



'Terrible Old House' Shelters Homeless



By EMERY WISTER
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The steps creak and shake as you walk up the porch of the old frame house at 221 W. 7th St. The porch itself is little better, and here and there a plank is missing.

Inside, the house is much the same as the outside: old, rickety, with plaster coming off the walls.

THIS IS WHERE as many as 18 men spend the night, a house which could be a tomb for them all. A careless match, a spark, and it could quickly go up in smoke.

This is the Salvation Army's Transient Home for Men. Men and boys who are passing through the city and have no place to spend the night are given lodging.

"But we need a better home," says Salvation Army Commander Maj. W. H. Arnold. "We're ashamed of the place. It's the only sub-standard one in Charlotte."

The house is clean—as clean as the two men who work there can make it.

RUT PLASTER is continually falling off the walls and ceiling upstairs and down.

"Men walk across the second floor shake the house so plaster is always falling," said one of the workmen. "We try to keep it clean but it's almost impossible."

There are four rooms upstairs and five downstairs. The transients sleep on the second floor.

To get there they must walk up stairs that are sound but might be impassable in case of fire. There's a fire escape in one of the bedrooms, but the door opens from the outside instead of the inside, a clear fire hazard.

"Paper is coming off the walls up stairs and down. Bare plaster shows on the stairwell and huge banks of it have fallen off."

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A kitchen, dining room with television set and bedrooms for caretakers and office are on the first floor of the present structure. Each man has to register just as he would in a hotel.

An overnight lodger is served dinner and breakfast but if a man drops in around lunch time he is given that meal too.

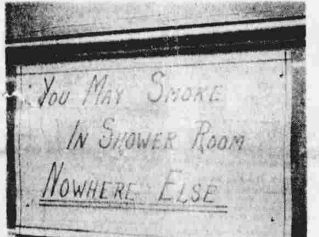
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(News Staff Photo by Tom Franklin—Hunters) Rear View Shows Rickety Condition



(News Staff Photo by Tom Franklin—Hunters) They Must Always Guard Against Fire

Citizens' Group Has 2nd Meet

By BOB SLOUGH
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A group of Charlotte citizens met for the second time this morning to discuss the organization of a Citizens Committee to help promote good government in Charlotte and Mecklenburg County.

The 17 men attending the meeting at Thacker's Restaurant heard H. C. Wolf restate the purpose of the group of interested citizens. Mr. Wolf was elected temporary secretary at last Saturday's meeting.

Several members attending this morning's meeting also pointed out that the citizens committee should not offer a slate of candidates but to furnish the public with information about government.

STATEMENT READ
Mr. Wolf read this statement released last Saturday:

"The purpose is to form a fact-finding organization to assemble and tabulate all facts and interesting information relative to the activities and actions of the county and city governments."

These facts, Mr. Wolf continued, would be presented to the citizens of the City of Charlotte and of Mecklenburg County to the end that they (the citizens) can intelligently take from time to time such steps as may seem proper and desirable to them."

H. M. Wade, who was named temporary chairman of the group at last week's meeting, was chairman of the meeting this morning.

The citizens attending this morning's meeting were sounded out as to their feelings for setting up such a permanent commission.

BROADER BASE
They also discussed "broadening the base" of the committee so that a cross section of Charlotte's interested citizenry would be included if a permanent organization were established.

It is expected that the Mecklenburg County group would be patterned along lines similar to a fact-finding group on state government activities.



What A Place For A Nap!
Miami News Photographer Joe Rimkus, covering a routine assignment, saw a strange sight—a workman taking a nap between the train tracks. Rimkus took the picture, but never did say what became of the iron-nerved snoozer.

Rogers Thinks So

Is South Getting Softer On Mixing?

NEW YORK (AP)—Atty. Gen. Rogers expressed belief today that resistance to public school integration is beginning to soften and that "reason and wisdom are coming to the fore."

"There is a much wider acceptance of the realities—a growing recognition that intransigent resistance can lead but ultimately to the destruction of public schooling in the area concerned," Rogers said.

AGAINST DEFENSE
At the same time, however, Rogers served notice that the Justice Department would tolerate defiance of federal court integration rulings.

In a talk prepared for a meeting of Fordham University law alumni, the attorney general said: "If a federal court enters a decree and there should thereafter be defiance of that decree or a substantial interference with its execution, it does, in our view, become the duty of the Department of Justice to act. In such circumstances we shall take all appropriate steps to vindicate the court's authority — for example, through the institution of contempt proceedings."

Rogers expressed hope, however, that state and local authorities will maintain order themselves without need of federal action.

In this respect, he voiced warm praise for this week's peaceful integration of 21 Negro children in schools at Norfolk and Arlington, Va.

Looking ahead, Rogers said "there is cause for encouragement" He added: "Voices of moderation are being heard in many quarters, and with greater frequency and clarity. Many people who have been adamant up to this point are beginning to listen. These are signs that more thoughtful and reasoned progress is in prospect."

Redlearn Loses Fight For Job

COLUMBIA, S. C.—Mrs. Margie Pusser was free today to take over the Chesterfield County probate judgeship.

Ex-Judge W. E. Redlearn apparently has exhausted all legal means to regain the office.

The State Supreme Court, Redlearn's last court of appeal, released Friday to review the circumstances under which Mrs. Pusser was elected.

