

RECREATION

"The most recreation for the most people" is the slogan of the Parks and Playground Department and with this thought in mind, a wide recreational program has been established, ranging all the way from "tot lots" to evening band concerts. In many cases, arrangements have been made for the cooperative use of school properties, gymnasiums and other facilities to permit the broadening of the city program; and many public and private organizations provide specialized recreation service to fit the particular needs of their groups. All in all, the total picture reflects the efforts of the city as a whole.

As the city grows, so too must the recreation program expand and particularly in the new subdivision areas is this true. The city now provides five tot lots with swings, sand boxes and other equipment scaled to size for these smallest of our citizens, in addition to the eighteen regular playgrounds scattered throughout the city. The playgrounds for the older children are supervised during the summer months by both a boy and a girl who have taken special training courses in playground and recreation supervision. A varied program of games, contests, nature study and handicraft is provided and during the winter months, supervised recreation is available on Saturday

mornings and after school hours. Swimming instruction, the popular Wheels Week activities, the annual Junior Olympics, and the newly established Fishing Derby are all highlights in the summer play schedule.

Judging from their patronage, the various types of recreation facilities are well known, but it was possible to illustrate only a few of the most popular. Particular mention should be made, however, of the Community Center and Hillcrest as meeting places for church, school or club groups, with facilities for practically every type activity.

No recreation report would be complete without the inclusion of the most popular of our summertime sports — baseball and softball — which draw enthusiastic crowds for every game. Most of the games are either week-end or twilight events, but the lighted diamonds extend the sport into the evening hours. For a more quiet type pleasure, the evening band concerts held in various parks, reflect the nostalgic spirit of the Gay Nineties. From tots to grandparents, the city's recreation program literally provides the "most recreation for the most people".



SUPERVISED FUN AT THE PLAYGROUNDS



THE HAMILTON RECREATION COMMISSION

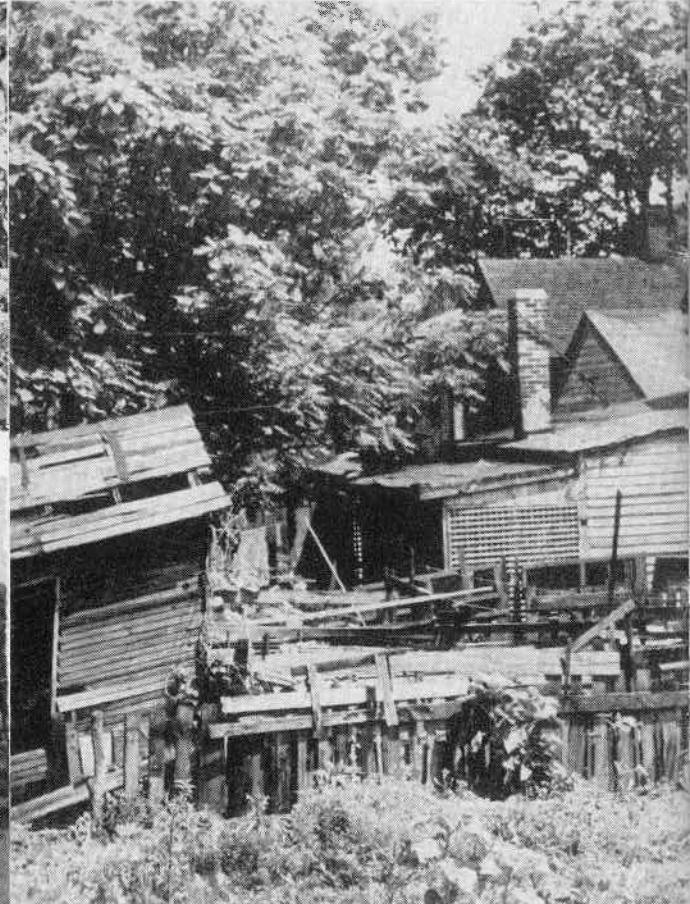
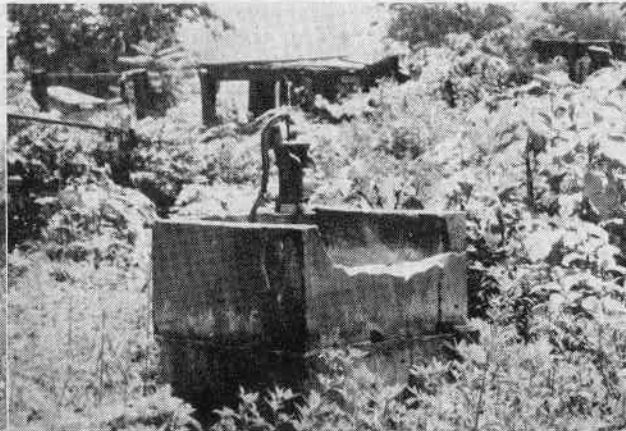
URBAN REDEVELOPMENT AND RENEWAL

