



SUPERLATIVES at Winston-Salem State College Honored. Honored by the undergraduate Omegas for highest scholarship. Back to front, were Brenda Sutton of Kinston, elementary education; Mrs. Gloria Newton Hall of Winston-Salem, English; Jean Greenwood of Winston-Salem, Nursing; Mrs. Harriette Bailey Harris of Winston-Salem, Music; Harriette Halsey of Wilmington, Biology; and Walden Taborn of Roanoke, Virginia, Health and Physical Education. Arthur Gray of Atlantic City, New Jersey, History, was not present when the photo was made. These students were presented achievement awards at a public program during the fraternity's Achievement Week celebration.

Vets Questions and Answers

Editor's Note: Below are authoritative answers by the Veterans Administration to some of the many current questions from former servicemen and their families. Further information on Veterans benefits may be obtained at any VA office.

Q—A veteran friend of mine died, with a \$10,000 GI insurance policy in force. Will his widow have to accept the proceeds in monthly installments?
A—Lump sum payment can be made only if the insured had selected payment in one lump sum. Otherwise, the beneficiary must take monthly payments ranging from 36 to 240 months, or select one of two options providing for a life annuity, payable monthly.

Q—What is the best way to find out if I am still eligible for GI loan benefits for which I have never applied?
A—Apply to the VA regional office in your state for a Certificate of Eligibility for a

GI loan. That office will supply full information.

Q—Does the government bury all soldiers, including World War I, World War II, and Korean Conflict veterans?
A—Burial is available to deceased veterans of wartime or peacetime service whose last period of active service (other than for training) terminated honorably (Reservists who die on active duty for training also are eligible.) Burial, except in certain cases of individuals with reserve peacetime service alone, is also available to eligible veterans' wives, husbands, widow, widowers, minor children and under certain conditions, to unmarried adult children. Gravesite and actual interment, including opening, closing and marking the grave, is provided without charge. Application is made at time of death only to the superintendent of the national cemetery in which burial is desired.



NO MORE LUGGING WATER FROM THE WELL — For Mr. and Mrs. C. A. Kelley of Clay, Texas, lugging water from the old well (at bottom) is a thing of the past, since the Farmers Home Administration of the U.S. Department of Agriculture made their interracial, nonprofit water association a \$79,500 loan to establish a water system. At top, Mrs. Kelley is shown in her modern kitchen washing dishes. Five white and 67 Negro families in Clay benefit from the water system. Government financial assistance for establishing community systems and other purposes has more than doubled, as a result of recent legislation. Applications for loans may be made at county offices of the Farmers' Home Administration. —(USDA Photo)

MRS. SMALL'S CANDIDACY BACKED BY BERTIE COUNTY VOTERS GROUP

POWELLSVILLE — The candidacy of Mrs. Sarah E. Small of Williamston in the First District Congressional race was overwhelmingly endorsed at the December 4 meeting of the Bertie County Voters Movement. The BCVM, an independent and predominately Negro organization, was active in the voter registration campaign that added over 2100 new Negro registrants in Bertie County in October, prior to the road-bond issue election.

In announcing its support of Mrs. Small, the first Negro to run for Congress from North Carolina since the 19th century, the BCVM issued the following statement:

"The day is over when our votes could be bought with in-

LAST RITES HELD FOR PROMINENT BLUEFIELD, W. VIRGINIA MINISTER

BLUEFIELD, West Virginia — Funeral services for the Rev. John R. Washington, 61, pastor of John Stewart Methodist Church in Bluefield, was held Monday, Nov. 29, at the church.

The prominent civic leader and pastor died about 5 a.m. Friday, Nov. 26 at Bluefield Sanitarium.

The Rev. Mr. Washington had served as pastor of John Stewart Church for the past four years, and at the time of his death was president of the Ministerial Alliance. A minister since the age of 18, he was a former district superintendent of the district superintendent of the Chattanooga District of Methodist Churches in Tennessee.

He was husband of Mrs. Anpost in 1955, serving six years prior to coming to Bluefield.



