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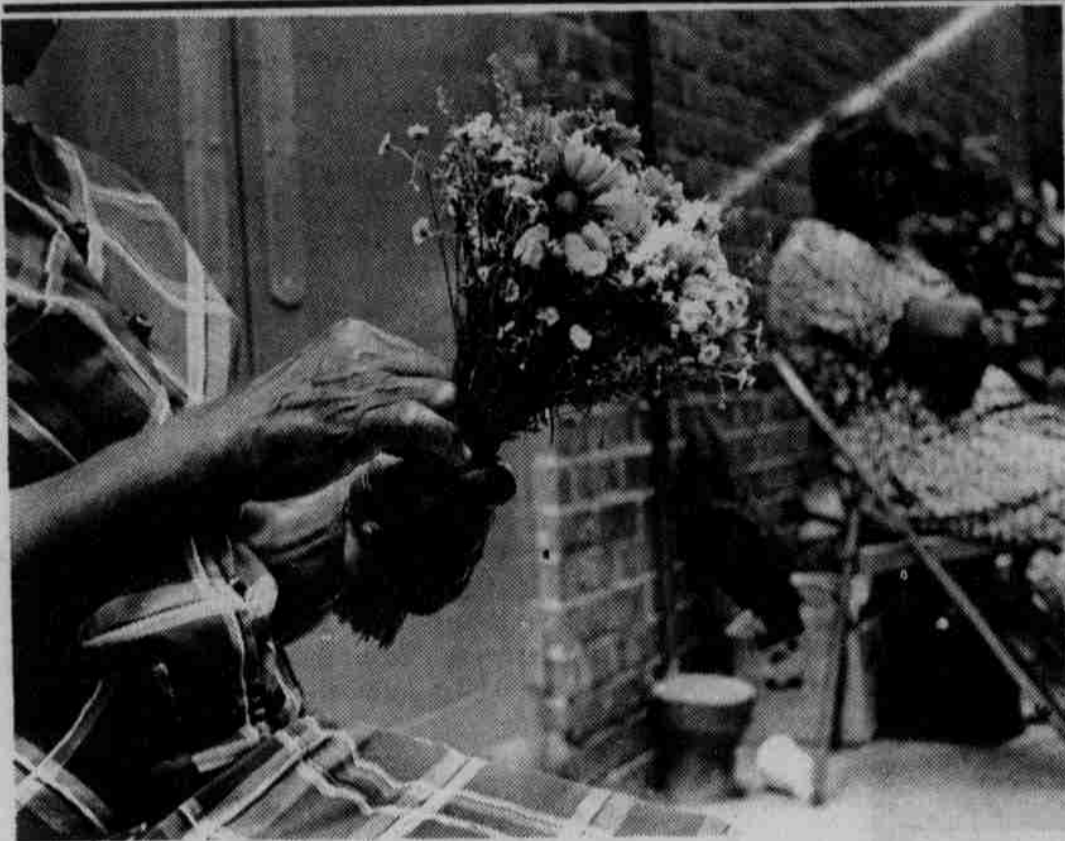
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## Vendors sit in today

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The flower ladies have moved to private property in accordance with the new Chapel Hill ordinance prohibiting all street vending, but the other vendors are planning to protest the new statute.

George W. Hill allowed the flower sellers to move into his alley between the Varsity Theatre and the Intimate Bookshop.

Mrs. Lily Pratt, who has been selling on Franklin Street for almost 35 years, expressed the sentiments of all the flower vendors. "We're just glad we can stay together. It won't be as nice as out on the street... not as many people come by... but at least we don't have to split up."

Before Hill offered the use of his alley, Mrs. Pratt had planned to move to Krogers. Ledbetter-Pickard had also provided space for two of the ladies on the private property in front of their store, but the traditional vendors decided to remain together.

The other vendors have not had any luck in

their search for a new place to sell.

Mark Salomon, a macrame vendor, says he has been looking for private property to sell on ever since he heard about the new ordinance, but has had no luck.

Tim Collins has also been looking. "It's a bummer," he said. "The \$10-\$15 I make selling candles is the difference between me being evicted and keeping my apartment. There's just no place else for me to sell."

Some of the vendors have decided to protest the aldermen's action with a sit-in today. Robin Broderson, one of the organizers of the protest, described the action.

"We're not going to sell or anything... not going to do anything against the ordinance. It's not a noisy demonstration, at least we hope not. We just want a quiet thing to help get people on our side."

Robin is one of the lucky ones who was able to find private property to sell on. She will be in front of Harry's Restaurant after the ordinance goes into effect.

She is continuing with her plans for the

protest because "there just aren't enough places for everyone to sell on private property" and she feels everyone should have the right to sell.

The other vendors agree with her. Mark Salomon isn't sure whether the sit-in will accomplish much, but he wants the ordinance repealed. "A petition might be more effective," he said.

Tim Collins thinks the demonstration is a great idea, but hasn't decided whether to participate. "I'll have to think about it," he mused. "I'm short on money now...I couldn't possibly afford legal fees if people are going to be getting busted."

Robin stressed nothing illegal is planned. "We just want to show people how we feel and try to get them to support us," she said.

Circulars were distributed to passers-by Wednesday as vendors tried to get support from students and townspeople.

If things go as the vendors plan, Franklin Street will be lined with people and blankets by noon Thursday—but no one will be selling merchandise.

