

William W. Covington Gets Special Award

May 30, William W. Covington received a special award from W. G. Pearson School at the Grammar Grade Award's Day Program in the school auditorium. He is a product of Pearson School and was an outstanding athlete at Whitted Junior High, Hillsdale High, and North Carolina Central University.

Nevia Garrett was Mistress of Ceremony, Leanzo Lynch gave a piano selection. The Kindergarten Classes danced.

The following awards were received by the students: The F. G. Burnett, A. M. Pearson, Citizenship, N. A. Cheek, W. L. Boykin, A. W. Payne, M. Teer, L. M. Norwood, B. S. Bailey, M. K. Baldwin, M. E. Bradford, T. R. Webber, R. Feiner, E. P. Eaton, M. W. Williams and the P. T. A. Attendance certificates were issued to those having perfect attendance for the year.

Approximately 110,000 students graduate from high school agriscience education programs each year, yet it is estimated more than half a million jobs must be filled in agriculture each year.



While the Army ROTC cadets at more than 200 colleges throughout the nation are eligible to learn to fly, free of charge. The Army pays the full cost of the flight instruction, which is given at private flight schools near the colleges.

The cadets who complete the course can qualify for private pilots' licenses.

PREGNANCY PLANNING AND HEALTH

by Mrs. Gloria Riggsbee

Dear Mrs. Riggsbee: Two months ago my husband and I had a beautiful daughter. This child was wanted. Within 5 days after delivery I had a gall bladder operation and before the operation I was in a lot of pain. Things still are not back to normal at our house. What I'm saying is I am not ready for another pregnancy although I do want another child someday. My husband and I have been married 3 years.

When we first married I didn't really care if I got pregnant, but we were careful because my husband wanted to wait until we were ready for a child. I took pills the first 6 months of marriage and then I used foam until 4 months before the pregnancy. I talked to my gynecologist and he said the pills and the I. U. D. were the most effective, and if I used foam I should have my husband use condoms because the foam is not a sufficient barrier. I do not want to take birth control pills and I'm afraid of an I. U. D. I really like the foam but I can't see using foam and condoms. Would we be safe using the foam alone?

This is an important question because I can't enjoy sex if I'm scared I'll get pregnant. Believe me, I've been through too much this past year to get pregnant this soon.

Mrs. K.

preparations just before sex and does not interfere with the pleasure of sex. I am sending you a booklet on the I. U. D. and I suggest that you and your husband talk about it and that you discuss the matter with your gynecologist.

Dear Gloria: I am 16 years old and want to know if I can go to the drugstore and buy birth control pills or do I have to get them from a doctor? Also, will they give them to someone my age?

Waiting

Dear Waiting: Birth control pills are sold only by the prescription, so you must first go to a doctor for a check-up and a prescription. In North Carolina unmarried women 18 and under may not receive prescription contraceptives without parental consent.

Address letters and requests for booklets on contraception to: Mrs. Gloria Riggsbee, 214 W. Cameron Avenue, Chapel Hill, North Carolina, 27514.

One self-propelled combine gives a farmer the equivalent of the labor of 300 men in the harvest field, according to New Holland farm machinery engineers.

A flock of 1,000 starlings will consume about 65 lbs. of feed in one day.



THEY ALL HAVE JOBS--Fayetteville State University Placement Director Milton Yarboro, (left) congratulates five 1973 FSU

sociology graduates recently selected by Westinghouse Learning Corporation to serve as counselors at their Job Corp Center in Edinburg, Indiana.

The graduates are (L-R) La Vern Sutton, Patricia Lewis, Al Ragland, Edwin Butler, and Frank Bohannon. PHOTO BY John B. Henderson

Colleges Ordered to Submit Racial Plans by Mon.

WASHINGTON — (NBNS)—Ten states have been ordered by HEW to submit desegregation plans for their public college by June 11, or face possible cutoffs in federal funds.

The order, given by the Office of Civil Rights in HEW, results from a February 16 court order by District Judge John H. Pratt. He ruled that the department had failed to require complete desegregation of some 200 Southern school systems and public colleges.

