

Population Study Shows

Nonwhites Have Made Gains In Lowering Mortality Rates

A population study at North Carolina State University shows North Carolina nonwhites have made greater gains in the lowering of their mortality rates than whites, yet still have a consistently higher rate than whites for most causes of death. In fact study statistics show the gap in the ratios to be increasing. In their research focusing

on "White-Nonwhite Mortality Differentials in North Carolina and the United States," Dr. William B. Clifford, professor of sociology and anthropology at NCSU, and Miss L. Beth Dixon, research assistant, have found increasing ratios of nonwhite to white mortality rates for many causes of death throughout the United States. In North Carol-

ina the study shows the differential to be greater than in the country as a whole. The statistical report was one in a series of population studies funded through the N.C. Agricultural Experiment Station. --Mortality Declines "Mortality has declined in the United States and in North Carolina for both color

groups," Clifford explained. "I would point out that the widening gap is in relative terms. The nonwhite mortality rate is low in an absolute sense. If you compare the mortality levels in most countries with the level of mortality of the nonwhite population in this country, it is low and only slightly higher than the white population it's the relative differ-

ence that is higher." Though the numbers are small and indicate that nonwhites on the whole do not fare better in North Carolina than the nation, the figures point, say the sociologists to a widening gap. This is in part due to a lower death rate for whites in North Carolina than in the United States as a whole. The age-adjusted 1975

white mortality rate is 4.6 compared to the U.S. average of 5.1. The sociologists said the statistical study for analytical purposes was based on two groups of mortality data, white and nonwhite, since these are the categories in which basic vital statistics are available.



MRS. JOHNNY FRANKLIN ALEXANDER
The former Miss Geneva Hudson
Miss Geneva Hudson Is

Bride Of Johnny Alexander

Miss Geneva Hudson, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Woodrow Hudson of 3901 Bardot Dr., and Johnny Franklin Alexander, son of Mary Lou Alexander of Huntersville and Sam Whitley of Davidson, were united in Holy Matrimony recently at St. Paul Baptist Church with the Rev. Paul Drummond officiating. The groom is a graduate of Torrence Lytle High School and Central Piedmont Community College. She is employed by Charlotte Memorial Hospital. The couple took a trip to the mountains of N.C. for their honeymoon. They reside at 4511 Apt. No. 2 Rosevine Place.

Washington Height Garden Club Meeting
The Washington Height Garden Club discussed plans for a flower workshop and a newly organized junior club to the garden council at their Jan. 2 meeting. The eleven members who were present at the meeting held in the home of Mrs. Edena Williams are: Lois Scott, president; Gertrude Williams, Williet Patterson, Essie Stovall, Cora Gaithe, Lillie Mae Carter, Pearl Phillips, Carrie Pitts, Edena Williams, Geniva Sizemore and Ethel Choate.

BRC Schedules Credit Bureau Seminar
What does the Charlotte Credit Bureau have to offer small businesses and individuals? A seminar to be held January 23 from 6:30 until 7:30 p.m. will provide this information. The seminar, free of charge will be sponsored by the Charlotte Business Resource Center. Led by Ms. Frances Henderson, manager of the Credit Bureau, a discussion will include topics such as "What Is Considered Bad Credit?" and Guidelines for Credit Checks.

Both the bride's mother and the bridegroom's mother wore pink satin dresses with matching accessories.

A reception followed at the Holiday Inn-North on Tryon Street. After the reception a party was given from 9 p.m. - 1 a.m.

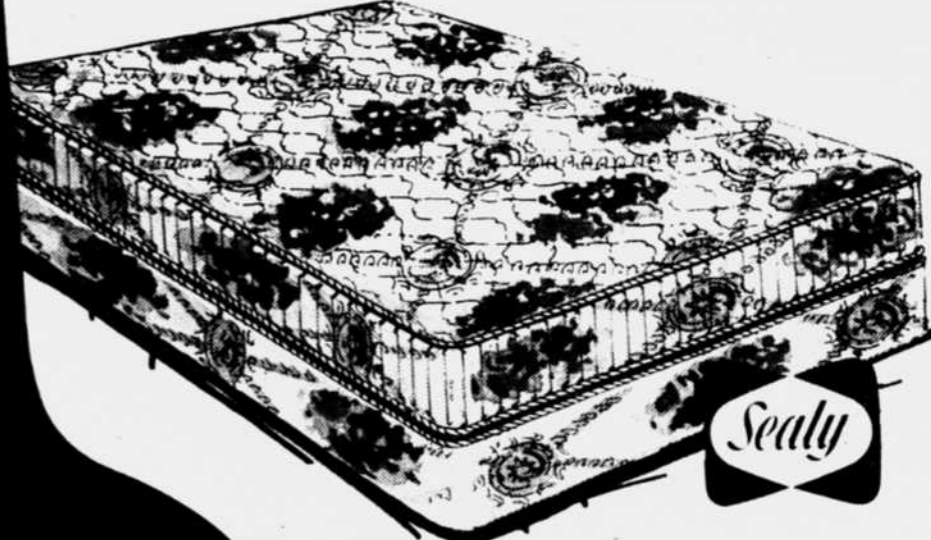
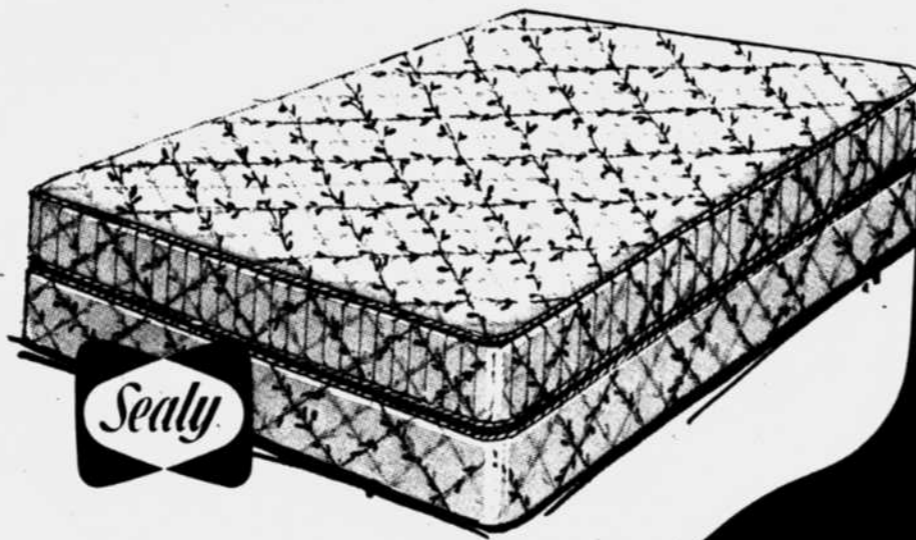
The bride is a graduate of Second Ward High School and Central Piedmont Community

