

# Women's Health

## THE RACE BETWEEN STORK AND DRIVER

Chapel Hill, N. C. (WMNS)—If clogged roads and traffic jams unpredictably delayed storks as well as people, doctors would be less tempted to try to schedule child-births.

As it is, warns Dr. Charles Hendricks, chairman of the obstetrics department of the University of North Carolina, the chemical induction of labor is spreading.

In rural areas, where the expectant mother lives far from the hospital and where there's a doctor shortage, some overworked physicians have induced labor in more than half of their patients. In large cities, labor is traditionally induced only for medical reasons.

But now, says Dr. Hendricks, induced labor is becoming more acceptable because miserable rush hour traffic conditions between suburbs and downtown hospitals make many trips a perilous race between stork and driver.

The obstetrician believes that

non-medical induction should never be done for the convenience of the doctor but is sometimes permissible for the convenience of the patient.

## A DOCTOR'S "PAINFUL DECISION"

Irvine, Calif. (WMNS)—A self-described conservative, prudish doctor, living in a conservative, strait-laced, agricultural community, finds himself prescribing birth control pills for certain teenagers after years of refusing to give contraception to minors.

"I had to make a painful decision," recalls Dr. William B. Thompson, assistant professor of gynecology at the University of California at Irvine. "I spent years in Los Angeles working at a Crittendon Home for unmarried mothers. I saw four 12 year old girls there who were pregnant and didn't know why they were pregnant. You have to be concerned about such tragedies. I decided that my work was too late." Better to prevent the tragedy,

the obstetrician decided, than insist that a young girl endure an unwanted pregnancy before she receives contraceptive advice.

The youngest patient for whom Dr. Thompson has prescribed an oral contraceptive is 10½. The youngest patient in whom he's inserted an intrauterine device is 12.

It's a fact of a gynecologist's life, Dr. Thompson says, that early sexually exists. "If a good-looking 15 year old comes into my office," he says regretfully, "I know why she's there. She is no longer a virgin."

## ACCOLADE FOR CARMINATIVES

London, Eng. (WMNS)—Hail the lowly oil of peppermint, known to the ancient Greeks and just rousing endorsed by the August British Medical Journal for its "swift and universal action" in producing burps.

Known formally as carminatives, such volatile oils as peppermint, cardamom, dill, ginger, cinnamon and cloves are used for bawling infants and "patients complaining of wind," as well as in liquors and as seasonings.

Carminatives, usually sold in alcoholic solutions (tinctures), are praised as "useful, pleasant and (apparently) without side-effects," producing "an almost immediate sensation of warmth" in the upper reaches of the abdomen followed within a few minutes by a well-rounded easeful belch.

Alas, carminatives also appear in onions and garlic, leading to

## Gulf Announces Merger Plans

HOUSTON, TEXAS—An agreement in principle has been reached by Gulf Resources & Chemical Corporation and the stockholders of C & K Coal Company, Clarion, Pennsylvania for the acquisition by Gulf of all C & K's outstanding stock, according to Robert H. Allen, President of Gulf.

The proposed acquisition will result in the issuance of between 500,000 and 550,000 shares of Gulf common stock, depending upon the average closing price of Gulf's stock for a specified period prior to the closing. The proposed acquisition is subject to approval of a mutually acceptable definitive agreement by the selling stockholders and the Board of Directors of Gulf.

C & K Coal Company owns coal reserves of approximately 18,000,000 tons in west central Pennsylvania, all of which may be mined by strip mining methods. The acquisition is near completion of an expansion program under which it has purchased over the last three years new reserves and mining equipment with which to substantially increase its mine operation. During the nine months ended September 30, 1969, C & K sold approximately 981,000 tons of coal. On a pro-forma basis, the acquisition would have added about \$20 per share to Gulf's earnings for that period.

## Bell System Circuits Reach Viewers

A lifeline of communications—stretching around the world and across space—is guiding the Apollo 12 astronauts toward man's second landing on the moon.

Every type of electrical transmission—voice, data, video, telemetry, telephoto and teletype—writer—plays a part in each phase of the spaceflight and lunar landing: pre-launch checkout, guidance into orbit and subsequent tracking.

"More than 600 Bell System circuits, spanning half a million miles, make up the largest share of the Apollo communications network that extends around the world," said R. B. Moore.

"That circuit mileage is roughly equivalent to a round trip to the moon."

Bell System circuits are also the principal paths by which telecasts from Apollo 12 and the moon will reach viewers in Kings Mountain and millions of people around the world, Moore said.

When the astronauts set foot on the moon and carry out their tasks, the televised scenes will be picked up at an earth station in Goldstone, California. The telecast will then be carried to the nation by the Bell network, and relayed overseas.

