

Black Family Makes Good

Ordinarily the twelve children of a poor sharecropping black family in Arkansas wouldn't stand much of a chance for success. But the seven daughters and five sons of Leona and O.C. Duffy have done very well indeed.

According to an article by Joseph P. Blank in the July Reader's Digest, eleven of the Duffy children have graduated from college and five have master's degrees. The twelfth is working during the day and attending college at night.

Although they have few clothes and short rations, urged on by their parents' abiding faith in education, the children never gave up. Here is what some of them say now:

Edward, a guidance counselor and academic adviser at the University of Maryland: "One late spring, I had to wear high rubber boots to school because I had no shoes. When the teacher asked me why I was wearing boots in such warm weather, I told her, without feeling embarrassed. Being without things was just a part of life."

Young Leona, a branch specialist for a California bank: "It was a big family. We all shared. Maybe hardship puts fear into many people, but not me. The matter-of-fact way that my folks handled it taught me that one can survive on very little."

James, a county health official in Arkansas: "No man ever worked harder than my father, and yet, with all his hard work, there were some very rough times. But how could I mind when I never saw my father lower his head in defeat or express despair? 'When there is a problem, you never sit down on it,' he told me. 'You keep going and use your next stride to make things better.'"

Eliza Marie, a supervisor in a large Los Angeles bank: "Father did show affection in the most meaningful way. He spent as much time with us as he could. When the night grew particularly cold, he was at our bedsides, covering us with extra quilts. He told us stories in the evening, and led us in singing from the hymn book."

Leona, the children's mother, had to drop out of school after the eighth grade because her father could no longer afford to buy her books. But at the age of 57, when the Augusta school system began offering adult courses at night, she went back. She zipped through high school in two years—and made straight A's.

The Duffys haven't stopped yet. Last August, at a family gathering, they decided to help others along the educational road as well. Everyone in the family now contributes to the "Duffy Scholarship," which will be awarded annually to a student at the University of Arkansas at Pine Bluff. The first award will be made in September of this year.

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MEMBERS OF WEST CHARLOTTE'S CLASS

...Making final preparation for trip

West Charlotte Alumni Take Cruise To Nassau, Bahamas

By Jeri Harvey
Post Staff Writer

One recent Sunday evening two chartered buses pulled from the parking lot of the University Park Shopping Center and headed for I-85 on the first leg of a much anticipated journey. On board were members of the 1946 and '47 classes of West Charlotte, their families and friends, and the destination was Miami, Florida where the second part of the adventure would begin.

Bill Covington, chairman, and the Social and Project Committee had spent months,

painstakingly planning every detail to assure that the trip would be a perfect dream-come-true for all involved. Spirits were high as the buses, driven by Bynum Nichols and Earl Bostic, rolled along through the night.

Finally they were in Miami and, after what seemed like ages, were allowed to board the beautiful cruise ship, T-S Flavin, and set sail for Nassau and the Grand Bahamas.

The four days and nights aboard ship were filled with every kind of amusement imaginable, including nightly

floor shows with beautiful dancing girls, comedians and a dance band. There were also casinos, swimming pools or one could lounge on deck and enjoy the ocean breezes. Food was plentiful and delicious.

At each port there were interesting and beautiful sights to see. The straw markets were remarkable for the variety of articles that were for sale, some of which were made right on the spot. Paradise Island was just what the name implied, sheer paradise, with its golden sandy beaches. The newly independent island of Freeport was unbelievably lovely with flowers growing profusely amid the beautiful modern homes. Groves Garden was a vast area with nothing but flowers, trees, ponds and waterfalls tumbling over artistically arranged rocks. Market places bustled with activity and offered native fruits, vegetables and trinkets of all kinds.

Returning to the states, the group still found energy to spend a day in Orlando, Florida visiting Disneyland before heading back to Charlotte.

According to Ms. Ruby Johnson, class secretary, who filed this report, "It is impossible to find enough descriptive words to say all that could be said about the trip, so I will conclude by saying West Charlotte classes of 1946 and '47 has done it again in a big way. Bill (Covington) had assured us it would be a great cruise, but it was far from being just great, it was dy-no-mite!"

"Leaves On Three-Let

Them Be!" It's Poison Ivy

"Leaves on three - let them be!" Most of us have heard that old saying about poison ivy but every year many of us will end up with its uncomfortable itching.

When coming in contact with the leaves your skin may develop an allergic reaction to the oleoresin, an oil contained in the leaves and berries of the plant. Soon after contact the affected areas of your skin may show a rash or blisters. That's when the itching begins.

You may not get poison ivy the first time you touch the plant but repeated contact with its oleoresin may lead to sensitization, or allergy. Once allergic to poison ivy you are also allergic to poison oak and poison sumac. This is known as cross sensitization.

What can you do to prevent the painful itching and blisters of poison ivy? Just learning to identify the plant and avoiding it would help a great deal.

Poison ivy is relatively easy to spot. It has three leaves which are usually notched on the edges on one stem. Two of the leaves form a pair on one side of the stem with the third leaf on the opposite side.

As a general rule you should wear protective clothing to keep the plant from touching your skin.

Even if you haven't been out running in the woods you can still get it by coming in contact with fresh oleoresin on pets, golf clubs, or any object that has had recent contact with poison ivy.

If you've taken all the precautions and still get poison ivy, there is some relief. Plain calamine lotion can be applied to relieve the itching and help dry up the blisters. You may wish to avoid more exotic lotions and potions as they may produce an allergic reaction.

While poison ivy is more uncomfortable than it is dangerous, any serious allergic reaction may require a call to your doctor for his advice on treatment.

City Of Charlotte Receives \$835,459 For Water Supply

The City of Charlotte has received \$835,459 as a part of state grants totaling \$8 million which were allotted to 55 local governments across the state for water supply projects, ac-

ording to Secretary of Human Resources Dr. Sarah Morrow and Governor Jim Hunt.

The grants comprise the 10th group of awards made pursuant to the North Carolina Clean Water Bond Act of 1971 and closes out the final regular review period under the act.

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