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Words Of Wisdom

When you are in doubt whether an action is good or bad, abstain from it. —Zoroaster

It is better to light one small candle than to curse the darkness. —Confucius

What is done to the criminal is a very accurate index to the quality of any civilization. —Winston Churchill



Peggy Mann Award Winner
Lee W. Smith, Mrs. Smith and Richard F. Appleton

Smith Named Peggy Mann Award Winner

Richard F. Appleton, vice president and general manager of WTVD Television, presented the 1981 Peggy Mann Award Wednesday to Lee W. Smith during a luncheon in his honor at the WTVD Studios. Smith was recognized for his "dedicated service to the people of our area."

The award, named for the late WTVD television personality, Mrs. Peggy Mann who dedicated many years of her life to the needs and concerns of the community, is selected by the WTVD

staff each year. Since 1945, Lee Smith has been the executive director of the John Avery Boys' Club, Inc., of Durham. He has assisted and guided the development of the lives of thousands of youths who have grown into mature, responsible citizens.

For many years, the John Avery Boys' Club teetered on the brink of failure and through the faith of a few people and the determination of Lee Smith, the doors of five different locations were kept open.

Smith has given of himself to the cause of young people who needed a little attention, some encouragement, someone to listen to their problems, and someone to applaud their victories.

A graduate of North Carolina College (now North Carolina Central University), Smith is a member of St. Joseph's AME Church in Durham. He is a member of the board of directors of the Volunteer Services Bureau of Durham and has been active on the Board of the National

Boys' Clubs of America. He was one of the five Durham "Fathers of the Year" in 1978. He is a Past Master of the Free and Accepted Masons of North Carolina, Lodge No. 28.

He and his wife, Mrs. Thelma Fitzgerald Smith, have one daughter, Mrs. Leetta S. Smokes of Durham.

Smith is the second winner of the annual award. The first was Ernie Greup, an active community volunteer and leader who is also a retired staff member of WTVD.

National, State, Local Groups Prep For King's Birthday

By Donald Alderman

National, state and local groups are gearing up for celebrations during the week of January 15, commemorating the birthday of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Dr. King would have been 53 years of age this year.

In Atlanta, the Martin Luther King, Jr. Center for Nonviolent Social Change has declared January 10-16 and 19 as "King Week." A week-long calendar of activities has been announced during the week, including the dedication of the new "Freedom Hall Complex."

The Freedom Hall Complex, located in the Martin Luther King Jr. National Historic Site, will house The King Center's ten permanent institutes and other programs.

Highlights of the eight-day celebration of the slain civil rights leader's birthday also include numerous seminars on contemporary concerns; the MLK Jr. Nonviolent Peace Prize Award Ceremony; a Cultural Night Gala honoring artists who support the works of Dr. King and a number of dinners, rallies and religious services.

MLK Birthday Observances

- RALEIGH**
- January 8: Royal Villa, the General Baptist State Convention will sponsor a banquet at 7 p.m. Tickets are \$15. Information: 821-7466.
 - January 15: 12 Noon. State employees will present a program in the Department of Transportation Auditorium on Jones Street.
 - January 15: St. Augustine's College and Shaw University will hold memorial services. Further information can be obtained from the schools' offices for student affairs.
- BENSON**
- January 15: Benson Tenants Association will hold a night service commemorating the birth of Dr. King. For information, contact the BTA.
- DURHAM**
- January 15: The theme "Who Was This Man" will be discussed at a forum at Russell Memorial CME Church, 703 S. Alston Avenue, at 7 p.m., sponsored by the church and the Triangle Chapter of the National Association of Black Social Workers. Dr. Beverly Jones, an associate professor at North Carolina Central University, and Rev. Raymond Summerville, a Duke University divinity student, are among the panelists.
 - January 14: NCCU's Student Union Program Board will hold a memorial service at 10:40 a.m. Further information: 683-6494.
 - January 15: Student Government Association will hold a memorial service. For information contact 683-6497 or 683-6303.
 - January 10-23: Sculptor Jamil Hasan will display a fourteen-piece exhibit in honor of Dr. King in NCCU's Student Union Building.

In addition, the Atlanta Symphony will present a special World Premier Tribute to Dr. King on January 19. In the Nation's

Last year, an estimated 100,000 persons marched and rallied, urging the declaration of King's birthday as a national holiday.

In addition to that demand, marchers this year will protest the economic and military policies of the Reagan administration, according to officials of the National Black Independent Political Party.

The North Carolina chapter of NBIPP will sponsor transportation to the Washington march to interested Triangle area residents. Interested persons should contact Bob Wells at 596-1459 or Ms. Barbara Arwine in Raleigh at 828-4285 after 5:30 p.m.

Under the theme, "Dr. King had a dream - We have a goal," marchers will assemble at the Sylvan Theatre behind the national monument ground on 15th and Independence Ave, at 9 a.m. At 10:30 a.m., Stevie Wonder will lead the march to the west ground of the Capitol, where a rally will take place at 12:30 p.m.

