

### A Sad Truth

Columnist Clifton Graves predicted not too long ago that unless something is done to prevent the conditions that bred a violent tragedy, it could and would be repeated. Unfortunately, he was right.

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### Peace Of Mind

Meditation is an effective form of relaxation — not a religious ritual, says columnist Evelyn Dunlap. And she offers some simple procedures on how you can unwind peacefully and quietly.

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### More Football

Barry Cooper previews the CIAA and Robert Eller makes his annual NFL predictions. Plus a final look at the Aggie-Ram rivalry and the importance of winning that game to Winston-Salem State's Bill Hayes.

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## Wilson-Covington Construction Co.

# Tenant Says Service To Blacks Improved After Smith's Allegations

By Ruthell Howard  
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although he still has some minor problems.

Bobby L. Grier is one of several Garden Court residents who filed complaints against the company with the Human Relations

A local black man who charging that the Wilson-Covington Construction

"I don't mind paying the rent as long as they fix the apartments up."

-- Bobby Grier

Resident, Garden Court Apartments

Co. discriminates in its housing practices says some

Department. Grier's statement followed allegations by Jerry Smith, former maintenance

man for the company who worked at the apartments on Highland Avenue, that Wilson-Covington discriminates against its black tenants.

Speaking at a January meeting of the Human Relations Commission, Smith said the company practiced different policies for its predominantly white and predominantly black apartment complexes.

Smith referred to Garden Court, which is located in East Winston, as an example of a predominantly black complex that wasn't

getting adequate service.

For him, Grier says, service was slow.

"They (Wilson-Covington) keep going up on your rent every year. You have maintenance work to be done and it takes a long time to get it done," he says. "I don't mind paying the rent as long as they fix the apartments up."

Grier says he has a broken water faucet that is being fixed, but he has a broken front door that he tried to get repaired a few months ago and still hasn't

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Discussing Haiku

Author Maya Angelou leads a discussion on haiku, a Japanese form of poetry, during the opening celebration of the new Winston Square and amphitheatre downtown at the Sawtooth Center for Visual Design. Ms. Angelou's workshop was one of several held Saturday which brought a taste of Japanese culture to Winston-Salem and addressed the center's theme of "Elements of the Earth" (photo by Santana).



Photo By Santana

Balquis Quddus



Karla Shipp



Duboise Reid



Willie Carter

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# Are Public Schools Doing Job?

By Ruthell Howard  
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With the decline in test scores and some studies that indicate difficulties among a number of college freshmen with basic academic skills, some Americans have begun to question the effectiveness of the nation's public schools.

The Chronicle polled citizens downtown recently to determine local confidence in the public school system by asking them if they feel youth receive a quality education in our public schools.

Balquis Quddus, mother of six: "No. I think they (teachers) need to teach them (black youth) more about their own culture,

and about their ancestors. I don't think there's enough being taught in schools."

John Jones, father of four: "I feel they (children) can get a quality education if they want one. Parents are not properly training

the children so the teachers can control them. So, the teachers really can't teach."

Forde Greene III, a student at Forsyth Technical Institute: "I think so. They (high school students) are learning exactly the things I'm learning in technical school and they have things like career centers where they teach them different

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# The Rev. Small And His Dream

By Ruthell Howard  
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When the Rev. Moses Small passed by an old ice house and envisioned it as a training school for drug addicts, alcoholics, and parolees, he says the vision must have been God-inspired.

So Small purchased the house from the Southern Coal and Ice Co. and is renovating it to establish The Home of Hope Training School.

"This is a \$200,000 project," Small says, "funded through faith. I get no support from the federal or state government. I've been operating on faith for 15 years."

Divine inspiration is what Small says made him Small get involved in the rehabilitation business. He stopped preaching and started counseling and housing parolees, alcoholics and drug addicts at The Home of Hope.

Now Small plans to help employ his clients through his new school, which will offer courses in shoe repair, cleaning and pressing, upholstery, cement pottery, carpentry and sewing.

And Small says once students have completed their courses, which will be taught by local professionals, the school will give them certificates and set them up in their own businesses.

"We will try to get them small business loans or finance them ourselves," Small says.

"If you are an alcoholic, a drug addict or a parolee, it's hard to get a job," he adds. "So we teach self-employment and we will put these people in business."

Small says another good aspect of his program is that if one person is operating a business and loses interest, another person trained in that particular field can take over the shop.

