

Better Housing

(Continued From Page 1) tions, Jenkins said. "We need honest and forthright dialogue. We need to stop playing politics on everything that comes before the council. If we could get the racial overtones out of the issues, a lot of our problems would be solved."

ERNEST L. PARRISH, a retired fireman, views the extension of the east-west expressway and an additional runway at RDU as the major problems facing Durham. He also favors separate firefighting and police units. "Human relations, I don't see no decline," Parrish said.

JOHNNY "RED" WILLIAMS, an energy auditor, perceives housing and downtown economic growth as the main issues. He favors the construction of housing for the needy and revitalization of existing structures. "A hotel-civic center can't do it all," Williams said as he called for the complete revitalization of the Central Business District. Increased mingling among the race will aid understanding, thereby improving relations, Williams noted.

JOSEPH A. MORGAN, SR., cited the city's low tax base and water problems as chief concerns. He said new businesses and industry downtown will expand the tax base, and extending water service will aid economic development. While race relations can be improved, Morgan says, there has been no decline.

WARD 1 MS. JUDY HARDWARD, an at-large councilman, said housing and the low tax base are pressing matters. She said the city should assist and encourage private investment to improve housing conditions, and to create small businesses downtown. "I do see a decline in relations, especially in the political arena. I would propose an *ad hoc* committee composed of all groups so that we can begin to look at each other as individuals and people," she said.

TOM CAMPBELL, a book store owner, views community divisiveness and the need to protect neighborhoods as the concerns he wants to address. "Racial divisions have been a negative influence on the city's growth. People need to

be more conciliatory and sensitive to others," he said. Neighborhoods should be protected from "unwarranted commercial intrusion" in residential areas, and the city's housing code should be enforced, holding landlords accountable for maintenance, Campbell said.

WARD 5 MS. SYLVIA KERCKHOFF, cites economic development and housing as the most pressing concerns. She said the development of downtown must go beyond a civic center to include more small businesses and housing. She favors scattered low-income housing, but not large project complexes. Human relations are better than in the sixties but have declined in the last year or two, she noted.

STEWART PICKETT, JR., said increasing the tax base and improving unity among citizens are the two main needs. Pickett, an at-large councilman, said efforts have already begun to entice investors to Durham and that he will continue those efforts. He said all citizens should participate in the expected growth of the city. Relations among different segments of the community have not declined but could be improved, he commented.

WARD 3 JOSEPH C. SPAULDING, JR., NCCU student, cites housing conditions and unemployment as the two major problems. He favors the city encouraging private investors to build more housing for the poor and elderly as well as renovating existing structures. To reduce unemployment, he favors economic development by firms that will guarantee the hiring of a certain percentage of the locally unemployed. On human relations, Spaulding said the issue is between the

"haves and have-nots." The commercial growth of Durham should enhance the welfare of all citizens, he said.

RALPH HUNT, incumbent, said increasing the tax base and improving human relationships are the major concerns. He said the council has made strides toward developing the downtown area and future development is promising. He favors the city encouraging private investment downtown. Open land owned by the city should also be developed to increase the tax base. All segments of the community should cooperate in improving the quality of life for all citizens. Hunt said race relations have strengthened somewhat recently because hardline blacks and whites and have begun to mellow. "We are beginning to realize that we are not going to do this thing split. We must sit down — blacks and whites — and develop a better working relationship for the good of all, he said.

MAYORAL HARRY RODENHIZER, incumbent, said the low tax base and the city's water problems are the two major problems. He said over the last two years, the council and other groups have initiated programs to stimulate downtown development. He cited the renovation of the Kress Building, the conversion of a Main Street warehouse into shopping areas and the progress that has been made in getting a hotel-civic center downtown. He said he will continue to pursue programs already initiated. He said the impoundment of the Little River reservoir and the operation of another sewage plant will also aid the city's growth. Rodenhizer said race relations are at their "best" and there has been no decline.

CHARLES MARKHAM, NCCU law professor, said the main problem confronting Durham is its present leadership. He said

a mayor in a council-manager form of municipal government is, except in rare cases, basically powerless. He said about all the mayor

can do is use the office as a "bully pulpit" to raise the aspirations and to inspire the people — a role, he said, the incumbent isn't filling."

