Charges Doctors Are Sterilizing Women Without Their Consent

sterilizing women from way up and the birthrate is way school at Wayne State in low-income backgrounds who down,' come in to have babies, The Progressive magazine charged.

the Poor," author Claudia Dreifus reported that many did see instances of women in two or three children. In those doctors who had worked, or were still employed, in major wanted to be sterilized). I didn't when they were in labor, if medical centers in Chicago, New see any prejudice against they wanted tubal ligations. Francisco and Houston, told her the ward patients weren't given girls and most of them had a basis of misinformation supplied to them by their physicians.

study grant from the Fund for Investigative Journalism, the belt.' author said she found women sterilization or who were told that it would be a simple matter operation in the future, if they so desired. Other women said they had been drugged before authorizing tubal ligation.

Despite Federal guidelines formerly at New York's Bellevue problem," Hospital told author Dreifus "There was a large Puerto Rican population and I think a lot of women didn't know the full consequences of what was patient population was 80 per procedure so that patients can happening to them. There was a cent Black, 15 per cent Chicano learn that the operation is language problem. Many of the and five per cent what you'd call permanent and that there are women thought their tubes poor white trash. There wasn't other birth control choices. could be untied,"

told it was permanent. If there woman came in with two Hospital, told author Dreifus attitudes of the doctors didn't. her chart wasn't available.

Miss Stephens, 402 Powe St.

the business session which

followed. During this session

committee reports were heard;

Baptist Church and presenting a

The 'Garden Gate' was

Garden Club met at the home of Mrs. Gertrude McBroom.

discussions were made on buying Garden Clubs at Northgate

shrubbery for West Durham Shopping Center.

hospitals around the country are patients into tubals. Tubals are recently completed medical

medical school rounds at inner city. We had a lot of In an article titled "Sterilizing UCLA-Cedars of Lebanon young girls come in ,,, thirteen Hospital in Los Angeles, said: "I and sixteen and they'd have labor being asked (if they cases, we'd ask 'em, often York, Los Angeles, San Mexicans or blacks per se, but There were so many young that they knew of cases where as much information on low mentality. We'd tell them women had been sterilized sterilization as the private about birth control and they without their consent or on the patients. Often an intern would wouldn't take it. It would get say, 'I want to do a tubal.' That some of the residents really was a big influence in prompting mad," In an article prepared with a them to do it - they wanted to He continued, "With sixteen get another tubal under their year olds, you needed the

who had been coerced into from the University of Chicago, parents weren't in labor. Some signing forms authorizing where the patient population is of the parents said, No.! They primarily black, said, "No one liked having the babies around. ever said to a woman, 'We don't Sterilization was offered to to reverse a sterilization trust you with taking the pill, it women in labor no matter would be presented very what their age. Those over 18 POSITIVELY. 'This is the best you didn't need the parents's thing for you. This will be the permission...' being asked to sign papers easiest thing for us.' Mostly, Author Dreifus pointed out we'd approach women with large that Federal guidelines against families and we'd tell them this coercive sterilization enacted last year against coercive was the best solution. We would specifically ban sterilizations sterilization, a pediatric intern explain the world population on women under 21 years of

Another intern, formerly at wanted to practice doing a operation exists, it is only UCSF-San Francisco General la paroscopic (tubal ligation), successful in 10 to 20 per cent Hospital, said of the operation: he'd push it, sure. There was a of all cases. "It was always explained - IF basic social pressure that three An intern formerly at a St. the patient asked, yes, she'd be children were enough. If a Louis medical facility, Barnes was a big rush, the staff children and wanted a tubal, we of practices there, 'Whether or wouldn't bother. There was would try to talk her out of it, not a patient was approached concern by some of the student But if a woman came in with positively about sterilization that minority groups were five children, we'd sell the depended on the doctor's own getting pushed, so the hospital operation - sure. Women were approach. A woman on welfare became very careful. They're approached in clinic and with a large family was more slick now. Although official sometimes during labor, sure, likely to be approached earlier policy was changed, the We'd ask a woman in labor, if than a woman not on welfare.

West Durham Blossom Club Meets

Doctors in a number of major They became slicker at talking One intern who had Detroit, said, "Most of our An intern who had done his patient population was black,

> parents' permission. That A former medical student usually wasn't hard to get. The

age and prohibit operations on One doctor who said he had women less than 72 hours been trained at Jefferson Davis afther they have signed consent Hospital of Baylor Medical forms. The guidelines also School in Houston, said, 'Our require a careful counseling any racism there. No more than Though a costly operation for here (Los Angeles). If a resident reversal of a tubal ligation

No one was pushed, though."



