

# Durham Inventor Offers New Product For Bicycles

James M. DeVone of Obie Drive in Durham has invented a multipurpose convertible overhead device for bicycles and other two wheel vehicles. He has announced that he is accepting orders from individuals and retailers, as the manufacturer, and is prepared to offer licenses to other manufacturers, if the demand for his product exceeds his production capacity. He is also offering distributorships to individuals.

The inventor is a 31 year old native of Durham and is married with two children. He was a 1966 graduate of North Carolina Central University in Durham where he majored in physical education. Some of the local football fans may remember him as the halfback who ran the winning touchdown for the NOCU Eagles during the 1965 "Thanksgiving Day Classic" which matched Central against A & T University in Greensboro.



BIKE TOP CONVERTS TO TABLE

DEVONE ADJUSTS BIKE TOP

## AIR FORCE SEEKING OFFICER RECRUITS

RALEIGH - In anticipation of the officer program opening Dec. 1, the Air Force Recruiting Service is seeking interviews with young men and women interested in becoming Air Force officers.

Maj. Winston R. Youngblood, U. S. Air Force Recruiting Detachment 307 commander, said that the door to an Air Force commission is expected to be open for a short period of time and "we

want to offer as many Carolinians as possible the opportunity to obtain a commission." The major said the Air Force would be looking for individuals who are graduates, or will be graduating in December or January, with degrees in mathematics, engineering, physics or computer science. Young men and women interested in an Air Force commission should contact their nearest Air Force recruiter for further details.

DeVone, a former employee of the Greensboro Recreation Department, worked as director of Windsor Community Center. Prior to returning to Greensboro in 1970, he was stationed at NATO-SHAPE Headquarters in Belgium between 1968 and 1970. He was the assistant director of Warnersville Community Center before he entered the U. S. Army in 1967. He is currently employed by the Durham Housing Authority as recreation coordinator. He has completed his graduate course work at the University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill, in recreation administration.

DeVone said that he saw the need for a device such as his while stationed in Europe. He relates that his invention which can also be used as a sun shade, mini-picnic table and as a shield from the rain, as a trademark for his invention, but he refers to it as a "bicycle top" at the present time. His attorney has been prosecuting his patent applications which are due to be issued. DeVone states that his invention "would have been quite useful overseas, as it can be useful in the United States." He said that the bike top is currently retailing for \$60 and up, and most of the money that was put into developing his device has been to construct different models so that people in every economic bracket can afford to buy it.

The inventor, turned businessman, relates that he "hopes interested persons will not wait until a seasonal rush such as Christmas to purchase my product, because this would mean that it might be difficult to expand into other geographical market areas and at the same time provide for the local demand. This would mean that I would have to hire additional people which would probably drive the price up, and I would not like to see this occur."

In an effort to avoid a possible price increase, he has sought a Small Business loan and anticipates offering stock to the public in the near future. He said that he is responding to all inquiries which he receives through the mail and other communications.



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## The Show You Missed

by Ray Jenkins

I will always love music. I will always remember and cherish the memory of that which brings inner peace to my ears and my mind and the ears and minds of many, many Black people. For here is a positive strength: one who can, through music and song, deliver those ever so precious words of beauty and wisdom to the waiting ear. I shall always love the music I heard one Thursday evening in the school auditorium where Roy Ayers and his highly talented musical team made music. Skillfully, they brought to my ears the sweet rhythms and sounds that give consolation for the many sometimes seemingly fruitless years of struggle. They were vibrations of some real good things, appealing to my craving for a display of creativity which echoed its sweetness to the taste buds of my mind. And I'm telling you, it was good. Damn good. That was one mindblowing show and the whole experience of it caught me by surprise and grabbed me ever so good.

I mean I've seen a show before where the guys were so mean that they had the audience put on a show of their own but when it comes to the Roy Ayers show, the whole experience was absolutely incredible and tends to put one in a state of an emotional high.

Now imagine a dude who is so bad, who knows how bad he is, and who tells the audience to sit down. "Now, what I'm going to play right now," Ayers shouted to the packed auditorium, "is gonna be so bad, that it's gonna make everybody in here stand up...and I don't want you to stand up unless it's good."

And then he started to beat out some notes on his xylophone and everybody stood right on up! But check out Roy Ayers' back-up, for maybe front-up would be a better word! There's Chucas, a beautiful Black sister who can sing her — off. No joke. She's got to have one of the most versatile voices I've ever heard. And she exercises it with a precision most commonly attributed to the diamond cutter, polishing her lyrics as if they were precious gems.

