

By Beverly McCarthy
Staff Writer

In an attempt to improve the quality of neighborhoods all over Winston-Salem, the Experiment in Self Reliance Home Improvement Staff is visiting various neighborhoods all over Winston-Salem, teaching residents of Winston-Salem how to revitalize furniture.

"We work with low income neighborhoods, senior citizens, the handicapped and the disabled, showing them that they

don't have to throw out a piece of furniture just because it is old or broken down," explained Barbara Isaiah, director of the Home Improvement Staff.

Last week, the staff worked with residents of the Skyline Village, Fitch Street community.

"A lot of people think that a piece of furniture is no good because it may have a broken leg, broken springs or torn fabric, but we know the residents, how they can make their furniture just like new by rebuilding, or revarnishing

it," commented Isaiah.

The Home Improvement Staff consists of four ladies that go into the communities and show residents just how simple it is to beautify their homes by rebuilding their furniture. Mrs. Gwendolyn Lytle and Mrs. Mary Carter teach upholstery, and Mrs. Sally B. Hughes and Mrs. Isaiah teach refinishing.

Mrs. Ernestine Marshall is a resident of Skyline Village who has improved her home decor by remodeling several pieces of furniture.



Sandra Brown works on macrame project at Home Improvement Workshop.

"I've refinished a table, made curtains for my home, and am now rebuilding a chair; I've learned a lot; some things that I thought I'd never be able to do, I'm finding so easy," commented Marshall proudly.

Macrame was also a part of the home improvement project. Several residents, instructed by Doris Watkins, made tables, hanging baskets and other pieces of furniture to add to the home.

The Home Improvement Staff has done workshops in the Martin Luther King, Mock Street, Cleveland Avenue, and Belview neighborhoods. As a special service to senior citizens, the staff does workshops at the Experiment In Self Reliance office.

"The senior citizens are a joy to work with; they come

in thinking that their piece of furniture is hopeless; after they finish their projects, they are so proud of their work that it really gives you a good feeling," added Isaiah.

According to Isaiah, her staff stays very busy because a workshop can only consist of five residents at a time.

"We have to work with such a small number of people because most of the pro-

jects take a long time to complete; we want to give the residents our best, therefore, we can only handle around five students at a time," she added.

The next home improvement workshop will be held in the Mock Street Community on November 9.

"In order to handle the amount of residents that request teaching, we have to do more workshops," she explained.

DEWAR'S PROFILE

A thirst for living a taste for fine Scotch



DAVID HARDY

BORN: Plainfield, New Jersey, 1942.
HOME: West New York, New Jersey.
PROFESSION: Investigative/political reporter, *New York Daily News*.

RESPONSIBILITY: "To share reality with others, even though I'm mindful that reality is not always an inspiring spectacle."

STORY: "Be it a homicide, a zoning fight, a political scandal, or simply a tale of a compassionate Jersey City hot dog vendor, my job is sometimes thrilling, often onerous, occasionally perilous, but always interesting."

QUOTE: "Every human being should possess a sense of morality about society and accept personal responsibility for his or her role."

SCOTCH: Dewar's "White Label" "On the rocks with a splash, when relaxing with my chess computer."

David W. Hardy



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Mary Carter and Ernestine Marshall upholster a chair in last week's Home Improvement Workshop.

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and Bernice gave "Bert" still another dinner party! This time was strictly a "family affair." Guest munched on a fruit and cheese hors d'oeuvres tray, sipped chilled burgandy rose wine, while various members present played backgammon. The Miller family and friends enjoyed a dinner of Lasagna, Italian

garlic bread, and tossed salad with a choice of dressings. With the aforementioned meal there was a choice of tea or coffee.

The final activity was a banquet given by the Meridian Chapter of the Order of Eastern Star who gave a very nice affair at the Masonic Hall on 14th

There were songs, prayers, well wishes and many tributes. A beautiful ceramic 5 point "Eastern Star" plaque in dazzling white and colors was presented to Bert from her chapter with numerous good wishes and much appreciation for the many years of service. She promises to keep in

touch with all of her friends and associations.

After a month's activities from latter September until the last of October we say Bon Voyage to Alberta Glymph and if in some way we missed an activity - blame it on space for we can never express the width and depth of your various activities!

Mass Choir Honors Founders

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The Winston-Salem Community Mass Choir will sponsor an appreciation dinner and musical in honor of its president and founder, Mr. Raymond L. Couthen, Sr., on November 7. The first part of the program will be held at the Greenway Auditorium at 7:00 p.m. All groups and choirs under Couthen's direction will perform. Din-



Raymond L. Couthen, Sr.

ner will follow the concert at 7:30 p.m. at Houston's

Restaurant. Couthen, a native of Winston-Salem, attended the city public schools. After attending Winston-Salem State University as a music major, he studied at Roger Williams International School of Music. He is a member of the Gospel Music Workshop of America, of which the Reverend James Cleveland is president and founder. Couthen also serves as assistant minister of music

for the North Carolina Chapter of the Gospel Music Workshop.

A songwriter for B.M.I. Publishing Company of Nashville, Tennessee, Couthen serves as a trustee at Saint Steven's Baptist Church, where he is a member. He is also active in other musically inclined organizations.

The musical and dinner are expected to be very inspirational. The public is invited to attend.

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