

ANOTHER MAN'S TRASH

One Man's Treasure . . .

By CHET FULLER

It took four city garbage trucks to haul away all the trash Willie J. Hill kept in the house—yes, inside the house—where he lived at 776 Simpson St. NW.

“Willie had been saving trash and piling it up in the house since last July when he first moved in here,” said Evelyn Murin, Hill's sister.

“I was living here first, and when he got out of the hospital, I let him move in with me because he didn't have anyplace else to go. But I had to move out of here Nov. 1 because he had that three-room

house packed with trash wall to wall and nearly to the ceiling,” she said.

“Rats were crawling around here. It wasn't fit for a dog to live in. The neighbors kept calling the health department.”

Thursday Fulton County Health Department inspectors, Fulton County sheriff's deputies and city sanitation workers cleaned everything out of the house and piled it up on the sidewalk so it could be hauled away.

“It was stinking so bad I couldn't sleep at night,” said Mrs. Rosa Wright, who lives

next door to Hill in the duplex house.

“Lord, I declare, he must've lost his smellers. That stinking smell just flooded all into my side of the house. I sprayed. I put down all kinds of deodorants and air fresheners, and none of it did no good,” she said.

“I don't know how he stood it,” she said. “Not only did he collect trash, but he brought home garbage, anything, everything. Old bottles, cans, papers. He even brought home old, rotten fish heads from the fish market.”

Miss Murin said the health

department had issued an order for her brother to clean up the house three weeks ago, but that “he didn't even pay that no attention.

“When people would stand at the bus stop in front of the house and look back at the house, they could see the garbage piled up through the window,” she said.

“It was stacked up so high you couldn't see through the house. He would be standing on the porch and if he saw somebody looking at the house, he would shout to

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TRASH LIES ON SIDEWALK IN FRONT OF HOUSE ON SIMPSON STREET NW BEFORE BEING HAULED AWAY
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them, 'Don't ask me what I'm gon' do with this trash. I'm gon' make money with this. I guess that's telling them, ain't it, William J. Hill,' he would say to himself."

"I called everybody to complain, the health department, even the mayor's office," said Mrs. Wright. "We just could not stand it no more. I don't know how he slept in there. He didn't have no furniture, just a refrigerator and a mattress on the floor. How could he sleep? He must've been covered up with garbage."

"But he was friendly," said another neighbor, who talked to Hill often. "He could carry on a good, sensible conversation. He always quoted the Bible and talked about how much money he was gon' make off that trash."

Hill was not home when the trucks came to pick up his garbage.

"He's gone downtown to get him a Legal Aid lawyer to get his trash back," his sister said.

"That man used to keep his yard spotless," Mrs. Wright said. "He would sweep it up with a broom — even the grass — and he'd pick up all the trash and take it in the house."

"He's a real neat cleaner and stacker," Miss Murin said of her 64-year-old brother. "He cleaned up the lot in back of the grocery store across the street and he kept all the trash in three neat piles. Every day he'd go out there and move trash from one pile to another. He kept it neat. And he wouldn't let the garbage men pick it up. He told them to stay away from it until the grocery store owner got mad and called the police to get all that filth out of his lot."

"He kept telling me before I moved how he was gon' make enough money selling trash to buy him a truck to haul it all in. But now I don't know what he's gon' do. He ain't got no money and he ain't got no place to stay. And I sure ain't gon' let him know where I'm living now, because the first thing you know, I'll look up and here he'll be coming with armful of old bottles and cans and some such junk."

"You know, that man acted just like all this garbage was money. And he done got too old for that."

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\$52 million increase in the current spending level.

The other, the main budget bill for fiscal 1976 beginning July 1, totals \$1.955 billion, plus \$35 million for property tax relief.

This represents an increase of about \$300 million over the budget the legislature adopted last year. Coupled with federal revenue-sharing funds, Busbee said the state has "a total of \$380 million in new funds to appropriate over the next 18 months."

Most of that increase goes into education and human resources programs, plus a fair amount for economic development, highways and tax relief.

As on several previous occasions, Busbee moved to ponents of a statewide kindergarten program and those favoring more property tax relief.

To those who would cut kindergartens and use the money to increase tax relief, Busbee had this to say:

"There will be some who say we can't afford to spend \$18 million for kindergartens (but) I say if we are serious about excellence in education, we can't afford not to spend it."

In education, Busbee asked for approximately \$150 million in new money for a variety of programs including implementation of a statewide kindergarten program.

So far, kindergartens are at the heart of the main controversy surrounding Busbee's budget priorities.

Many legislators in the House, especially those from rural areas, want kindergartens cut out of the budget and the money applied to property tax relief.

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What he might get is a \$54 to \$50 million tax relief program and very little for kindergartens.

Besides kindergartens and tax relief, Busbee's budget also calls for:

—\$75 million in pay raises for state employees;

—A \$50 million bond financing program to improve port facilities;

—Some \$8 million to finance an "early completion" construction for I-16 along the Georgia coast and I-85 between Columbus and LaGrange;

—\$16 million in a supplemental appropriation for a statewide road resurfacing program;

—\$44 million in new funds for the Department of Human Resources about half of

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and Commerce Secretary Frederick B. Dent probably will be leaving the Cabinet within three months.

Agriculture Secretary Earl L. Butz and Caspar W. Weinberger, secretary of health, education and welfare, were ranked by several sources as likely to be leaving by mid-year.

Secretary of State Henry A. Kissinger, Defense Secretary James R. Schlesinger and Interior Secretary Rogers C. B. Morton were described by one White House official as secure in their jobs.

In recent weeks, the White House has announced the departures of three Nixon Cabinet holdovers. Atty. Gen. William B. Saxbe is becoming ambassador to India, Transportation Secretary Claude S. Brinegar is returning to private life and Housing Secretary James T. Lynn is becoming director of the Office of Management and Budget — a Cabinet-level post.

Simon scoffed Thursday at reports he was being eased out.

"If I'm on my way out I've not been told that yet, nor have I submitted my resignation," he told a news conference.

But Simon signaled some philosophical estrangement from Ford's approach to the nation's economic problems. Ford's program anticipates a \$45-billion federal budget deficit in the next fiscal year, and Simon said while such a plunge into red ink may be necessary, "it horrifies me."

The former Wall Street executive is known to advocate reductions in federal spending to avoid deficit financing. But he lost out in the debate that preceded announcement of Ford's economic program.

While formulation of that program was under way, sources said Ford spurned suggestions that he consider replacing Simon, whose abrasive style is reported to have grated on some White House advisers.

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with the low vote-getter dropping out in each instance.

Stephens is trying to present himself as a compromise between Reuss and Patman, although he is more conservative than either of the two.

"He's got as good a chance as anybody now," a senior member of the delegation said of Stephens after Thursday's caucus reversal. Another knowledgeable congressman agreed with that assessment.

Their feeling is that Patman does not have the votes to win, and that the Democratic caucus will be looking for a Southerner to succeed him. The number of Southern Democratic chairmen of House committees has been reduced by House reformers, and the House majority leadership is fearful of further alienating the southern faction.

"Stephens looks like a very possible winner," a banking lobbyist said Friday. He said the banking industry was caught off guard by Thursday's caucus action — "we pretty much assumed Reuss was in" — but added, "You

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