

IN AND AROUND ROCKY MOUNT

By R. D. Armstrong

The first phase of a five year redevelopment program for the Red Row area of Rocky Mount has gotten underway. Five dwellings on the south side of Dunn Street and two on South Street adjacent to the Norfolk spur of the Seaboard Coast Line Railroad tracks are being demolished in preparation for the one million dollar project.

According to Miss Angela Reid, placement officer for the Community Development Department for the City of Rocky Mount, six of ten tenants have been relocated during the first phase of the redevelopment program. Only one tenant remains in the first phase area, Miss Reid has reported.

If everything goes well, Miss Reid added, the department hopes to have the entire area moved out by June 30.

Both Miss Reid and Jim Norton, a planner in the department, agree that it will take five years to prepare the area for the resale of lots in the community.

"We want to have the entire area cleared out before we start improving the streets inside the area before we get to the sale of property," Miss Reid pointed out.

The Red Row neighborhood, a long sore eye for the city, is located in the South Rocky Mount area. Its boundaries lie along the main line tracks of the Seaboard Coast Line and South Washington Street including a portion of Dunn Street and a row of houses jutting off Dunn Street which gave the area its name, "Red Row".

Approximately one hundred people will be involved in the redevelopment project. Broken down, Miss Reid said, this includes sixty-four families or individuals. Three of those already relocated, she said, are homeowners, one was a tenant and two were roomers.

The Red Row project is one of a two-part program that is being conducted in Rocky Mount through which the city has received federal grants for upgrading residential communities. The two programs are Entitlement and Discretionary.

About two years ago, a similar project, the first of its kind in Rocky Mount, was completed in the Coket Road community under the Entitlement funds, and reports from the community indicate the residents there are happy over the results.

Upgrading houses in the Hillsdale neighborhood under the Discretionary portion of the total program have been underway for almost a year and applications for the program in the Little Raleigh community are currently being made.

In another community move last week, homes in a portion of the Harper Street neighborhood in Hillsdale, were being moved in preparation for the new U. S. 64 by-pass around Rocky Mount connecting the main throughfare between Tarboro and the west side of the city.

The homes are being relocated in the community and will not affect the residents too much. The by-pass is expected to be completed in 1979.

The annual Freedom Rally sponsored by the Rocky Mount Branch of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People (NAACP) was held here recently at the Mt. Carmel Baptist Church.

Speaker for the occasion was Kanawha Chavis, a Nash County native and former principal of a County School and currently associated with the Leadership Development Conference in Atlanta, Ga.

Chavis addressed his speech to the history of the NAACP and its record in civil rights since its beginning in 1909. He pointed out that between 1889 and 1918 more than 2,318 blacks were lynched. In 1950, Chavis, said, there were only five.

In referring to this record, the Nash County native said, "The NAACP has meant much to many people who have yet to see what the organization has to offer."

He admonished the audience to support the organization because it has withstood criticism and financial problems and continues to be a moving factor in the community and the nation.

The speaker was introduced by Harvey Wiggins, who later, along with Fred Belfield, president of the local branch, appealed for funds to conclude the rally.

The Rev. W. F. Battle is pastor of Mt. Carmel Baptist Church which was host for the annual rally. The church's choir furnished the music.

Dr. Harold Carter To Preach At White Rock

The Rev. Dr. Harold A. Carter, Pastor, New Shiloh Baptist Church, Baltimore, Maryland, will preach at White Rock Baptist Church at the 10:55 A. M. worship and participate at a 7:30 P.M. Session, Sunday, May 30.



DR. H. A. CARTER

He is the son of the Rev. and Mrs. N. M. Carter of Selma, Alabama. He received the BA degree from Alabama State Teachers College; B. D., Crozer Theological Seminary; Ph.D., St. Mary's Catholic University (1975); Doctor of Ministry, Colgate Rochester Seminary (1975); and studied at Hebrew University in Jerusalem.

He founded and pastored the First Community Christian Church for Migrant Workers in Genesee County, New York and pastored Court Street Baptist Church in Lynchburg, Virginia.

