Plan Made For Redneck City

BY HARRY HOPE

(The following is a re-run of Mr. Hope's column of Oct. 19, Mr. Hope, a native of Darlington County, got a lot of dirty words said to him since the column was also reprinted in the Darlington News & Press.)

Strom Enterprise today announced the opening of "Redneck World" located in historic Darlington County, amid the scenic dirt filled streets of South Carolina's rural Pee Dee section.

Imperial Wizard Robert Soggins announced the plans to a news conference at the base of the Confederate statue in the Darlington County Courthouse Square.

"It's going to be a fine, good place for Christian families of white Southern origin," he said. "We're gonna put it up right where 41 brave Southerners over two buses full of darkies in Lamar and thus did trying to save the South for God.

"We are basing our plans for Redneck World on Disneyland and Walt Disney World," he added. Some of the attractions are:

THE OLD PLANTATION--"Harken back to gracious living before the days of the Northern Invasion. Here you will sip mint juleps under mossy oaks and watch darkie slaves--who know their place--pick cotton in the fields all day long."

THE OLD COUNTRY STORE--"Complete with radio which plays Gospel music and Billy James Hargis sermons all day long. Come on in and sit a while; drink yourself a Red Rock Cola and eat a Slim Jim Beef Sticks. Every day at 2:30 two Yankees try to rob the store but are stopped by the courageous storeowner and his 12-gaue shotgun."

BECKETT'S PLACE--"A converted country store with a beer cooler, a pool table and a country music juke box. Every afternoon is Saturday afternoon as you join in the fun of getting drunk and trying to outrun the Highway Patrol. And of course, there is the sign 'We reserve the right to refuse service to anyone.'"

THE FIRST ORIGINAL FREE WILL CHURCH OF THE LORD JESUS CHRIST THE APOSTOLIC NAZARENE INC.--"A revival every night! Come hear the preaching of the Rev. Tommy Lovelace, former acrobat who knows 7000 bible verses, who plays the piano with his toes and uses his puppets, Spot the Dog and Mr. Weez, to bring the true gospel of Jesus Christ to this sinful world. You will be called a worthless sinner, you will be damned to hell; you will be told that you have no hope of salvation unless you give twenty dollars to the building fund. Top gospel acts such as Bob Wills and the Doves, Buster, the King's Highwaymen, the Good News Trumpeters and the Four Goofus, Hear Tommy tell how he found God as he was falling off a high wire in the Circus! Surely to be the most popular and most needed experience of Redneck World."

LITTLE SOUTHERN 500--"A unique ride. Jump in your 1965 Chevrolet with dual exhausts, shackles, six-cylinder engine with no muffler, flat grey paint and gaudy racing stripe down the middle with a confederate flag on the antennas. Ram hell out of everybody else who's trying to ram hell out of you."

JAILBAIT CHASER--"Jump in your Pontiac GT and follow a 13-year-old girl (38-24-36) yelling things like 'Hi, thar, sweetheart. Wan na ride?' or 'Look at the boots on that one, Harvey!'"

THE DIXIE PIG DRIVE IN--"Grilled in Row, Too! Tell 'em. Cut your lights on and off, and an incredibly ugly girl comes to take your order. Good greasy hamburgers for 35 cents, bring your own beer. Sober up on good coffee and lemon pie. Watch the fun as two drunks go at it with knives. Every night is Saturday night!"

Ike Turner's Solo Album Good Blues

BY BOB CRAFT

Bad Dreams
Ike Turner
United Artists UA-LA087-F

The Ike and Tina Turner Revue has been to one of the hottest stage acts anywhere. The main focus in the show is on Mrs. Ike Turner, who has been called the sexiest woman in music. Tina Turner's gyrations and heavy breathing turn the paying customers into little dripping pools of sweat and ice cream on stage floors everywhere, while hubby Ike plays guitar and see that the boys in the bank keep up with his wife.

A lot of people know that Ike and Tina Turner put out records, but what some people don't know is that Ike Turner puts out records on his own. His latest, Bad Dreams has just been released and it's roots are, course, blues roots. Chunky, thick blues roots.

Most of the cuts on the album are written by Ike. They are, for the most part happy blues tunes ranging from the rascally "One Nite Stand" to the genuine humor and philosophy of "Rats."

This is not an album that is destined to go to the top of the charts. Like most black blues artists, he is not "commercial." Ike has been quoted as saying, even though the music on this album is better than "Proud Mary."