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Proposed Fire Station Causes Dissent

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by James Smith
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Mrs. Vivian Burke, precinct chairman for Northeast Ward, recently charged that she doesn't like the site for the new proposed fire station to be erected and further charged that the alderman in her ward, (Carl H. Russell) has not done what he could about the situation.

Mrs. Burke further stated that "in the initial stage, Mr. Russell was not aware of what he was voting for and later when he tried to undo the damage, it was too late."

The issue in question is whether a new fire station should be erected at Highway 311 North and Northampton Road or somewhere else.

During a regular meeting of the Board of Alderman's public works committee, Russell charged that he was only partly convinced that a "computer's" choice of a site for the new fire station was better than his own judgment.

On the other hand, Russell said ever since he's been on the Board of Aldermen he's been fighting for a fire station.

He said recently that he has always wanted one in his ward and has been promised numerous times that he would get one.

"Out of the city's 12 fire stations, this is the first time that any of them have been subjected to a computer study," Russell charged.

Russell continued by saying he doesn't like the proposed site because for now that section has not been fully developed.

"I would like to see the new fire station on Highway 311 nearer the Carver section," he said.

Russell contends that the site on Carver Road could mean that fire trucks could get to a fire faster than a station farther out where the area is limited in development.

City maps, however, revealed that it would only take about four minutes to respond to the areas that Russell is concerned about.

But, on the other hand, Russell feels that a fire station that far out would be very hazardous in certain areas.

"For instance, the new station would have to serve the following areas: Dream-

land Park, Winston Lake Estates, Bowen Park, Castle-shire Woods, Lakeside Apartments, Eastgate Village, Northwood Estates, Monticello Park, Slater Park, Castle Heights, Carver Road and Old Greensboro Road by way of Water Works Road.

"It would be especially dangerous for the people out in Lakeside due to the proximity of the houses one against the other," he continued.

Russell further charged that in the East section of the city there were only two fire stations, but they were very thick in the white settlement.

Norman E. Pomrenke, public safety director said at the meeting that a 10-year proposed building programs should prevent the overlap of service areas that limits the effectiveness of some existing fire stations.

The maps showed that Station No. 7 at Arbor Road and Country Club Roads, has a service area duplicated almost entirely by three other stations in Ardmore and that the Western half of the city.

Part of the plan is to move
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Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. as he spoke to more than 250,000 gatherers in Washington, D.C. during the 1963 March on Washington.

Nation Celebrates

Birthday of Dr. King

by James Smith
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It's been nearly eight years since the demise of Dr. Martin Luther King. Although his death seems like it happened years ago, his memory still lingers in the hearts of many Americans.

People have paid tributes to the great Civil Rights Leader in a number of ways. Some have held banquets, others church services and others in quiet rallies.

To still another group of people, they found the only way to pay homage to their (black) leader was to visit his final resting place--Atlanta, Ga.

King is buried beside the church where he and his father pastored for a number

of years--Ebenezer Baptist Church.

A spokesman for Piedmont Coach Bus Co., said in an interview that it was humanly impossible to count the number of churches or organizations who have chartered buses to Atlanta.

Although the buses are usually chartered for one specific place, it usually ends up at the same place--Kings grave.

Mrs. Gladys B. Gaines, who visited the grave site in 1972, said "That was the highlight of the trip. I enjoyed just going to Atlanta, but I especially enjoyed visiting the grave of the man who changed the world."

Mrs. Gaines in her summation stated that she fully believes that King gave

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Valium, Darvon Best Sellers

Study Reveals Drug Abuse

by James Smith
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Before taking that sleeping pill tonight, ask yourself the following questions. 1) Do I really need this to fall asleep? 2.) Am I becoming dependent of sleeping pills? 3.) Do I have a problem?

If the answer to those questions is yes, you may be one of the many persons who

are suffering from "legal drug abuse."

Recently, a study was done by the Adult Services Division of the Council on Drug Abuse (CODA) and they found that 261 county residents received medical treatment in local emergency rooms in 1973, 1974 and one half of 1975 for adverse reactions to tranquilizers.

Another 159 persons were

treated for adverse reactions to sedatives, and another 171 persons were treated for adverse reactions to analgesics.

Mrs. Elizabeth Bean, director and Mrs. Helen Disney, associate director of the adult services program said recently that their office was trying to inform and educate the community in its understand-

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