

Housing Report:

Segregation Here Worst In Illinois?

By Paul Rexroat

Champaign - Urbana is the most segregated community of the 15 largest cities in the state, according to the League of Women Voters.

Mrs. Nelsen Leonard delivered a report on the league's study on the relation of segregation and financing practices to minority housing problems in the community Thursday at the meeting of the Champaign Human Relations Commission.

The commission also heard a preliminary report on the availability of rental properties to Negroes. A study is now being made on the subject by the housing committee of the Champaign - Urbana Council for Community Integration.

According to the report, given by Mrs. Henrietta DeBoer, 97.6 per cent of 128 apartment owners interviewed refused to rent to Negroes.

The League of Women Voters' report points out that in the area north of University Avenue, from Goodwin Avenue east to the Illinois Central tracks, only 24 properties are assessed at over \$5,000.

The league's report also points out that public housing is still segregated.

Mrs. Leonard said that the league had first sought to get public housing set up on an integrated basis, but had to accept segregated housing to get any at all.

Housing Integration Seen

It was suggested at the meeting that President Kennedy may be preparing a presidential order which would require that federal housing be set up on an integrated basis.

The report notes that most communities have two or three sections in which Negroes may live, but Champaign - Urbana has only one.

It was stated that there are sharp social class lines drawn among the Negroes themselves, even though all of them are required to live in the same general area.

Discrimination in employment, along with housing segregation, has discouraged Negroes from moving to or remaining in the community. Most local Negroes are employed as laborers or in service occupations.

The league's report sets forth the opinion that passive endorsement of segregation comes from apathy or unconcern with the problem on the part of the general public.

Both the report by the league and the report by the housing committee of the Council for Community Integration cited practices by real estate dealers as the most active force maintaining housing segregation.

They include: attempts to guarantee all - white neighborhoods, impeding a sale agreed upon by both buyer and seller, refusal to handle sales to Negroes of houses outside the restricted area, and attempts to return Negro-owned homes outside the restricted area to white ownership, the report claimed.

Many lending agencies will not loan a Negro money to buy a house outside the restricted area in Champaign - Urbana, the report says.

Mrs. DeBoer disputed this point, saying that in an interview with a prominent local lending agency Wednesday she was told discrimination in lending practices is on the way out.



CHURCH PLANNERS

These men will head the building committee of St. Matthew's Lutheran Church as plans are made for a new structure at a site on Philo Road, east of Ennis Ridge. From the left in front are the Rev. Dennis Griffin, pastor, and H. O. Halvorson, chairman. Standing from left are Jerry Meier, Harold Dalrymple and J. Mel Johnson. Others on the building committee are Roger Burness, J. O. Kopplin, Bruce Larson and Jerry Meier.

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For Church Building:

Committees Are Named

Several committees are being formed in the St. Matthew's Lutheran Church congregation to decide upon needs and requirements of a new building.

The congregation recently voted to buy a new site on Philo Road to build a new church. Dr. H. O. Halvorson has been appointed chairman of the building committee. Others are Roger Burness, Harold Dalrymple, J. Mel Johnson, J. O. Kopplin, Bruce Larson and Jerry Meier.

The building committee is interviewing a number of architectural firms from the area and elsewhere. The Rev. Dennis V. Griffin, pastor, said that it is hoped that an architect can be selected in the next month and preliminary plans drawn.

Other committees being formed will be concerned with requirements of the nave, the chancel, the educational program, the organizations and fellowship facilities as well as office and working space.

The congregation has voted to begin a fund raising drive in March of 1962. At that time initial plans and estimated cost of the first unit of the development will be known.

U. I. GETS \$24,713 FOR AIRPORT BUILDINGS

Gov. Kerner released \$24,713.73 Thursday, payable from federal funds, for the improvement of air navigation facilities at the University of Illinois Willard Airport.

The funds will repay the U. of I. for its expenditures on construction of the terminal building and tower at the airport, according to Leslie A. Bryan, director of the Institute of Aviation.

Bryan said that the terminal building and tower were constructed at a total cost of \$400,000.

Missing Necklace Found

T. J. Camp, who is staying at the Holiday Inn Motel, told Champaign police Thursday he had found the cultured pearl necklace he reported missing earlier this week. Camp reported earlier the necklace and several other items were stolen from his room.

40-Hour Devotions Begin

Catholics Hold Ceremonies at St. Patrick's.

The Devotions of Forty Hours and special devotions to the Blessed Sacrament are given during the period. It is traditional for every Catholic parish to hold the devotions once a year.

