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Our Substandard Negro Housing: Just How Sub Is It?

By J. A. C. DUNN

Most Negro houses are reasonably good, some better than that. Some Negro houses are bad, a few incredibly so. All Negro housing is scarce in Chapel Hill and Carrboro.

The chief problem is that of the Negro renter. Property owners can take care of themselves and usually do so commendably, living in solid houses with hot and cold running water, electricity, sanitary facilities, and heating. But Negroes who rent apartments or houses general-

ly have a tough time: their finances are limited, their families are no smaller than average, and the housing they can both find and afford is often substandard.

A local public official with considerable experience in living standards remarked, "I think most Negro rental property is not maintained with an eye to the comfort of the individual, but only for the profit involved."

A tour this week of Negro rental housing bears this out—at least in part. Certainly not all Negro rental property is substandard. But the properties that are substandard are definitely so.

On Whittaker Street in Chapel Hill three frame houses stand around a sandy courtyard. During heavy rains water from the street drains down the deeply-gullied

driveway and swirls under the houses, which stand on stone pilings. Two families live in each house, three rooms to each family. Rent is \$18 a month.

All three houses are condemned, but the tenants keep on paying rent; there is no law that says they need not.

Behind the houses are three outdoor privies, one to each house.

In one three-room apartment a man and his wife and their two children live. All sleep in the bedroom, where there is no closet space. There is a living room and a kitchen—with no cabinet space.

Much of the space in the living room is taken up by an oil heater, which the couple bought when they got mar-

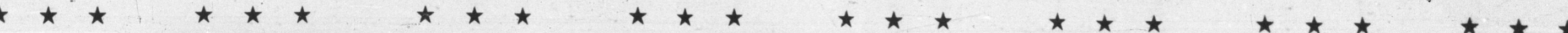
ried because they knew that anywhere they went to live no heating facilities would be provided. ("We don't know anybody who has heat provided"). Oil is stored in a 50-gallon drum under the house, but there is no connection between the drum and the heater. The heater is fed from a five-gallon can which sits behind it.

This is the only heating the apartment has.

The apartment is chilly in the winter because of the cracks in the floor and around the doors and windows. Last winter the couple's eldest child had a continuous cold, despite \$200 spent on oil throughout the cold months.

There is no shower or bathtub. There is cold running water, but not hot.

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Project Denied Permit

Apartments Get One More Defeat

The proposed Towne House apartment project suffered another in a long series of defeats at Monday night's Board of Aldermen meeting.

The Aldermen, after a lengthy discussion, unanimously denied the developers a special use permit for the \$1.5 million project, as the Planning Board had recommended.

Mrs. Harold Walters moved for denial on the grounds that the apartments would not be in harmony with the area in location and character and would not be in general conformity with the plan and development of Chapel Hill. Roland Giddis seconded the motion.

Earlier, Chapel Hill attorney Emery Denny, who is representing the developers, again urged the Aldermen to consider the project on its merits. And he informed them that denial of the project would, in his opinion, constitute denial of apartments per se, even though apartments are provided for in every zone by the ordinance.

He suggested, instead, that the Aldermen approve the request for a special use permit subject to whatever conditions they desired. "Then if we can comply with the special conditions, we will submit new specifications" (Continued on Page 2)



HOT DIGGITY—Cactus Ted Danziger's Hot Diggity hostesses pose around a pizza with the boss who entertained them at a pizza party Monday. The hostesses will pass out pizza Friday afternoon. Cactus Ted is co-chairman of Hot

Diggity Day promotion. The hostesses are, from left, Gray Preston, Toby Andrews, Diana Foote, Ted, Nancy Edwards, and Elaine Livas. Not shown are Mary Ann Henderson, Miss Chapel Hill; and Suzanne Landis.

Boulevard Property Is Rezoned

Three areas at the intersection of the Old and New Durham Roads were rezoned from RA-20 to Suburban Commercial Monday night.

Action on the rezoning request had been deferred from the June 27 meeting of the Aldermen until the three owners and the Town could reach agreement on more restrictions than the suburban commercial zone requires.

The areas are the Old Whipple Service Station property, owned by Sion Jennings; the White Service Station property, owned by Hubert White; and the Chapel Hill Nursery property, owned by B. J. Kednocker.

At their June 12 meeting, the Aldermen voted 4-2 to rezone the property. But the action did not carry. The owner of adjoining property had filed a written protest and in order for the property to be rezoned, the ordinance required at least five Aldermen to vote for it. Monday night's vote was unanimous.

Attorney William S. Stewart, representing the property owners, presented their signed agreement to comply with a proposed amendment to Chapel Hill's limited business and suburban commercial ordinances. The agreement provides that the property owners will comply with the stricter requirements suggested by the Planning Board for nine (Continued on page 4)

'Hot Diggity Day' Unveils Tomorrow

Hot Diggity! It's here again.