In recent years, the movement for a national (Continued On Page 4)

Despite Protests, Night Bus Service To End February 15

By Donald Alderman

Groups angered by City Council's decision to uphold an earlier vote which eliminated night bus service plan to pursue the matter further, members of the Citizens Roundtable said Tuesday.

Meanwhile, Duke Power will proceed with a study of night ridership on two routes, and the city transportation staff will study alternatives to night bus service which will end February 15 at 7 p.m.

There was barely standing room Monday night as citizens, disturbed by the council's November 21 7-6 vote to discontinue night bus service, packed the chambers to urge the council to reconsider that vote.

Twenty-five persons addressed the council, all but one requesting the council to rescind the earlier decision. And after two-plus hours of debate, the council stuck by its earlier vote. No councilmen changed their minds as the persons who voted for or against Duke Power's request did so again.

George Frazier, president of the Durham Branch, NAACP, said Tuesday, the local chapter's legal redress committee is studying possible legal action. He said the council's vote violates the city's charter, and discontinuance of night service breaks a contract between the city and Duke Power.

Frazier and several councilmen said at the meeting that Duke Power entered into a contract with the city in 1973 which commits the company to provide both electric and transporta-

tion services. Duke Power contends the two services cannot be linked.

Mayor Charles Markham, who voted with the council's conservative faction, was the subject of much debate. "Are you on the side of the people or are you

waffling," Sam Reed asked Markham to a loud uproar of approval from the audience. Reed, president of the Durham Chapter of the National Council of Senior Citizens, echoed the sentiments of others who supported Markham during the last election.

N.C. Central Nursing Program Reaccredited

By Donald Alderman

The National League for Nursing has re-accredited the nursing program at North Carolina Central University, granting the program its second consecutive full eight-year accreditation, the nursing program director announced Tuesday. The program was first accredited in 1973.

Dr. Johnea Kelley also announced that the North Carolina Board of Nursing has granted the nursing program a full five-year approval, saying the program is in compliance with all state requirements.

"The re-accreditation and approval is proof that our nursing program is meeting national and state requirements," Dr. Kelley said. "We are going to keep doing the things necessary to keep this program flying."

NCCU's nursing program, along with those of North Carolina A&T State University and Winston-Salem State University, have progressed since 1977 under a mandate issued by the University of North Carolina Board of Governors.

The Board required the programs to post

two-thirds passing rates by 1981 and three-fourths passing rates by 1983 on the state's licensure exam.

Dr. Kelley praised faculty and students for working well under the mandate pressure.

NCCU and WSSU nursing graduates came nearest to complying with the Board requirement, with about two-thirds passing rates; A&T, with about a one-third passing rate, improved from last year's scores.

Dr. Art Padilla, assistant vice chancellor for academic affairs with UNC's General Administration, reached in Chapel Hill, praised the improvement efforts at NCCU.

"I think Dr. Kelley and her colleagues are doing a great job of teaching and administering. I think they have made excellent progress with that program; it has begun to show. They have a real commitment to the students," Dr. Padilla said. "I feel very optimistic. We think the problems have been cleared up."

Mandate Now Obsolete

The Board of Governors has scrapped its

mandate and has adopted a policy coherent with one used by the N.C. Board of Nursing in determining the progress of the state's nursing schools and programs, Padilla said.

If the nursing programs passing rates fall below sixty per cent in one year or below seventy per cent over three years, the Board will then send a team to examine the below-standard passing rate. The same criteria are used by N.C. Board of Nursing. The new policy nullifies the Board mandate, Padilla said.

The dispatching of an investigative team does not mean a program will be closed. The team is sent in hopes of clearing up all problems, Padilla said.

Padilla said the new policy was adopted as recommended by William Friday, president of the University of North Carolina system. The action was recommended because the difference in performance standards required by the Board of Governors and the Nursing Board was causing confusion at the schools.

Elderly, poor, minorities and working people were said to have been largely responsible for Markham's unseating of Harry Rodenhizer. The groups, with cries of desperation, said the mayor had

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Public Hearing Set For Monday On Hayti Development

By Donald Alderman

The City Council, acting as the Redevelopment Commission, will hold a public hearing Monday, January 11, at 7 p.m., to receive development plans and citizen input for the 54-acre tract encompassing the destroyed Hayti business district.

