

Broken chairs and lumber lie under the former bar and grill which now houses mostly discharged psychiatric patients.

sandwiches. Welfare officials said they, too, had been told that.

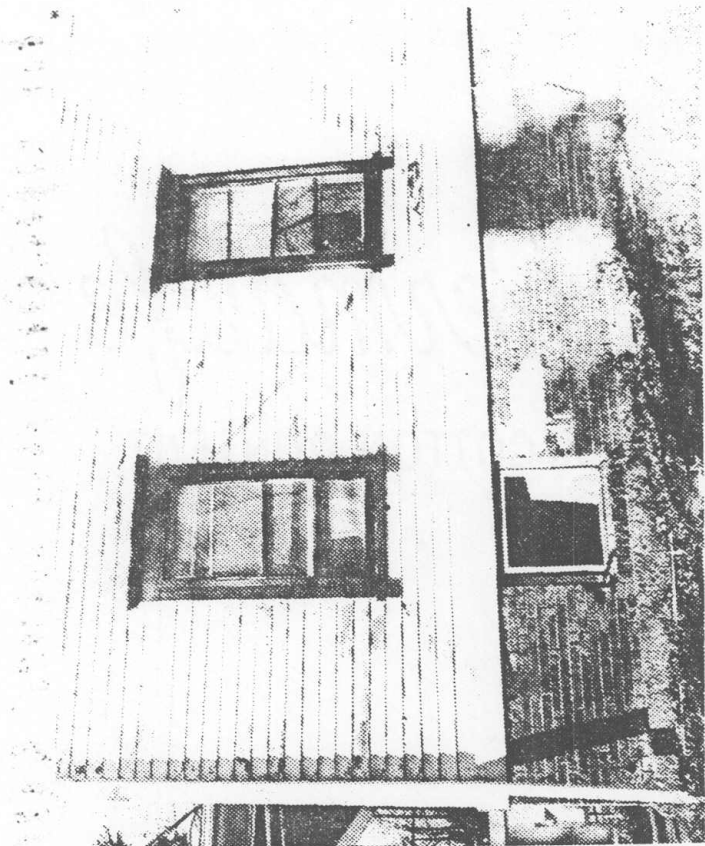
Guddemi said he had "someone" at the Inn to cook for residents. A reporter was there at various meal times and saw no cooking, no cook and no food in the kitchen. One resident said Guddemi often gave them peanut butter and coffee for breakfast.

Guddemi said he indeed did prepare food for residents "because someone has to feed them." He said he was not

aware he needed a license to prepare food or that it was illegal to sell food from his home.

The Christmas Tree Inn was the scene of considerable controversy in 1971 when former Councilman Edward V. Curry of New Dorp attempted to have the building either improved or closed.

Welfare temporarily halted referrals, but recently it has become the repository for persons discharged from psychiatric centers.



The city has been attempting to get the building's owner to clean up violations, some which date back two years. This broken cellar window is one of 32 violations.

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