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MODEL CITIES  
CHICAGO

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A group of twelve, flew to Chicago, Illinois Wednesday, Nov. 13th at 5:56PM. The plane was to arrive in Chicago at 7:30, but due to heavy air traffic, the landing was delayed for almost an hour.

The ones who made the trip were; Model Cities staff and employees, plus Model Cities Board members. There were three persons not on the staff or board.

For information those that made the trip were; Miss Rose Marie Stewart, Mr. Lyall Scott, Mr. John Hood, Mrs. Martha Sims, Mrs. Lattie Ansley, all Board members of Model Cities. Mrs. Lockett, Mrs. Parks, Mrs. Lee, Mrs. Ralkestraw, employees. Mr. Byrd, Rev. Mickey and myself.

I hesitated at first, but decided that the trip would probably serve some value to Model Neighborhood Inc., and the Community. It is with the latter intent that this article is being published.

Wednesday night, we went to a neighborhood called "Old Town". This section of Chicago is a rehabilitated stretch, similar to Atlanta's plan to redevelop the viaduct beneath downtown Atlanta. It contains some very creative designs. Some of the old ideas were restored and Old Town is quite an attractive site. It is now a tourist and residential neighborhood, all located within a few blocks.

Thursday morning we visited "Lower North", our first stop was the Olivett Community Center. Mrs. Lillian Kimire, the director was very hospitable and a wonderful

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Tom Burress formerly with the Greater Philadelphia Enterprises. This group has been able to build shopping centers in that city, housing and industrial development. Now owner of a Consulting Firm of which he organized, was invited to Atlanta to offer guidance and suggestions to Model Neighborhood, Inc.

Mr. Burress met briefly with the Mayor and was welcomed by the Honorable Ivan Allen to the ever progressing city. Mr. Burress's experiences was a great success to Model Neighborhood, Inc. He gave the organization the kind of inspiration that they will surely consider priceless.

Model Neighborhood, Inc., call a Press Conference and Mr. Burress gave a news release of the Philadelphia Developing Program. Edward Moody, Model Neighborhood's Exec. Director also gave a Model Neighborhood, Inc., news release. One news item was the opening of a Garment Manufacturing Co., community owned and employed. This is one of Model Neighborhood's Inc., industrial developments in Model Cities Area.

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## CENTER SUPERVISOR WANTED

Mechanicsville Community Center 389 Bass St., is advertising for a Supervisor, to conduct the various activities and programs of the Center. Interviews will be held on Tuesday November 24th, from 9:AM to 12:PM.

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"CHICAGO"

hostess. The Center receives various means of support in being funded. One is the United Appeal, the other, long established organizations. It was through this center that, T. U. F., (The United Friends) was granted \$67,000 (no strings) for neighborhood developments. I will tell about it later.

Olivet Community Center displayed to me, what can be programed with the proper funds. How a community center can be effective with enough funds.

A neighborhood center in Atlanta that is a community supported and community served, can do the same identical thing.

Later Thursday morning we went to the T. U. F., center. Mr. Michael Hollis is the TUF co-ordinator. It was very interesting to learn of their involvement. They have optioned some property and plan to build eleven units of housing in the community. There is a Credit Union and the Housing Development committee, to name a few. One thing I remember of importance was what Mr. Hollis said; "In this city we use the Politicians for all they are worth. We apply pressure and in time we get results". This is a good recommendation for all Atlanta voters.

Thursday afternoon we visited "Lower North Community Center." We toured the center, whercin we saw; day care classes, a pool room and a TV-Radio repair. A day care class on the second floor? In Georgia this is prohibited. The center is part of a high-rise public housing project. Twenty one stories with forty eight units per floor.

In the late afternoon we went to the Model Cities office. We listened to some remarks that we have heard repeated again and said before and now again.

MODEL NEIGHBORHOOD'S Q's AND A's

Q. Is Model Cities a clearance program?

A. No. It is a rehabilitation program. Rebuild and rehabilitate minium amounts of streets and blocks at a time.

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LITTLE BIRD

LIGHTS ON WEEKLY MACHINE AND SAYS:

"Since you cannot tell me what the Extension's Managers jobs are suppose to be, I will let you in on something."

"The Steering Committee of the Model Cities Mass Convention is being presented in the Model Cities plan as the Organizational Community Development Corporation of the Model Cities Area." What do you think of that? Better find out if it's true.

FLIES AWAY

SEE YOU NEXT WEEK

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Jobs-----every Tuesday from 9:AM until 12:PM----Mechanicsville Community Center, 389 Bass Street South West.

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"CHICAGO"

Thursday evening we toured several slum communities. We saw model town apartments. (apartments completely furnished, four bedrooms). We returned to Olivett community center Friday morning and met with a Lincoln Park representative and he explained their community plans to us.

We returned to Old Town and had dinner. Afterward, we checked out and boarded the home bound plane at 4:10 PM, we were one hour getting airborne. We arrived in Atlanta at 7:30 PM.

Model Neighborhood, Inc., will share with the Community organization in Chicago the programs it proposes.

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EDITORIAL

"BLACK ENTREPRENEURSHIP WILL WORK"

Model Neighborhood, Inc., is an example of how to get black involved in economic ownership. With the assistance of some businessmen of Metro Atlanta, a Garment Manufacturing Co., will open at 55 Georgia Ave., SE, soon. This is relatively small. The plane will employ 13 ladies, uplift the income of some of them. This is "Entrepreneurship", and it's black owned, black operated and "Green" returns.

It is great to know that there are Exchange houses in Atlanta willing to loan at 100% risk, money to promote this entrepreneur concept. The Machine would like to ask; are they going to produce action? In Philadelphia a group of Banks are jointly lending money to these economic development corporations. Is this what Atlanta banks are going to do? The Machine feels that Model Neighborhood, Inc., is by far, the best qualified Non-Profit Organization in Atlanta awaiting this assistance.

"EXPLORER NEWS"

Mechanicsville explorers will go to Fort Benning for the week end of December 15th. Approximately ten boys from a cross section of the area will attend.

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"GIRLS CLUB"

Mechanicsville Girls Club has been invited to Roosevelt Hall on Fair Street. They have also been asked by The Grady Homes Girls Club to attend a Thanksgiving Banquet on Friday, November 22nd, from 6:PM until 8:PM

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THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK

"MAKE NO LITTLE PLANS, THEY HAVE NO MAGIC TO STIR MEN'S BLOOD. MAKE BIG PLANS; AIM HIGH IN HOPE AND WORK. LET YOUR WATCHWORD BE ORDER AND YOUR BEACON, BEAUTY" daniel burnham

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