Chapel Hill-Carrboro's sixth annual Hot Diggity Day is tomorrow. It will be a day marked by:

BARGAINS—Merchants have slashed much of their merchandise from 10 to 50 per cent. And many stores will feature crowd-drawing specials such as: men's shoes, 49 cents a pair; suits, \$1; and a 1941 Chevrolet, \$35.99.

GIRLS—Official Hot Diggity Day hostesses who will be on Franklin Street during the day are Mary Ann Henderson, Miss Chapel Hill; Toby Andrews, Miss Dairy Princess; and Misses Diane Foote, Elaine Livas, Nancy Edwards, Suzanne Landis, and Grey Preston.

FOOD—Free pizzas will be distributed to all comers between 2 and 4 p.m. on the sidewalk in front of Amber Alley and between the University National Bank and the Zoom-Zoom.

DRINKS—Soft drinks will be passed out at three locations: corner of Columbia and Franklin Street, between Ledbetter Pickard's and Sutton's, and in front of Robbins.

ENTERTAINMENT—Plans are in the making for a combo to flood the Town with music from

Hearing Requested On Reassignment

A hearing has been requested with the Chapel Hill School Board for Shelia Bynum, who was denied reassignment to the ninth grade at Chapel Hill Junior High School last week.

Her mother, Mrs. Barbara Bynum of McDade Street requested the hearing.

Also denied reassignment at last Friday's special School Board meeting was William Miles, who sought to enter the third grade at Carrboro. The five-day period for requesting a hearing expires tomorrow. The board will consider the appeal as well as first-grade reassignment requests July 26.

Glenwood Group Protests New School District Lines

Carrboro Budget Is Adopted

Spending Is Up, Tax Is The Same

By DAVIS B. YOUNG

The Carrboro Commissioners adopted the budget for the 1961-62 fiscal year at their meeting Tuesday night in the Carrboro Town Hall.

The budget had been tentatively passed at a June 13 meeting. It had then been left open for public inspection, and Tuesday evening's action was only a formality.

The Commissioners left the tax rate at 93 cents on the hundred dollar valuation. Increased revenue from newly annexed areas and other sources made possible no change in the town's tax structure.

The final figure for the budget was \$168,751.47. This was an increase of roughly \$22,000 over last year's figure of \$146,250.

The biggest single item is \$42,151.47 on bond interest.

Carrboro expects \$43,000 from property tax receipts. Another \$32,000 will be on hand from the sale of water.

Other major sources of revenue will include:

Powell Bill Fund—\$8,500.

Sewerage tax—\$7,000.

Rent on town property—\$5,000.

Bills receivable—\$5,600.

For its part, the town of Carrboro will pay out \$38,000 for the upkeep and extension of sewers, and \$16,000 for the program of the Police Department, and the same amount to the University for water.

Other major expenses will include:

Upkeep of water system—\$15,000. (Continued on Page 4)



PROFESSORS HONORED—Five Kenan Professors and one Distinguished Alumni Professor were named at the University this week. Top row, left to right: Harold Hotelling, Statistics; E. William Noland, Sociology; Clifford P. Lyons, English. Bottom row: Charles B. Robson, Political Science; J. Carlyle Sitterton, History (also Dean of the General College and College of Arts and Sciences), and Corydon P. Spruill, Economics. Spruill was named a Distinguished Alumni Professor. The others were named Kenan Professors.

6 UNC Professors Given High Honors

Five new Kenan Professors and one Alumni Distinguished Professor appointed this week at the University here.

The new professorships were recommended by Chancellor William B. Aycock, and approved by President William C. Friday and the Executive Committee of the Board of Trustees.

The newly appointed Kenan Professors are:

Clifford P. Lyons, English; E. William Noland, sociology; Harold Hotelling, statistics; J. Carlyle Sitterton, history; and Charles B. Robson, political science.

Corydon P. Spruill Jr., economics, has been named as an Alumni Distinguished Professor.

The new professorships are awarded for distinguished service to the University over a period of years and for scholarly contribution to academics as a whole.

The Kenan Professorship Endowment and Reserve Fund was established in 1917 at the bequest of the late Mrs. Mary Lily Kenan Flagler Bingham in memory of her father, William R. Kenan, and her uncle James G. Kenan, and Thomas S. Kenan, who were graduates of the University.

The Kenan Professorships represent one of the highest honors the University Trustees confer upon University faculty members. They are accompanied by an increase in salary and are awarded on the basis of distinctive service in any legitimate field of university endeavor.

The Kenan Professorships serve the University as a means (Continued on Page 4)

Carrboro Opposition Also Forms

By LARRY SMITH

Residents of the old Glenwood School District are organizing to protest the Chapel Hill School Board's approval last Friday night of new first grade district lines.

At the same time, a group of Carrboro residents began holding meetings Monday to organize a protest against the entire decision to assign first graders on a strictly geographic rather than racial basis.

