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Fighting Urban Blight

While conservation and rehabilitation have familiar meanings for sportsmen and the clinic worker, they should be taking on a new meaning for the Auburn home owner. For these words are terms used by planners - terms which are linked with redevelopment as weapons against a city's urban blight.

Report Offers Recommendations

Bringing the problems into focus is a new report recently prepared. The members of the Auburn City Council and Planning Board now have had a neighborhood analysis for a week. It should be stimulating reading. Like many planning surveys, the neighborhood analysis is a general probing into the basic composition of Auburn and offers some broad recommendations.

- 1. Low cost housing is being reduced with the elimination of sub-standard housing. The report says "Unless units are provided to supplement this loss, an extreme hardship will be exerted upon the segment of the population dependent upon low cost housing."
2. The city should encourage the creation of neighborhood organizations and group actions such as clean-up and fix-up committees.
3. The development of an intensive code enforcement program including the application of property conservation techniques through the committee structure of the Citizens Advisory Council.

Neighbors Able To Take Action

Auburn residents can do something about sub-standard housing in their neighborhoods. First, they can form committees to visit those who have let their properties run down. In this way they exert some pressure on an individual to keep his property in good condition.

Auto Rates Rise

People who live on fixed incomes are the inveterate targets of fixed charges. Try as they may they cannot escape an increase in taxes, a higher rental or the added cost of insurance. Consequently, the announcement that Auburnians will have to pay \$11 more per year on their basic policy after July 14th comes as a severe shock to this group in the population.

The question arises whether some method, some plan can be devised to help these hard pressed individuals. The government, for instance, has a long history of adopting different mechanisms for equalizing economic imbalances. In view of these many efforts to protect the vulnerable from raw economic blows, it may well be that this is another field where steps can be taken to aid those on fixed incomes.

Books in Review

AUGUST IS A WICKED MONTH

By Edna O'Brien (Simon & Schuster - \$4.95)

In earlier days this would have been called a Summer Resort novel-meaning it is about one of those hot-weather flings into sin. The comic bit is that she bumbles around ineptly in her efforts to sin, and succeeds only in becoming foolish. Even when she hooks a two-bit ham actor, the result is grotesque.

THE MONDAY VOICES

By Joanne Greenberg (Holt, Rinehart - \$4.95)

It was Ralph Oakland's job, in the state department of rehabilitation, to find (and wrangle) jobs for people from the human scrap heap, the ones who couldn't make the grade alone-usually because of physical, emotional or mental troubles.

Drew Pearson

Great Lakes Pollution

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OUR BAR-TO-THE-GROUND DEPARTMENT HEARS:

Members of the Cayuga County Bar Association attended their annual picnic today at the summer home of Leonard H. Seating, Cayuga Lake County Judge Kenneth Underwood, J. Irving Lynch and Harry A. Orropallo were chairmen.

Miss Joyce Bester, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Lester D. Benn of 153 E. Genesee St. is assistant dancing counselor at Camp Acadia, Lacoma, N.Y. Sheriff Willard Wilcox has been authorized to proceed with alterations and improvements to the County Jail as recommended by the State County Correction Department.

THAT the next big headache for the Johnson administration will be the adoption of an immigration bill by which opposition politicians will seek to insult our Latin-American nations, from the Rio Grande River to the remote Terra del Fuego.

THAT the exultant rantings of some stupid Negro leaders may be useful to create wild reactions when shouted at Negro mobs but the TV is no place to present such ravings, which only incite white reactions that do little to bring a sane solution of the present movement to give equal rights to all citizens.

THAT any candidate who wants to win by whispering the name of his own party and playing it down in order to gain independent votes does not seem to measure up to the ideal we generally apply to a true government of the people, by the people and for the people.

THAT an Ohio girl, aged 21, who has been a polio victim since she was six years old, left her wheel chair often enough to practice walking and did so well that she was able to walk with her graduate class recently to receive her diploma thereby making the event one of the most inspiring graduations in the entire nation.

THAT the encouragement of our Fine Arts by the White House should not be sneered at, because the recent exhibition of the work of American talent may reveal a love for the finest things in life as it did in ancient Egypt, Greece and Rome.

THAT millions of Americans will always remember the thrill they got every day when H. V. Kaltenborn pioneered in the radio broadcasting of the world's greatest news events; and gave new dimension to the expansion of the world's communications.

THAT the fact that there is increasing evidence that large groups of citizens march in unison to appear on the steps or in the halls of legislatures surely proves that there is widespread interest in public affairs.

THAT it is well to have the outside world know that both dreamers and demagogues have a right to express their views in a democracy, and to prevail if those who oppose them fail to exercise their democratic privileges.

Theodore F. Pasternak, Fleming Farmer, Dies

Theodore Frank Pasternak, 79, of Fleming, died Friday at Mercy Hospital. Mr. Pasternak, a native of Austria, had been a farmer in Fleming since 1920. He was a communicant of St. Peter and Paul Church.

Mrs. Clinton H. Smith Of Montville Dies

Mrs. Mary J. Smith, 89, of Montville, widow of Clinton H. Smith, died Friday in Auburn Memorial Hospital after a brief illness. She had been a resident of Montville for 50 years. She was a member of Moravia Baptist Church.

TOURIST BOOTHS LISTED

The Elmer Lakes Association has issued a list of 10 public information booths located in the Finger Lakes Area. The booths are open to assist tourists in finding the points of interest in the area and are sponsored by the chamber of commerce in each area.

