Neighborhood kids cavort in the backed up The drainage problems on the street has water on Campus Street last week while Mrs.

Mamie Gormley watches with deep concern. Street Maintenance Department. united the community in its fight with the City

Ed Gormley Seeks Relief

From Drainage Problems

By Jeri Harvey Post Staff Writer

Finally, after days and days of stifling, sultry, muggy heat, it rained and everyone in Charlotte breathed a sigh of relief.

Everyone, that is, but Ed Gormley.

You see, Gormley lives in Five Points on Campus St. and everstime it rains, a nearby sewer backs up and overflows, causing pedestrians to wade through shin-deep water and motorists to detour or risk a stalled engine. When the rain is over, the water slowly runs off the street but according to Gormley, "the sewer trap never completely empties and stagnant water stands, glistening an evil greenish-gold color while germs multiply and fat flies float lazily a-

after returning to Charlote to live, following an absence of 32 years while he lived in Maryland, Gormley said he began trying to get something done about the drainage problem. "I called the street maintenance department," he explained last week. "In a few days a crew came and flushed the sewer out, assessed the problem and told me the final solution lay with the owners of an adjacent piece of property. They said the sewer line on that property is clogged and the city has no jurisdiction to

do anything about it." but is a haven for rats and snakes, and for winos who use the shelter of its porches as refuge from the elements. "Broken bottles, beer cans and rotting wood represent additional potential hazards for children playing around the structure, explained Gormley, who added, "no one seemed to know who the property belonged to so I got on the phone to the city-county tax office and came up with a name and post office box number." To date, after much written and spoken dialogue with everyone, from one of the owners to a city councilman, sthing has been done to remedy the situation. "I don't want to go to court, but I'm not

above it," he said. Last week's storm aggraated still another situation that Gormley says he's been trying to get something done about for the past month.

wind blows, dead limbs fall, endangering passersby. He showed us a limb about 30 inches in circumference and five or six feet long which lay across the sidewalk. "If that

There's an old tree next to his

property and every time the

limb had stuck someone, Gormley pointed out, "it could Speak To Reading have seriously injured them. Approximately two weeks ago I called about the tree and a city employee came and looked at it and said it 'appeared to belong to the city' but he'd have to go back and 'check it out.' So far there's been no further word."

In the grand scheme of things these problems may seem small, but to Gormley and his neighbors they are important. Gormley said, "I keep hearing what Community Development is going to do Six months ago, shortly around here but while we're waiting for them to come in and do their thing, the neighborhood can't be allowed to just rot. That's what has happened too often already."

No stranger to civic involvement and politics, Gormley was an active participant in the life of his community while he lived in Glenarden, Maryland. Among other things, he ran for concilman and mayor of Glenarden. "Lost both times, but I didn't really lose," he said. "The friends I made and the fun I had made me a winner anyway." Now that he is back in Charlotte The property Gormely re- indefinitely, he has every infers to is an abandoned house tention of becoming involved tunity to plan their reading in all facets of the life of his

community and city. Right now he is focusing on immediate needs and he says he won't let up until he gets some action. Later there are other projects he hopes to pursue, projects that he feels will help to make his community and city a better place for all citizens.

It's a safe bet we'll be hearing much more from Ed Gormley as days go by

Gov. Hunt To

Teachers, Aides Gov. Jim Hunt will speak to

reading teachers and aides in Charlotte-Mecklenburg Schools on Monday, August 15, 1 p.m. in Pease Auditorium at

College (CPCC). The teachers and aides will be participating in the primary reading program institute to learn about the new state primary reading program.

Central Piedmont Community

Dr. Daniel Jordan, Director of the Center for Human Potential at the University of Massachusetts, will discuss "Self-Concept and Academic Achievement" at the opening session on Sunday, August 14, 7 p.m. in the Forum at CPCC. The institute is scheduled from 8:30 a.m. - 3:30 p.m. August 15-19 at CPCC.

This year, Charlotte-Mecklenburg Schools will have an additional 182 aides for reading classes in grades 1-2-3. The institute is designed to prepare these new aides to work with children in practicing reading skills. Teachers and their aides will have an opporprogram for the coming year; explains Dr. Lola Washburn-Schappell, reading specialist for Charlotte-Mecklenburg Schools

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Ms. Hampton Appointed To Commission

Mrs. Charlotte Hampton, a teacher at Cochrane Jr. High School who resides at 2528 Tanglebrooke Lane was among 15 people appointed by Governor Jim Hunt to serve on the Competency Testing Commission

The Commission is a result of legislation enacted by this year's General Assembly to taining to the Minimum Competency Test to be given annually to all eleventh-grade students in the public schools system beginning in the fall of

The Commission will recommend to the State Board tests

ed of 11 members, all of whom

are appointed by the Govenor.

plus the Superintendent of

Public Instruction who serves

Other members of the Com-

mission include Frank Yea-

ger, (chairman), Durham;

Jane Norwood, Advance: Ro-

bert Stoltz, Cullowhee; R.J.

Claybrook, Burgaw; Joan

Hemby, Wilson; Shelia Morri-

son, Dunn; Nancy Johnson,

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Cheek, Lumberton; Ann Hook-

er, Raleigh; and Loretta Nix-

Members will serve for a

on, Ahoskie.

term of two years

as an ex-officio member.

Currence To Serve Testing Commission

Sylvester Currence, a teacher at Piedmont Junior High School who resides at 5319 Elderbank Drive has been appointed by Governor Jim Hunt to serve on the Annual Testing Commission.

The Commission is a result of legislation enacted by this year's General Assembly to recommend to the State Board of Education which tests should be given to students in the first, second, third, sixth and ninth grades through the annual statewide testing program in basic subjects.

The purpose of the Commission is to review tests used and continue to investigate the suitability and validity of other tests. According to Governor Hunt, "The Annual Testing Program helps us to know that our children are learning the basic skills and are progressing at a good, steady

The Commission is compos-

advise the State Board of Education on all matters perthat may be used to measure the skills and knowledge ne-

> cessary to enable an individual to function independently as a full citizen. According to Governor Hunt, "The Mini-

mum Competency Test will assure us that our children will be able to read and write when they graduate

Other members of the Com-

mission incude J.W. Talley.

Roanoke Rapids: Bert West-

brook, Raleigh, Mary Horton, Edenton: Verna Bergemann. Weaverville: Dallas Simmons. Durham: Lenwood Padgett, Jacksonville, Geraldine Deans, Wilson; Larry Poore, Chocowinity, Judy Rochelle, Kinston, Marian Boggs, Asheville: Sam Haywood, Charlotte: Barbara Tapscott, Burlington: James Gallagher (chairman), Chapel Hill; and Betty Pierce.

Miller's Creek. Members will serve for a term of four years

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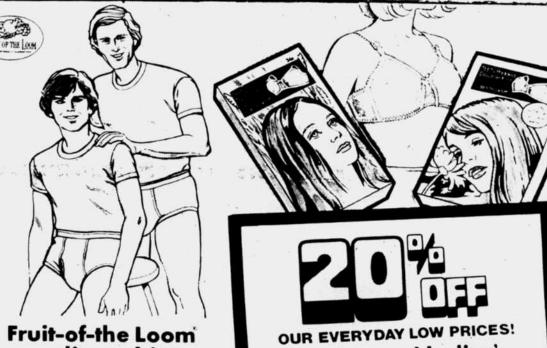
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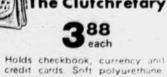
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