

Human Relation News

FAYETTEVILLE - Substandard housing was the main issue of discussion at the Wednesday meeting of the Community Affairs Subcommittee of the Human Relations Advisory Commission. The topic grew out of many complaints brought to the attention of the Subcommittee by Community Developers of Neighborhood Services. The Committee, as the Housing Committee at an earlier meeting, was confronted with the hard realities of the situation: conditions which have been in the making for 100 years cannot be resolved in one week. The Committee came to grips with the personal, social and financial realities of the situation. These are: 1) Families who have lived in a given house from 10 to 20 years do not want to move although the house "is about to fall in on them;" 2) Many families are paying from \$5.00 to \$10.00 per week rent and cannot afford accommodations at higher prices; 3) Many houses that are substandard are being rented and re-rented because they are in "better" condition than the houses from which these people moved; and 4) There would be something grossly inhuman about evicting a family from a dwelling with no place to go merely to enforce "the letter of the law" in the housing code.

On the other hand, the Minimum Housing Inspector's office has completed examination of over 200 houses which need to be torn down, but contractors quote from \$250 to \$300 per house for their demolition. This constitutes an almost impossibility under present circumstances.

There is a close relationship between the conditions under which people live and their behavior in society. Each citizen in Fayetteville is a part of the beauty and the blight, the cooperation and the contention, the approach and the apathy that make up the city in which we live. Improved living conditions will constitute a gain step toward the reduction of frustration among the disadvantaged.

Another discussion session is planned this week with the Redevelopment Director and the Minimum Housing Inspectors office on methods by which the entire community--and especially the churches and business sector--can join in the resolution of the acute housing problem. The new housing that is planned will only be one step on a long hard journey toward decent housing.

Under the rent-supplement program, houses can be built for the low income group members and the developers can realize his usual margin of profit. Non-profit organizations under the housing act 221 (D) (3) can receive 100% financing for low income housing. Business and private property owners can do a great deal toward the removal of dilapidated and partially burned structures that have become a haven for rats. They can do this, not because they are made to by law, but because it is the human thing to do.

The face of the City can be changed from areas of blight to areas of beauty if each citizen becomes cooperative in doing his part. The Community Affairs Sub-Committee is seeking ways and means to promote this kind of cooperation and compliance.



NEWSOMS WELCOMED BY CHAMBER OF COMMERCE - Charlotte: Johnson C. Smith University President Lionel H. Newsom and Mrs. Maxine Newsom were recently honored and welcomed by the Charlotte Chamber of Commerce in a precedent setting, black tie affair at the White House Inn. On hand to greet the new Smith administrator were (l) Dr. Jim Martin of the Mecklenburg County Commissioners and (r) Dr. James Smylie, president of Charlotte's Queens College. (Photo by Peters).

Former Fayetteville Residents Observe 37th Anniversary In NY

BY PETE HOLDEN
BRONX, New York - Two former Fayetteville residents celebrated a gala thirty-seventh wedding anniversary here, in the swank luxury apartment of their niece (who is also a former North Carolinian) on January 25th.

Principals of the affair are well known Robert H. and Mrs. Hazel Beaty (she's the former Hazel Clark of Aberdeen, N. C.) who for many years lived in Fayetteville, N. C. The Beatys now live in Warrick, New York where Mr. Beaty is Director of the Warrick State Training School for boys.

The anniversary was staged in the 17th floor luxury apartment of Mr. and Mrs. James Jones (she's the former Jeanette Whitaker of Aberdeen) located in Concourse Village, a cooperative Bronx middle income complex.

The party, which could easily be tabed a "Carolina in New York Homecoming," lasted until the wee hours of Sunday morning. The guests were served a full dinner, polished off with home made cakes and pies. After they had sharpened their appetites, the guests danced and got a big thrill out of just viewing Manhattan's lighted (Post Card version) mid-town skyline, which could be easily seen from the Jones' terrace.