Hamilton, like most other cities, is faced with the problem of slum and blighted areas in which the buildings are sub-standard, dilapidated, and below the modern standard of sanitation and health. These properties are not only a drain on the financial resources of the city but more importantly, on the lives and health of those people who live there.

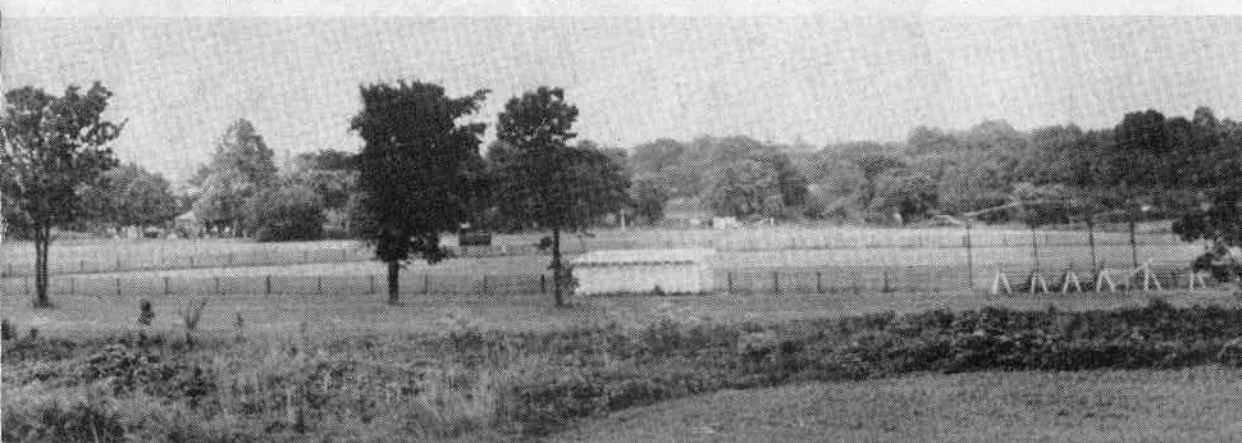
Several approaches to the problem are under way, a combination of which will be necessary to solve the problem completely. Urban Redevelopment would remove the buildings in the slum area, and arrange for the complete rebuilding of the neighborhood with modern, safe and sanitary dwellings. This would be done on an over-

all basis and would literally create a new living area, with play space, new streets and adequate facilities.

For those areas in which the majority of the buildings are structurally sound but becoming dilapidated, Urban Renewal would follow a procedure of rehabilitation. The Minimum Housing Committee is working out standards of room number and size, sanitary facilities and other requisites to healthful living. The establishment of such standards and their rigid enforcement will be an important step toward the elimination of blight in borderline areas and the prevention of blight development, in the older and less modern areas. Outside sanitary facilities and backyard pumps have no place in a modern city.



IN PECK'S ADDITION, ELIMINATE THIS AND THIS



IN FAVOR OF THIS

THIS TOO, MUST BE REPLACED

PLANNING

Technically, planning covers a multitude of problems ranging all the way from boulevard alignment to subdivision development, but it is with the latter that we are particularly interested at the present time. During the past few years Hamilton has seen unprecedented activity in new subdivision development and the planning of these new areas is of major importance. Why? Because only through careful planning can two essential objectives be achieved: first, a pleasant and truly livable neighborhood in which families will be happy and healthy; and second, the preservation of the financial value of the properties. Since their home is probably the greatest single expenditure of any family, the value of that home must be protected and protection requires many phases of planning, engineering and zoning.

