

## "Dip's" Is The Finest Chapel Hill Restaurant Is Not Fancy—Just Delicious

By Joseph E. Green  
CHAPEL HILL  
Chapel Hill's finest restaurant is neither a fancy French place with an imported French chef, nor is it a classy Italian sitting parlor with glowing Roman candles. Chapel Hill's finest restaurant is "Dip's Country Kitchen."

At Dip's you will find just about everything that you wanted at the French place and several things not found at the Italian establishment.

The two sisters and one brother who run the family-owned business will serve you everything from Veal Parmesan to cornbread and all of it is good.

"Our mother, Mildred [Mrs. Mildred Council], who is known as 'Dip', is the real motor behind this place," said Spring Council, 25, who helps her older sister, Elaine, 28, and her brother, Joe, 30, run the place. "We grew up in the restaurant business. Our mother used to have a place called Bill's Barbecue."

Spring, Elaine and Joe share the work load at the restaurant which is located on Rosemary Street and caters to blue collar workers, working professionals and students from the University of North Carolina.

"We serve just about everything," said Elaine, "but we are famous for our chicken, our chitterlings, and our omelettes."

"Students fill the place during the school year," said Elaine who plans to make the restaurant business her life work. "Many of them will come in here and sit at the tables and read and study sometimes."

Dip's has large wooden tables and comfortable booths. Posters announcing cultural

events and seminars adorn the walls and a juke box sits in one corner. It is played quite often.

A fresh aroma is constantly coming from the kitchen and the cooks don't talk a lot. They are busy filling orders for meals that come like a constant stream. The only word that one cook spoke while this writer visited Dip's was "order!"

"Our employees take their work very seriously," said Spring, who is working toward a degree in business administra-

tion at Durham Technical Institute. "It's like a large, happy family here."

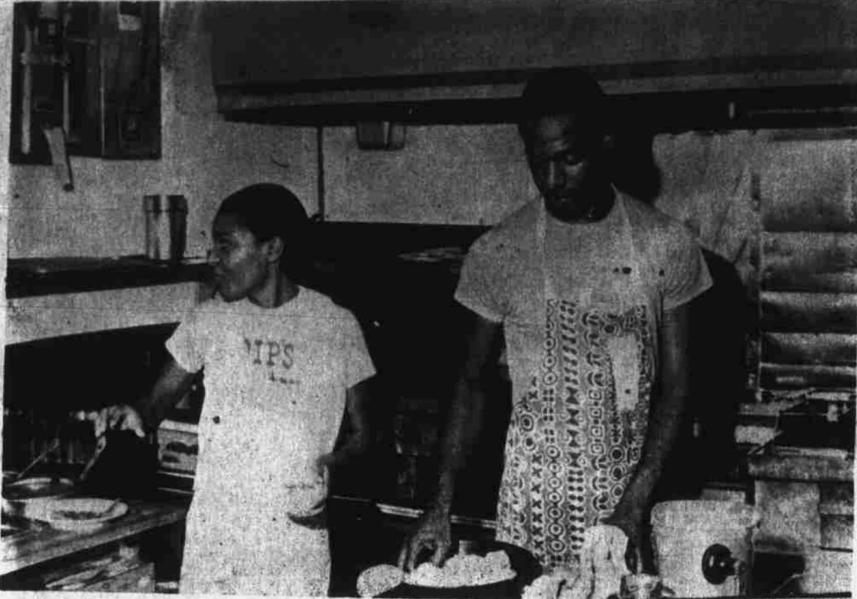
Dip's has four cooks and five people who wait tables, Spring said. She, her sister and her brother are constantly on call. "There is little time to rest in this business," she added.

"Some very nice people come in and out of here," said Elaine. "We don't have problems out of our customers. Besides, our mother taught us not to stand for any nonsense. We treat people fairly and

decently. That's the way we were raised."

"Our mother raised nine children," Spring said, "and it was not easy. Five girls and four boys. Mother is like a legend in Chapel Hill."

"She taught us all how to cook. If there was something that she did not know how to make, she taught herself and then she taught us. That's been her way. She believes in passing things on. That's one of the reasons that we have been successful. She believes in passing things on."



DIPPING AT DIP'S—Elaine Council (left) and Joe Council (right) work together in the kitchen at Dip's Restaurant in Chapel Hill to prepare one of the outstanding meals this family-owned restaurant is noted for. Photo by Silas Mayfield

## Central's Law School Teams Up To Stop Black Land Loss

By Joseph E. Green  
North Carolina blacks will be landless by the year 1990 if they continue losing land at the same rate, according to an official with the North Carolina Association of Black Lawyers.

The association, which has been attempting to help blacks with land in rural and in urban areas, is launching a "landloss prevention program" at North Carolina Central University. The program will be designed to assist the state's blacks in holding on to their land, according to Miss Angela Bryant, a lawyer who works for the state and a member of the association.

Miss Bryant said, in 1954, blacks in North Carolina owned 1,085,706 acres of land. In 1978, blacks owned only 468,701 acres. "There were 14,123 black farmers in 1954," Miss Bryant said, "but in 1978, there were 5,107."

The landloss prevention center project will

be located at Central's law school. A coordinator will be hired who will, among other things, make public presentations in 38 eastern counties of the state.

"Black farmers who cannot afford to pay for attorneys will be serviced free," according to Miss Bryant. "The center will refer farmers to lawyers in their areas who will assist them."

As a part of the program, Central law students who enroll in a seminar course will be taught the problems of black farmers and how land is taken away from them, Miss Bryant added. "For instance, in Greenville, two teenagers who inherited some property from a deceased relative are being forced to sell a house that is worth \$40,000 to pay a \$3,000 debt that was left by their deceased relative."

Citing another example, Miss Bryant said that the land on which the popular Hilton Head resort is built in South

Carolina, was once owned by blacks, but was bought by white land speculators.

A typical example is that a white land buyer will come in and buy a small share of the property that is owned by as many as 35 heirs. Then they will force a sale of the property, leaving the other heirs landless.

Bryant praised Central Law School Dean Charles Daye who agreed that the project should be located at the law school and University of North Carolina Law professor, Harry E. Groves, who is now president of the North Carolina Legal Services Corporation, which has given the project \$47,500 in start up funds.

"There is not a single law school in the country that will be addressing the land loss problem," Miss Bryant said. "Dean Daye has decided that the school is going to make a commitment to reversing the landloss crisis of black people." Miss Bryant said that



BLACKS ARE LOSING LAND—At the rate blacks are losing land in this state, farms like this will be a thing of the past in a few more years. Shown here are Mrs. Ida King, W. Gillis and E. McIamb working on a farm on Cook Road. Photo by Silas Mayfield

the project will also be concerned with the plight of urban blacks who are losing land. "We want to

help people who find themselves in situations such as those who lived in the Hayti area in

Durham," she added, referring to the former black-owned and run business district that was

demolished by Durham's urban renewal program. Subscribe To The Carolina Times

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