

Mrs. Drayton Says Of Identical Twins:

"Sometimes I Can't Tell Who's Who"

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"Sometimes I can't tell who's who," admits Eleanor Drayton, mother of identical twins Letitia and Patricia.

"It's very hard for me to tell, especially if they are not facing me directly. Letitia was born with a light spot on her forehead, but it's fading away now. Letitia also has a birth mark on her arm."

Letitia, first born, and Patricia are 18 months old. They were born premature and the mother feels blessed that there were no birth defects. "I just thank God that they are healthy," Mrs. Drayton commented.

In the beginning, the care of the twins was rather difficult. Mrs. Drayton had to wake them up every two hours so they could be fed. "It was hard work," Mrs. Drayton explained, "but I look at them now and see a miracle."

After working from 9 until 5 p.m., Mrs. Drayton comes home to her six year-old daughter, Adrienne, her three year-old daughter, Ellie and the twins, Letitia and Patricia.

"They make my day. It's the little things they do that can make me laugh. I might be depressed but all I have to do is look at them."

Mrs. Drayton describes her oldest children as being extremely helpful in the care of the younger twins. "They sometimes even



Eleanor Drayton
....With twins Letitia and Patricia

fight over who will hold them. So it usually ends up that Adrienne will have one twin and Ellie will hold the other," she continued.

The twins are close, according to the mother. If Mrs. Drayton has to spank one, the other will come and stand in front of her in a desperate attempt to "save" the other one. If one is coughing, the other will

thing to be the same for them."

While they both love to watch the television program "Webster" and listen to Michael Jackson's "Beat It" and "Thriller," they are different individuals. This is a fact Mrs. Drayton has come to terms with.

"Letitia is quiet and will be content most of the time to sit and comb her baby doll's hair. While Patricia has to get into everything. She is very active. The problem comes in when Patricia gets blamed for everything, when sometimes it's not her fault but Letitia's fault." This is one problem Mrs. Drayton feels parents of twins may have to look out for.

Mrs. Drayton and her family attend Greater Mt. Sinai Baptist Church where Rev. N.E. Kerry pastors. At church, as well as other places, "people are always stopping and telling me how beautiful the twins are. They always tell me how blessed I am. Even though in the beginning having twins was a shock, I agree that having twins is a blessing."

The Draytons will participate in the "Twins on Parade" program sponsored by Chi Eta Phi Sorority, Iota Chapter, Sunday at 4 p.m., April 1, at the Greenville Center.



Members of the Charlotte Chapter of Golfers of America are pictured above right before their journey to the Greenville, S.C., tournament. Prepared both mentally and physically for their first

match of the season, these golfers came out the winners. The event was held at the Lakeview Golf Course. (Photo by Bernard Reeves)

TRICHOLOGY CORNER



Mr. Charles, R.B.

QUESTION: Mr. Charles, what is a trichologist?

ANSWER: Trichology is a science that deals with the study of hair, its diseases and its treatments. Therefore, the people who have trained in this science and passed the required test become certified trichologists. The science is not as new now as it was 5 years ago. The necessary treatments demand a trained trichologist on staff of most large salons. There is a movement swinging towards tightening the requirements for certified trichologists even further.

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Hawthorne Junior High Wins 4-H Energy Bowl

A team of five students from Hawthorne Junior High Captured the fourth annual 4-H Energy Bowl Championship title. Hawthorne defeated 15 other public schools and two private schools to capture the

title. Team members were Christopher Burns, Duc Bui, Teresa Turner, Michelle Mitchell, and Charlene Altman. They were coached by teacher, Richard Caldwell.

The runner-up team, Smith Junior High, was the 1983 champions. Team members were Michael Schwartz, Anthony Doll, Jill Bursleson, Kim Swope, and Larkin Murphy. Smith Junior High was coached by Mr. Michael Bentley and student assistant, Richard Williams.

The 4-H Energy Program is conducted as a school enrichment program by the Charlotte-Mecklenburg Schools, Duke Power Co. and the Charlotte-Mecklenburg 4-H Program. The Junior High science programs receive information from the Agricultural Extension Service, Duke Power Co., and the State Department of Transportation on various energy conservation topics and programs during the fall. Teacher-volunteers utilize after-school hours for students to prepare for selection on the school team. Schools select their teams through some elimination process as best fits their needs.

Team members continued to study energy materials through the next several months with the program culminating at the county 4-H Energy Bowl in March. During the contest (which is patterned after High IQ Bowl), team members were exposed to over 300 energy related questions. These questions ranged from "How to Weather-proof Windows" to the "Difference Between Nuclear Fusion and Nuclear Fission."

Dr. Robert C. Hanes, Deputy Superintendent, Charlotte-Mecklenburg Schools, presented the championship and reserve champion trophies. All participants in the program received 4-H Energy Bowl T-shirts sponsored by the Corporate Communications Division of Duke Power. In addition, the following Duke Power Officials served as moderators for the contest. Mr. Jim Tyson, Mr. Walter Moss, Mr. Kenneth Young, Mrs. Kathy Wilkins, Mrs. Suzanne Tisola, Mr. Richard Armstrong, Mr. Mike Smith and Mr. Buddy Seymour. Also, Mr. Chuck Vizzini, Science Specialist, Charlotte-Mecklenburg Schools, and Mr. Rod Cameron, Energy Coordinator, Charlotte-Mecklenburg Schools, assisted with the planning and implementation of the contest.

Agency On Aging

The Centralina Area Agency on Aging is pleased to announce that a basic gerontology course, "Issues In Aging," will be offered in Charlotte beginning Wednesday, April 18. This course will focus on the causes and consequences of growing older and will be particularly beneficial to professionals and family members who work with the elderly.

This 11-session course, arranged through Central Piedmont Community College, will meet Wednesdays at the LIFE Center, Selwyn Avenue Presbyterian Church, 2929 Selwyn Avenue, from 5:30-8:30 p.m. Ms. Beverly Patnaik, lecturer in Social Gerontology and former Project Director of the Weiss Institute Research Project at the Philadelphia Geriatric Center, will serve as instructor.

Registration will take place at the first session and an \$11 tuition will be collected. For more information, please contact Alice Hedt, Area Agency on Aging, 372-2416, or Nancy Cheshire, CPCC, 373-6633.

City Government

There's a new television service in Charlotte. Channel 32 is now available to Cablevision customers who have converters for expanded programming. City government news and information is now aired 24 hours a day from the Public Service and Information Department of City Hall. Meetings calendars, events and activities, job opportunities, public service messages, bulletins, the City Council meeting agenda, news and information are updated daily. The channel also provides the correct time and date with background music. Watch Channel 32 for the latest in local information.

Lunch Workshop

WomanReach, Inc. will offer a single session bag-lunch-workshop for women interested in exploring Father-Daughter relationships and their lasting influences. Entitled "On Daddy's Knee," the workshop will be held Saturday, April 14, 10-3 p.m. at WomanReach Center.

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