

**SENATOR
SAM ERVIN
SAYS**

**Electronics Offer New
Birth Control Procedure**

WASHINGTON - More and more in recent years the Federal Government has sought to regulate voter qualifications - a power reserved to the States by the Constitution. The latest change came last December 21st, when the U.S. Supreme Court upheld a part of the 1970 Voting Rights Act to lower the voting age to 18 in Presidential and Congressional elections.

But the High Court, in a curious opinion by Justice Black, also declared the same Act unconstitutional when it gave 18-year-olds the right to vote in State and local elections. Few foresaw the confusion the Court would provide in passing upon the constitutionality of this Act. Justice Black's opinion won no support from other members of the Court for its judicial basis, but the holding was adopted by a 5 to 4 vote.

Notwithstanding the judicial peculiarity of this decision, it set the stage for a new constitutional amendment to permit 18-year-olds to vote in all elections, because the Court's interpretation of voting rights created an administrative monstrosity for election officials. In effect, the decision required a dual-age voting system in 47 States that had above 18 voting age qualifications. These State requirements were continued for State and local elections.

To aid the States in resolving this dilemma, Senator Jennings Randolph introduced S.J. Res. 7, a proposal to amend the Constitution to grant 18-year and older citizens the right to vote in all elections. I supported this bill when it recently passed the Senate because I do not think that it makes sense to permit 18-year-olds to vote for Presidential and Congressional candidates but not for State and local candidates. Nor do I think it is administratively sound to require local and State election officials to keep several sets of voting registers and records.

It is regrettable in an age when we enjoy the greatest blessings of educational attainment that neither the Congress, the President, nor the Supreme Court heeded four express provisions of the Constitution which grant to the States the power to determine qualifications for voting, including age.

What is so disturbing about this whole episode is that when we act impatiently in vital matters of this nature, we risk the danger that the Constitution will become meaningless and our basic liberties will be little protected by this fundamental document. Last session, when this question of 18-year-old voting rights arose, I recognized then that there were compelling arguments to permit 18-year-olds to vote. Even so, I felt that any change of this nature ought to be a matter for consideration by the State legislatures or, if Federal action was necessary, by constitutional amendment.

In view of what has now transpired; the sensible approach seems to require that Congress submit to the States an amendment to the Constitution to make 18-year-olds eligible to vote in all elections. I have no doubt that this will be done shortly. This will permit the question to be decided in a constitutional manner, and there is much to be said for that.

The eggs have been scrambled and there is no way to unscramble them.

The Great Smoky Mountains of Tennessee and North Carolina take their name from the blue haze that clings to their slopes, National Geographic says. The mountains contain 26 species of orchids and more species of trees than are found in Europe.

Dear Gloria:
I have heard something about a new way of closing off a woman's tubes so that she can't get pregnant again. It is supposed to be quicker and easier on the woman than the operation called tubal ligation. Is there any such thing or was somebody trying to kid me? I want to know because my husband and I have all the children we can handle and I have been thinking about getting my tubes tied.

Dear Mrs. W.:
Nobody was trying to kid you. There is now a new procedure whereby the woman's tubes can be sealed permanently by using a current of electricity instead of having to cut them and tie off the ends.

This new method is called "laparoscopy." It is much simpler and quicker than tubal ligation (or "tying the tubes"). It requires only one night in the hospital, so it is also less expensive. There are very few after-effects and the woman is up and about the next day.

The laparoscopy method is not recommended for all women who want a permanent method of birth control. Sometimes previous surgery, overweight, or other medical problems may mean that another solution should be worked out. But for many women, this new method of sealing off the tubes is a sensible, permanent way of ending the fear of an unwanted pregnancy.

If you would like further information about this new procedure (laparoscopy), write to me and I will send you a "fact sheet" that explains more about it.

I read the letter from Mrs. G. in the paper last month and I have a question about men and the change of life. When it is difficult for the man to have an erection, is there anything the doctors can do for this? With my husband, instead of a decrease in sex, there is an increase. He will not go to a mental health clinic or family counselor. He is very hard to

PREGNANCY PLANNING



AND HEALTH
by
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get along with.

