Best Men Urged For Urban Renewal

Special To The News

ATLANTA — "Don't settle for second best," H. Gordon Sweet advised representatives at the two-day Southeast Urban Renewal Clinic here.

Executive director of a citizen's commission for redevelopment in New Haven, Conn., he urged the enlistment of "your city's very top men" behind the urban renewal effort.

"This business of cleaning up blight is a man's game," Mr. Sweet said. "It separates the men from the boys, and I'm not talking about your age. You have got to have the active help of your very top people."

Four Charlotte representatives said before leaving here yesterday that they believe the time has come for Charlotte Mayor James S. Smith to name an influential citizens committee to back urban redevelopment in the Queen City.

NAMES SOUGHT

They will urge the mayor to name a citizens committee in the immediate future.

The "time is ripe" for such a move in Charlotte, the four local delegates agreed after the two-day conference ended.

Representatives from Charlotte included Board of Realtors President H. B. Jerman, Vice President John G. Turner, Executive Vice President Vane Mingle and Elmer Rouzer, Urban Redevelopment Commission member.

A citizens committee at Charlotte would be composed of a cross-section of the city's top civic, political, business, religious, cultural and racial leaders. It would be given the job of educating the public about plans for a redevelopment program.

APPROVAL SOON

The Charlotte delegation was happy to learn from government officials here that Charlotte's application for federal funds for a redevelopment project in the Brooklyn slums will probably get approval within two months.

"We've been dragging our feet waiting for this federal money," Rouzer said, "but we've gotten the idea here that it's high time we got together this citizens committee to prepare the public for redevelopment."

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A total of 78 post office employes with a total of [illegible] safe driving were to receive awards this afternoon from the National Safety Council.

Charlotte Postmaster Ed Thomas presented certificates and badges to the drivers in a ceremony in front of the Post Office at 4 o'clock.

Two men have compiled over 25 years of driving without an accident. E. E. Clark, who drives a downtown route, has driven 28 years without an accident and George Gaunt, a rural route driver, has a record of 27 years of safe driving.

Only postal employes who drive very day on a regularly scheduled route are eligible to receive the awards, the award winners honored today have from one to 28 years of safe driving to their credit.

Development Reports Made

Community centers, youth programs and gardening projects are being stressed by Negro community leaders in the Piedmont Area Development Contest.

Reports showing progress of the projects were made at a meeting of 29 community leaders at Phyllis Wheatley YWCA yesterday.

Meeting with the group were PADA President Zeb Strawn, Community Development Contest Committee Chairman John Paul Lucas, District Clemson Extension agent L. B. Massey, and N. C. State Planning Specialist John Crawford.

Blood Donors

Among volunteers who donated blood recently at the Charlotte Regional Blood Center, 508 E. Morehead St., were the following:

Ferdinand O. Pharr, Wardell Beard Jr., W. M. Smith, R. O. Funk, R. S. Hurt, W. A. Thomas, L. B. Austin, Frances Henderlite, Roger Brown, Edward M. LeRoy, Sherrod F. King, Arthur Brown, T. W. Nunnery, S. A. Nunnery, John B. Benjamin, Edson Mickels, George Shepard, Charles E. Sue Jr., Vela Covington, Charles A. Elmore, Keith A. Chronister.

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A. D. Eudy, E. M. Coe, R. H. Holthouser, J. B. Hefner, John T. Bright, Leonard H. Broome, Curtis V. Arnette, Charles D. Mullroy, James A. Helms Jr., Fred D. Collins Jr., Hubert Barbee, John Bost, Marvin J. Hill, Lloyd D. Smith, S. V. Kelley, Tom Winters Jr., Mrs. Richard Auntry, Max J. F. Wilson, Charles A. Hartley, Miss Hoke McIlroy, J. C. Whitlow Jr., Edward J. Hasty, Lloyd Carter, Charles G. Allen Jr., Arden J. Galante Jr.