Mr. Beaty is a St. Augustine's College alumnus as is Mr. Jones, a Math teacher in Harlem's James Fenimore Cooper High School. Mr. Jones who holds a BA degree from St. Augustine's and is a former member of that college's football Falcons in the early '50's. He also holds a master of Science Degree from Fordham University. He is originally from

Baltimore. Mrs. Jones, the former Jeanette Whitaker also of Aberdeen, is an assistant director of Monticello Day Care Center in Manhattan.

Others attending the affair were: Lafayette and Mrs. Elizabeth Stubbs and daughter June Doris; Mr. and Mrs. Charles Whitaker and daughter Carol; Mr. and Mrs. Jack McCall (she's the former Yvonne Whitaker) and son Hayne; Mrs. Ethel Whitaker Whitfield and son Kenneth; Mrs. Mary Whitaker Martin, Ego Hayes, formerly of Tallahassee, Florida and a graduate of Southern University (Baton Rouge); and the wife of this writer.

Mr. Stubbs, formerly of Aberdeen and now of Brooklyn, N. Y., is a former star half-back at Allen University and he also played shortstop for the Cleveland Indians farm club in Georgia.

Activities Of Fayetteville's VISTA

GREENSBORO SESSION
TURNS ON V's

On the weekend of Feb. 7-9 the VISTA component, plus Mrs. McMillan of child development, participated in a program of intensive in-service training in Greensboro, covering areas of housing, welfare rights, community organization with emphasis on white communities, and a quicky course in PERT (a system of project planning).

The VISTA's were put up in the O'Henry Hotel with rooms overlooking the beautiful O'Henry Hotel parking lot. The only objection to the accommodations was that it was not understood why the management took seriously the fact they are poverty workers. Anyway, they now have the best organized cockroaches in the state.

VISTA's tend to be something less than subtle when turned loose on a community for short periods of time. By now the entire patronage of the S&W cafeteria are familiar with all phases of poverty work and each inter-personnel controversy that has arisen in the last three months.

Possibly the highlight of the program was the presentation of PERT diagrams.

They included many original ideas, such as Doug's one week formation of a 5,000 member housing organization, Steve's how to involve the poor in politics without doing CO plan, Bruce's plan to get street lights

installed in an area before PWC finds out they aren't city residents, Al and Carol's idea of avoiding PERT completely, and of course, Bob Myers' Miracle Coop Barbershop. Fred had a good idea, we think, we just couldn't quite see what.

The program was very enlightening and gave us all a greater insight into the tremendous task that remains to be done to eradicate poverty. We all came back, anyway.

V's GET LEGAL ADVICE FROM DURHAM

Steve went with several other V's to Durham to meet Larry James. He reports back the following:

During our session with Larry James in Durham, we discovered certain legal facts, along with some valuable advice. Among the legal facts related to us by Mr. James are:

To get a housing inspector to inspect a house, five persons must participate in contacting the inspector.

If a family is on public assistance the maximum amount that can be paid for rent is \$60 per month.

One is able to discover the amount paid for the purchase of a house by a stamp, or stamps, which is on the deed of purchase of that house. The deed can be found at the registrar of deeds.

The case in Charlotte in which the tenant won the right not to pay rent which was being withheld, Edwards vs Hobbie, may be used in preparing a brief for a like case in other parts of the state.

MANAGEMENT TRAINING INS

The Management Training Institute is designed to acquaint participants with the broad areas of management and organization. Hopefully, the in-

stitute will provide participants with some tools and techniques that can be employed in problem solving. In addition, efforts will be made to encourage prospective entrepreneurs and existing businesses to survey all of the avenues that can improve their economic situation.