He said the entire NASA communications system—known as NASCOM—connects the mission's two space vehicles and three astronauts to 14 ground stations, several communications ships, six airplanes, the rocket launch complex at Cape Kennedy, the recovery area in the Pacific, the Goddard Space Flight Center in Greenbelt, Maryland, the Manned Spacecraft Center in Houston, Texas, and thousands of key people around the world.

By undersea cables, satellite and high frequency radio, circuits that extend beyond the U. S. dovetail with the Bell System network at NASA's communications center at Goddard. From Goddard, the communications are moved via the network to their ultimate destination at Houston, where controllers are watching the progress of the flight.

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## Moss To Appear On Joey Show

Mayor John Henry Moss of Kings Mountain will appear on the Grand Opening of Joey the Clown's "HOBO HOTEL," premiering Saturday morning, November 22 at 8:00 on WSOC-TV Channel 9.

Mayor Moss, along with mayors and dignitaries of the surrounding cities in the Channel 9 viewing area, were entertained at a luncheon held at the Holiday Inn North on Wednesday, November 19 in Charlotte. Afterward WSOC-TV studios welcomed them on a comprehensive tour of the television station where they participated in an actual video taping of Joey's "HOBO HOTEL."

Joey said he was sorry that since they did not qualify as "hobos" or children they would be replaced on future television programs by children from the surrounding area.

The Joey Show is celebrating its 10th year as one of the highest rated children's programs in the entire Southeast and has recently enlarged its staff to include Bill Simmons as Albert S. Squalery, playing the part of Joey's boss, along with Miss Toni Robinson who has been a regular on the show.

transmit information," said Moore. "Some of the switching equipment NASA uses to operate the worldwide network was designed and supplied by the Bell System, but the important Bell contribution is to keep information moving and to make sure connecting links in the network are running reliably."

Moore said NASA has leased circuits over diverse routes both inside and outside the U. S. to help insure this reliability. Where possible, he said, circuits are carried on different facilities and switched at separate points — if there are some problems on one circuit, they will not affect the backup circuit.

"Because there are so many diversified circuits devoted to the Apollo 12 effort, every Bell Telephone company in the U. S. — including Southern Bell — is involved in handling and maintaining communications for the flight."

## Baptists Change Name Of College

BOILING SPRINGS, N. C. — North Carolina Baptists have officially changed the name of Gardner-Webb Junior College to Gardner-Webb College as the new four-year institution enters its historic advance. The action was taken at the North Carolina Baptist Convention along with approval to borrow 400,000 to construct dormitory facilities.

The convention granted the request for the name change made by the school's trustees. Gardner-Webb is owned by the North Carolina Baptists. The school's history stretches back to 1905.

The trustees also voted to ask for the power to borrow the \$400,000. The money will be used to construct new dormitory facilities. Presently the school has more than 200 students who are living off campus unable to find campus housing. The school's enrollment is more than 1460 students.

Dr. E. Eugene Poston, president of Gardner-Webb, said the need for dormitory space is critical. He cited the many students living off campus and possible increased enrollment as reasons for the need of more campus housing.

"We are very pleased with the approval of our request for the authority to borrow this money," said Dr. Poston. These new facilities will be part of our new campaign to raise funds for some badly needed facilities at our school."

In making the request to borrow the money the trustees told the convention that the college intended to build within the ability "to pay off the loan without reducing the efficiency of the educational program." The repayment of the loan will be made from the rent on the rooms in the residence halls.

No formal plans have been approved as to the type of construction or when such construction will begin.

Gardner-Webb now has a junior class of 322 students. The school will graduate its first four-year class in the Spring of 1971.

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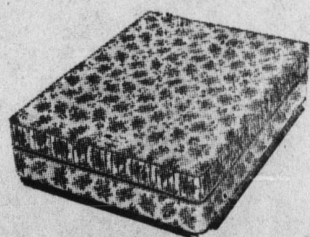


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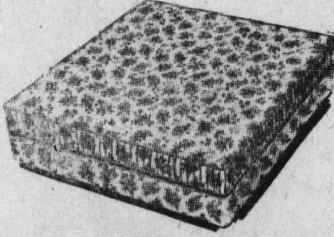
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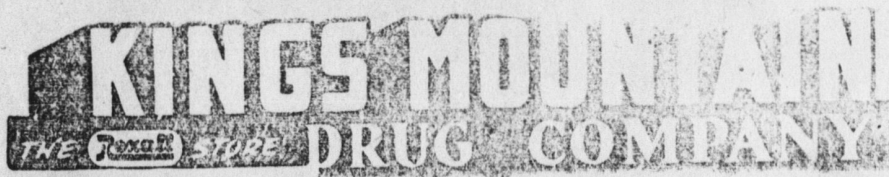
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