It might be a little difficult to imagine the kinds of vibrations that was floating through that place, but check this out. The crowd did a whole continuous show for about thirty minutes of intermission keeping the beat with sticks and anything they could get their hands on to beat out the rhythms. They were in a frenzy and it must have meant that Roy Ayers must have been doing something very righteous to them. The feelings were just plain "dynamite" because it opened my mind to a lot of the things that so many more Black artists are all about these days. People have been saying for some time now, "what happened to the movement?" just because they didn't see the show of hands when they asked for all the revolutionaries to raise their hands so that everybody could see who they were. What they don't realize is that things got a little more sophisticated and I can see it in the work of these Black artists: they who deliver the messages to the masses in the highest of artistic ways. Though Roy Ayers has been around for some time, I see him as the epitome of the new Black artist, because he comes off in dialogue as well as music and song.

And the dialogue has nothing to do with the "I love you baby, will you be mine" stuff. This show was for real about real down-to-earth material and because of this, it is a show that I will remember for a mighty long time.

## Graham Album Goes Gold

Graham Central Station's most recent Warner Bros. Album, "Ain't No Bout-A-Doubt It," has been certified for a gold record in recognition of sales in excess of 500,000 units. The San Francisco-based group's third Warner's album, "Ain't" featured the band's most successful single to date, "Your Love."

Formed in 1973 when Larry Graham left Sly and the Family Stone, Graham Central Station became an immediate R & B sensation. Their debut Warner's album "Graham Central Station" was released in late 1973 while their second set, "Release Yourself" arrived a year later and showcased the group's first hit single, "Feel the Need." "Ain't No Bout-A-Doubt It" was released in July of this year.



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NORTH CAROLINA  
Wake County  
In the General Court of Justice District Court Civil Division

Marie Whitsett Copeland Plaintiff  
vs.  
Reuben Copeland, Defendant

Notice of Service of Process by Publication

To Reuben Copeland, take notice that a plea seeking relief against you has been filed in the above entitled action, the matter of the relief being sought as follows: That the bonds of matrimony now existing between you and the plaintiff be dissolved and that she be granted an absolute divorce from you.

You are required to make defense of such pleadings no later than the 29th day of November 1975, upon your failure to do so, the party seeking service against you will apply to this court for relief sought.

This the 25th day of October, 1975.

Marie Whitsett Copeland, Plaintiff

November 1, 8, 15, 22, 1975.

NORTH CAROLINA  
DURHAM COUNTY

ADMINISTRATOR'S NOTICE  
HAVING QUALIFIED as ADMINISTRATOR of the Estate of Mary Valar Parker, deceased, late of Durham County, North Carolina, this is to notify all persons having claims against said estate to exhibit them to the undersigned at 415 Dowd Street, Durham, North Carolina, on or before the 17th day of May, 1976, or this notice will be pleaded in bar to their recovery. All persons indebted to said estate will please make immediate payment.

This the 29th day of October, 1975.

Michael G. Jones, Administrator  
Estate of Mary Valar Parker,  
Deceased

Publication Dates: October 25; November 1, 8, 15, 1975.

North Carolina  
Durham County

## Notice

The undersigned, having qualified as Co-Executrices of the Estate of James Willie Green, deceased, late of Durham County, this is to notify all persons having claims against said estate to exhibit them to the undersigned at 3605 Dearborn Drive, Durham, North Carolina, 27704, on or before May 5, 1976, or this notice will be pleaded in bar to their recovery. All persons indebted to said estate will please make immediate payment to the undersigned.

This 27th day of October, 1975.

(Misses) Elsie Green and Floye Green, Co-Executrices of the Estate of James Willie Green, deceased.  
William A. Marsh, Jr.  
Attorney at Law  
203 1/2 E. Chapel Hill Street  
P. O. Box 123  
Durham, N. C. 27702

Publication dates: The Carolina Times, Nov. 1, 8, 15, and 22, 1975.

STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA  
DURHAM COUNTY  
Executor's Notice

Having qualified as Executor of the Estate of Sadie Smith Tucker, late of Durham County, this is to notify all persons having claims against the said estate to present them to the undersigned within six months from the date of the first publication of this notice or same will be pleaded in bar of their recovery. All persons indebted to said estate, please make immediate payment.

This 1st day of November, 1975.

Mechanics and Farmers Bank, Executor  
Estate of Sadie Smith Tucker, deceased  
116 W. Parrish Street  
Durham, North Carolina 27702

November 1, 8, 15, and 22, 1975.

## Leaf Pick up Now Available

This time of year is a favorite for those who enjoy a slight chill in the air and the church of fallen leaves under foot. Lately it seems there are leaves, leaves everywhere, however, and this can get to be a problem.

The City of Durham Sanitation Division can help with this problem if citizens remember some simple rules. Leaves should be put in cardboard boxes, plastic bags or standard garbage cans and placed on the curb on regular collection days. Dead limbs also will be picked up if they are tied in bundles and placed on the curb. These bundles should be no more than four feet in length and no more than 18 inches in diameter. Each bundle must weigh less than 75 pounds.

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