

Happy Hill Raps Journal

By John W. Templeton
Staff Writer

Members of the Happy Hill Gardens Tenants Council think the Winston-Salem Journal unfairly tarnished the reputation of their neighborhood in a May 27 article in which Old Salem residents accused Happy Hill residents of

apartments teeming with children. At least 95 per cent of the residents are black.

"Many of the 1,500 people who live in Happy Hill complain about rats and creeping kudzu. Some of the streets are so narrow that fire trucks have to squeeze through the cars

tion told Mantius the only part of the passage that was correct was the part about the narrow streets.

"Where did you get teeming with children," asked another participant. "It's like the children are growing out of trees."

Mrs. Dinah Neill, vice president of the associa-

tion of the Experiment in Self-Reliance Neighborhood Ad-

visory Council, was particu-

larly upset by the article. "Why didn't you come to Happy Hill and ask our opinion," asked Sims. "It has upset a lot of our residents."

"This whole thing about Old Salem and us is a lie," Sims said, referring to the charges that Old Salem

Hill Gardens manager Mrs. Geraldine Davis, whom residents praised for her efforts towards improving the project.

"I have been here 10 years," said one resident. "I have seen a big improvement since Mrs. Davis has been project manager."

As a measure of support for her, the group asked that the apology requested be directed to the manager.

restored area. The council members made their complaint known during a 1 1/4-hour

barrage of questions and complaints to Journal reporter Pete Mantius, author of the article, during their monthly meeting last Thursday.

The attitude I get on my job was that I live in a low-class place, said one participant in the meeting.

After the council formally asked Mantius to apologize for the article, the reporter said, "I think it was a major problem in the article that I didn't come to Happy Hill Garden." However, he declined to apologize and doubted that his newspaper would print an apology.

The passage in the article entitled, "Salem Residents Connect Crimes to Happy Hill," which particularly drew the ire of the council was as follows:

"Happy Hill is an isolated cluster of low-rent brick



Having a Say

Mazie Woodruff, vice chairman of the County Commissioners, proposes a resolution condemning harassment at a recent meeting.

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Pictured are the newly elected officers of the Urban League Guild. They are: (first row-l to r) Ellen Davis, Chaplin; Ricky Wilson, President; Diane Autry, Financial Secretary; (second row) Doris Watkins, Corresponding Secretary; Elizabeth Tilley, Second Vice-President; Bobby Moorman, First Vice-President, and Shirley Eaton, Treasurer.

Guild Re-elects Wilson

By Yvette McCullough
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Mrs. Ricky Wilson was elected to a third term as president of the Winston-Salem Urban League Guild, last Thursday night at the Reynolds Health Center. In addition to Wilson, officers for the 1978-79 year were elected. They will be installed in a formal ceremony at Shiloh Baptist Church in July.

Mrs. Wilson said she was proud of her previous two years as president of the Guild, because the group produced a number of "firsts."

"We were able to help the league financially with scholarships and by becoming a member of the community, which the Urban League Guild is all about,"

Wilson said. "The Guild is back on the ball and is really becoming active in the community," Wilson continued.

Guild projects for the new term include workshops on constitution and by-laws and a birthday party for senior citizens to be held in September of this year. The financial project of the year for the Guild will be the Ebony Fashion Fair.

Mrs. Thelma Small, the chairman of the Ebony Fashion Fair, expressed enthusiasm at the prospect of heading the fashion show this year.

"I feel enthusiastic about the whole thing," Mrs. Small said. "This is due to the cooperation of the guid-

ance counselors at the school."

Mrs. Small said that with the counselor's help, 63 boys and girls have agreed to take part in the show. She said she thinks this is the largest number to participate and the first time boys have participated.

"I know we will have to have two programs," Mrs. Small said. "We have many girls who are models, who are dramatically inclined and we have a dance group."

"We will probably have to select the best talent to appear on the program," Mrs. Small continued.

Mrs. Small's co-chairpersons are Doretha Williams and Roxanna Pitts.

Guild president Ricky Wilson, also announced that they have awarded Winston-Salem State University with a check for \$3000 for a deserving local student for the 1979-80 academic year.

The additional officers elected for the 1979-80 year were Bobby Moorman, first-vice president; Elizabeth Tilley, second vice president; Diane Autry, financial secretary; Avis Crockett, recording secretary; Doris Watkins, corresponding secretary; Shirley Eaton, treasurer; Ellen Davis, chaplain and Annie Alexander, parliamentarian.

