

Happy Hill Store Harassed by Vandals

By John W. Templeton
Staff Writer

A wave of vandalism has forced the owners of a Shop-Rite convenience store at 725 Liberia Street to turn their building into almost a fortress, with little success in stopping the vandals.

The windows of the store are either boarded up or covered with wire screens. The shelves have been arranged to prevent cus-

burglar alarm has been set off "At least 20 times" during the first 16 days of November.

Gray said the staff at the store has been threatened or had their tires slashed. "In the last month, I've hired six people," he said. "All of them left. I've even hired people in the neighborhood, but it hasn't worked."

Gray and Jay Martin, president of the black-owned Shop-Rite Inc.

they won't tell you who they (the vandals) are," said Gray.

"I wish that somehow we could get the message out to these kids that it's really hurting you," said Martin. He said the increased security costs force up the prices at the store, the only one in the Happy Hill Gardens area. "That store has the highest prices of our four," said Gray.

Capt. Bill Pearman, commander of the 3rd Police

frequently," said Capt. Pearman. But the police have been unable to identify any of the vandals. "If we'd have identified anybody, we'd have charged them."

Martin thinks the recent upsurge in vandalism at the store is due to the changes made to halt "an unbelievable pilferage rate."

"Before, employees would allow themselves to be intimidated and you had some employees just giving

last summer, only to have mud bricks thrown at the building. The firm also had an artist to begin work on a mural for the side of the building, said Martin. But before the job could be completed, the wall was filled with graffiti.

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Boarded up windows of the Shop-Rite food store at 725 Liberia Street are covered with wire screens against the store.

Charles Gray, general supervisor of the Shop-Rite chain of four stores, said the Liberia Street stores

a small group of kids.

"The neighbors complain when the alarm goes off and wakes them up, but

Happy Hill area, said the

neighborhood has been termed "a problem area." "We try to check it more

We've stopped that.

In a tone of frustration, Martin told of giving the building a new paint job

Aldridge Meets City Commission

By Sharyn Bratcher
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The Human Relations Commission was formed by Mayor Wayne A. Corpening in response to campaign pledges in the 1977 city election. In March, the mayor appointed 21 members to serve on the commission, but two have since resigned. Patrick Hairston, president of the Winston-Salem chapter of the NAACP, resigned from the group, calling it a do-nothing commission. Rev. Daniel L. Griffin of First Baptist Church has also resigned. The city is still advertising for persons to fill the vacancies. Of the 19 remaining members, 12 were present for the meeting with Aldridge.

One reason for the low turnout might have been that the meeting conflicted with an NAACP meeting and an Urban League meeting.

Larry Womble, a member of the Human Relations Commission, is optimistic about the future of the Human Relations Commission.

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Herman L. Aldridge, Winston-Salem's first human relations director met with the city's nine-month old Human Relations Commission for the first time on Thursday, November 16th. Aldridge suggested that the group establish committees for public relations and fair housing studies, as well as a workshop to decide on the function of the Human Relations Commission, as set forth in its charter. There has been some difference of opinion in the past over whether the commission should investigate individual complaints or serve as an advisory board to promote good race relations.

Aldridge also recommended setting up a permanent office for the Human Relations Commission. He praised the group for its performance so far, telling them that it usually takes about two years to achieve a functioning Human Relations Commission.

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calendar

- Thanksgiving Day**
Thursday, Nov. 24
- Holiday Festival Christmas Parade begins at 10:30 a.m. downtown. Parade route stretches from Fourth and Spring Sts. to First and Liberty Sts.
 - Thanksgiving Classic basketball tournament begins at the C.E. Gaines Athletic Complex (The "Big House") at 7 p.m. Teams include Livingstone College, University of K.D.C., Barber-Scotia, and the WSSU Rams.
- Friday, Nov. 25**
- Custom car show begins at Convention Center at 5 p.m.
 - Thanksgiving Classic continues at 7 p.m. with two games.
 - McLendon Bowl activities begin at 9:30 a.m. with a parade from Jetway Shopping Center to the Carver High School field. The first game is at 11 a.m. between Patterson Avenue Y 11-12 year olds and a team from Richmond, Va. At 12:30 p.m., the Boys Club and the Patterson Y 9-10 year olds match up.
 - WSSU Rams face California Poly at Bowman Gray at 12 noon.
 - Custom car show continues at Convention Center from noon to 11 p.m.
- Monday, Nov. 27**
- Forsyth County Board of County Commissioners hold a public hearing on Reynolds Health Center at 6 p.m. at which the Board of Health will make its arguments for merging the center into the county health department. Meeting is at meeting room on 7th floor of the Hall of Justice.
- COMING UP**
- The Administrative Council of the 11th District of the order of the Eastern Star will meet Saturday, Dec. 2 at 3 p.m. in the Masonic Hall in Mocksville. Main order of business will be the election of officers.
 - The West Winston Civic Council will sponsor its annual Christmas party for Forsyth County patients at the John Umstead hospital in Butner on Sat. Dec. 9. The bus will leave Reynolds Health Center at 11 a.m.

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