Dear Mrs. F.:
I assume from your letter that your husband wants to have sex more often but that he is having problems getting (or perhaps keeping) an erection. You will remember that in the letter on this subject last month, I said that some men might try to become more active sexually in their middle years because they feel they are losing their sexual powers. They sometimes try to prove to themselves from their interest and ability have not decreased by becoming more sexually active.

There are tests that a doctor can perform to make sure that the man's body is producing enough of certain hormones. If the supply of one or more of these hormones is low, this certainly can affect the man's ability to have an erection. When this is the case, there are drugs which can sometimes be given to increase the hormone supply.

Of course, I cannot tell you whether such treatment would help your husband. Difficulty in having an erection can be due to any number of causes. Many times there may be a combination of both physical and psychological reasons for this condition. And sometimes a combination or medical treatment and an understanding wife can help.

So if your husband will see a doctor - either your family physician or a urologist, he may be able to receive some help. I hope he will try this, but whether he tries to get treatment or not, he is going to need all the love and understanding you can give him.

If any of our other readers are interested in learning more about the new method of sealing the woman's tubes for permanent birth control, write me. Be sure you ask for information on the new procedure so that I will know what to send. Write: Mrs. Gloria Riggsbee, 214 Cameron Ave., Chapel Hill, N.C. 27514.

**With Our
Service Personnel**

WITH U.S. COMBAT AIR FORCES, Vietnam - U.S. Air Force Captain Edwin C. Newman, son of Mr. and Mrs. Tom Newman of Rt. 1, Clinton, participated as an F-4 Phantom pilot in recent air strikes near Khe Sanh, Vietnam.

During a two-day period, Air Force fighter-bomber crews flew 20 strikes in the area. The objective was rescuing the small airstrip at Khe Sanh. Damage included 44 bunkers and two supply cache sites destroyed, 18 more bunkers damaged, and numerous secondary explosions and sustained fires ignited.

Despite low cloud ceilings and poor visibility, all scheduled strikes were flown during the lengthy air siege. One at a time, the fighter-bomber flights were directed into the area, first hitting outlying targets and destroying land mines to prepare landing zones for allied troops.

"The area was completely overcast," recalled Captain Newman. "There wasn't much working room for us." The Captain led one of the Phantom flights which struck the area the second day.

He and his wingman went out over the nearby ocean in order to get under the clouds and then flew inland under the cloud cover. They made four bombing passes each and then strafed the area with the Phantom 20mm nose cannons. The flight was credited by the allied ground commander with silencing a location from which the enemy had been firing mortar rounds onto allied positions.

Captain Newman, a member of the 366th Tactical Fighter Wing at Da Nang Air Base, regularly flies missions supporting allied military operations in Vietnam.

A 1958 graduate of Clinton High School, he received his B.S. degree and commission from the U.S. Air Force Academy in 1962.

The captain's wife, Lynn, is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Robert Parnell of Lumberton.

Army Private Benny E. Walters, 19, son of Mrs. Louise R. Love, Route 1, Raeford, recently completed a Light Vehicle Driver course at Ft. Polk, La.

During the eight week course, he was trained in the Operation and Maintenance of military vehicles up to and including the two and one-half ton truck. Instruction was also given in the operation of the Internal Combustion Engine and Chassis assembly.

Pvt. Walters entered the Army in September 1970 and completed basic training at Ft. Polk.

Specialist Four Walter Musgrave, 19, whose mother, Mrs. Dorothy M. Musgrave, lives at 2820 Summit, Kansas City, Mo., recently received the Army Commendation Medal while serving with the 101st Airborne Division (Airmobile) in Vietnam.

The medal was awarded for Meritorious Service. Such service can be over an extended period of time or for outstanding achievement in a single situation. In either case, the recipient must have demonstrated skills and dedication far above the average.