Reading Clinic Open to Youth

The Reading Department of Winston-Salem State University is sponsoring a free six weeks reading clinic for students in grades three through twelve. The purpose of the reading clinic is to diagnose and correct reading problems for students.

The clinic will be a means of determining the participant's level of reading ability, their needs and means of strengthening their read-

ing ability. The Reading Clinic began June 19 and will culminate July 24. The students are asked to come on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 6:00 p.m. to 7:30 p.m.

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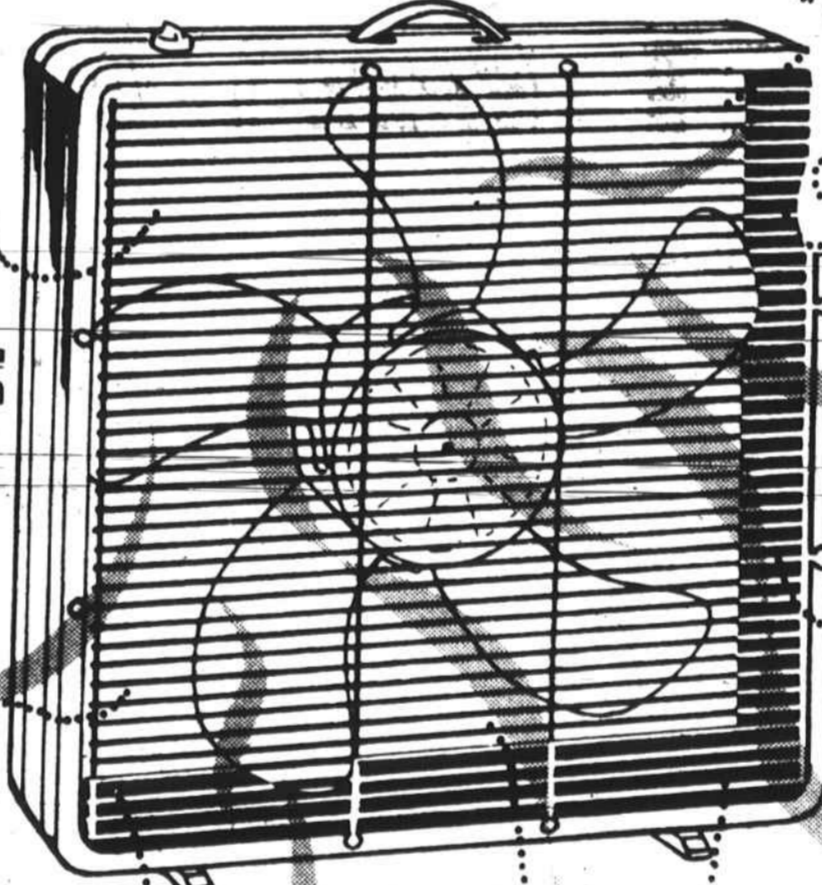
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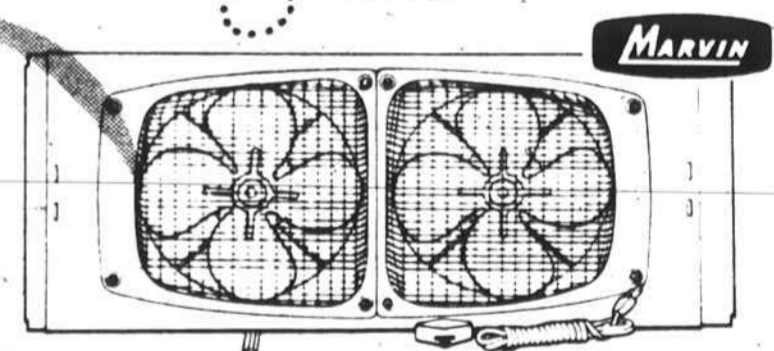


