WINTER WORRIES—Shown above are the deplorable housing conditions—leaking faucets, falling plaster, worn stairways—found by Del. Troy Brailey (far right) as he examined several apartments in the 900 block of N. Fulton Ave. last week. Del. Brailey acted after receiving numerous calls from tenants.

No heat, residents ask Brailey to help them

After more than six months of complaining to their landlord, two tenants of a three-story dwelling in the 900 block of N. Fulton Ave. continue to heat their homes by burning gas stoves in their kitchens 24-hours a day at a cost to one tenant of $65 a month.

Mrs. Linda Bacon, who lives with her three children in a one-bedroom apartment on the 2nd floor of 925 N. Fulton Ave., produced as evidence a one-month gas and electric bill in the amount of $65.10.

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Mrs. Bacon receives $200 a month in social services benefits, of which $68 a month is expended in rent.

Mrs. bacon went further to say, "I'm paying the gas and electric bill for other tenants, as well. All the meters in this building are connected to my meter. He (the landlord) is supposed to be paying those bills."

Last week at the request of a visiting "baby nurse" (a city health department nurse), city housing inspectors examined the building and informed Mrs. Bacon that all of the electrical wiring for her apartment and several adjoining dwellings had all been connected to her line.

Third floor neighbor, Mrs. Eldie Childs, whose apartment is so cold at night that her children sleep in the living room nearest the kitchen stove, also complained that water service to the building had been terminated because "the landlord refuses to pay water rent."

"Right now, you don't get water all day."

According to Mrs. Childs, hot water service had been restored only two months ago after having been "turned off" since last summer when she moved in.

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Mrs. Bacon, who has lived at the same address for about a year, added, "Last year I had the same problem."

At one point the women alleged the landlord himself restored water service to the occupants of the building after the city had stopped service there.

Miss Childs explained, "That's right, he went down and turned the water back on after the city had turned it off."

Del. Troy Brailey, who had been summoned to the building to assist the two ladies in their plight, expressed his belief: "I think that it's criminal not to provide heat in this kind of weather."

A brief investigation of the building revealed numerous other potential building and fire code violations — warped and broken down stairways, leaking faucets, falling plaster, exposed electrical wiring, inadequate fire escapes and improper hallway lighting

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The women stated calling the AFRO was their first action against their landlord, Kenneth Abramham; with the exception of contacting Del. Brailey.

When asked why they had not found another residence, each responded, "It's not easy finding another house. Where else could we go?"

Mrs. Carolyn Brown granted divorce

Mrs. Carolyn S. Brown, 34, 1300 block N. Caroline St., was granted a divorce from Edwin Brown, 34, 3600 block Oakmont Ave., on Dec. 18. The divorce was signed by Judge Solomon Liss.

The couple was married Nov. 17, 1962. Court records show they separated April 28. According to records placed before the court, Mrs. Brown, a school teacher, stated her husband left home to live with another woman.

Divorces Filed

Charlene Odella Rouzer vs Henry E. Rouzer; Sheridan W. Cicele vs. Joan E. Cicele; Lillian MacMillan Tilford vs. Donald A. Tilford; J. Loretta Simms vs. John E. Simms; Patricia J. Boggs vs. Thomas A. Boggs; Janice E. Dance vs Darnell B. Dance; Mary Deneed Kutzli vs. Bryce Alexander Kutzli; Renee Hicks vs. Lawrence Hicks; Rose Boone vs. James Boone; Carl Valentine vs. Eleanor L. Valentine; Deidre C. Sweeney vs. Michael F. Sweeney; Delores Eley vs. Lester Eley; Andela D. Howard vs. Ralph B. Howard;

Divorces Granted

Clarie Smith from Freddie Smith; Gloria A. Krideler from Wayne M. Krideler; George C. Barnes from Edna H. Barnes; Dolores Sigel from Robert P. Siegel; William H. Jank from Mary E. Jank.

-Shaefer

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Ferry Rd. to Paca St., so the city decided to assume the full expense.

Mayor Schaefer also commented to another question raised by the residents.

"I want to assure you," he remarked, "that I expect City employees to provide the same level of services and meet problems with equal concern in every community whether it is black, 'changing,' or white!"

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