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## A Black Perspective

# You & Your Health



## Drug Addiction

The term "drug addiction" has come to mean a variety of forms of drug use and abuse. Drug addiction is most often used to refer to a desire for and excessive involvement with a drug or pharmacologic agent, usually leading to physical dependence. The addict may feel that he is unable to function without the drug, and orients his life toward getting and using the drug. This leads to certain changes in the person's social life. This same type of physical dependence may be accompanied by a mental dependence.

Drug addiction has been present in the U.S. since colonial times. Today it is estimated that there are approximately 500,000-1,000,000 addicts in our general population. There are a few assumptions that should be discussed concerning prevalence of drug addiction. Many people assume that the majority of addicts are "immoral", "dangerous" Blacks lurking in hallways of tenements. However, the majority are not Black and the problem has not always been prevalent in the Black community. When there was a surge in the use of drugs it moved into the Black community, where it continued to proliferate; but the current scene reveals a return of large scale addiction to the upper and middle class whites. The fact now remains that it is a widespread problem.

Prior to the 1960's, there was not much done for treating and rehabilitating the drug addict. Legislation was passed to help the addict of drugs. The 1962 Metcalf-Volker Act gave an arrested addict the right to apply for civil commitment. Before this, addicts were placed in prison and were not treated by medical professionals. The 1966 Narcotic Addict Rehabilitation Act (NARA) also helped to set new trends in rehabilitation and treatment. Federal support for Narcotic treatment centers was started under the National Institute of Mental Health.

Another significant factor in the change of policy was the new type of addict which came on the scene during this time—the returning Vietnam veteran and the middle-class white youth joined the ranks of the addicted.

The term drug addiction has come to include a wide spectrum. Drug addiction ranges from marijuana, glue, amphetamines (stimulants), barbi-

turates (tranquilizers) and psychedelics to drugs like cocaine, heroin and codeine. Each drug has its own characteristics of use and often its own type of user.

In addition to the social and legal hazards of drug addiction, narcotics and drugs also cause some definite medical complications. Addicts face the possibility of heart disease, lung problems, hepatitis, brain and nerve damage, skin and bone complications and kidney disease. Treatment will depend on the problem by the individual user. The most common and often fatal complication of narcotic abuse is overdose - often causing respiratory failure, then death.

Treatment programs provide a combination of services. Some on outpatient basis, while there are otherwise patient facilities. They offer diagnostic services, treat withdrawal, offer halfway houses or other supervised residences, emergency care consultation and education services. These services are provided by professional personnel. Charlotte has several drug information and treatment centers, such as Open House, Crisis Counseling Center, etc. If you or someone you know is having problems with drug use or abuse, please contact one of the centers or just call your own private physician. Help is there - if you will only ask.

## Harding Booster

## Club To Sponsor

## Citrus Sale

Harding High School Booster Club is sponsoring the Annual Florida Citrus Sale that runs from November 1 through December 1. Fresh navel oranges tangelos and pink seedless grapefruits are available for \$9.00 a case and \$5.00 a half case through orders taken by members of the Booster Club.

The sale is to raise funds to provide students at Harding with additional items to aid their academic and athletic education.

The fresh citrus will be distributed the second week in December. To place an order, call Mrs. Phil Beam, 399-0614; Mrs. Bruce Hardin, 394-1446; Mrs. W. W. Warf, 384-8889; or Harding High School, 392-3216.

## Charlie Brown Adds Peanut Flavor To Holiday

Before going "over the river and through the woods" to Charlie Brown's grandmother's condominium for a traditional celebration, the Peanuts characters add some rather unorthodox ingredients to America's oldest holiday in "A Charlie Brown Thanksgiving," Emmy Award-winning

animated special to be rebroadcast Wednesday, November 15, at 8 p.m. on WBTB Channel 3.

The story, which is concocted around a rather novel Thanksgiving meal of popcorn, potato chips, jelly beans, buttered toast and ice cream served around a ping-pong

table in Charlie Brown's backyard, starts when Peppermint Patty invites herself and assorted other little nuts to Charlie's place.