At the solemn opening Sunday morning, the Rev. Fr. Charles Martell, pastor, will be celebrated. The Rev. Fr. Donald McGrogan, assistant pastor, will be the dean. The Rev. Fr. Andre Truymann, O.P., will be the sub-deacon.

The Blessed Sacrament will be exposed following Mass and will remain on the altar during the day Sunday, Monday and Tuesday. Parishioners may visit the Blessed Sacrament each day until the end of 7:30 p.m. services.

Masses on Monday and Tuesday will be at 6:30, 7:15 and 9 a.m. and at 7:30 p.m.

The closing services Tuesday will be a solemn High Mass sung by the adult choir, directed by Miss Sarah Marquardt, Catholic clergy from the area will attend.

Girls of the first Communion Class will march in the Eucharistic procession with the visiting clergy and altar boys.

Confessions will be heard from 4:30 to 5:30 and 7 to 8:30 p.m. Saturday, before mass all three days and on Sunday and Monday following services.

Attends Meeting

Miss Bess Howe, medical record librarian at McKinley Hospital, attended the 33rd annual meeting of the American Association of Medical Record Librarians held Oct. 9 to 12 in Philadelphia.

Atom Shelter Plan Is Sent To All P-TA's

Letters have been sent to each P-TA president in Champaign and Urbana suggesting a method of organizing families for group fallout shelters in the two towns.

Mrs. Alice Thomson and Mrs. Gloria Balluffi suggested in a letter to the editor in Thursday's Courier that P-TAs have one person serve as a contact for those who might be interested in joining such a program.

The suggestion was made because "we felt that through the P-TA we could contact more people," Mrs. Balluffi said Friday morning. "It was just an idea to get people thinking along those lines. Someone else might have a better idea."

The group shelters suggested would hold about 200 persons. Such group plans would also be able to provide shelter for apartment dwellers, Mrs. Balluffi pointed out.

The cost would be much less, about \$80 per person, than the cost of building individual family shelters, they estimate.

Space to build the shelters would have to be found, she said. One possibility would be to build shelters on school grounds.

The two also feel that another point in favor of large shelters would be that the group would be better able to adjust after leaving the shelters, since the members would already be organized and functioning as a community unit.

Hewkin Hurt In Fall Friday

Urbana Police Officer George Hewkin was undergoing X-rays Friday for injuries he received when a scaffold at the Urbana Armory collapsed about 11:20 a.m.

The officer and Lt. Donald Long were engaged in taking down decorations at the Armory, scene of Thursday night's annual Policemen's Ball when the accident occurred.

Lt. Long, after emergency treatment at Carle Hospital and examination, was released. He was on duty later Friday with only a lump on his leg to show for the accident.

The two fell about 40 feet from the scaffolding to the floor of the armory. In addition to possible internal injuries, Officer Hewkin reportedly suffered a badly scraped back.

LOCAL MAN TELLS OF BEATING, ROBBERY

A Champaign man told police early Friday he was forced out of Beasley's Grill, 67 Main St., Champaign, by four youths, then beaten and robbed of about \$20. Cain Ross, 406 E. Park St., said four boys forced him to come outside Beasley's, then "beat me about the head" and took his billfold.

Street Moving Recommended

Approval of a replat that would permit the moving of Powers Lane westward about 135 feet at one end was recommended Thursday by the Champaign Plan Commission.

Developers of Arrowhead Lanes have asked that the city vacate the present Powers Lane right of way so they can move the one-block stretch of street westward and expand their parking lot.

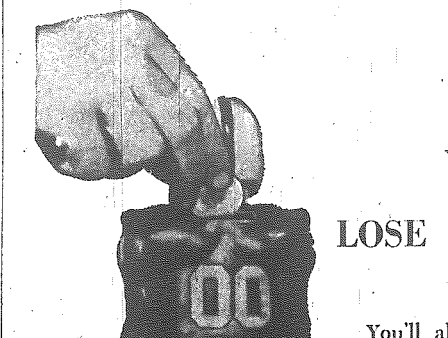
Under their proposal, the intersection of Powers Lane with Joanne Lane would be moved about 135 feet west. The intersection of Powers Lane with Paula Drive would remain about in the same place so that Powers Lane traffic can flow smoothly across the intersection.

In other action, the Plan Commission set two public hearings for Nov. 16.

One will be on the rezoning of the east half of the 500 block of W. Green Street, on the south side, from R-2 (two family residence) to R-3 (multiple family residence). The rezoning of a lot at 509 W. Green St. was all that was requested, but the commission will not spot zone land. Land to the north and to the east of the half-block is already zoned R-3.

The other hearing is on the rezoning of lot 77, in Edgebrook III subdivision, from R-5 (single family residence) to R-2.

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