

To Fight Bad Housing

# Liberty-Patterson Tenants Organize

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Residents of the Liberty-Patterson community have begun to form a neighborhood association to protect their rights as tenants, help to preserve the neighborhood and, if all else fails, ensure adequate relocation allowances for residents displaced by city actions.

At the second in a series of organizing meetings last Thursday, residents said their rental houses, and beyond repair, yet expressed a desire to keep what has been a cohesive community together.

"Some of the people need to be relocated," said Vernon McCullough, a

Liberty-Patterson resident. "The house I'm in is in bad shape. My landlord will fix it, but some of the other people are not so fortunate."

Other residents complained of holes in walls, no screens and the failure of owners of condemned houses to board them up. "It once took me 15 years to get my walls covered," said Mrs. Vivian Wright, a 36 year resident of the community. "It took me two years to get a bathroom door fixed once."

Mrs. Louise Tate of 818 Patterson Avenue said she could see through the walls in her house.

However, the consensus of the 20 residents who

attended the meeting at Lloyd Presbyterian Church was that they wanted to stay in the neighborhood.

"If I moved to another neighborhood where nobody knew me, something could happen to me and nobody would know anything about it," said Mrs. Wright.

"Right now, something goes wrong or if, say, I don't have any bread, I can just knock on the wall and my neighbor might have it," she added. "Everybody in this neighborhood gets along just like that."

J.D. Patterson, proprietor of Pat's Barber Shop on Patterson Avenue since

1962, said much of the reluctance to move is based on the shortage of available housing.

"A lot of these people, they're on fixed incomes, they can't go anywhere else," said Patterson.

Meeting with the group was North Ward Alderman Larry Little, who recently moved to 715-A Patterson Ave. He said that the city had allocated \$622,000 for relocating Liberty-Patterson residents but noted that there is a lack of affordable low income housing for them to move into.

The new Liberty-Patterson group would join neighborhood groups which have developed in community development target areas such as the East

Winston Restoration Association and the Watkins Street Improvement Association.

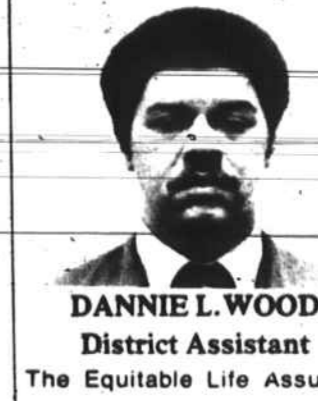
Little told the group that organization would be the key to taking care of the

needs of Liberty-Patterson. His views met with agreement from the residents. Mrs. Wright said approvingly, "I really do believe we're going to get something done."

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An angry resident of the Liberty-Patterson area demonstrates a crack in his ceiling.

## 100 CETA Workers To Lose Positions

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A change in federal regulations will mean the loss of jobs for approximately 100 CETA workers March 31 in various public service slots around the city.

The workers will be terminated because of the new 18-month limit on the length of time a person can hold a job funded through the Comprehensive Employment and Training Act (CETA).

City officials had imposed a two-year limit on CETA positions at the request of the Board of Aldermen; however, the federal change was mandated by moves taken by Congress to reduce abuse of the CETA program nationally.

Officials of organizations which have CETA contracts with the city human services department are criti-

cal of the new plan. They say it will reduce their efficiency in providing services.

"By and large, the regulations are going to cut into the efficiency of the work we can expect from CETA employees," said Robert Law, deputy director of Experiment in Self-Reliance, which employs 42 CETAs. Six will be terminated on March 31.

"By the time they become fairly productive, we have to terminate them and we don't have any other source of funds to hire them," Law added.

Mrs. Velma Hopkins, director of the Citizens Neighborhood Council, Inc. cafeteria in the Reynolds Helath Center, said she would four of her nine CETA workers on March 31.

Under the schedule she has been given by the city human services department, Mrs. Hopkins ex-

pects to lose all her employees by September.

"There are a couple of contradictory objectives in the CETA legislation," said Sara Daviage, a researcher with the city Human Services Department, said the department is providing assistance to the terminating workers to find new jobs. She cited a Job Search Club and an assessment program being opera-

ted through Goodwill Industries.

She noted that the changes would not affect the positions available to the agencies, which would be free to hire new CETA employees. However, the new employees will have to meet new eligibility

requirements.

Under previous rules, persons hired as CETAs could be unemployed for as little as seven days. Now, CETAs would have to be out of work for ten out of the previous 12 weeks or 12 of the previous 15 weeks, depending on the program.

### Youth Physicals Available

Young people ages 14 through 21 who plan to participate in the city's Summer Youth Program are requested to obtain free physical examinations this month.

The examinations will be given each Saturday and Sunday throughout March from 9:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. at the Reynolds High School girls gymnasium.

Permission forms for taking the examination must be picked up from individual schools or from the Youth Coordinating Services Center, 1500 N. Patterson Ave. These forms

must be filled out and presented at the Reynolds girls gym before the physical examination will be given.

The examinations provided by the 312th Medical Evacuation Unit are like those given as part of high-school athletic programs.

All young people who reside in Forsyth County are interested in the Summer Youth Program are encouraged to take the examination.

Plans call for the summer program to begin June 25 and to extend six to eight weeks.

## CALENDAR

### Friday, March 9

- Chapman's Antique Show opens at Benton Convention Center to run through Sunday.
- Sectional bridge meet hosted by Kings and Queens local unit of the American Bridge Association beginning at 9 p.m. at the Ramada Inn in Clemmons. Competition is open to all.

### Saturday, March 10

- Farmer's Market at the Dixie Classic Fairgrounds from 6 a.m. to 2 p.m.
- City district table tennis tournaments at 14th street, Miller Park, Polo Park and Martin Luther King Recreation Centers beginning at 9 a.m.

### Sunday, March 11

- Human relations director Herman Aldridge speaks to the Unitarian Universalist Fellowship of Winston-Salem at 10:30 a.m. at the fellowship house at 2873 Robinhood Road.

### Monday, March 12

- "Bete" Looking and staff hold

beginning at 7 p.m.

### Tuesday, March 13

- Open community meeting to discuss pressing issues at the Shiloh Baptist Church from 5:30 p.m. to 7 p.m.

### Wednesday, March 14

- Monthly meeting of Psi Phi chapter of Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Inc. at 8 p.m.

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