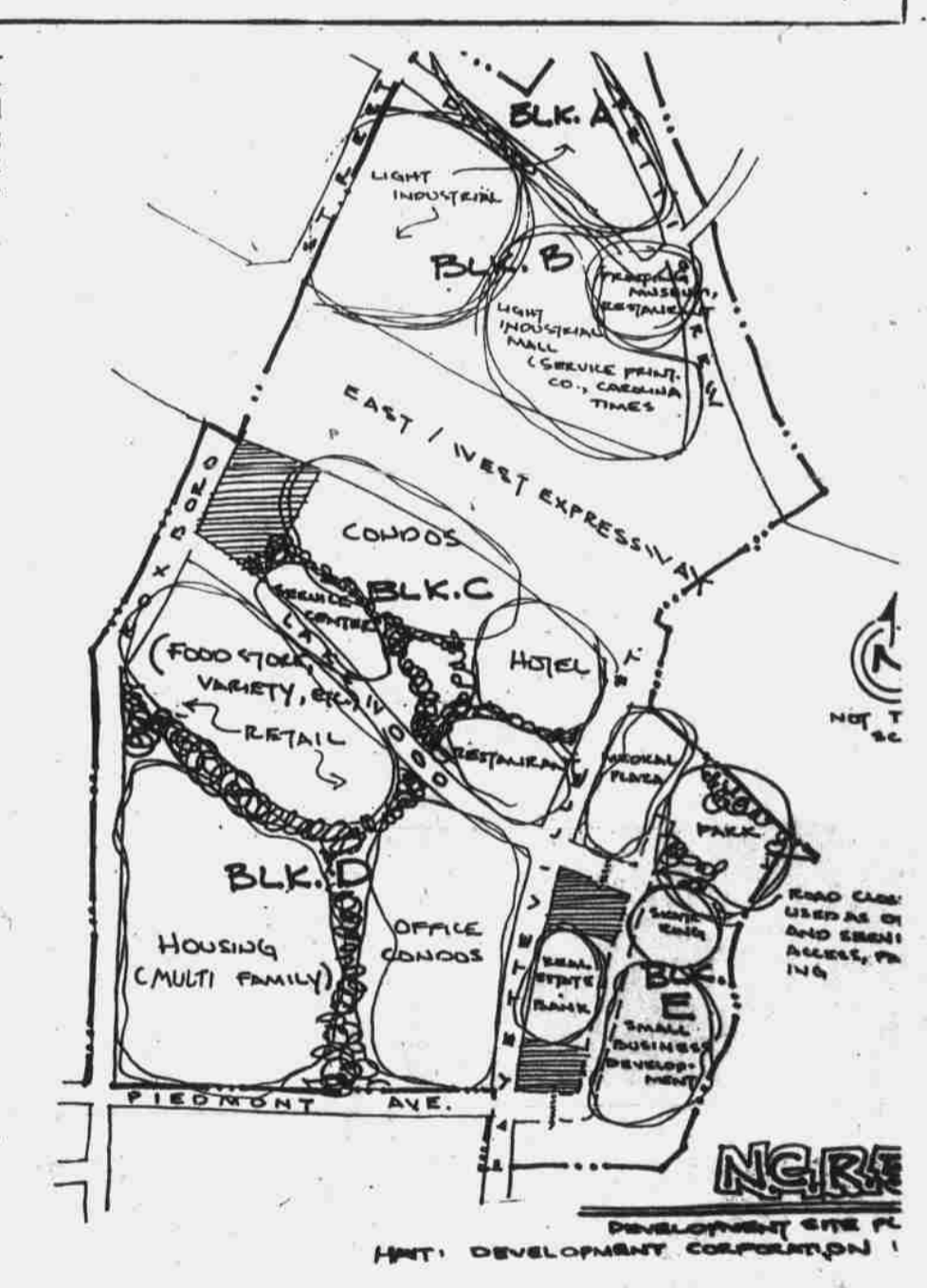
Two plans for the development of the Old Hayti community have been presented to the council sub-committee to date - one by the city's planning department and one by the Hayti Development Corporation (HDC).

The 54-acre tract (NCR-54) extends from Pettigrew Street at South Roxboro to the expressway (as its northern border). It is bordered on the west by South Roxboro Street, on the south by Piedmont Avenue and on the east by old Fayetteville Street.

Valuable urban renewal property, the land is easily accessible to North Carolina Central University, Duke University, Lincoln Community Health Center, downtown, Research Triangle Park (the ninth largest growth area in the country), the east-west expressway (which joins Interstate 40) and Duke Medical Center. Raleigh is about twenty minutes east and Chapel Hill is about fifteen minutes southwest.

Nearly all of Hayti, housing Durham's once thriving black business district, now lays vacant. It has been nearly two decades since Durham voters approved an eight-point, \$8.6 million bond issue which cleared the way for construction of the expressway and the renewal of sections of Durham including Hayti.

Final tallies show the October, 1962 vote was close. Moreover, black-



controlled precincts as Hillside, Whitted, Burton and Pearson schools provided the margin of victory on many of the eight points.

Twenty years later - two decades - it appears as if the black community was out-smarted and swindled.

Only twenty of the 106 Hayti businesses exist today. Twelve have relocated beyond Hayti's borders while eight are operating in temporary or original facilities in Hayti, according to a survey prepared in March, 1980 by United

Durham Incorporated/Community Development Corporation.

Annually, an estimated \$2.3 million has been lost from Durham's economy because of Hayti's commercial destruction, according to HDC's figures.

Over 600 homes were demolished. This neighborhood destruction had a reciprocal effect upon the businesses' viability. The dislocation of customers directly contributed to the closing of many businesses,

according to existing business owners.

And, HDC says, the whole of Durham has lost because 54 acres of property is generating no tax revenues.

"There is no major grocery store, hardware store, large department discount store or household store in the area... these are essential goods which residents of the neighborhood are forced to go elsewhere to purchase... these goods could be provided by neighborhood owned (Continued On Page 4)