(News Staff Photo by Tom Franklin—Hunter)

Blue Ribbon Winner Freddy Herrin Shows One Of Prize Hens

154-H Clubbers Win With Poultry

Fifteen Mecklenburg 4-H Club members were winners of the annual 4-H poultry show and sale staged on the Sears, Roebuck parking lot this morning.

Altogether 180 chickens in 13 pens were entered in the contest, winners being judged by C. F. Parrish, poultry extension agent of N. C. State College, and Kennethy Beam, his assistant. Following the judging, which was held between 9 and 10 a.m., the chickens were to be offered for sale. Proceeds will be devoted to the 4-H club poultry raising project.

Winners were judged by the Danish system in which blue, red and white ribbons are awarded.

Blue ribbon winners were each paid $5. They were Mike Lowing, Rt. 9, Michael McManus, Martha Suddreth, Rt. 6; Freddy Herrin, Rt. 3; Jane Morris, 3217 N. Tryon St.; Rodzer Pressley, Rt. 8; Jerry Lane Mumpower, Rt. 11; Clifton Cook and Carolyn Cook of the Thompson Orphanage.

Red ribbon winners each received $3. They were Leon Ferguson, Rt. 1; Mickey Smith, Rt. 8, Don McCauley, Huntersville; Nancy Knox, Huntersville; and Daniel Thompson, Fledge Rd.

Jerry Boyd of Rt. 1 Pineville was white ribbon winner and received $4.

Following the judging and sale, the contest entrants in the contest were guest of Sears at Luncheon at the Park Road S & W. Sears also awarded the cash prizes to the winners.

Precincts Get Books Oct. 11

Mecklenburg's voter registration books will be open at precinct polling places Saturday Oct. 11, the Board of Elections said today.

Citizens who have moved from one precinct to another or who have moved into the county from another county or another state will have two Saturdays, during which they may register.

The board's office at 727 E. Trade St. is open Monday through Friday from 8:30 a.m. until 5 p.m. but Oct. 4 and 11 are the only two Saturdays that the books will be open before the Nov. 4 General Election.

On Oct. 4 the registration books will be open at the board's offices from 9 a.m. until 5 p.m. and the following Saturday precinct registrars will be at the various polls.

Registration books will close on Tuesday Oct. 14 at 5 p.m. State law requires that the books close 21 days before each election.

PREMIUMS DROP

NEW YORK — The average life-insurance premium paid by policyholders for each $1,000 worth of life insurance in 1957 was about 20 per cent less than the average outlay per $1,000 in force in the United States 10 years ago.

WHOSE HOOP? WHO KNOWS? OUT WITH 'EM

The hula hoop craze has ended in confusion at least one Charlotte school.

Miss Virginia Neely, Park Rd. Elementary School principal, said the hula hoops were brought to school in such great numbers it became difficult to tell whose hula hoop was whose.

And things got worse when one hula hoop got broken.

So to keep things running smoothly, Miss Neely said the hula hoops were sent back home.

"We just decided it would be better to return to our regular (gym class) schedules," Miss Neely explained.

Negro Leader Outlines Ideas

Negro supremacy would be as bad as white supremacy, according to Dr. Ralph D. Abernathy of Montgomery, Ala., a leading advocate of passive, non-violent resistance in combatting racial problems.

Dr. Abernathy spoke at a mass meeting sponsored at the Park Center last night by the Charlotte chapter of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People.

Also scheduled to speak was the Rev. Martin Luther King, leader of the Montgomery, Ala., Improvement Association, but Mr. King was critically injured in New York Saturday when he was stabbed by a Negro woman.

Dr. Abernathy and Mr. King were leaders in the Montgomery bus strike which ended segregation on Montgomery city buses.

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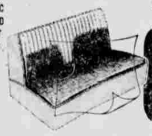

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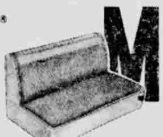

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