



**BOWLING DOWN SICKLE CELL . . .** Over two dozen sports stars were on hand to help Hank Aaron raise funds for sickle cell anemia research via his Celebrity Pro-Am Sports Bowl held in Atlanta on Nov. 14. Shown here before the proceedings got underway are (l to r): Billy Williams, The Sporting News Player of the Year representing the Chicago Cubs; slugger Hank Aaron of the Atlanta Braves; and Cy Young pitching award winners, Steve Carlton of the Philadelphia Phillies and Gaylord Perry of the Cleveland Indians. The event was held in cooperation with the AMF Bowling Products Group with proceeds allocated to the Sickle Cell Fund of Georgia, Meharry Medical School of Nashville and the Black Athletes Foundation.

## Watch For Pitfalls In 'Work At Home' Offers

RALEIGH--Have you seen an advertisement that reads "Work at home for huge profits; enormous part-time earnings."

At this time of year, with income tax time approaching, such work-at-home advertisements may be tempting, says Mrs. Justine Rozier, extension home management specialist, North Carolina State University.

But, she warns, all too often the only person who makes money is the promoter.

It may be hard to spot fraudulent advertising from honest requests. But most work-at-home schemes bear some of the same characteristics. They are advertised in the "Help Wanted" column, even if no employment is offered. They assure huge profits with no experience or training necessary.

The catch? It's the requirement that the respondent buy something before he can start making his "huge profits." Unfortunately, there is little the respondent can do to get his money back if the work-at-home opportunity does not meet his expectations. But a fraud can be stopped if victims file complaints with the Post Office Department, the Federal Trade Commission, or the state Attorney General.

Some home work frauds guarantee a market for their clients' efforts; if his product is "up to our high standards," it usually is not.

While no mention of buying appears in the initial work-at-home ad, the promoter often tries to sell kits, materials, instructions or equipment at very high prices. In other cases the respondent gets instructions on how to search for an at-

home job; not an offer for employment.

Other home work schemes ask the respondent to buy very expensive equipment, such as sewing or knitting machines, with the promise that the promoter will provide work enough to more than cover the cost. None is forthcoming.

The best way to avoid a fraud is to check with the Better Business Bureau, the local Merchants Association, or write the state Attorney General, before you invest any money, Mrs. Rozier believes. Legitimate firms and local companies that do need at-home workers, and there may be many, will be reported as such.

### THE GOAL: PREVENTION OF BIRTH DEFECTS

Every year in the United States, nearly a quarter of a million infants are victims of birth defects. Through programs of research, medical service and education, The National Foundation-March of Dimes is working toward the day when every newborn can look forward to a healthy start in life.

DR. RALPH W. GAUSE explains why prenatal care is particularly important to a woman expecting twins.



DR. VIRGINIA APGAR warns about the danger of birth defects if a pregnant woman has VD.



DR. Y. E. HSIA discusses the importance of early diagnosis and special diet to prevent retardation from PKU.



DR. ARTHUR J. SALISBURY talks about the growing significance of perinatology in reducing our nation's infant mortality.



DR. AUGUST L. JUNG directs an intensive care nursery for critically ill babies in the Rocky Mountain area.



### Joining In



PAULA PFEIFER, March of Dimes Poster Child, and her mother Georgia, of Tulsa, Okla., know the importance of supporting the fight against birth defects. Paula was born with open spine and club feet.

## Doctor's warning: "Serious Birth Defects Can Result When Expectant Mother Has VD"

by Virginia Apgar, M.D. Vice President for Medical Affairs The National Foundation-March of Dimes

When a woman has venereal disease during pregnancy, there is double jeopardy. She not only injures herself, she exposes her unborn child to a damaged future.

It is not enough to measure the tragic cost of untreated venereal disease to the person infected. If unchecked, VD has a cruel impact: it can cause severe damage, even death, to an unborn child.

Hospitals around the country are reporting an increased number of innocent VD victims, babies born with venereal infections which can cripple them for life.

Prevention of birth defects is the long-range goal of the March of Dimes, and treatment of congenital damage an immediate goal. Every year in the United States, about a quarter of a million infants are born with physical or mental defects that can deny them full, healthy development.

In the majority of cases, scientists have not yet discovered the causes of these tragedies.

### Grim Results

But the grim results of VD acquired at birth need not happen at all. Syphilis and gonorrhea, the two most common forms of venereal disease, can be cured quickly and easily if they are detected early and all infected people receive prompt medical treatment. Medical care in physicians' offices and at public health facilities is confidential and, in a number of states, it is no longer required to obtain permission of parents for the treatment of a minor.