The 49-year-old former judge had asked the high court to throw out the ruling of the State Board of Canvassers which awarded the judgeship to Mrs. Pusser.

While the court was reviewing Redlearn's appeal, Mrs. Pusser had been prevented from taking office by a temporary restraining order.

PLEA DISMISSED
The court dismissed Redlearn's petition for review on two important points he raised.

The court said it clearly was the intent of the voters in 1958 to elect a woman to the judgeship.

Redlearn kept up a constant legal fight to regain his judgeship post despite a murder charge against him.

He is accused of the September 1957 slaying of Chesterfield County director Rudolph Hurshey, a long-time friend.

Calls For 'Common Action'

BONN, Germany (AP)—Secretary of State John Foster Dulles called today for the Western Allies to face down the Soviet attempt to force the Allies out of West Berlin.

"If need be by common action," he said.

He said the Allies must find a way to meet "the Soviet challenge to our rights in Berlin."

While he did not make clear what he meant by the word "action," it appeared he had force in mind.

As Dulles arrived in Bonn for talks with West German Chancellor Konrad Adenauer, reliable diplomatic sources in Paris said the U. S. secretary and the foreign ministers of Britain, France and West Germany will meet in the French capital March 15. Their main purpose will be to hear a report from British Prime Minister Harold Macmillan on his trip to Moscow.

BID TO SOVIET
These sources said an invitation to the Soviet Union to attend an East-West foreign ministers' meeting could come out of the Paris meeting of the Western officials.

Dulles talked over the March 15 meeting Friday when he met with French President Charles de Gaulle.

The March meeting in Paris indicates the Western powers will try for a meeting with the Soviets some time in April. This would closely follow the 10th annual meeting of the North Atlantic Treaty Organization in Washington.

The NATO members will get a fill-in on the proposed meetings next Wednesday when their council meets. NATO Secretary General Paul Henri Spaak met with Dulles during his stay in Paris.

The NATO council will also be called upon to approve the Western reply to the Soviet note of Jan. 10 calling for a 26-nation conference to work out a German peace treaty.

The Western notes will reject the Soviet bid diplomats said, but will officially spell out the West's willingness to hold a foreign ministers' meeting with the Soviet Union, the United States, Britain and France participating.

AGREE ON APPROVAL
Diplomatic sources say that the West is agreed on the broad lines of an approach to the Soviet Union but vital details remain to be ironed out.

Dulles looked hale and hearty as he arrived in Bonn for the last of his three consultations on his trip through Europe.

Adenauer, at the airport to meet him, said the Allies "stand fast on principles" but are ready to talk about methods of dealing with the Soviet threat to Berlin.

Dulles referred to his previous calls on British and French leaders and said that the methods of dealing with the Berlin situation are "still in the formative stage."

He said the chief task confronting the Western Allies was to concert their position to present a united front toward the Soviets.

Evening Prayer

Dear Father, help us to be quick to catch Thy message for us. Teach us to be alert this day to prevent mistakes in the care of our physical and spiritual needs. In the Redeemer's name . . . Amen.



The Titan Blasts Off

Titan Launches New Rocket Era

CAPE CANAVERAL, Fla.—The United States has launched its second generation missile program with the debut of the powerful Titan.

The new war rocket, shaped like a huge bullet, performed smoothly on a 220-mile limited range flight Friday after failing to fly on two previous attempts. The Air Force said the launching was highly successful.

After its brief flight, the Titan fell into the Atlantic.

The blastoff of the intercontinental range ballistic missile signaled the start of an accelerated drive to produce advanced missiles superior to the present weapons in the U. S. arsenal.

Titan was developed as a follow-on series to the present Atlas which already has logged a 4 1/2 ton orbiting satellite and one triumph over intercontinental range.

Some estimates place the Titan range capability at 8,000 miles.

In comparison, the Atlas has a range of 6,300 miles.

Still to come is the solid fuel Minuteman ICBM and various other so-called sophisticated missiles which the experts say will help close the gap with the Soviets in the space race.

The Titan's backblast shattered several remote controlled tracking cameras near the launching pad.

News Game Winners Are Listed

Score On Page 3-A

Books	10A
Crossword	18C
Sports	3B
Crossword Puzzle	2A
Earl Wilson	6B
Editorials	4A
Obituaries	12A
Radio-TV	5A
Serial	2A
Sports	43B
Security Game	9A
Theaters	65B
To Your Good Health	10A
Women	12B
Witty Clinic	10A

—ANIMALS WAIT FOR THE JACKSONS' RETURN— Can An Entire Family Vanish Into Thin Air?

MINERAL, Va. (AP)—Each morning Sam Harris goes over to a neighbor's house, where he feeds the dog, three cats, one hog and a small herd of beef cattle. Then Harris goes away and the neighbor's house turns silent again. Dusk falls and no lights go on behind the drawn curtains of the white frame bungalow.

Just a nice, normal, quiet couple and two nice girls — that just about fills it," he says.

A few belongings and the ignition keys were left behind.

They were expected to find them out here in the field, somewhere dead," says W. T. Johnson, Louisa County deputy sheriff. "When we did find anything that night, we figured maybe we'd find them the next morning in the sunlight. We put up a big search. But nothing showed up. The mystery grew."

Monday afternoon, Jackson's late model car was found at the side of a country road, half the distance home. It appeared to have been forced to the side of the road, then hurriedly abandoned.