

YOUR MIND

The Pill: But What About Control of Social Diseases?

By WILLIAM THORPE



We have heard people talk about birth control pills and their advantages in controlling pregnancy. The question now should be: what about controlling venereal diseases?

That is a good question because venereal disease are just as important or more.

Now, to analyze both; the birth control pill might be safe in one respect, but what about its side effects. For instance, the pill could be actually setting the stage for an increase in venereal disease among the nation's teen-agers.

According to the health bulletin; public health experts agree that the increase of sexual activity among young Americans is the prime cause of the sharp rise in the incidence of venereal disease in that age group. Yet many private social welfare groups are helping unmarried teen-age girls overcome restraint caused by a concern over pregnancy by giving out birth control pills. Unlike some birth control devices, the pills apparently give no protection against disease.

The bulletin also stated that the Department of Health, Education, and welfare estimates that the national cost of syphilis is \$100 million annually.

During the studies in my profession concerning venereal diseases, gonorrhea is the most common one, and can be cured more promptly. But syphilis requires more time and treatments, because it becomes a blood disease.

Now, to avoid the disease is the best step to take. What can be done to stop spreading it around? In my opinion, males know quicker when these symptoms occur, and should consult a physician, or check with the health department as soon as possible.

By doing this, a man can get a diagnosis from a doctor, and be treated for the disease if his case is positive. And before he leave, he should give out information to the physician about the female he has had sexual relations with. (very important) It's better to do that than to let the female remain with the disease without her awareness, and pass it on to someone else, which is one of the basic reasons to my knowledge that causes the disease to spread.

Therefore, males can be a great help in controlling this disease if they would think wisely, and use a prophylactic prior to and during sexual relationships. If they rather not use this protection during sexual relations, it would be safe to take the "Prophylactic system" immediately afterward.

To the females, they should not only focus their mind on the protection of avoiding pregnancy by using birth con-

rol pills or other contraceptives but also think in terms of protecting themselves in both ways, pregnancy and venereal disease.

Finally, if young people would take the things that were mentioned under consideration, and follow those suggestions, we would not only see the rate of venereal disease reduced to the lowest level in history, but bring the spreading of it under control.

Fayetteville AKAs Host to Regional Meet

The Zeta Pi Omega and the Delta Alpha Chapters of the Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority will serve as hosts to the 19th Mid Atlantic Regional Conference to be held at the Downtowner Motel March 17-19 in Fayetteville. More than 300 college women from North Carolina and Virginia are expected to attend this conference.

The program and activities will be directed by the Regional Director, Mrs. Barbara Phillips of Winston Salem, North Carolina. The program of activities will be centered around the conference theme "greater involvement" - Alpha Kappa Alpha's responsibility and the soror as an agent of change.

Many outstanding women will help to develop the theme through panel discussions, work shops, lectures and small group discussions. Some of the consultants and specialists will include Dr. Rose Brown, Past Supreme Basileus and a retired professor at North Carolina Central University. Mrs. JoAnn Pyles program specialists, Dr. Alfreda Webb, first black woman in North Carolina Assembly, Atty. Ruth Harvey Charity Danville Council woman, Jessie Rattley, City Council woman or Newport News, Virginia, Mrs. Barbara Davis, Charlotte, North Carolina, Roslyn Bon Griffin, Detroit,

Miss Patilla C. Mason is Dean's List Student

Miss Patilla C. Mason, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Abner Mason of Maplewood Drive has made the Dean's List at Lincoln University, Lincoln University, Pa. This high academic achievement has been announced by the officials of the university in a recent letter to her parents. Congratulations were also accorded her for this



MISS MASON

high honor.

Miss Mason is a graduate of Merrick Moore High School. We wish to congratulate Miss Mason on this very fine achievement.

Miss Julia Williams Hostess To King's Daughters Club

Miss Julia Williams was hostess for the March 12 meeting of the Kings Daughters Club of St. Mark A.M.E. Zion Church on Juniper Street. The meeting was opened with a song by Miss Williams and the Scripture lesson was read by Mrs. Jessie Stewart. Prayer was offered by Mrs. Ester Staniel. The business session was conducted by the president, Mrs. Amey Jones. Members present

Michigan, Anita Spriller, Elizabeth City University, Meter Collins, Johnson C. Smith, Miss Thelma Coir, Richmond Virginia.

