

Mortgage Activity in Black Areas

Census Tract	Winston-Salem	Standard	First Federal	Piedmont
2	--	97,100	39,200	129,300
3.02	--	32,000	40,400	16,000
3.02	--	--	7,200	26,800
4	25,900	22,000	61,900	86,900
5.01	10,000	5,000	7,000	--
5.02	--	23,500	33,700	14,700
6	8,400	17,000	--	60,000
7	--	34,000	10,800	70,200
8.01	--	--	11,200	10,300
8.02	20,000	7,600	26,600	--
16.01	100,750	37,300	144,100	156,500
16.02	53,600	21,000	67,800	50,700
17	120,800	124,800	200,000	57,700
1978	339,450	421,300	649,900	673,700
1977	458,166	258,600	951,350	541,100
'78 total for city	6,466,350	6,881,700	19,270,693	36,474,300

Older Children Lack Adoptive Parents

By John W. Templeton
Staff Writer

More than two-thirds of the children awaiting adoption in Forsyth County are school-age black youth, according to county adoption workers.

Prospects are slim that the youth will find a home because of a lack of families willing to take them in, said Kathy Knecht, adoption supervisor in the county social services department.

Ms. Knecht said 31 children are awaiting adoption; 22 of whom are black. She said no black families are currently seeking older children, although she said she has seen some for infants.

"We rarely get infants any more because most of the separations from parents are court-ordered instead of voluntary," said Knecht.

The problem facing the Forsyth County youth is a nationwide one, particularly for black youth. Most persons wishing to adopt, seek younger children. Once an adoptable youth gets beyond school age, his or her prospects of finding a home diminish. Because of that reality, the federal

government gives special incentives to persons who adopt older children or black children.

April has been proclaimed as National Action for Foster Children and Adoption Month both nationally and locally. In connection with that observance, the Children's Home Society in Greensboro, the only statewide non-sectarian adoption agency has helped form a Black Adoption Task Force.

The group will hold a meeting in Greensboro Tuesday, April 5 at 10 a.m. at the First Baptist Church, 1210 Eugene Street.

One of the purposes of the group is to combat the idea that only affluent families are eligible for adopting children. A task force brochure notes that single persons over 25 can adopt children, and that the only financial requirement is a steady income.

Knecht said not all of the adoptable children want to be adopted. "They may have contact with an extended family or the children may have a fear of joining a new family."

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Park Named For Bell

East Winston Park, located behind Sunrise Towers, was renamed Rupert Bell Park this week, honoring the first black recreation center Director for the City of Winston-Salem.

At the ceremony a new sign was erected at the park as Bell's widow, Ruby Bell and members of his family watched.

Bell organized and directed the first Golden Age Senior Citizens Club. As director, Bell served 20 years at Happy Hill, several at 14th Street and 11 years at Skyland Recreation Center.

Upon his retirement Dec. 31, 1976, the Winston-Salem native had been with the city over 31 years. He died almost one year later on Dec. 30, 1977.

The Winston-Salem Board of Aldermen adopted a resolution on March 7 and presented it to Mrs. Ruby Bell.

"The Board recognizes the late Rupert W. Bell, former Recreation Center Director, for his many contributions to the city recreation program, and extends its sincere and heartfelt thanks for a job well done," read the resolution.

Alderman Vivian Burke, who attended the ceremony said that she was really proud of the event.

"I'm proud not only for the accomplishments of Mr. Bell, but also for the fact that I was on the recreation committee which made the recommendation," Alderman Burke said.

University Welcomes Parents

Chancellor emeritus Dr. Kenneth R. Williams and Marshall B. Bass, an executive at R.J. Reynolds Industries, will be the featured speakers at Winston-Salem State University's Parents Day/Honors Day Program, to be held Sunday, April 1 at Kenneth R. Williams Auditorium.

The idea of setting aside a day for parents to visit the university and to discuss their child's progress with faculty members originated during Dr. Williams' term as chancellor. Dr. H. Douglas Covington, the present chancellor, added an academic thrust by incorporating honors day into the program. Honors awards will be presented to full-time students with grade point averages of B or above.

"Parents Day is especially designed for freshmen parents," said Dr. Haywood L. Wilson, Jr., vice chancellor for student affairs and chairman of the Parents Day Steering Committee. "It gives them an opportunity to see where students eat, live, study, and socialize."

The appearances of Chancellor Williams and Mr. Bass are part of the Sam D. Battistone Lecture series.

