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Ms. Hazel Scott and Ms. Doris Graham administer sickle cell anemia test to Marcia Piggot during Health Education Week recently at Northside Shopping Center.

Coordinator Warns Blacks

Dreaded Sickle Cell Disease Is Fatal

By Gwen Dixon
Staff Reporter

"Many blacks do not realize the need to visit a sickle cell anemia clinic to find out if maybe they carry the sickle cell trait," Hazel Scott said. Hazel Scott is the coordinator of the Sickle Cell Clinic at Reynolds Hospital. She said

the danger is when two people marry and both carry the sickle cell trait, then, one out of four children is likely to be born with sickle cell anemia. "Moreover, a person should be cognizant of the trait before they undergo surgery," Scott warned, "because the surgeon's knife cuts off oxygen and the doctor should know in

order to take the necessary precautions.

Sickle cell anemia is an hereditary disease that is passed on through the genes. The red blood cells are shaped like a farmer's sickle. The sickle-shaped cells can not float through the body easily, therefore they cannot carry oxygen to all the different body organs. As a result, body organs such as the brain, kidneys, lungs, liver and spleen deteriorate because they don't get the oxygen they require. According to Scott sickle cell has a higher rate of occurrence than any other hereditary blood disease.

There is no cure for sickle cell. A child born with the disease will suffer and the family's finances will be difficult to maintain. Persons with the trait live a normal life, but the disease is fatal. Some people live beyond the expected time, nevertheless, it causes a lot of suffering.

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Support Shown For Lampkins

Demonstrators Protest Death Penalty

by Robert Eller
Staff Reporter

Monday (April 28) more than 40 people staged an orderly demonstration outside the Forsyth County Courthouse. The demonstration was led by Larry D. Little, a Black Panther leader here.

The demonstration was in support of Reginald Lampkins, an 18 year-old black youth, who was sentenced to death in January 1974 after being convicted of rape in Forsyth Superior Court.

The North Carolina Supreme Court upheld Lampkins' conviction on March 12 of this year by a 4-3 margin.

Lampkins' attorney, Mrs. A.B. Kennedy, is seeking a new trial. The hearing on a new trial was postponed until later this week.

Mrs. Kennedy reportedly asked for the postponement after she learned that her client would not be present at the hearing. It was indicated that she had expected Lampkins to be brought here by 11 a.m. Monday. Later that afternoon after Mrs. Kennedy and her witnesses had been waiting outside of the courtroom for about two hours word that Lampkins would not be present came. Mrs. Kennedy later learned that the

order to transport Lampkins from death row in Central Prison in Raleigh to court had not been signed until Monday morning. Lampkins reportedly could not leave the prison until orders were received in Raleigh in writing since he was being held for a capital offense. Mrs. Kennedy then met with Judge Hal Hammer Walker in chambers at 3:30. She asked that the hearing be

rescheduled for a time when Lampkins could be present. It was learned that Walker said Lampkins need not be present at the hearing since he was not testifying at the hearing. Walker according to reports did postpone the hearing and asked that Mrs. Kennedy submit affidavits from her witnesses.

The demonstrators assembled before noon carrying

signs. They returned to the courthouse at 2pm. They left at about 4pm after learning of the postponement.

Mrs. Lee Faye Mack said the purpose of the demonstration was to make the community aware of the case.

Larry Little added that many people feel strongly about the Lampkins case.

Women's Group Observes National Secretaries' Day

'Putting it all together' was the theme of the national Secretaries' Day held recently at WSSU. Members of the Professional Business Women League (PBWL), of North Carolina sponsored a luncheon to honor the university's secretaries. Valeria Blue, Cassandra Douglas, and Evelyn Rice were honored as Secretaries of the Year. The secretaries were given a bouquet of Roses and surprise kisses.

President of the League, Bennie J. Dillard said this is the third year the university

has observed the National Secretary Day. An estimate of 90 persons attended the luncheon.

The program was enhanced with a musical selection "I Believe" sung by Saphronia Dunlap. The guest speaker at the luncheon was Dr. Marlene Simpson who centered her remarks around courtesy.

In her talk she elaborated on the generosity of spirit, politeness, kindness and intelligence. She concluded her talk with the golden rule 'Do unto others as you would have them do unto the ones you love'.



Winston-Salem State University salutes Secretaries of the Year. L-R Cassandra Douglas, Valeria Blue and Evelyn Rice.

"The PBWL started in 1973 for the purpose of getting business women involved and motivated in the community,"

Dillard said. Winston-Salem has two chapters and one chapter in Rocky Mountain and one in Charlotte.

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