Objectives: a. To provide a reasonable working knowledge in organization and management over two nine-week periods. b. To identify potential entrepreneurs. c. To develop a information and nerve center for marginal businesses. d. To establish lines of communication for participants with agencies and institutions related to small businesses. e. To provide participants with minimum record-keeping procedures which will enable them to have a day-to-day record of their enterprise. In addition, to acquaint them with accounting procedures and methods which will enable them to enhance their business. f. To expose participants to materials and innovations of various kinds that they may become familiar and subsequently employ them for their benefit. g. To expose participants to resources and financial institutions that are interested in promoting small businesses. h. To encourage culturally deprived and poor persons with skills to establish ventures that will move them into a more significant economic position.

Evaluation: Participants will be judged from day to day discussions in the class and there will also be a questionnaire at the end of the program which will be planned to find out their reaction to the program. A report will be completed on the basis of the questionnaire. It will indicate the effectiveness of

Bragg Chaplain Leaves Parish To Be With Troops In Vietnam

BY PVT. R. SHOEMAKER
FORT BRAGG - A priest who says his most important role is "with the troops in wartime" has become the new assistant division chaplain for the 82nd Airborne Division.

Chaplain (Major) Leo J. Matz, a Catholic clergyman, left his civilian parish of Madonna del Sasso in Salinas, Calif., in May 1967 to rejoin the active Army and to be with the troops in Vietnam.

"In peacetime the job of priest is about the same in the Army as in civilian life," says Chaplain Matz, "but in wartime I'd rather be with the troops." There is a special rea-



CHAPLAIN MATZ

son for this too. Father Matz was in the Army as an enlisted man 10 years before becoming a

the program.

EULOGY

There is great sorrow and gnashing of teeth among the VISTA's as one of our close associates bit the dust last week. Dear Hominy, the canine compatriot of one Lucy Hooper, has disappeared.

Hominy was residing with a family in Cumberland Mills awaiting transfer to the home of John and Bob in Cedar Creek.

While procedural matters were being discussed (actually Bob didn't want anything to do with the dumb mutt), Hominy decided to cast his fate to the wind and take to the woods. He was last seen under attack by squirrels.

Though we hate to be pessimistic about Hominy's abilities alone in this dog-eat-dog world, we hereby did farewell to one whom we knew only too well.

V'S NS CONTINUE TRAINING

Both the VISTA and the Neighborhood Services component are working on training programs.

The Neighborhood Services training was developed by Roosevelt Johnson and the Training Center, University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill. The program began in Sept. and will continue through May. It centers on five points: 1/ What is the War on Poverty? 2/ Who should be served by the War on Poverty and how? 3/ Why organize the poor? 4/ The job of the Community worker. 5/ How does the community workers deal with the many problems which are confronted when working with the poor.

The training methods will include lectures, field work, and exchange of information between groups.

A syllabus can be obtained from the VISTA office or from Roosevelt Johnson.

VISTA's also are continuing their training. Plans for the VISTA In-Service training are starting to fall into place.

BUCKERS REPLACE O' PIGSKIN

Oh, alas and alack, rats and darn, the brotherly sport of football has been spent for another year.

The gridiron has been replaced by the asphalt (we have to blame someone) of the basketball court!

Once again the versatility of the VISTA athletes again has

pieted his higher theological studies. Father Matz was ordained a priest for the Monterey Diocese in California in 1961.

Her served in the diocese for six years and was in the Army reserve working part time at Fort Ord with the basic combat training groups there.

When the United States became involved in the Vietnam fighting, Father Matz asked his bishop if he could join the Army as a chaplain. He was granted permission after waiting three years. Father Matz was assigned to the same unit in Vietnam that he served with in World War II, now designated the 2nd Battalion, 506th Infantry, 101st Airborne Division. But this time he was a chaplain.

After Father Matz's three-year commitment is over, he says, "I will go anywhere that I am needed. I feel fortunate that I can combine two vocations - the priesthood and the Army - the priesthood comes first however." He feels he understands the military and likes to be involved in the unit, not just a chaplain in an office.

"The Army hasn't changed much since the last time it was in it, except for the technical changes," he continued, "and soldiers deserve a lot of credit for the job they are doing."

shown through.