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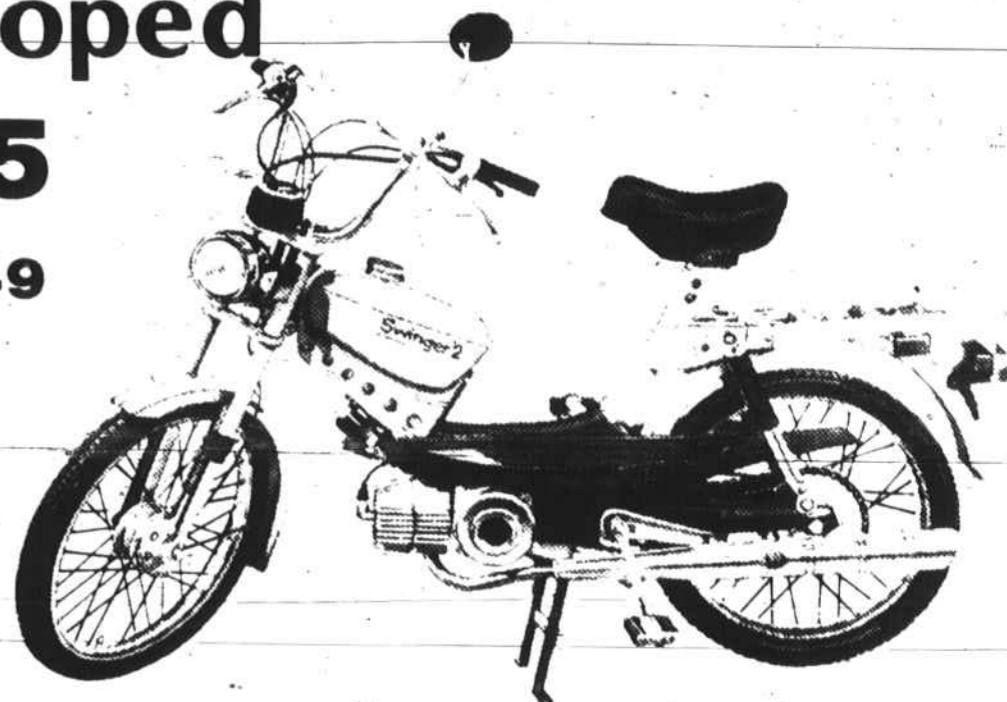
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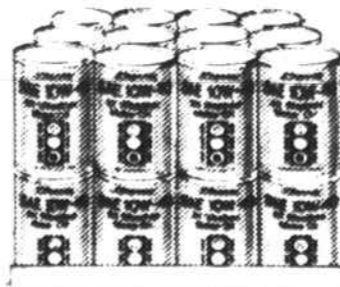
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CALENDAR

Friday, March 30

• R.O.T.C. cadets at Hill High School receive an inspection by Army officers from Ft. Bragg, featuring a special drill team demonstration at 8:30 a.m.

• Parents of the Barbara Hills Child Development Center children sponsor a yard and bake sale from noon to 6 p.m. in the parking lot of the center at 1120 East 29th St.

• Urban League Guild holds its "Family of the Year Awards Day" in the Hauser Student Union Building at Winston-Salem State beginning at 7 p.m.

Saturday, March 31

• Farmer's Market opens at Dixie Classic Fairground from 6 a.m. to 1 p.m.

• Yard and bake sale continues at Barbara Hills Child Development Center from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Sunday, April 1

• Parents' Day at Winston-Salem State University.

• Art lecture and exhibit in the WSSU Fine Arts Gallery at 5 p.m.

Monday, April 2

• Aldermen, County Commissioners and School Board all meet at 7:30 p.m. in City Hall, Hall of Justice and Administrative Center, respectively.

Tuesday, April 3

• "Only Two Can Play" featuring comedian Peter Sellers is the Tuesday Night Movie at the East Winston branch library beginning at 7:30 p.m. as part of National Library Week.

• Vegetable gardening seminar at 7:30 p.m. by the county agricultural extension service in the Agricultural Building on Fairchild Drive.

Wednesday, April 4

• Coalition on tax reform sponsors open forum on the food sales tax and property taxes at 7 p.m. at Glade Street YWCA. Sponsors included Urban League, League of Women Voters and Legal Aid Society.

Friday, April 6

• East Forsyth Moder Music Masters Variety Show at 7:30 p.m. in School auditorium.

• NCCU "Incense Burner" Touring Theatre at Williams Auditorium 8 p.m.