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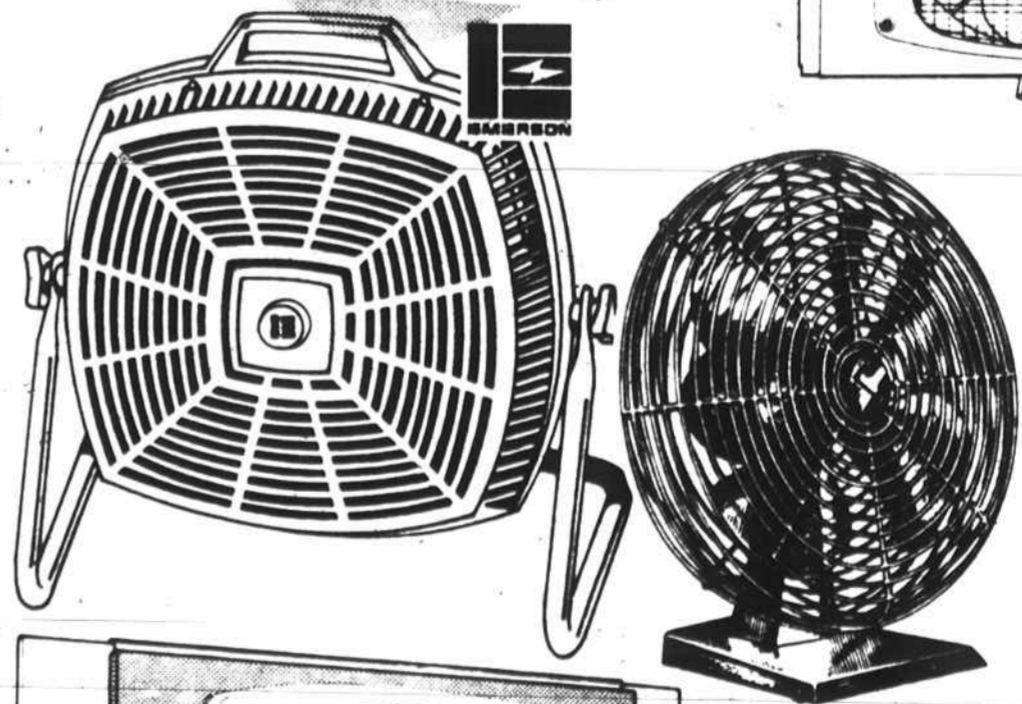
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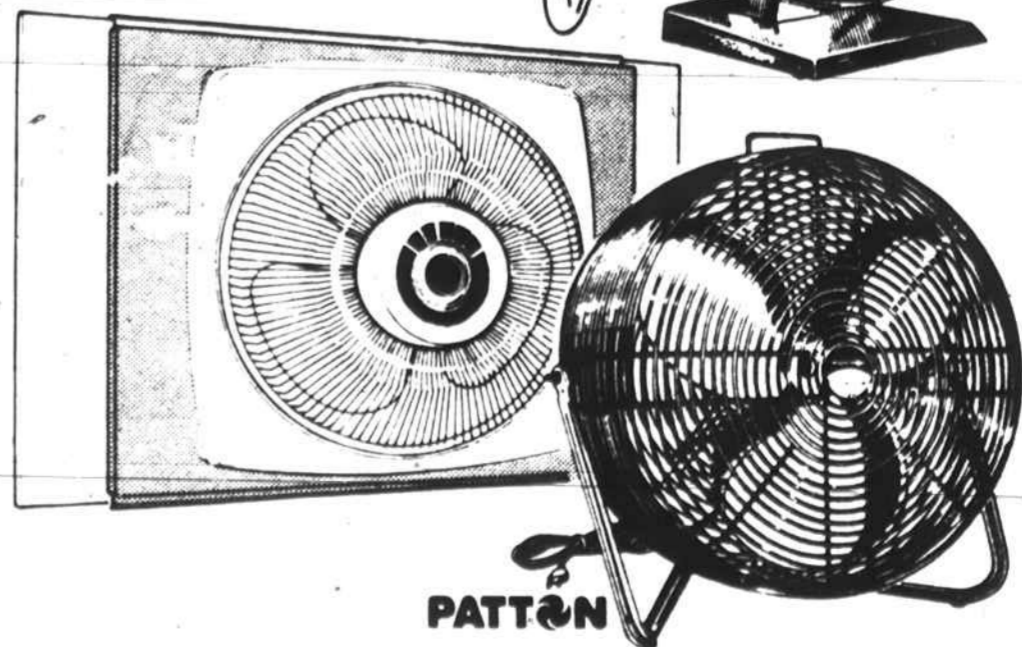
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