

SPONSORS

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Hawkins related that he felt that during the past 2 1/2 years the government of the city of Durham has established a good record. He cited passage of \$17 million in bond funds, changes in the make-up of the Durham Housing Authority and even grappling with the controversial cable TV franchise.

Lynch called for all persons to read the McManis report of May 1973 if you were interested in what shape the city of Durham is really in. He cited the reports views that called for better long range planning, better internal communication and adequate machinery for citizen input at all levels. Lynch also said that the city's responsibility for its schools should not be avoided and "strong appointive powers should not result in a popularity contest."

Incumbent Mrs. Keller, of Ward 1 stressed the need for experimenting to provide better bus transportation to the city's hospitals, for working with an elected city school board with staggered terms and for acquiring necessary lands if the Eno River is not used for future water supply.

Ralph A. Hunt, unopposed for Ward 3 seat, that has been vacated by veteran Councilman John S. Stewart, said he will be an "avenue through which other voices can be heard to participate in decision making in city government."

He suggested reducing poverty and unemployment to reduce crime, improving schools where needed and hiring more women and minority groups in City Hall. Cavin, incumbent in Ward 5

said he would continue to run on his record. He cited his push for a code of ethics for city officials; his opposition to selling urban renewal properties below its true value; his attempts to staff the redevelopment commission and housing authority with salaried lawyers and his work to assure equitable distribution of bond funds.

His opponent, Jack T. Dösetz, an independent businessman, called for long range land use planning, electing instead of appointing replacements on vacated city council seats and for an elected city school board and improved ambulance service.

Paul Alford, at large candidate, seeking his fourth term, cited Plate and politics as his base, urging that there has to be people teaching and guiding the people on council so that needs and aspirations can be met.

Incumbent Murphy R. Boyd, who was appointed to fill the vacated seat of "Buddy" Lynam, said he has been an independent voter in the past 8 months on council issues and he would continue to vote and support what he thought was best for the city of Durham. He promised honesty, integrity and fairness.

Charles L. Steel, incumbent, and who is seeking a 5th term voiced as his greatest asset, experience. He cited the city's record of water and sewer services as the "nuts and bolts" of the city—without the increase in taxes in the last 6 years. Steel is chairman of the council's public works committee, and it oversees water and sewer matters.

Newcomers Ralph R. Cooke, a retired hardware salesman related that he loved people and felt that the government should not have to be forced to see that we take care of the needs of people in a proper manner.

Mrs. Josephine Turner, another newcomer, president of the East End Neighborhood Council, said, that she knew a little something about the needs of the people of the city, as she was born and raised in Durham. She stressed decent housing, anti-drug laws, better police protection, paved streets, better recreation and aid for senior citizens.

Benjamin S. Ruffin, director of operations for United

Yes, We All Talk

BY Marcus H. Boulware, Ph. D. HEADACHES FOR THE RESEARCHER

For the past two years, I have been preparing a book on the oratory black women: "The Afro-American Woman Speaks, 1830-1973", which will treat the subject up to the present time. Concurrently, I am gathering materials for a second book, "The Black Woman Agent-Lecturer in the American Temperance Crusade, 1848-1920." Here are some of my gripes:

1. Most black newspapers simply ignore letters sent to them, an easy way to avoid being involved.
2. Most of the nineteenth

century books on blacks are not indexed. One will be amazed at the number of books being published after 1970, not having index. There is no excuse for this.

3. Large black organizations have no librarians to preserve their history.

4. Most of the biographical books on black women of the period, 1875 to 1926, have no documentation telling where they got their information.

HOUSE QUESTS FROM CHARLOTTE VISITS WITH MRS. VIRGIE J. DAVIS

Mr. and Mrs. Ronald Walker from Charlotte were houseguests of Mrs. Virgie J. Davis over the past week-end. They toured places of interest such as N. C. Mutual Life Insurance Co., Mechanics and Farmer's Bank, Mutual Savings and Loan, NCCU and several other businesses in the city. Mrs. Walker is the niece of Mrs. Davis.

Durham Inc., said the council should work for legislation which would exempt retired citizens from taxes; improve the quality of education; hire more housing inspectors; and require substandard housing to be repaired before being rented.

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Lyon Park Rose Garden Club Holds Regular Meeting

The Lyon Park Rose Garden Club held its regular meeting at the home of Mrs. Willie Sneed at 1001 Drew St.

The meeting was presided over by Mrs. Annie Bell Greene with the election of officers for the new fiscal year which begins in September.

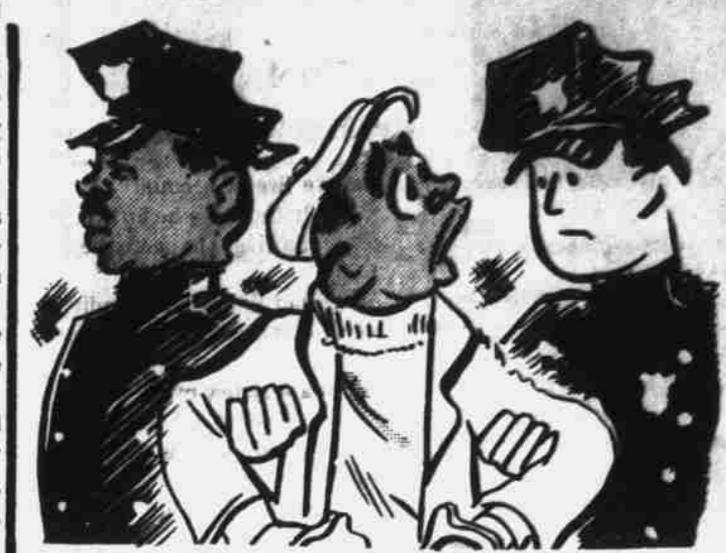
An arrangement of roses was made and given to the hostess by Mrs. Rosa Brown a guest.

Members enjoying the delicious dinner and enjoyable meeting of our hostess were: Meadames A. B. Greene, Pearl Brown, M. W. Webb, Mary Hardy, Bessie Thompson, Alene Mebane, Mable Freeland, and guest Mrs. Rosa Brown.

Mrs. Mary Hardy thanked the hostess.

We will meet with Mrs. Fannie Tapp, 1033 Cornell St. for the October meeting.

Tan Topics



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