Lauch Henry helped find missing ingredient to create minority engineers. Money.

Lauch Henry is a teacher. And a scientist. And an engineer. He's generally considered about other people. And he has expressed some of that concern in his participation with the National Fund for Minority Engineering Students. The fund is a non-profit organization attempting to increase the number of Blacks, Puerto Ricans, Chicanos, Mexican-Americans and American Indians enrolled in engineering schools. These under-represented minorities create a rich untapped resource to help fill the growing need for engineers. IBM's social leave program enabled Henry to take a year's leave to assist the fund. And IBM continued to pay his full salary. The National Fund for Minority Engineering Students is a very worthwhile program. We think so. Lauchland Henry thinks so. But most important of all, lots of minority engineering students enrolled at colleges and universities over the country think so. **IBM**

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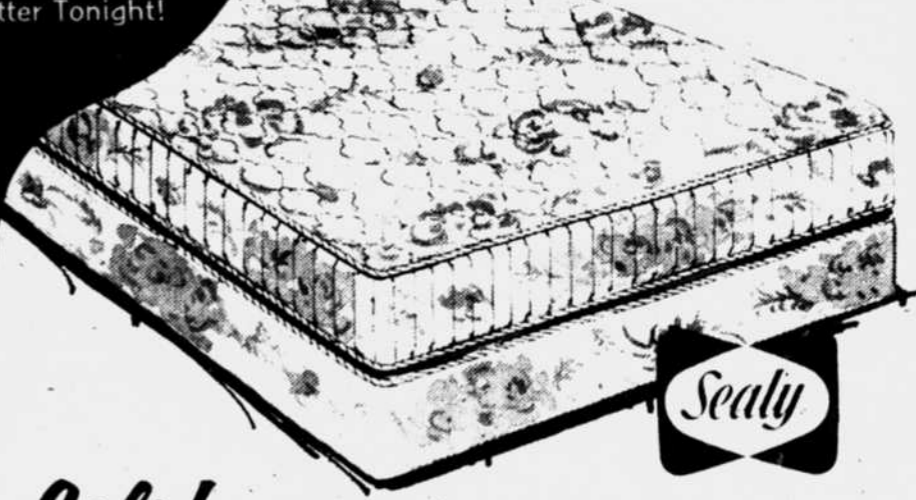
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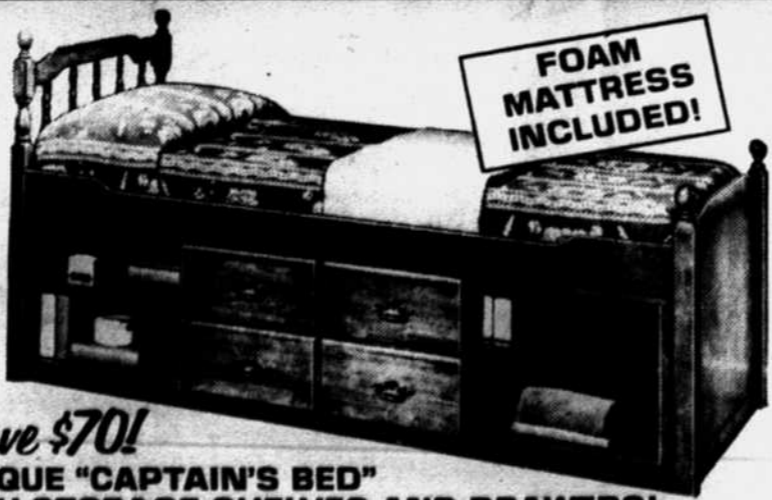
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