The hospitable title star is too polite or "wishy-washy" as his Peanut peers call him to refuse her.

### REPORT OF CONDITION Consolidating domestic subsidiaries of the METROLINA NATIONAL BANK of CHARLOTTE

Charter number 16356 National Bank Region Number Fifth

In the state of NORTH CAROLINA, at the close of business on September 30, 1978 published in response to call made by Comptroller of the Currency, under title 12, United States Code, Section 161.

#### ASSETS

Statement of Resources and Liabilities	Thousands
Cash and due from banks.....	1,046
U.S. Treasury securities.....	2,052
Obligations of other U.S. Gov't agencies and corps.....	1,901
Obligations of States and political subdivisions.....	0
Other bonds, notes, and debentures.....	0
Federal Reserve stock and corporate stock.....	41
Federal funds sold and securities purchased under agreements to resell.....	0
Loans, Total (excluding unearned income).....	6,272
Less: Reserve for possible loan losses.....	(14)
Loans, Net.....	6,258
Direct lease financing.....	0
Bank premises, furniture and fixtures, and other assets representing bank premises.....	142
Real estate owned other than bank premises.....	0
Investments in unconsolidated subsidiaries and associated companies.....	0
Customers' liability to this bank on acceptances outstanding.....	0
Other assets.....	163
<b>TOTAL ASSETS.....</b>	<b>11,703</b>

#### LIABILITIES

Demand deposits of individuals, prtshps., and corps.....	2,246
Time and savings deposits of individuals, prtshps., and corps.....	3,781
Deposits of United States Government.....	208
Deposits of States and political subdivisions.....	3,367
Deposits of foreign govts. and official institutions.....	0
Deposits of commercial banks.....	0
Certified and officers' checks.....	160
<b>TOTAL DOMESTIC DEPOSITS.....</b>	<b>9,762</b>
Total demand deposits.....	2,614
Total time and savings deposits.....	7,148
Total deposits in foreign offices.....	0
<b>TOTAL DEPOSITS IN DOMESTIC AND FOREIGN OFFICES.....</b>	<b>0</b>
Federal funds purchased and securities sold under agreements to repurchase.....	100
Liabilities for borrowed money.....	0
Mortgage indebtedness and liability for capitalized leases.....	0
Acceptances executed by or for account of this bank and outstanding.....	0
Other liabilities.....	61
<b>TOTAL LIABILITIES (excluding subordinated notes and debentures).....</b>	<b>9,923</b>

#### CAPITAL ACCOUNTS

Subordinated notes and debentures.....	0
Preferred stock No. shares outstanding 0 (par value).....	0
Common stock a. No. shares authorized 97,500.....	0
b. No. shares outstanding 87,500 (par value).....	875
Surplus.....	500
Undivided profits.....	405
Reserve for contingencies and other capital reserves.....	0
<b>TOTAL EQUITY CAPITAL.....</b>	<b>1,780</b>
<b>TOTAL LIABILITIES AND EQUITY CAPITAL.....</b>	<b>11,703</b>

#### MEMORANDA

Average for 30 calendar days ending with report date:	
Cash and due from banks.....	1,029
Fed. funds sold and securities purchased under agreements to resell.....	155
Total loans.....	6,043
Time deposits of \$100,000 or more in domestic offices.....	4,028
Total deposits.....	10,265
Fed. funds purchased and securities sold under agreements to repurchase.....	91
Liabilities for borrowed money.....	0
<b>TOTAL ASSETS.....</b>	<b>12,097</b>
Standby letters of credit (outstanding as of report date).....	0
Time certificates of deposit in denominations of \$100,000 or more (outstanding as of report date).....	5,364
Other time deposits in amounts of \$100,000 or more (outstanding as of report date).....	0

I, Charles B. Bowling, Jr. President of the above-named bank do hereby declare that this Report of Condition is true and correct to the best of my knowledge and belief. October 30, 1978

We, the undersigned directors attest the correctness of this statement of resources and liabilities. We declare that it has been examined by us, and to the best of our knowledge and belief is true and correct.

Directors T. R. Giblin, J. D. Elliot, Charles F. Coira, Jr.