Neglecting VD in the hope that "it will go away by itself" never works. The disease only



DR. VIRGINIA APGAR, vice president for medical affairs of The National Foundation-March of Dimes, discusses dangers of VD with two healthy young visitors. Untreated syphilis and gonorrhea not only pose severe health threats to adults, but an unborn child risks birth defects if a pregnant woman with VD does not have immediate treatment.

becomes more destructive. Untreated syphilis can damage the brain, bones, heart and liver. It can remain hidden for years, then without warning cause mental illness, heart disease, crippling disorders and death. Untreated gonorrhea can lead to sterility, heart damage and arthritis in the mother and can blind her child.

### Risks to Unborn

Researchers are working toward development of a vaccine against gonorrhea. As a first step, they are seeking a blood test for the disease. If the test is successful, it can greatly simplify the detection of gonorrhea in expectant mothers.

Until recently, it was believed that gonorrhea never struck an infant until delivery, when it passed through the birth canal and became infected. Now we know that the disease sometimes can reach the fetus before birth if the mother's membranes rupture well before delivery.

Congenital syphilis is an even graver threat to the unborn child. Last year the num-

ber of cases in the newborn rose 31 per cent over 1970. After about the 18th week of pregnancy, syphilis can cross the mother's placenta and harm the baby in a number of ways. At times it may cause death in the womb.

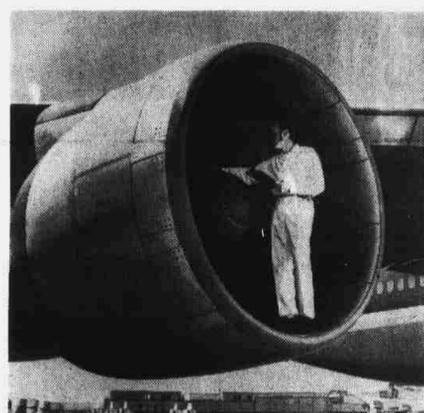
### Later Damage

If the infant survives, it may be born extremely small and look wizened or emaciated. Sometimes the skin is covered with sores. If bone damage has occurred, the baby can be crippled, or he may suffer from anemia, enlarged liver and spleen, pneumonia, meningitis, kidney disease, or a combination of these.

Frequently, congenital syphilis is not apparent at birth but creates serious problems later on. It can lead to deformities caused by bone damage, scarred skin, deafness, misshapen teeth, nerve damage, mental abnormalities and early death.

Many public health authorities urge repeated testings during pregnancy for both syphilis and gonorrhea because of the high incidence of reinfection.

## THE AIRPLANE AND THE ENVIRONMENT



NEW YORK, N.Y. (ED) — cleaner and quieter with every passing month. Grey skies may mean rainy weather, but they don't mean that a jet is polluting the sky.

Significant changes in engine design during the past fifteen years have resulted in a marked decrease in the smoke-and-noise producing capabilities of modern airplanes. According to the Air Transport Association, the engines powering the newest commercial planes (Boeing 747, DC-10, L-1011) burn less air in the combustion chamber than earlier equipment. This improved combustion efficiency means less smoke . . . and also, there are less invisible emissions to pollute the air.

The noise pollution problem (especially vexing to those who live near large airports) has also been reduced. The new engines have virtually eliminated the highly objectionable turbine whine by design changes in the front part of the engine. Also, the amount of noise is being curtailed by extensive soundproofing of both the engine and the housing into which it fits on the airplane.

Another innovation making the environment a cleaner, quieter place: the new wide-bodied planes.



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## Many Effects Possible With Antiquing Process

RALEIGH--Antiquing continues to be popular. That's probably because so many different effects can be achieved with the antiquing process, says Charlotte Womble, extension house furnishings specialist, North Carolina State University.

For a creative touch, a person can try his hand at sponging, flecking or distressing. It is helpful to study some professional antiquing to see results you should be striving for in quality and results, the specialist adds.

The sponging technique is what the name implies--a sponge pattern of color over the base coat. To do this, simply tear off a piece of natural sponge to get a rough surface, then apply the glaze of your choice by constant turning of the sponge.

The sponging method adds depth of color interest to the furniture surface.

Flecking allows the do-it-yourselfer to add flecks of color to the finish. Older pieces as well as new furniture are flecked with color, usually black, to provide an aged effect and depth of color.

Antique furniture the desired color and allow to dry. Then apply flecks.

This is another step beyond antiquing and is done with a semi-dry brush from which excess paint has been removed. Color literally is flecked onto the surface in a

fly-speck treatment. The secret is not to apply flecks uniformly. Always test against dry board to be sure flecks are minute and not large drops of paint. Distressing is used to give furniture a look of imperfection. For authentic antique furniture often has holes, scratches, and surface marks that give it individuality.

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