His radio ministry consist of Sunday broadcasts on WCAO, 7 a.m. The Bread of Life and WBAL, 9:05 p.m., The Shiloh Worship Hour. Travel has included the Holy Land, Rome, Europe, Western Africa, and the Caribbean Islands. His leadership includes instituting a full Saturday Church School Pro-

gram replacing the traditional one hour Sunday School, writing his own Bible lessons, and renovating the church building.

He is married to the former Weptanomah Bermuda Washington and is the father of a boy and girl.

Dr. Carter will also participate along with Rev. Dr. Nelson E. Smith, President of the Progressive National Baptist Convention in an informal discussion with Durham area ministers, members of White Rock Baptist and Mt. Vernon Baptist Churches, and other interested persons on Saturday, May 29, 6:00 p.m., at White Rock.

Jack & Jills Prep For Carnival At Shepard



Pictured, top photo, front row, left to right, are Ricky Burtney, Nathan Garrett, Ricky Thornton; standing form left to right, Charles Blackman, Vincent Allison, Clif Morris, and Robby Burtney.



Bottom photo, front row, left to right, Jackie Perkins, Jewel Marsh, Anita Merritt, Claire Sanders; standing left to right, Cynthia Campbell, Valarie Kennedy, Kathy Thorne and Terri Morris.

(Photos by Robby Burtney)

The Junior and Senior Hi-Fi Groups of the Durham Chapter of Jack and Jill of America, Incorporated paused to pose for a picture as they prepare for the Carnival they are sponsoring on the James E. Shepard Junior High School grounds, Saturday, May 29, from 12:30 to 6:30 p.m.

Featured at the Carnival will be a wide variety of games, prizes, rides, foods, craft sales and exhibits, a genuine palmist, a flea market, a bake sale, and structured activities for all ages.

Funds from the Carnival support charitable activities.

MEMORIAL DAY MOTORISTS ARE CAUTIONED

RALEIGH — Edward L. Powell, Commissioner of Motor Vehicles, reminded Tarheel motorists that the four day Memorial Day weekend will begin at 6:00 p.m. Friday, May 28 and end midnight Monday, May 31. Last year during the four day period, 13 persons lost their lives and 658 persons were injured on North Carolina highways.

During the Memorial Day weekend last year there were 1,127 traffic accidents in the State with 985 violations of the Motor Vehicles Laws. The leading causes of these accidents were failing to see safe movement and speeding.

Commissioner Powell stated, "With schools closing and vacation periods beginning, we enter a time of extensive highway travel. This long holiday weekend and the enjoyable summer months ahead are very meaningful to all our citizens. If we commit ourselves to a safe driver attitude before we leave our homes, our travels can be both safe and enjoyable."



BY THE WAY... by Joe Black

Ever so often I think it's wise to take a fresh look at some of the values, some of the areas we all have to deal with today. If we all really have our eye on tomorrow.

So, in this column today, I'd like to restate some of the comments, some of the concepts I keep weaving into the fabric of all the By The Ways.

Some things that have to do with the overall idea that Black is beautiful.

And how beauty can fade to ugly.

Simple things, for instance, like our Black neighborhoods and communities. Black isn't beautiful when our home grounds get all junked up with trash, bottles, and empty beer cans. That's an ugliness we, too often, do to ourselves. And, as they say when it happens, "There goes the neighborhood."

More important, there goes a sense of pride. And if we lose that, we've lost it all.

Another thing I lay on a lot is education. Good, complete education. The kind that helps prepare our young people to take a better place in the work world. And a stronger position in the Black community.

If we flunk out on education opportunities that are vastly more available today, then we flunk out on tomorrow's opportunities for all of us.

Then there's the insidiousness of Black-on-Black crime. Blacks ripping off other Blacks. Because of envy. Apathy. And false values—if any—that too often stem from a cancerous lack of caring.

If this kind of crime continues to destroy our faith and trust in ourselves, then what are we?

Last, but not least, is the strength of the home unit. The responsibility of both Mother and Father to work together, one as the other, to provide the best starting ground for our children as possible.

If home isn't where the heart is, then we're raising future generations with no heart.

Of course many of our problems still stem from discrimination. I don't deny that. But we're all going to be hard put to handle that problem if we don't take care of a few of our own first.

If we all believe that Black is beautiful, how can any one of us help make it ugly?

I don't believe we have the right.

Joe Black
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