

Way To Happiness Team Curbs Crime In Tuskegee, Alabama



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The eight articles included in this issue of SEARCH cover a wide range of concerns and research in art education: computer graphics, multi-cultural, art education and careers, museum education, curriculum approaches, and art and the older adult.

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Nominations Sought For Distinguished Women Awards

Nominations are currently being sought for 1986 Distinguished Women of North Carolina.

As many as five awards will be presented in the early spring, according to Helen Laughery of Rocky Mount, chair of the N.C. Council on the Status of Women, sponsor of the awards.

These awards recognize individual women who have reached outstanding levels of personal achievement or whose contributions have made an impact upon the lives of citizens in the state or nation," said Mrs. Laughery.

January 15 is the deadline for nominations.

Nominees must be living, native-born North Carolinians or current residents of the state. Their achievements may be in business, education, health, agriculture, government, sports, arts, humanities, volunteer service and other areas.

As many as five award recipients will be selected by a committee of citizens appointed by the chair of the N.C. Council on the Status of Women, which is an agency within the N.C. Department of Administration.

Governor James G. Martin presented the second Distinguished Women of North Carolina Awards in March, 1985, to Virginia B. Davis of Stoneville; Elizabeth Duncan Kowitz of Salisbury; Jane Smith Patterson of Raleigh; Barbara Gardner Proctor of Chicago, formerly of Black Mountain; and Florence I. Ryan of Asheville.

For information and nomination forms, contact the N.C. Council on the Status of Women, 526 N. Wilmington St., Raleigh, NC 27604, or call 919-733-2455.

D.G. Martin

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his church, Seigle Avenue Presbyterian. The church lost its minister of 13 years, the Rev. Bob Morgan, in August. The minister had been an important influence on Mr. Martin.

Another project Martin has been involved in is a public television show on current topics. He hosts the weekly program which is shot at Outlet Square every Monday at noon, and shown on Cablevision channel 3. Vision Cable and Lake-side Cable also air the program, which is produced on a volunteer basis.

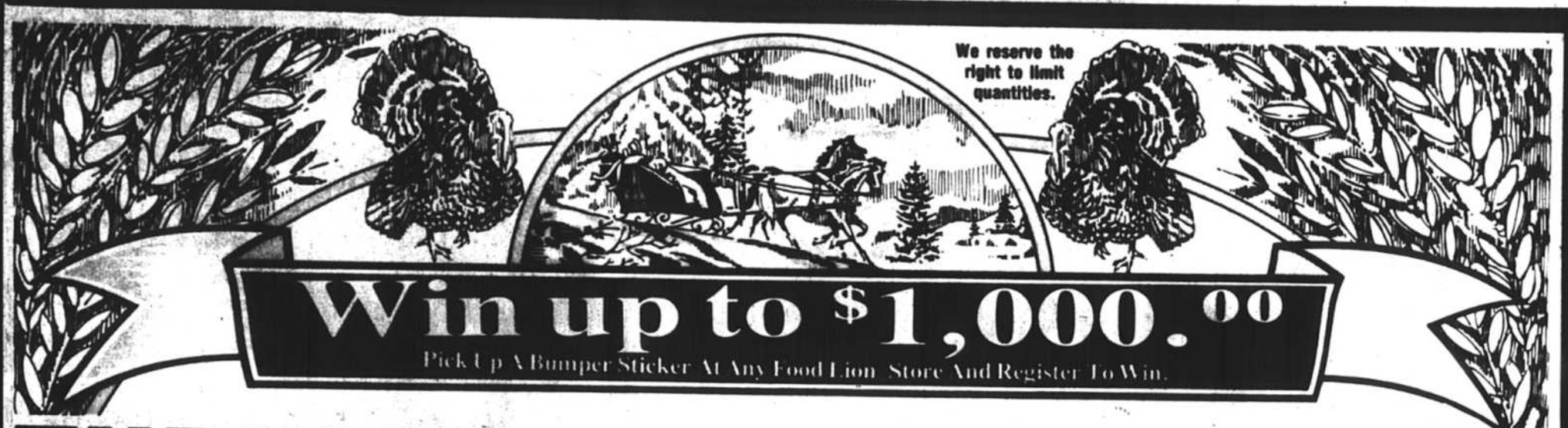
By Dick Coanda
Special To The Post
With cans, bottles and old papers littering doorways and noisy gambling going on all night in the street, residents of the Williams Streets Project - a housing unit for about 50 families in Tuskegee, Alabama, - felt uneasy. Their neighborhood was a high-crime area for vandalism and other misdemeanors in the city renowned as the home of George Washington Carver's breakthroughs in environmentalism.

Carver, who believed in wasting nothing, taught Southern farmers crop rotation and found more than 300 uses for the peanut. But this forward-looking scientist had been dead for decades and no one on Williams Street was taking responsibility for the sand - from one to three inches of it - that made their parking lot indistinguishable from the sidewalk.
Sometimes visitors even parked cars right next to doorways since they couldn't tell where the street

ended! Residents just shrugged, saying they paid \$3 monthly for grounds clean up and debris wasn't their problem. The sand - washed down from a nearby hill - belonged to no one, and the noisy gambling blared on despite their complaints to the police.
Seeking new ways to handle old problems, Mayor Johnny Ford invited members of the Way to Happiness Foundation, a charitable and educational group based in Los Angeles, to act as volunteers.

Mary Ferguson and Jerry Hines arrived with 35,000 copies of an easy-to-read booklet called, "The Way To Happiness." Ferguson describes it as a guide to safer, happier living based on common sense. Observing Williams Street as an area that seemed to need help, they handed out booklets from door to door until Dave and Carol Dafney invited them into their home.
A growing band of neighbors read and debated about "The Way to Happiness" and started applying

one of its principles, "Safeguard and improve your environment," to their area. Among the volunteers were Sandra Bentley and her son Dwayne, Willie Coleman, Pat Slaughter and even Willie Adams, who didn't let his age - somewhere in the 70s - stop him.
Feeling a bit conspicuous in colorful T-shirts saying "The Way to Happiness," the workers began to shovel sand off the street, pick up cans and bottles and dig the ground for grass and flowers.



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