The keynote speaker will be Mrs. Florence Creque, Deputy Director of Model City Commission, Winston Salem, North Carolina.

The local Chairman, Nettie Daniels, the Basileus Marye Jeffries, and the Steering Committees are working diligently to make this one of the more successful conferences.

Mrs. Russ Hostess To Savings Club

Mrs. Stattie H. Russ was hostess to the Thrifty Savings Club and recipient of gifts and the cash purse given to members on their birthday - The Thrifty Savings Club's Birthday Club feature.

Mrs. Beatrice Holman, president of the club, presided over the meeting, at the home of Mrs. Stattie H. Russ, on Brant Street. After the roll call

included Mesdames Louise Leach, Dora McCall, Ester Staniel, Jessie Stewart, Mabelle Gladden, Roberta Edmondson, Beatrice Sowell, Sallie Taylor.

The hostess was thanked by Mrs. Leach for the delicious repast.

and reports from various Committees, the meeting was turned over to Mrs. Russ who in turn introduced Mrs. Leverne Mark, an associate of Village Bowling Lane.

Due to the wide spread interest in the Bowling Sport, a committee had been appointed to bring in a comprehensive report on how, when and where the Thrifty Savings Club members might Bowl. Mrs. Mark is an expert Bowler and an ardent lover of the sport. Therefore the club was able to receive, first hand, expert information from a Bowling enthusiast.

"Leverne," as she is best known, was highly impressed by the interest manifested by

the group and employed all of wit, charm and know how to selling Bowling to the Thrifty Savings Club ladies.

A delicious repast was served: Grilled ham - potato salad - homemade Parker House Rolls - hot coffee; Gold-pound cake with ice cream; candies and peanuts. A St. Patrick color scheme was intoned in party refreshments and table decorations to add beauty and glitter to the occasion.

Mrs. Celestia Sanders of Read Oak Street; and, Pamela and Valery Foy were invited guest.

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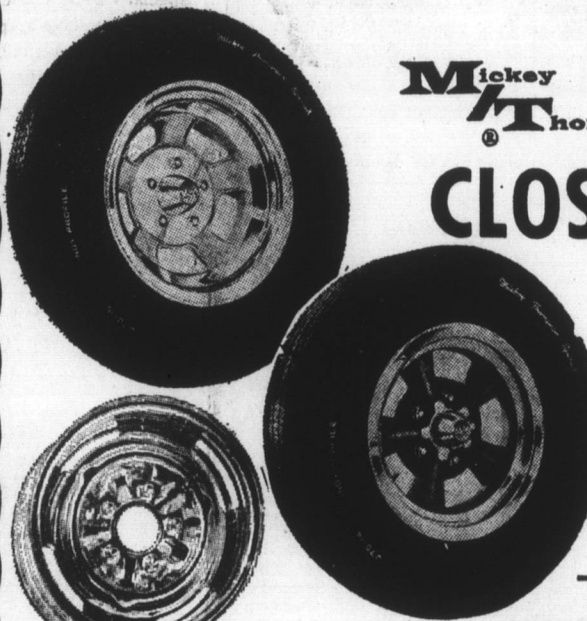
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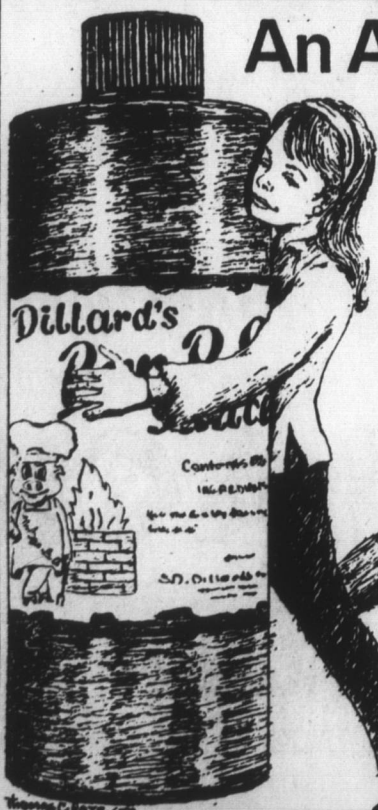
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