Saturday saw the hoops of Leggin Rd. school glowing red-hot from the sizzling shooting of "Pepper Peek," "Curry Curry" vs. "Masher Myer," "Mappen Newman."

The games had many high points. Napper was dribble's all over the court--but we let him play anyway.

The team of Curry and Peek, or Peek and Curry, depending on where your heart lies, swamped the opposition after an almost insurmountable deficit to win by 6 points, 100-94.

This was the premier for 1969 B-Ball season. This promises to be as slow passed and a unprofessional as football season proved to be.

Undoubtedly, we of the "athletic" world are challenging all comers. The only requirement is that 4 of the starting 5 players have either something broken or a bad case of a noncontractable disease. Arrangements will be made with those teams interested in a good laugh.

RAMSEY ON THE MOVE

The last week found the VISTA supervisor shiftless and footlose. The cramping confines of his trailer had become too intolerable.

Rounding up a number of his volunteers, Ramsey decided to head for greener pastures. In the true spirit of community action, the group pitched in and loaded Ramsey's possessions for the trek ahead.

After arriving at the new location, the group, exhausted but game, again applied their muscles to the moving-in process.

The whole job required several trips. The movers were ready for a rest when it was all over and Ramsey, being the perfect host, provided the refreshment.

For those who may be unfamiliar with the new location, detailed directions follow.

He moved across the street. Ramsey welcomes all to visit him at his new bachelor pad which he promises is much roomier and offering more seating, though not as much as he thinks.

U. S. investigates radiation rise in Canada.

NATO ambassador will stay till May.

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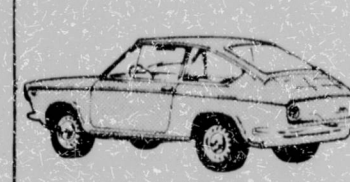
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 - Feb. 26 - Kindah Court No. 42, Daughters of Isis, 8 p.m., Wednesday, Prince Hall Masonic Temple, 515 Caswell St.
 - Feb. 27 - Electa Chapter No. 627, O. E. S., 3 p.m., Thursday, Prince Hall Masonic Temple, 515 Caswell St.
 - Feb. 27 - Savannah Lodge No. 407, 8 p.m., Thursday, Prince Hall Masonic Temple, 515 Caswell St.
 - Feb. 27 - Silver Square Lodge No. 791 Master Masons Night, 8 p.m., Thursday, Fort Bragg NCO Open Mess.
 - Mar. 1 - Sign of Joy, 2 p.m., Saturday, Prince Hall Masonic Temple, 515 Caswell St.
 - Mar. 3 - Ada Chapter No. 31, O. E. S., 3 p.m., Monday, Prince Hall Masonic Temple, 515 Caswell St.
 - Mar. 3 - Eureka Lodge No. 3 8 p.m., Monday, Prince Hall Masonic Temple, 515 Caswell St.
 - Mar. 4 - Young Men's Social Club, 8 p.m., Tuesday, Cape Fear Gardens Recreation Center, Wilmington Rd.
 - Mar. 4 - Silver Square Lodge No. 791, 8 p.m., Tuesday, Prince Hall Masonic Temple, 515 Caswell St.
 - Mar. 6 - Newtown Oddfellows, 8 p.m., Thursday, Prince Hall Masonic Temple, 515 Caswell St.
 - Mar. 6 - S. S. O. L. W. Club, 8 p.m., Thursday, home of Mrs. Annie M. Boyd, 2835 Rosehill Rd.
 - Mar. 7 - Queen Esther Chapter No. 3, O. E. S., 7 p.m., Friday, Prince Hall Masonic Temple, 515 Caswell St.
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RECEIVES FSC GRANT - Sherman E. Freeman (center) from Fayetteville, is the first recipient of the Fayetteville State College Day Student Organization's scholarship grant. Presenting the award is James Williams, (left) president of the organization, and with them is Herbert Simmons, vice president. The stipend was initiated to augment the college's effort to recruit top area high school graduates.

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