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He also had been pastor of several others churches in Va. and Tenn.
 A native of Parkersburg, W. Continued on 2B



DE PAUR SINGERS AT A&T — Leonard de Paur, conductor of the de Paur Infantry Chorus, talks with A&T College students, Brenda Saddler of Greensboro, and Carolyn Jones of Moyock, during a recent concert appearance at the college. The singers were warmly received.

MORGANTON HI COACHING STAFF FIRST IN STATE TO BE INTEGRATED

MORGANTON — When the Morganton High School Wildcats Football Team started the 1965 season, history was made by making another "first" come true. For the first time in the history of the school, its coaching staff became integrated. W. Flemon McIntosh, Jr., for the past 16 years, football coach and athletic director at the neighboring Olive Hill High School, just three blocks away from Morganton High School, became a member of the Wildcats coaching staff.

McIntosh was moved over to Morganton High School when the Olive Hill High School was discontinued in a reorganization plan to comply with the



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Civil Rights Acts. He had a very impressive coaching record at Olive Hill, and was very active in the Northwestern Athletic Conference. He served as President of the conference for three years, and was Editor and Founder of the annual publication released yearly during the basketball tournament. The 1964 issue of the colorful publication was dedicated to the late President Kennedy, and was cited in the Congress of the United States during a session of the Senate. Two copies of it will be in the Kennedy Library.

After serving the season as line coach with Morganton High Wildcats, which ended the season with a 7-3 record and second place in the conference, McIntosh said that he did not feel as if he had a new job, in that he was working with the same fans and on the same home field.

In late summer it was announced that another tan coach was employed in nearby Grantie Falls High School. A. C. Gerald, former head coach of the Freedman High School in Lenoir, was appointed to serve as assistant coach at the Grantie Falls High School. A few days later, it was learned that Burke County School system had a tan coach. Walter Teddy Largent of Morganton, and former assistant coach to McIntosh, was assigned to line coaching duties at Oak Hill High School, located about five miles from Morganton. Largent, like McIntosh, is a graduate of Johnson C. Smith University, and Gerald is a graduate of NCC.

North Carolina Garden Time

By M. E. GARDNER
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There are many jobs that can be done in December. This month is also a good time to do some thinking and planning to avoid the spring rush.

Muscadine ("Scuppernong") grapes should be pruned this month. Pruning now will prevent bleeding as the wounds will have a chance to heal before growth starts in the spring.

Pruning is very important if you expect maximum yields from your vines. It should be done every year and not just occasionally, as is so frequently the case, especially on neglected vines trained on an overhead arbor.

See your county agent and ask him for our bulletin "Muscadine Grapes" or write me and I will have one sent to you.

Bunch grapes may also be pruned now in the Piedmont and Coastal Plains. I would wait until severe freezes are

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passed in the mountains. A new folder is also available on "Bunch Grapes."

Pull up and burn all old tomato and other plants in the vegetable garden. This will help control diseases which may be carried over to give you trouble in the spring. Plow the garden and leave it rough during the winter. Freezing and thawing will break up the soil particles and make it much easier to prepare a good seed bed in the spring.

Before you plow, have your soil tested and add phosphate and lime as needed. Broadcast these materials over the garden area and turn under. This is important because neither of these nutrients moves readily in the soil. By turning under, they are placed in the root zone where they may be readily absorbed by the growing plants.

Prune those apple and peach trees you have been neglecting and give them a thorough dormant spraying. For this I like lime sulphur, 12 gallons to 100 gallons of water. This spray gives a combined insecticide and fungicide and is still one of the best winter clean-up sprays. It is smelly but will do a good job if thoroughly applied.

If you have over-seeded your lawn with Italian ryegrass, keep it mowed rather close. Do not prune spring flowering shrubs now but other shrubs may be pruned, if needed. If large shade trees need attention, it is to employ competent help to do the job for you.

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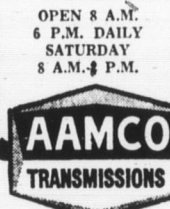
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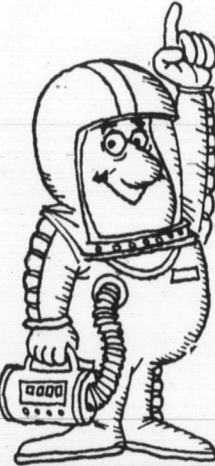
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