He said sound planning and effective leadership are necessary to solve the community's problem. On human relations, he said, "yes, we have a

divided community." He said he teaches at the most integrated law school in the U.S., and has support from all segments of the city.

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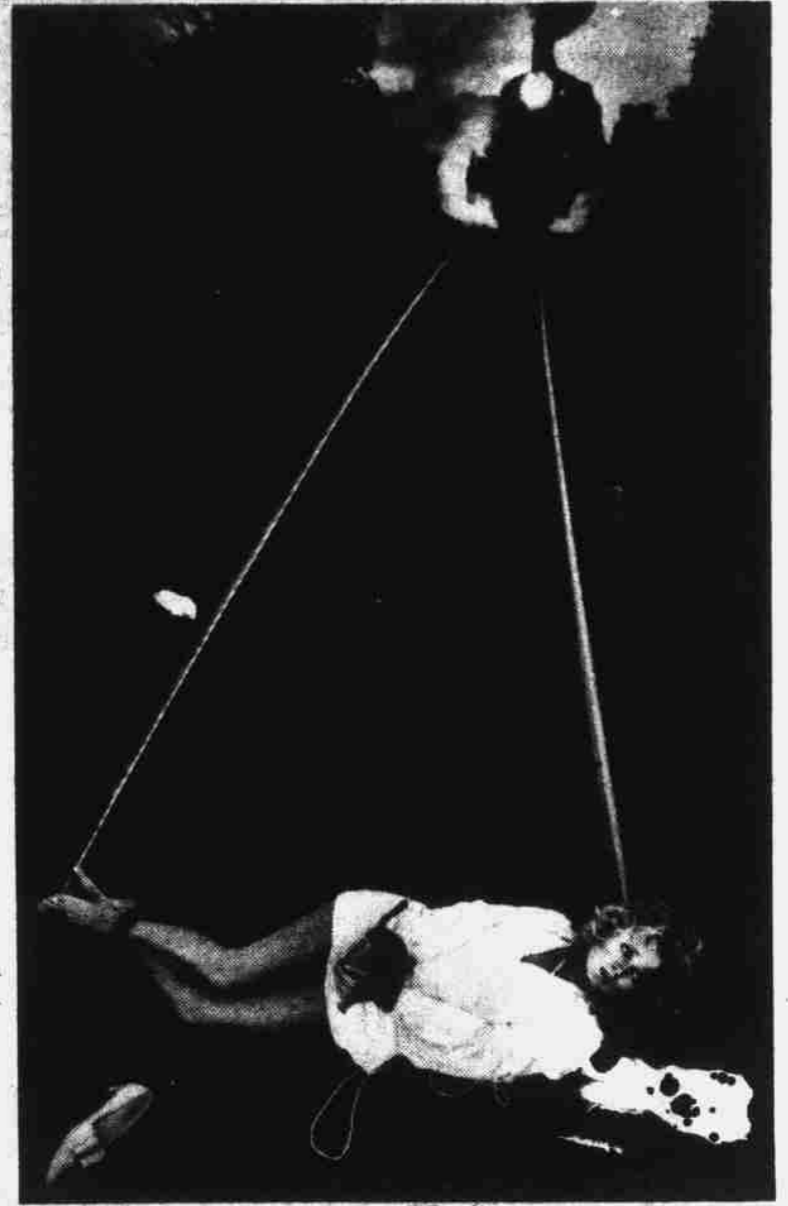
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Marcus, who has spent a record half million dollars in this campaign, claims that his former thirteen-year experience in the Georgia State Legislature can help him get financial support to help put Atlanta's unemployed to work.

Young campaigned on the need to bring private investors into the city and says that his experience as former ambassador is a plus for him in securing private investments for the city.

Presently, both Young and Marcus are quietly mounting support for what many blacks see as crucial election for the city of Atlanta.

Frasier Named ESCU Board Chairman

I.B. Frasier, retired vice president-director of agents of the N.C. Mutual Life Insurance Company, was elected chairman of the Board of Trustees of Elizabeth City State University during the regular September meeting of the Board. He has been a member of the Board for six years. He was appointed to a four-year term in 1979.

Frasier serves on the boards of the Durham County Social Services Department, Friends of West Point, N.C. Child Abuse and Neglect and the White Rock Baptist Church.

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