The only organized support of the board's action came in a letter from a group of ministers Monday.

The re-drawn districts will make Glenwood the most highly integrated school in Chapel Hill. Superintendent of Schools Joseph Johnson estimated at the board meeting that the new lines will put eight to 10 Negro first graders in Carrboro, 21-23 in Glenwood, 11 in Estes Hills, and 12 white children in Northside.

A district map proposed at an earlier meeting, if adopted, would have put about five Negroes in Glenwood and 25 in Carrboro.

In approving the district lines, the board admitted frankly they were gerrymandered to favor Carrboro. Resident of Carrboro had appeared at the last several board meetings to protest anything more than token integration.

Spokesmen for the Glenwood group repeatedly emphasized they do not oppose integration. But they are strongly opposed to the gerrymandered districts, which give Glenwood more than its share of Negro pupils.

William Hobbs, one of the members of the Glenwood group, said they talked Tuesday evening with Chapel Hill Attorney John T. (Continued on page 4)

Scenes

Passersby enchanted by ARNOLD NASH's cute little dog sitting on sidewalk waiting for his owner to come out of Sutton's... MRS. BILL HARRIS enjoying her three grandchildren, here for visit... Attractive scene: MRS. CLARENCE PHILBROOK entering Post Office to mail letter to son, away at summer camp... Helping to make Carolina Inn Cafeteria a pleasant place: Friendly and gracious manner of MRS. J. E. MONROE... Franklin Street scene: WALTER WHEELER entertaining friends with one of his many stories... The old JUNE HARRIS house in first block of West Franklin Street serenely holding out against the march of progress... BILLY MAUER walking across street in the rain carrying his infant son while MRS. MAUER walks beside him holding newspaper over baby's head to shield him from raindrops... JOHN LASLEY complaining of what a painful operation it was for him to shave Monday morning during Sunday boating on Kerr Lake... Slender as a reed: KAY JONES.

Chapel Hill CHAFF

By Joe Jones

As edited for many years by Louis Graves, the Weekly was known for having the flavor of the little college town in which it was published. It reported the life of the village in conversational prose as clear and serene as the air its readers breathed. The village is now a bulging city leaning sullenly against its bounds, and the Louis Graves style of journalism would no longer adequately mirror its problems.

In scanning old copies of the Weekly in search of items for our "Looking Back" column one comes across many of the stories of the type which made the paper famous and which seem worth a look from modern Chapel Hillians. One such, about the father of Charles S. Mangum Jr. of 510 East Franklin Street, appeared 25 years ago in the issue of July 10, 1936. It follows:

We had breakfast last Sunday in the corner of the garden under the mulberry tree. The last fragment of waffle had been consumed, and I had tilted my chair back and started puffing on my pipe when I glimpsed, out on the street, the man who is now the Village Patriarch: my neighbor, Dr. Charles S. Mangum, dean of the University's Medical School.

In response to my hand signal he turned in at the gate and came down the flagstone path. In his right hand was a brown paper sack, the contents of which, I knew without asking, were eggs. Every Sunday morning for thirty-five or forty years Dr. Mangum has been going around to the (Continued on Page 4)

Weather Report

Tomorrow expected to be cloudy and warm, with possible showers.

Monday 81 54

Tuesday 80 54

Wednesday 84 66

Ripe blackberries now hang on the vine in clusters the color of polished jet. Summer's tastiest wild fruit, they're a sweet reward to those daring enough to brave the bramble patch and the chiggers that infest it.

A Talk With Tom Rose

Tom Rose is retiring from his position as Chapel Hill's town manager in September. He has been town manager for 12 years.

Thomas Duncan Rose is an old man who hasn't finished yet by a long shot.

"I look forward to going back to engineering," he said. "All my life I've always been happiest when I was doing engineering work. I'd like to open up another office. I'll have to find an office somewhere, or I've even been thinking of converting my garage into an office.

"I'll have this job up in Hillsboro. They dump raw sewage and industrial waste into the Eno River up there, and the State's been checking up on every watershed in North Carolina and they say something's got to be done about it. I started to do a report on it for Hillsboro a few years ago, and then I took this job and never

finished it. John Gove, who used to work with me, he started to do it, but then he left and never finished it. I guess I'll design them a sewage plant up there. The engineer gets eight per cent, and it'll be about a \$120,000 job, so that means \$12,000, but it'll cost me half of that to do it, with the field work, and having somebody up there to watch it, so you don't make much.

"But other jobs will come along. In that 'Forward Look and a Backward Glance' I predicted that by 1960 the old sewage plant down here would have to be doubled, and I'll do that. And then if the town ever gets into this Lake Forest sewage business, I'll do that too.

"When I came here to college there never was any doubt in my mind what I wanted to do. I remember way back in my early teens I got interested in electricity, those little old shocking machines, you know. Then I went into engineering, and when I graduated some people came around just the way they do now only not so



MRS. ROSE