

### Catching A Cold?



A COLD IS NO JOKE... CAN BE DOORWAY TO SERIOUS ILLNESS.  
 COLDS COST MONEY... \$2 BILLION A YEAR LOST IN ABSENTEEISM.  
 COLD CURES ARE LEGENDARY... BUT SCIENCE STILL HAVEN'T FOUND REAL ONE.  
 VIRUS CAUSING COLD HAS BEEN FOUND... 2 MILLIONTHS OF AN INCH IN DIAMETER.

In the centuries that man has been trying to find a cure for the common cold, his imagination has compounded many a weird prescription. In 1676, the British Journal "Physick and Astrology" suggested a remedy syrup made of garlic and brown sugar. Furgas, hot baths, cold baths, alcoholic beverages, snuff, quinine, sun lamps and even the wearing of red underwear have all been suggested to the despairing sniveler.

Many of these have looked good when first tried. The reason is the fact that a sizeable percentage of colds clear up within 24 hours without ever coming to full bloom.

Laboratory men are now spending large sums on research in the common cold because while the infection is usually minor, its economic cost is tremendous. At least 100 million workdays a year are lost through colds in the United States.

The virus that causes all the trouble has not been seen to this day, even under the electron microscope. Through a filtering technique, Dr. Christopher H. Andrews of England, the world's foremost cold expert, has measured its size: it is smaller than the influenza virus, but larger than the polio virus and has a diameter of about two millionths of an inch.

Most of what we know about the cold comes from the famous research project of Dr. Andrewes at Salisbury in England. The Salisbury researchers have found that colds are probably spread mainly

awarded a doctorate in economics by Harvard University. At one time he was assistant auditor for the defunct Binga State Bank of Chicago, and a professor of economics at several colleges.

He entered government service in 1940 as a senior economist with the wartime Office of Price Administration where one of his earliest assignments was to develop a monetary policy for the French government with respect to price control.

Dr. McGraw has also written extensively on long term bond and stock investments and on many aspects of housing. He holds memberships in the American Economics Association, American Association of Political and Social Science, National Housing Conference and a number of other professional organizations.

### Highway Patrol Warns Against Blind Driving

RALEIGH

"Our state may not officially sanction blind drivers, but during the winter we have plenty of 'Blind-Blindies' behind the wheels of cars!" Major D. T. Lambert, executive officer of the State Highway Patrol said this week.

Commenting on the winter-time-driving hazards program being conducted by the Motor Vehicle Department, the major said, "Winter driving is tough enough when visibility is good. When you can't see where you're driving, your chances of arriving safely are almost zero!"

Major Lambert defined "Blind-Blindies" as drivers who might as well be blind for all they can see out of their windshields.

"They're much too busy to take a few minutes to clear the ice and snow off their windshield," he said. "Instead, they drive down crowded streets, peering intently through small peepholes in their windshields, endangering everyone's lives-including their own."

Motor Vehicle Department records show that in North Carolina's 977 fatal traffic accidents last year 141 resulted when the driver's vision was obscured in one way or the other.

Major Lambert cautioned Tar Heel motorists to check the following points, which are of vital importance to visibility in winter driving:

1. Heater should be maintained in good condition to insure a steady flow of warm air. Warm air deters the formation of steam on the windows of the car.
2. Defroster should be in good working order. It should operate well enough to keep windshields free of snow and ice.
3. Windows should be kept free of outside accumulations of ice and snow. Clean windows before beginning to drive.
4. Headlights and taillights must be in perfect working order.
5. Foglights are recommend-

### PROFESSIONAL SKILL



Dorothy Mae Knighton attends Sammy LaRoe, 12, Goodrich, Texas at the Southwestern Respiratory and Rehabilitation Center. Houston. Miss Knighton is helping Sammy learn to use a portable respirator. He will later use a rocking bed and finally breathe without mechanical aids. Your March of Dimes contribution provides for 2,000 patients in respirators. Join the 1955 March of Dimes, Jan. 3-31.

### Ebony Magazine Says There Are More Than 400,000 Twins In The U. S.

CHICAGO, Ill.

There are more than 400,000 Negro twins in the United States and the number is still growing, states EBONY magazine in its February issue. EBONY points out that twinning among American Negroes occurs once in every 73 births, one of the highest rates in the world. The nation's average is only one set of twins out of 87 births, EBONY says. Why American Negroes have a twinning rate higher than American whites is not known and solution to the question fascinates biologists.

Dorothy and Gwendolyn Harris, 18 year old sophomore twins at North Carolina's Bennett College, delight in puzzling friends, teachers and dates.

