



BEING TORN DOWN

A business will soon stand on the site of this Meeting Street house. (Staff Photo by Burbage)

Service Station To Replace 121-Year-Old City House

An ante bellum home at 418 Meeting St. is being razed to make way for a service station.

The three-story brick house is about 121 years old, according to its latest owner, Mrs. Lynn C. Crooks. It was built by the Wagner family and was inherited by a daughter of that family.

She sold it to a German immigrant, a Mr. Berhman. The names of the previous owners have been obscured by time except for the latest resident, Mrs. Crooks. She bought the house from the Berhman family and lived there for 33 years before selling it to Hay Oil Company.

The house is listed in "This is Charleston" as "ante bellum" and "notable."

Mrs. Crooks said the house had withstood earthquakes and storms without any damage to its interior. It was with regret she sold her home she revealed, but said it was necessary because of deterioration of the community.

When she decided to sell the property, it was offered to the Charleston Historical Society which turned it down.

"I'd rather see the house torn down than have it occupied by undesirable tenants," Mrs. Crooks said.

Hay Oil Co. is razing seven houses on Meeting the length of the block between Woolfe and Reid Streets on the east side. The houses are Nos. 414 through 426. The entire area, including one house on Wolfe, No. 9, will be used to construct the service station.

Frank Hay Jr. of Hay Oil Co. said construction of the new building would begin as soon as

demolition of the old buildings was complete, "about the middle of January."

Most of the buildings have already been torn down. Demolition work on No. 418 is in the early stages.

Mr. Hay said the Historical Society and the demolition contractor found little of historical value in the old building.

G. Fred Worsham To Head YMCA Membership Drive

G. Fred Worsham has been named general chairman of the 1964 YMCA Membership Campaign, Feb. 3-17.

The campaign goals are 1,200 YMCA memberships and \$30,000. This represents the largest YMCA membership goal for several years and is \$4,000 more than was achieved in the 1963 campaign.

Mr. Worsham, sales and public relations manager of Co-burg Dairy, will be assisted by the following eight division chairmen: Dr. R. Maxwell An-

derson, Heyward Silcox, William Morrison, Alton Parks, Max Hill Jr., George McKnight, William Schroeder and J. B. Carter.

The drive will begin with a banquet Feb. 3 at the YMCA, followed by three interim report meetings and a Victory Banquet Feb. 17.

A total of 196 volunteer workers will be recruited to participate in the drive with each division divided into five teams of five workers each.