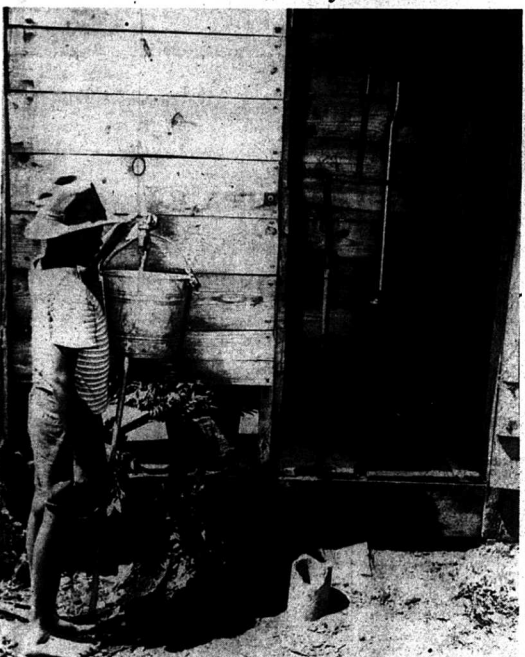


Mississippi Battle Threat Fades As Bands Scatter

Water Faucet, Dirty Toilet



Chapter 6, Section 35, City Code: "...a sanitary privy is defined to be one for the use of not more than six persons (children under three years not counted)..." This privy is used by ten to twelve families—or at least it would be, if it weren't clogged and overflowing. Seepage from it keeps the ground soggy where the boy is drawing water from the "community faucet." This is the neighborhood's sole supply of water for drinking, cooking and bathing. (Photos by Bill Sumner of Tom Franklin Studio.)

Stomach-Turning Sights

Filthy 'Community' Toilets Health Menace To County

By TOM FERPMAN

Charlotte News Staff Writer

Reason for the filth and squalor in various sections of Charlotte.

Going all piles of rubbish or pools of stagnant, disease-spreading water, you can cringe at the sight of many back yards and say that the tenants themselves could do better.

The Junior Chamber of Commerce members who inspected the city for the Health Department were revolted by the sprawling garbage piles and the extremely poor and inadequate toilet facilities.

THE LAWS ARE THERE

And for that you can point to the City Code and find innumerable ordinances—good, stout laws—that are not being enforced.

And you can point to property owners who have discarded laws right and left.

The thin little Negro boy who sat on his foot and squatted on the trash-filled ground back of his Alexander St. house was surrounded by shocking conditions brought on by a combination of flagrant violations.

He walked sadly, all right. He had good reason.

Not more than ten feet away was an antiquated brick "community toilet." It stood in the space in the center of a block, surrounded by old patches of grass.

ELVEN FAMILIES USE TOILET

Eleven families use the communal commode. The door of the water closet hung crazily on rusted hinges. The little space inside was littered with trash.

Old pieces of paper were put all ground into the floor.

The odor was enough to make a person clasp his hands to his face.

There was back of the Alexander, near 8th, only a short distance from City Hall.

At the corner of the "community toilet" there was a single water faucet. This is the supply point for all eleven families.

Children trudge up an eroded glass-tiled hill to fetch dirty pails of water.

DRAINING WATER FROM PUDDLES

Water from the dripping community faucet drains down the hill and stops in little puddles beneath the row of houses.

"We got a privy ourselves," one Negro woman proudly remarked, as we looked around the place.

"We put a lock on it. But it don't do no good. People always taking the lock off."

"If they can't get the lock off, it don't seem to matter. They're always stopping in the yard."

The "Junior Chamber of Commerce" members who inspected Alexander St. and surrounding neighborhoods for the Health Department had plenty to report on such filth.

And it wasn't all about dwellings. Stores and cafes were terrible. Commerce inspectors hadn't been around in years.

JAYCEE'S REPORTS

Jaycees wrote out this report:

Blank Georgey—no garbage cans. Garbage piles behind store. Lots of flies. Weeds over knee-high over lot.

The next three houses—no garbage cans. Store building—no garbage cans. Garbage found in boxes behind store.

Apartment house—Garbage in buckets in back yard.

The Jaycees' report runs on and on, like this. And a reporter's visit to the same neighborhood shows vividly that the report is an understatement.