On the Go

The Cayuga County Volunteer Fire Police Association will conduct its annual family picnic at Fair Haven State Park, Tuesday, July 20, beginning at 5 p.m. The monthly meeting of the association will be held in the Fair Haven Fire Department headquarters at 8 p.m.; Secretary Harlow A. Winnie announced.

Miss Coleman Engaged to Wed

Mr. and Mrs. Chuyler Coleman of 74 1/2 Seymour St. have announced the engagement of their daughter, Pauline, to James Reiley, son of Mrs. Florence Reiley of 132 Oswego St. and the late Arthur Reiley. Miss Coleman is a graduate of Central High School and is employed by the Cayuga Glass Co.



Miss Pauline Coleman

The Board of Directors of the Cayuga County SPCA will meet at 4 p.m. Tuesday at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Leonard B. Thomas, Miller Road, Sennett. Anyone desiring transportation may call the SPCA office.

Thrupp Fire Department Auxiliary will have a chicken pie supper on August 25 at the fire house. Serving will begin at 4 p.m.

Major and Mrs. Patrick J. Fiore have been visiting Maj. Fiore's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Peter Fiore of 29 Washington St. for the past week. A former Auburnian, Maj. Fiore retired from the U.S. Air Force two weeks ago after 23 years of service. Maj. and Mrs. Fiore and their three children will make their home in San Diego, Calif.

Sister M. Avilina Burkhardt of the Sisters of Saint Joseph, 10 Lewis St., a teacher in the 8th grade at St. Alphonsus School, is attending a Regional Science Training Workshop at the University of Rochester under a New York State Department of Education grant. Sister Avilina will conduct an In-Service Program for area teachers at St. Alphonsus School in the fall.

Cadet J.C. Roger J. Beer, son of Mr. and Mrs. James F. Beer of 13 Park Ave., is participating in the 1965 Midshipmen Cruise with Cadet Practice Squadron One from the U.S. Coast Guard Academy in New London, Conn. The squadron visited Balboa, Panama Canal Zone June 30, during her 12,000-mile cruise which will touch ports of call on both coasts of the North American continent. The squadron is visiting Acapulco, Mexico, this weekend.

New Arrivals

- Mr. and Mrs. Samuel Feneck of 176 Van Anden St. have announced the birth of a 7 lb. 5 1/2 oz. son, Donald James, in Mercy Hospital July 6. Mrs. Feneck is the former Miss Priscilla Newert.
Mr. and Mrs. Daniel Carragher of 11 1/2 Wallace Ave. have announced the birth of a 6 lb. 5 1/4 oz. daughter, Kelly Ann, in Mercy Hospital July 6. Mrs. Carragher is the former Miss Carol Costanzo.
Mr. and Mrs. David Cadwallader of 85 Walnut St. have announced the birth of a 9 lb. 2 oz. son, Stephen Phillip, in Mercy Hospital July 7. Mrs. Cadwallader is the former Miss Wilma Roberts.
Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Brown of Skaneateles have announced the birth of a 6 lb. 10 1/4 oz. daughter, Brigit Beth, in Auburn Memorial Hospital July 6. Mrs. Brown is the former Miss Barbara Shelters.
Mr. and Mrs. Frank J. Tamblin Jr. of Weedsport have announced the birth of a 7 lb. 6 1/2 oz. son, Ronald Frank, in Auburn Memorial Hospital July 6. Mrs. Tamblin is the former Miss Donna S. Bell.

Dear Abby . . .

Wrongs Not Right!

DEAR ABBY: Our family has lived in this town for three generations, and no one of our religion has ever been invited to join a certain club here. Suddenly, a man of our faith was invited to become a member. Perhaps I should add that he is an outstanding civic leader, has done much for the community and is very wealthy besides. Much to the disappointment of his many friends, he considered this an "honor" and accepted. We feel that since the club has pointedly excluded people of his faith in the past, he should have declined membership in their club to show his contempt for their policy of discrimination. What is your opinion?
DEAR ABBY: Just read the letter in your column written by "BIG BROTHER" in behalf of his sister, who became involved in a pre-marital experience to his regret. He said he knew that boys fed girls the "we're going to get married anyway" line because he had done it himself-but not with "nice" girls. He is really down on the "girls" who did this to his sister. What does he think HE is? Doesn't he know that every girl is some mother's daughter? Doesn't he realize that if a girl is "weak," it's the more reason for a good man to protect her instead of debasing her further to let me see he's a "bum," too?
DEAR ABBY: I am an ordinary 17-year-old girl except for one thing, I hate my father. He is not an alcoholic and he doesn't beat me, so I have no real reason for hating him! He gives me money and lets me go out as often as I wish. He gripes when I go out too much, but he never makes me stay home. One big thing I hate about him is the way he acts around my mother. He is always kissing her, or hugging her, or swatting her on the rear. I watch to look at him. I hate to watch him eat and I hate to do anything for him. I have been thinking seriously about asking my mother to let me see a psychiatrist. Do you think it would help me to quit hating my father like this?
DEAR ABBY: Yes, I might not help you to quit hating your father, but it could possibly reveal to you the reason why you "hate" him (if indeed you do). And even more important, it could alleviate your guilt feelings for being so full of hate, which you obviously are.



Abigail Van Buren