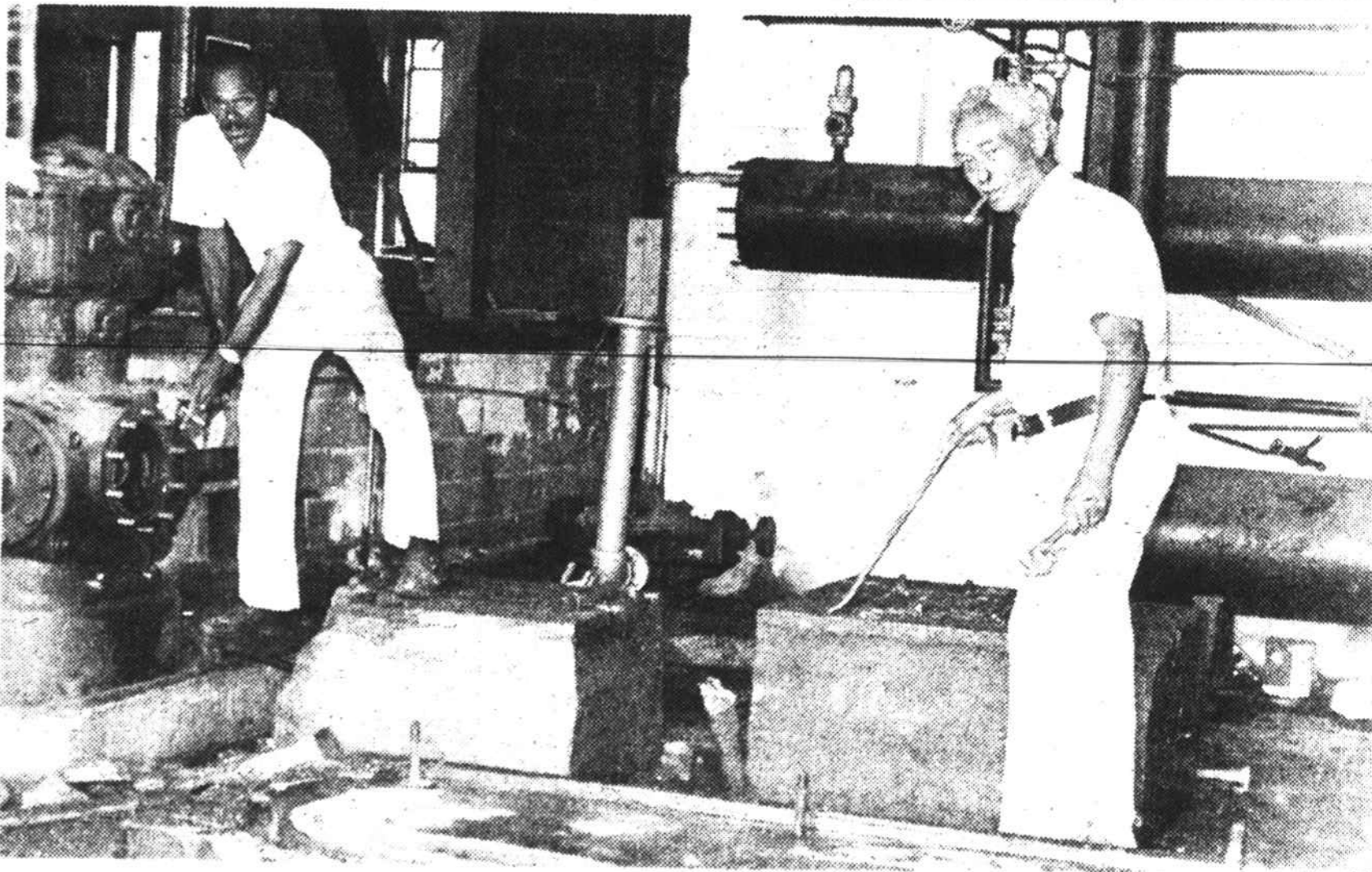
He is excited about the program because he says it will have a stabilizing effect on the person's life. "I can stop a person from using drugs," Small says. "The psychology I use works. But if that person can't find work he'll go right back to drugs and it just does something to you."

When Small walks through the old house, some parts still dilapidated, he sees his dream and hard work slowly coming to fruition.

He plans to operate workshops in the back part of the building, a sales room in the front, where items made by students will be sold to help support the school, an outside workshop room, where cement pottery will be taught and an addition to the building to offer shelter to those in the street while they wait for jobs.

"We will contact the parole board and they will give

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The Rev. Moses Small works with assistance to transform the old abandoned ice house into his dream, a career training school for alcoholics, drug addicts and parolees (photo by Santana).

# Avis Smith's Neighbor: 'That Girl Loved Her Daddy'

By Ruthell Howard  
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Avis Forrest Smith faces a probable-cause hearing today on charges of manslaughter.

Ms. Smith was arrested and charged for neglecting her father after he died Aug. 9, and an autopsy, requested by the Winston-Salem Police Department,

was performed.

Dr. Modesto Scharyj, who performed the autopsy, attributed Smith's death to several causes, including disease of the heart, brain, lungs and his undernourished condition.

Police officers came to Ms. Smith's home July 31, answering a reported stabbing at the home and found her father lying in his own waste.

Ms. Smith says her father often had bowel movements and she hadn't had the opportunity to clean him.

The officers later returned when Ms. Smith's father died.

Ms. Smith contends that she is not guilty of neglecting her father and says she had attempted to feed him but he couldn't eat.

She also says she is being treated unfairly by police officers and complains about their treatment of her during the ordeal.

"I don't get along too good with the police because when they come to your house they have a nasty attitude," she says.

One neighbor, Mrs. Veronica McGee, says she

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