I stopped at a safe in the neighborhood. It was a small frame building. It looked as if it would fall over in a stiff breeze. It was a fire-trap.

Inside, a Negro woman sat behind the bar. Display of beer bottles lined the wall back of her. She glared at us "room" the rear sections, in back of rear rooms.

DARK, FILTHY REST ROOMS

The room was hard to find. A small closet, marked "Ladies' Rest Room," was so dark that lighted matches wouldn't lead the way. A

Armed White And Negro Groups Have Tense Night

Sheriff Shot In Altercation

By CLEM BROSSIER

HAZLEHURST, Miss. (AP)—Threat of a shooting battle between large groups of Negroes and whites at a small farm community near here ended with daylight today after a night long line-up of opposing camps.

The white men—a posse estimated by a sheriff's deputy at 200—gathered in search of two Negroes wanted in the shooting of Sheriff J. H. Starnes.

He was shot attempting to arrest a Negro after an altercation with a white storekeeper and his wife. The woman said she was slapped by the Negro who had drawn a knife on the man.

Last night the posse entered Turkey Creek woods near Dentville. Afterwards 50 to 75 armed Negroes went into the woods on the opposite side of the creek.

Both groups were armed with shotguns and pistols. They remained lined up during the night.

At daybreak the posse divided into three sections. One pressed into the woods. Another group surrounded the cabin of an elderly relative of the hunted Negroes.

A third began searching Negro homes over the area.

The Negroes scattered through the woods.

At least a dozen Negroes were taken to jail at Hazlehurst for questioning and "safeguarding."

Chief Deputy Sheriff P. L. Bishop said they were held "to keep them away from that mob at Dentville."

Dentville is a farming hamlet twelve miles west of Hazlehurst. Hazlehurst is 30 miles south of Jackson.

Around 8 A. M. the community approached normally. Negroes appeared on the roads and went about their business.

And the posse decided to about 10 highway patrolmen and five sheriff's deputies. The remainder went home.

District Attorney L. S. McClaren, See GUN BATTLE on page 5-A

Capital Newspaper Publisher Dies

WASHINGTON (AP)—Mr. A. M. Patterson, 64, newspaper publisher, died suddenly today at his home in suburban Maryland.

Mr. Patterson, known as "Clay," was editor-publisher of the Washington Times-Herald.

He was found dead in bed at his country home, Dover House.

Partly cloudy and not so warm this afternoon; fair and cooler tonight. Sunday: fair and cooler.

Temperature at 3:00 today: 83 High and low last 24 hours: 93-76. Sunset today: 7:33. Sunrise tomorrow: 6:07.

More Weather Data on page 5-A

Case Total Exceeds 1944

Polio Epidemic Now Worst In North Carolina History

RALPH (AP)—North Carolina's most severe polio epidemic became official today with the State Board of Health reporting 20 new cases for a total of 855 cases since the first of the year.

The previous high record was 878 cases reported in 1944. Today's 855 figure is a corrected number. A case previously reported as polio in Surry County was redesignated.

Dr. C. P. Stevick, State Board of Health epidemiologist, said that there now have been 469 cases of polio reported for July, 289 for June, 173 for May and 144 for the January-April period.

The present attack rate, Dr. Stevick said, is 22.8 per 100,000 population, based on a state population of 3,718,000 persons.

In 1944, he said, the attack rate was 23.0, but the population was larger, totaling 3,742,000.

Dr. Stevick said the 1944 outbreak peak was reached in the attack rate is still increasing.

He declared, however, that the outbreak there were 107 cases reported to the State Board of Health for the week ending July 16th, 174 cases for the week ending July 23rd.

Counties reporting cases today were Guilford eight, to bring its total for the year to 133.

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Top Experts En Route To London

German Airports Being Expanded

By ASSOCIATED PRESS

A high level Western power conference on the Berlin crisis is in the making today.

Gen. Lucius D. Clay, U. S. military governor for Germany, the ambassadors to London and Moscow, and French on a new project to Moscow against the Soviet blockade of Western Berlin.

American and British bases in Western Germany are being enlarged to handle more bombers and transport aircraft. The British also are busy with an expansion to meet the mammoth and still growing air lift of supplies for Berlin.

The United States plans to double the supplies flown into the beleaguered city.

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