HEW has the power to begin proceedings to cut off funds in states which do not comply. However, Peter Holmes, director of the Office of Civil Rights, remarked "there is no

immediate prospect of loss of federal funds. Our objective is to secure voluntary compliance by negotiations and persuasion".

Further court action on Pratt's decision is expected. The U. S. Court of Appeals in April refused to grant the government a delay in requiring school and college desegregation. But the court is expected to announce its review of Pratt's decision that the government had failed to fully enforce Title VI of the Civil Rights Act.

In May, the presidents of the 110 predominately black colleges also filed a brief, opposing the Pratt decision as it related to the colleges.

They argued that because compulsory attendance laws do not apply to colleges, and because black colleges have never discriminated against white students or faculty. They should not be treated like public elementary and secondary school systems that have practical racial discrimination.

Instead, they suggested that

desegregation be accomplished by student exchanges, sharing of facilities, and other steps short of outright student assignments. The ten states that have been ordered to submit the plans are Virginia, Maryland, Florida, Arkansas, Louisiana, Mississippi, Pennsylvania, Georgia, Oklahoma and Missouri.

Dunbar High of Little Rock, Ark. Hold Reunion of Classes 1930-56

The Detroit Chapter of the National Dunbar High School Alumni of Little Rock, Arkansas, is sponsoring a reunion of all the graduation classes to be held in Detroit, Michigan, August 2-5, 1973. The site of this gala occasion will be the Howard Johnson Motor Lodge at West Grand Boulevard and Third Ave.

This extravaganza is given in honor and tribute to the school (Dunbar High) that was closed by the governor of Arkansas during the fight for integration.

Dunbar High has to its credit more than 15,000 graduates over the years and we are expecting all of these, worldwide, to gather in Detroit for this event August 2-5, 1973. We are very proud of our school and we will be very proud to see you, its graduates, here with us.

Don Walters is Chairman of the Detroit Chapter of Dunbar High School Alumni, and Ronnie E. Robinson is Publication Chairman. For further information about this coming event, write or contact: Ronnie E. Robinson, 2800 Calvert, Detroit, Michigan 48206, or call 1-313-867-0888.

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"There is no harm in getting 'expert' advice. But don't take it."

This ironic statement, made by Dr. Rudolf Kompfner (pictured on the left), recalls the beginning of an event that led to his receiving the Medal of Honor from the Institute of Electrical and Electronics Engineers (IEEE). Presenting the Award is Harold Chestnut, President of IEEE.

The Institute, the world's largest technical society, cited Dr. Kompfner for his invention of the traveling wave tube. The tube is used as an amplifier in communications satellites because of its very long life, high reliability, high efficiency and its ability to withstand the conditions of launching into the atmosphere. It is also used in microwave relay systems for transmitting television and telephone circuits over long distances. NASA has used the traveling wave tube in its spacecraft guidance systems. Without Dr. Kompfner's perseverance to continue with his idea despite many failures, the development of these types of communications techniques may have been seriously hampered.

The idea came to Dr. Kompfner during World War II. He was working at the University of Birmingham (England) trying to develop a new amplifier for a radar system. Despite being told by an "expert" at the University that his idea would not work, Dr. Kompfner tried it anyway. The "expert" was wrong.

Encouraged by his success, Dr. Kompfner continued his calculations at home during his spare time and his experiments in the laboratory. He did his own glass blowing and soldering, used the lathe and the milling machine, sealing wax, etc. "Not that I was very good at it," Dr. Kompfner noted, "but I could do this kind of thing in a pinch."

Many tests and failures were experienced until one day, the power supply faltered and produced a low voltage. Surprisingly, the tube worked! Because of a mathematical error, he had been using too high a voltage. The accidental drop in voltage allowed the tube to function.

In 1951, Dr. Kompfner came to the United States to work for Bell Laboratories. He is still employed there, currently holding the position of Associate Executive Director, Research Communications Sciences Division.

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