A plat of the area is the first step in its development and represents an over-all plan of the physical features of the new "living area". Proper street lay-out is of primary importance and care is taken to see that streets are of sufficient width to serve the area adequately, to tie in with existing city streets, and to provide pleasant vistas by the use of curves and the natural topography of the land. Lot size must be sufficient to insure open green space and the privacy of the future home owners. Set-back lines and curb, gutter and sidewalk grades are established. In other words, the entire area must be planned as a unit to provide a pleasing appearance, privacy, and a generally uncluttered, orderly atmosphere.

Utility service is, of course, essential and plans must provide easements — usually in the rear of the lots — for sanitary and storm sewers and for water, gas, and electric lines. The lay-out of these service lines must be accurately gauged to serve not only the particular subdivision but for any future development beyond the immediate area. Play space must be provided and the zoning of the new area must not only protect the privacy of the homes but provide adequate space for shopping convenience. In short, factual planning must be teamed with vision — for homes are built for people and people build for the future.



THE NEW CARVER PLACE DEVELOPMENT



CITY PLANNING COMMISSION



SUBDIVISION ACTIVITY

MEET YOUR CITY OFFICIALS



Seated — CHARLES F. SCHWALM City Manager

← *Standing* — JAMES E. NORTHWAY Civil Service Director
 CHARLES T. RUPERT Finance Director
 JOHN L. PEURIFOY Public Utilities Director
 E. HJALMAR PERSSON Law Director
 ROY J. FIEMEYER Public Works Director
 VIRGIL M. ELLIS Parks and Playgrounds Director

Seated — GEORGE L. SCHLOTTERBECK Fire Chief
 RUTH H. BURNS Welfare Commissioner

Standing— JACK L. DALTON Urban Redevelopment Commissioner
 JOSEPH M. BRUNO Utilities Collection Supervisor
 JOHN A. BIPPUS Police Chief →
 ROLLINS B. GARRETT Purchasing Agent
 ANDREW M. CLARKE Health Commissioner
 FRED E. HARDY City Engineer
 J. ROBERT DOUGHTY Traffic Commissioner



Standing — EDWIN C. DININGER Electric Production Supt.
 WALTER J. PABST Street and Sewer Supt.
 HAROLD W. AUGENSTEIN Water Plants Supt.
 ← DONALD J. FISHER Refuse Collection Supt.
 HERBERT B. GETZ Electric Distribution Supt.
 ALBERT G. EARHART Motor Transport Supt.

Seated — PAUL N. GARDNER Water and Gas Distribution Supt.
 MERLIN B. CRIDER Public Buildings Supt.



DIRECTORY — FOR YOUR CONVENIENCE

MUNICIPAL BUILDING — EAST WING

Department	Room No.	Telephone
<i>First Floor:</i>		
Fire department		5-5611
Police department	151	4-8311
<i>Second floor:</i>		
Municipal Court	252	4-7401
Clerk of Court	253	4-7401
Personnel office	254	4-7401
Civil Service	254	4-7401
<i>Third Floor:</i>		
Health department	353	4-4701
Birth certificates	353	4-7401
Public Health League	352	4-7401
<i>Basement:</i>		
Purchasing office	8	4-7401
Parks and Playgrounds	8	4-7401

MUNICIPAL BUILDING — WEST WING

Department	Room No.	Telephone
<i>First floor:</i>		
Information	101	4-7401
Board room	102	4-7401
Finance department	104	4-7401
Licenses	103	4-7401
Utilities collection	106	4-7401
Public Works department	107	4-7401
Engineering department	107	4-7401
Construction permits	108	4-7401
<i>Second floor:</i>		
City Manager	201	4-7401
Electric Distribution	203	4-7401
Water and Gas Distribution	203	4-7401
Public Utilities department	204	4-7401
<i>Third floor:</i>		
Council chambers	302	
Mayor's office	303	4-7401
Clerk of Council	303	4-7401
Law department	303	4-7401
Traffic engineering	301	4-7401
Urban Redevelopment	301	4-7401

MUNICIPAL ANNEX

Department	Telephone
Welfare Department	4-7401

MUNICIPAL GARAGE

Motor Transport	3-5804
Trouble calls	3-5804

MISCELLANEOUS

North Water Plant	3-4128
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