

Durham Notes Of Interest

By Mrs. Symnor Daye 477-3370

Mrs. Annie Mae Fuller has returned home after spending several days with her daughter and son-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Alphonzo Claiborne in Richmond, Virginia.

The Pastor's Aid of Red Mountain Baptist Church, Rougemont, held its monthly meeting at the home of Mr. and Mrs. John Folks, Rougemont, Saturday, February 7. Mrs. Nola Folks, president, presided. Those present were: Mesdames Burl Riley, Virginia Kenion, Emma Bullock, Cora Allen, Creola Parker and Symner Daye. Mrs. Folks, the hostess, was thanked by Mrs. Daye for her generous hospitality.

Happy birthday to Mrs. Goldie Brown.

The PAC held its monthly meeting Wednesday afternoon, February 4, in the Whitted School building.

The continuation of the training session was given by Mrs. Gail McRae, the planner. Staff present were Mrs. Tessie Jones, Mrs. Jeanette Smith, Lonnie Wilson and Clem Baines.

Miss Acquilla Parker has returned to Greensboro after spending some time with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Wilbur Parker. Friends and relatives are sorry to hear of Miss Cheryl Parker's accident in Greensboro during the inclement weather.

Youth Day was observed at First Calvary Baptist Church, corner Kent St. and Morehead Ave., on Sunday, Feb. 8. Mrs. Blonnie Thompson, the pastor's wife,

Black Institutions Schedule Conference To Aid Communities

presided. Rev. Alfred Harvey, pastor of White Rock Baptist Church, Winston-Salem, was the guest speaker. Other participants were Carl Merritt, Jr., Mrs. Maggie Jacobs, Mrs. Josephine W. Hayes, Mrs. Bernice G. Snipes, Miss Kiconia, Ms. Brenda Lyde and Mrs. Hortense M. Jones. The Tots and Junior Choir rendered music.

Pray for the sick and shut-in: Mmes. Mary Holeman, Luella Hoskin King, Mayola Holman, Augusta Jones Daye, Delores Daye Organ, Rosa Johnson, Mattie Cannady, Alene Mebane, Mattie Walker, S. Green, Ruth Satterwhite, Annie Myers, Hattie Parrish, Maud Lucas, Pearl Foskey, Luvenia Lockhart Shaw, Lucille Turrentine, Charlene Eachin;

Messrs. Joe Coley, C.B. Nixon, Floyd Lawson, Larry Turrentine, Rev. E.J. Johnson, Broadie Daye, Lucious Glenn, W.A. Harris, Ulysses Singleton, Burnice Allen, Joseph Wade, William Carrington, Robert Holeman.

Sincere sympathy to the families of Daryl Lindsay, Al B. Calhoun, Mrs. Eunice Meadows, William H. Crump, Charlie Estes, and the Spence and Atwater families.

Hampton Alumni Association To Hold Sunday Meeting

The Durham Chapter of the National Hampton Alumni Association will hold its monthly meeting on Sunday, February 15, at 4 p.m., at the home of the F.V. Allison, 1315 McLaurin Street. All Hampton alumni are invited to attend.

GREENSBORO—Representatives from the nation's 17 land-grant institutions along with community leaders from sixteen southern states will convene in Houston, Texas, February 19-21 to discuss strategy to promote development in rural communities.

According to recent studies by the Southern Regional Council, economic gains of blacks and other minorities living in rural communities in the South and Southwest in recent decades have not kept pace with progress made by non-blacks in those same communities.

Dr. Daniel Godfrey, Administrator of the Agricultural Extension Program at N.C. A&T State University, is a member of the Rural Development Conference planning committee. According to Dr. Godfrey, the committee has set up a platform to examine and discuss some of the major problems confronting rural dwellers such as the effect of industrial development on rural black employment, the ramifications of the loss of black land ownership, the effects of urban orientation, and the role of black land-grant institutions and other public and private organizations in the economic development of rural communities.

Conference workshop presenters will include State Home Economics Agent Minnie M. Brown of the N. C. Agricultural Extension Service and Joe Brooks, President of the Emergency Land fund of Atlanta, Georgia.

Democratic Congressman Mickey Leland of Texas will be the conference speaker.

Conference activities are open to the general public. Interested persons may contact the Agricultural Extension Program of N.C. A&T State University for registration information.

The conference is funded in part by the Science and Education Administration of the Department of Agriculture.

Dear Consumer

Patient Package Inserts: Consumer Education At Work

By Esther Peterson

An educated consumer can help eliminate the unnecessary pain, suffering, and medical costs associated with the improper use of a drug.

That statement is pretty obvious, isn't it? Well, studies have shown that approximately one-third to one-half of all drug users are not taking their drugs correctly. When they fail to do so, the prescribed drug might not do what it is intended to do; may cause a serious adverse reaction; or may have drastic consequences if taken in combination with another medication or substance, or by certain population groups such as pregnant women. Although both doctors and pharmacists have an opportunity to tell patients about a prescribed drug, studies show that the patients frequently do not receive such information. In a 1975 national telephone survey of patients, 48 percent of the respondents reported that their doctors did not talk to them about their recent prescription, and 88 percent said their pharmacists did not talk to them about it.

This apparent lack of communication is partly the patient's fault. Let's face it: many patients are in awe of doctors and pharmacists and are concerned about wasting the health professionals' time with "silly questions." But even when a patient does try to ask the doctor about a medical problem, the information received may be inadequate to assure informed decisionmaking about the proper use of a prescribed drug. For example, in a recent medical column in a well-known newspaper, a person wrote to the doctor/columnist asking about the side effects from taking a common ulcer drug. Her own doctor simply told her that there were "some side effects" but that they were very rare, and even so, he said the drug was good for her. I have long believed that drug

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