MAN AT WORK - ST. LOUIS - Transportation Secretary William Coleman, Jr. might be described as the kind of executive who takes care of things personally. He presides January 13th at a St. Louis hearing about a new airport for the metropolitan area. Some at the hearing argued that the airport should be built at Waterloo, III. rather than just expanding facilities at Lambert Field. The argument about building anew or expansion of the present facility has "occupied' Missouri and Illinois residents for years. Coleman set up the hearing so he could listen to all

Healthco Providing Health Care For Warren, Vance

the Soul City Foundation in quality health treatment. June of 1972 for the purpose of developing health facilities for Health, Education, and Welfare communities.

VanHook and Cornetta Williams. 75% of the two county county service population is within a 15 Mrs. Gunn thanked the mile range. The fees at HealthCo hostesses for an enjoyable are charged according to the evening. The February meeting patients ability to pay. The will be held at the home of Mrs. center provides relief to who cannot afford to travel 50 to 70 miles one way to the Research Triangle for medical on January 14, in Atlanta to

patient ratio is 7,500 people to Over 5,000 signatures have been one full time physician, the gathered on petitions circulated again. Mesdames Addie Barbee, As a result of its establishment, enourmous amount of support been added to the county communities it serves.

HealthCo is the Vance-Warren medical staff. The Center also Health center, charged with the has Registered Nurses, Physicians responsibility of providing Assistants, Primary Care quality health care services to Technicians, and a full time the residents of Warren and Dentist, Operating from a Vance Counties. The United cramped temporary facility, States Office of Economic HealthCo still manages to Opportunity awarded a grant to administer to its patients high Recently, the department of

Soul City and neighboring expressed dissatisfaction with the health facility. Executive Since its inception, Director, Robert O Kelley and January 20, Tuesday night, very interesting report on a delicious meal was served to HealthCo's growth has been Chairman of the Board, Dr. J. P. the West Durham Blossom 'Hanging Baskets' was led by the following: Mesdames steady and progressive. Patient Green responded to the charges Margaret Allen, Mary Allison, encounters have increased from in a letter to the Regional Health Margaret Fuller, Gertrude 168 per month to 1,029 per Administrator, Dr. G. A. Reich. Mrs. Gibson thanked the Gibson, Daisy Gunn, Mary month and in some cases have Kelley and Dr. Green stated in The 'Garden Gate' was members who won five blue Horton, Mary Love, Gertrude exceeded the 1,100 mark. It their letter: "The Health care opened by the first ribbons for their entrees at the vice-president, Mrs. Gertrude vice-president, Mrs. Gertrude Christmas clinic sponsored by Georgia Taylor, Gladys and is centrally located so that are at HealthCo because they have a commitment to this community. We sincerely hope that you will join and share this commitment by reversing your position and assuring that this hundreds of low income families community receives adequate

Kelly met with HEW officials determine what course of action To a county whose doctor will be taken on the matter.

Grove Free Will Baptist Church Richmond, Virginia. The Rev. R. L. Fuller and his on Sunday, Feb. 8. The Church was founded in 1924 by the late choir and congregation from Rev. and Mrs. W. F. Cox. The Hatchett Grove Baptist Church, speaker for the morning worship Morrisville, will be the guests in

Black America

was unemployed.

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four black workers in the nation

Annual Founders' Day and did further study at Union

will be Dr. Joseph Bethea, the concluding portion of the Director of Black Church Founders' Day celebration. Studies at the Duke Divinity During this service, members School. Dr. Bethea, a native of who paid \$50 during the 50th Dillon, S. C., received his B. A. Anniversary celebration will degree from Claflin College of receive special honors. Orangeburg, S. C.; Master of

Oak Grove Founders' Day to Be Noted

The pastor, Rev. Z. D. Harris, Divinity and Doctor of Divinity and members invite everyone to from Gammon Theological come and share in both of these Seminary of Atlanta, Georgia; services.

employment.