He received the award while assigned as a combat construction specialist in Company A of the division's 326th Engineer Battalion.

He entered the Army in May 1968, completed basic training at Ft. Leonard Wood, Mo., and was last stationed at Ft. Bragg.

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**It's SKYWARN Time
In North Carolina**

On April 2, 1936, one of the most vicious and long-lasting tornadoes ever to strike one of the east coast states roared through a highly populated area of North Carolina. At 7:12 in the evening, just at twilight, the violent funnel sailed into the western edge of Greensboro; eight minutes later it emerged on the eastern suburbs, leaving 13 persons dead and 144 injured; 289 buildings were damaged, 56 of them totally demolished, with a total property damage estimated at two million dollars. After leaving Greensboro the tornado continued on a northeasterly course, touching down occasionally; it was last seen in Warren County at 9:15 p.m., a distance of about 100 miles from its first appearance. One additional person was killed and four injured by the tornado after it left Greensboro.

This account of the State's most infamous tornado was given by Albert V. Hardy, NOAA Climatologist for North Carolina, in connection with the 1971 inauguration of SKYWARN, the annual campaign to prevent loss of life from tornadoes, conducted by the National Weather Service (formerly called the Weather Bureau) and its new parent organization, the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration. (NOAA was created within the Department of Commerce on October 3, 1970, as part of the Federal Government's increased attention to environmental concerns.) The Greensboro storm was typical of North Carolina

tornadoes except in magnitude. They are most likely to occur in the month of April, between the hours of 2 p.m. and 9 p.m., and to move in a northeasterly direction. They can, however, occur in any month of the year, and at any time of the day or night. "No date, time, or place in North Carolina can be guaranteed against tornado activity," said Climatologist Hardy. "We had one in 1971 before the year was a week old." During the pre-dawn hours of January 5, a tornado severely damaged two buildings of the Anderson Creek School in Harnett County; several farm buildings in the same area were destroyed or damaged. The unusual time of occurrence, around 3 a.m., may have been the only thing that prevented loss of life. Still more recently, on the afternoon of the February 22, a tornado or tornadoes struck parts of Fayetteville and other nearby areas, killing 2 people and injuring about 50 others.

North Carolina had only two tornadoes reported in 1970, the smallest number in the past twenty years, both of the storms occurred in August. No one was killed, but a woman was injured when a tornado demolished her mobile home in Union County.

During the past two decades, records indicate an average of nearly eight tornadoes per year in North Carolina. The most destructive to affect the State in recent years occurred on April 8, 1957. A group of three tornadoes struck southeastern North Carolina early that evening, at least one having moved across the border from South Carolina.

PILOT PROGRAM

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in vocational courses, but this is not necessary, he said. If a student in the project drops out of school during the year, the staff will continue counseling and will try to help place him in a job, Abernethy said. While the primary focus of the program is to get students to complete their education, he said, the other purpose is to help equip a student with a marketable skill when they end their education.

With the program just beginning, there are many plans yet to be realized.

Abernethy said he hoped the post-school counseling could be extended to nine months instead of six.

Maynor said he hoped the program could be expanded to reach students who

are now lost to the school system. "We lose a number of young people every year who drop out to find a job - kind of a job to help their family. Hopefully, this program will interfere with this situation.

If we can work with them, help arrange a schedule where they can take one or two courses, say an English course or a math class, and maybe give them some credit toward graduation for their job, we can help meet the educational needs of these kids who need the financial support of a job while they are in school."

Gillis conceded that the general economic slump in the country was a problem. And it was still too early in the program to attempt any evaluation, he said.

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**Monday, April 5
at 9:00 A.M.**

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No Complaints Will Be Heard By The Board Except By Appointment.

**ALL MEETINGS WILL BE HELD
BOARD OF EDUCATION BUILDING
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The Board Expects To Adjourn April 5, 1971. In The Event of Earlier or Later Adjournment, Notice to That Effect Will Be Published in This Newspaper.

**HOKE COUNTY
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