

# Stanley Road Residents Unite In Road Effort

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After more than ten years of pot holes, during the wet season, rock dust during the dry, petitions, letters to and meetings with public officials and governing bodies, residents of the Stanley Road area in northern Durham County are fed up with bureaucratic red tape.

The residents of that area are about to get something done about their road. The community residents, organized into an interest group, have banded themselves together in a grassroots effort to raise money for the paving of their road. After forming an interest group ten years ago, the group began to write, petition and contact many officials in order to get something done about their plight.

"We were just plain tired of the potholes in the winter and the dust in the

summer. When it was time to scrape the roads in the area, it always seemed as though our road was the last to get something done," said John Daniels, a leader in the group.

The group began writing to then-Governor Holshouser in order to get some action, but time after time they were referred to some other official. In the current administration, the group has contacted Governor Hunt and also Hunt's special assistant, Ben Ruffin.

"We contacted Special Assistant to the Governor, Ben Ruffin, and he said he would attend one of our meetings, but until this time we haven't seen him yet," said Edgar Nunn, another resident in the area.

After many petitions and meetings, the group was partially satisfied by the fact that their road would be rated for possi-

ble paving, however that was only a portion (.6 mile) that would be rated due to the different status of portions of the road.

According to the Department of Transportation, District Engineer, Robert A. Smith, the state adopted new laws governing secondary roads and the maintenance of those roads in 1957. The new rules allowed the paving of roads only after they have been rated and given a numerical priority according to points. A portion of the Stanley road came under the rules that would allow the paving of the road. Smith said that two portions of the Stanley road were governed by rules that called for owner participation in the cost of the paving. He explained that two portions of Stanley road were added after the Department of Transportation District Engineer, Robert A.



John Daniels, leader of the community group, pitched in with the building of an enormous barbecue pit made from an old oil tank.

COMMUNITY EFFORT—Members of the Stanley Road Community Group join in efforts toward raising money for the eventual paving of their road.

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The portions of Stanley Road that do not fall under the state law that requires the state to pave the road are covered under what is now called the subdivision rule. That rule requires that in order for the road to be paved, residents of the road must come up with the amount of \$4.00 per frontal foot which must be forwarded to the state before any paving of the subdivision portion is done.

However, there are alternatives to getting the paving done without completely having all the money prior to the paving. The county, if money is available, can come up with 25 per cent of the required amount and assess the residents in the area for that portion put up by the county. The county does require that 75 per cent of the cost be collected before it can consider financing.

Residents of the Stanley Road area, after exhausting all ends, decided to do what they could to raise the necessary funds since all the residents in the area can't afford to pay.

According to Smith, the road, if not covered by different rules, could qualify for full paving by the state.

The rating system, as explained by Smith, is divided into three categories with various points assigned in each area. The categories are:

—Land Use and Public Service Characteristics.

—Traffic Characteristics, and

—General Route Characteristics.

In the various categories, homes are given three points, schools-fifteen points, business and industry-five points, churches-five to fifteen points. If the road being rated is used also as a school bus route, ten points are given, if a thoroughfare, ten points; and also the average annual 24 hour traffic volume is added to the tally. After the points have been totaled, the road is ranked with the other road projects by the number of points scored. However, Smith cautioned that roads are not automatically rated. They are rated only after petitions have been received and acted upon.

Residents of the Stanley Road area, after having exhausted every channel opened to them, have turned to the grass roots efforts of fundraising, such as selling dinners to raise the necessary funds.

"We are working people and we aren't asking for handouts, but we do feel there has been some unfairness handed out when it comes to our road being paved," said one unidentified resident.

The residents of the road said they were going to do everything necessary to get their road paved.

## Director Named To Howard University Hospital

WASHINGTON, D.C. — Haynes Rice, acting director of the Howard University Hospital, has been named director of the 500-bed medical facility, succeeding Dr. Charles Ireland who retired from the position on June 30.

Rice becomes the hospital's chief executive officer after serving as deputy director of the hospital and being responsible for its administration for the past three years.

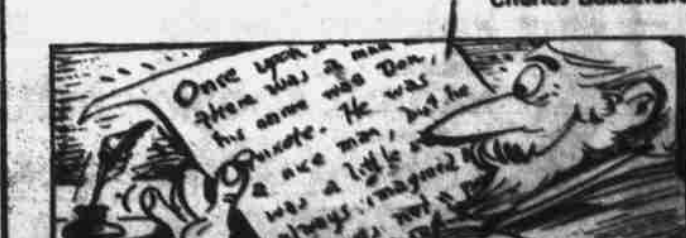
Rice becomes the hospital's chief executive officer after serving as deputy director of the hospital and being responsible for its administration for the past three years. Before coming to Howard, the hospital administrator served as deputy commissioner of the New York City Department of Health; executive assistant to the president of the New York City Health and Hospitals Corporation; and acting

executive director of Harlem hospital. He has also been administrator of Norfolk Community Hospital, Norfolk (1966-70); Florida A&M University Hospital, Tallahassee (1964-66); and Jubilee Hospital, Henderson, N.C. (1961-64).

Rice holds a master's degree in business administration from the University of Chicago, where he received the Bachmeyer Award as outstanding student in the school's hospital administration program.

In assuming his new position, Rice says that his main challenge will be "to provide efficient patient care that is effective and will allow Howard University Hospital to continue the growth that she's experiencing." He believes Howard has "a unique opportunity to demonstrate leadership in providing quality health care for black Americans."

"Nothing can be done except little by little." Charles Baudelaire



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