· The outbreaks of racial - Gains in homeownership violence in Boston - "long registered by blacks during the regarded, if incorrectly as the 1960's (from 38 per cent to 42 fountainhead of liberalism in per cent of black households) this country - served notice that have been eliminated by the racism has no geographical limits recession that continued into and continues to exist in the American body politic.' - The Administration's

Concluding the review of the Benign Neglect" policy toward year, Jordan said:

social welfare programs "All across the board black continued during 1975. Its people lost out in 1975. We approach toward social service believe that the social fabric of programs was consistently our nation is too tenuous to restricted as demonstrated by withstand continuation of the the use of the Presidential Veto policies that brought us to the brink of survival in the last twelve - In 1975 Congress was survival in the last twelve unable to enact any substanial months. We believe in a 'new

Services will be held at the Oak Theological Seminary in

legislation pertaining to realism' that brings solutions to socio-economic programs or our country's problems, rather policies that would foster full than one that worsens those problems."



North Carolina Central University



Sunday, Feb. 8, 5:30





Georgia Taylor on Erie Street. plant to a local rest home. A Preceding the business session Mrs. Jones Hosts Ebenezer Floral Club

for those who decorated a tree

for sale at an outreach program

of Mrs. Lillie M. Jones, at 4 p.m. various committees. Mrs. Lillie McIntyre opened the Mrs. Dorothy VanHook and the president, Mrs. Addie Barbee read the poem, 'I'd Rather See A Sermon."

Mrs. Odell Keith made the

The Floral Club of Ebenezer after the President made remarks shut-infor some time Mrs. Jones Baptist Church met at the home concerning the duties of the thanked the club for The Valentine Party will be Nannie Hamilton and Miss Lillie two full time physicians have the clinic has received from the devotions with a song, prayer by held Feb. 14 at 6 p.m. in the M. Upchurch served a lovely Assembly Room, Each member repast, assisted by Mrs. Beulah of the club will invite 10 people Morgan. Others present were:

Plans for the annual presentation of the offering to Louise Smith, Martha Stanley

remembering her and to come existence of HealthCo is crucial. by HealthCo, indicating the Louise Dalrymple, Lonnie Jones, Marina Fischer, Ruth Flowers,

Etta Moten To Appear At Central

Etta Moten, who was a friend of the writers of the Harlem Renaissance and a singing star of stage and screen during the Golden Age of the American Carolina Central University's Alfonso Elder Student Union Tuesday and Wednesday. Miss Moten, who is the

widow of the pioneer Black BICENTENNIAL BYPATHS OUR COUNTRY 700 THAT AGO.

spoke on African American appeared in such movies as "The folklore and music.

musical, lectured at North sung on four continents, and in Chicago.

She was Bess in "Porgy and Union as part of its observance Bess" for three years on of Afro-American History Broadway, where she also Month

newspaperman Claude Barnett, performed in dramtic roles. She

Gold Diggers of 1933" and "The Miss Moten is a graduate of Carioca." She produced her own the University of Kansas, has radio show, "Etta Moten Sings,"

starred on Broadway and in The lectures were sponsored Hollywood. The Alfonso Elder Student

from HISTORY'S SCRAPBOOK DATES AND EVENTS FROM YESTERYEARS

February 6, 1964-Fidel Castro orders the U.S. Naval Base at Valentine Party were discussed Mrs. Jones who has been and Thomas VanHook, visitor. Guantanamo Bay's water cut off. The Cuban leader's action is a reprisal for the seizure earlier in the week of four cuban fishing vessels off the coast of Florida.

> February 7, 1948-General Dwight D. Eisenhower resigns as army chief of staff. He is succeeded by General Omar Bradley. February 8, 1949-An Air Force jet bomber flies across the United States in 3 hours, 46 minutes, the fastest transcontinental flight to

February 9, 1773-Birthday of William Henry Harrison, destined to become the ninth President of the United States. February 10, 1962-Francis Gary Powers, held by Russia as an

American spy, is released in exchange for Soviet spy Rudolf Abel. February 11, 1961-Robert C. Weaver is sworn in as administrator of the U.S. Housing and Home Finance Agency-the highest federal post held by a Negro to date. February 12, 1870-All women in the territory of Utah are granted

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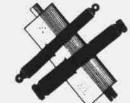
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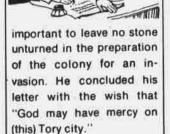




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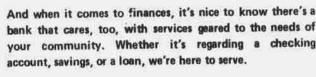
ter to his native province in



Changing Locations Many people tell many other people to speak their minds. Trouble is, when you speak your mind you usually end up with a short address. And the word from Hollywood lately is that there really is no business like show



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