Like most twins Dorothy and Gwendolyn come from a relatively large family. Geneticists hold that a woman has a better chance of giving birth to two-egg twins if she has previously given birth to triplets, quadruplets or twins, or if multiple birth run in her family. EBONY found a near champion in this department in Mrs. Viola Brown of Williamston, North Carolina, who at twenty-three has given birth to quintuplets, triplets, quadruplets, twins and a singleton boy. Only the triplets, twins and the single child survived.

Most authorities hold that the difference between the twinning rate of Negroes and whites is hereditary, EBONY says. The article also reveals that census figures indicate that the freed for maximum vision. They should be mounted as low as possible on the front of the car, and should have clear lenses.

6. An ice-scraper should be kept in the glove compartment of the car at all times for clearing ice and snow that the windshield wiper cannot remove.

bring to the attention of the Negro the vast field of investment opportunity afforded in the American industrial system, and thereby become larger participants in the benefits provided under it." "This declared purpose", McGhee said, "has been studiously pursued since the firm's establishment, and the results have been noteworthy."

Voicing a determined desire for greater advances by the Negro in the area of stock ownership in American industries, McGhee urged that the Negro get into the main stream of the economic life of America. "Let's start integration", he said, "on the economic front. Let's buy stock interest in existing American business establishments and seek membership on the boards of directors of these companies. Let's work towards a change of policy in the employment practices of these companies, and seek ways and means by which our children may expectantly and effectively obtain positions as department managers, division heads, and top level officials positions. Then, we will be on the way to complete equality of citizenship, social, economic, and political," he concluded.

NORTH CAROLINA DURHAM COUNTY NOTICE

Troy Trapps vs. Lula Belle Trapps

The above named defendant, Lula Belle Trapps, will take notice that an action entitled as above has been commenced in the Superior Court of Durham County, North Carolina, by the plaintiff to secure an absolute divorce from the defendant upon the ground that plaintiff and defendant have lived separate and apart for more than two years next preceding the bringing of this action; and the defendant will further take notice that she is required to appear at the office of the Clerk of the Superior Court of Durham County, in the courthouse

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in Durham, North Carolina, on or before 20 days after the 29th day of January, 1955, and answer or demur to the complaint in said action, or the plaintiff will apply to the Court for the relief demanded in said complaint.

This 28th day of December, 1954.

J. R. Stone  
 Asst. Clerk of The Superior Court, Durham County.  
 E. H. Gadsden, Attorney

NORTH CAROLINA DURHAM COUNTY NOTICE

Administration of Fred Carlton, deceased

The undersigned, having qualified as administrator of the estate of Fred Carlton, deceased, late of Durham County, this is to notify all persons having claim against said estate to present them to the undersigned on or before the 31st day of December, 1954, or this notice will be pleaded in bar of their recovery. All persons indebted to said estate will please make immediate payment.

Johnnie Coleman, Administrator.  
 C. J. Gates, Attorney

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### President Asked To Appoint Dr. McGraw To Home And Loan Board

President Eisenhower has been asked by the American Savings and Loan League to nominate Dr. Booker T. McGraw of Washington, D. C., an economist and housing official, to the Federal Home Loan Bank Board vacancy created through the resignation of William K. Divers. The appointment, subject to Senate confirmation, is for four years and carries a salary of \$15,000.

Dr. McGraw is at present deputy assistant to the Administrator of the Housing and Home Finance Agency, a post he has held since 1946. He has been identified with government housing activity for 13 years, more recently on the racial relations staff of Dr. Frank Horne and now with Joseph Ray.

The appointment to this bipartisan agency must go to a Democrat. The Board directs and supervises the affairs of the Federal Home Loan Bank System, the Federal Savings and Loan Insurance Corporation, and charters federal savings and loan associations.

The League represents over half of the Negro-owned and operated savings and loan associations in the country, and over 80 per cent, or \$13,000,000, of the aggregate assets of these institutions. William R. Hudgins of New York is its president.

In his letter to President Eisenhower, Mr. Hudgins noted that the nomination of Dr. McGraw would greatly strengthen the Administration's efforts to improve the housing opportunities of all American families. The letter adds: "Such membership could

serve to affect the entire approach of the Federal government to the financing of homes available to Negroes and other non-white families."

The League's letter laid stress on the role the Board can play in stimulating Negroes, through their individual savings and efforts, to deal more effectively with their own housing problem.

In another letter, Mr. Hudgins solicited the support of Housing Administrator Albert M. Cole, for the League's recommendation of Dr. McGraw. Mr. Hudgins asserted that the choice of Dr. McGraw would carry "the same quality of service to the American people which (the President) envisioned when he named Ernest J. Wilkins to be an Assistant Secretary for the Department of Labor."

Mr. Hudgins announced to newsmen that he has invited other national organizations representing Negro business enterprise to endorse the League's proposal.

Dr. McGraw is a graduate of Atlanta University, the University of Michigan, and was

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