



HEW'S JAMES FARMER CONFERS AT A&T-Former CORE national director James Farmer (second from left) chats with A&T State University officials. At left is Dr. Lewis C. Dowdy, president of A&T. Others are Dr. Arthur Jackson, dean of the school of Arts and Sciences; and Dr. Darwin T. Turner, dean of the Graduate School.

'Academic Community Is Too Busy Studying,' Men's Week Body Told

WINSTON-SALEM - "The academic community has been too busy studying. It is time to act. We have to do it. We have to invest ourselves."

So said Cecil Butler, director of the Winston-Salem Rap Room, to students last week at Winston-Salem State College during the school's annual men's week celebration.

The Rap room is an experimental meeting spot for interracial communication.

Butler criticized the students for being apathetic in the face of serious needs in the black community outside the college and said the students were taking advantage of the security of an academic environment.

"I've been slapped in the face by the white community," he said. "They've asked me, where are your black leaders, your black men?"

"What have you done to prove your manhood, your masculinity?" Butler asked the young men in the audience. "Where are you? Well you aren't out in the community."

The outside community, unlike the campus, he said is not secure, and he criticized black students for dodging their responsibility for working with townspeople.

"There is no male leadership in the black community," he said.

Where are the potential male

leaders?
"After college they are going to IBM or to teaching, and they live in the exclusive black neighborhoods," Butler said. "And when they see a snotty-nosed kid with mis-matched socks and one shoe off and one shoe on, they say, 'Oh, those dirty kids. They bug me.'"

"We need much more compas-

sion for our people," he

said.

The black college, Butler

said, is one of the few places

of relevancy in this society,

and a place where black male

leaders who can be relevant

to the needs of their com-

munities can be trained.

"If the black college fails,"

Butler said, "there will still

be a gap of male leadership

in the future."

CHICAGO, Ill.—The National

Academy of Recording Arts and

Sciences (NARAS), paid homage

to Diana Ross and the Supremes

last week by citing them for

"Supreme Achievement in the

Field of Recording."

The award was presented to

"The World's Best Female

Vocal Group," by Kenny Solder-

blom, president, Chicago Chap-

ter of NARAS, on behalf of the

Chapter's Board of Governors

and Trustees.

The award was a plaque in-

scribed, simply.

"You have created and sus-

tained a position of supreme

achievement in the field of re-

cording, for yours is one of the

most polished, distinctive and

universally accepted groups of

our era. Your appeal is not only

to dissident youth, but to the be-

lieved and established.

PREGNANCY PLANNING AND HEALTH

BY MRS. GLORIA RIGGSBEE

Dear Mrs. Riggsbee:

We have been married for 18 years. My husband and I are both 45 and will be 46 this year. We have two children, aged 9 and 12. The problem is my husband. He is getting tired of using rubbers. So he is suggesting that we should have two more kids. I don't think I could stand to go through the problem of raising a small child. My nerves are pretty bad at times.

What do you suggest that I should use to keep from getting pregnant? I have never used any kind of birth control pills. Should I ask the doctor about birth control? Mrs. V. V. C. Dear Mrs. V. V. C.:

I agree with you that 46 is too late for most people to cope with a small, active child. Doctors also say that women who have babies after 40 run more risks to their health than women who have their babies during their twenties and thirties. Besides, you already have two fine children! If your husband does not want to use rubbers anymore, there are plenty of birth control methods for you to choose from.

You may be especially interested in the loop or pill methods of birth control. The loop is a small piece of plastic which the doctor can put into your womb to keep you from becoming pregnant. The pills are also a good method of birth control, especially for women who can remember to take medicine on time, without forgetting.

I suggest you talk about this with your family doctor or with a doctor at your local health department. If you live in Raleigh, you may contact the family planning clinic at the Wake County Health Department (call 833-1655 for an appointment).

Guilford Co. Wreck Firm In Wage Suit

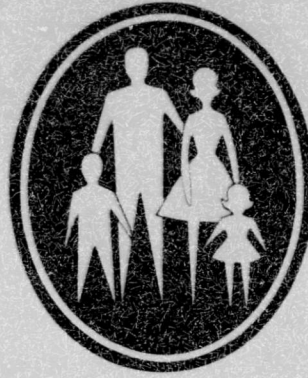
GREENSBORO - D. H. Griffin Wrecking Company, Inc., and D. H. Griffin, individually, have been named the defendants in a Fair Labor Standards Act (FLSA) suit filed in U. S. District Court here by Secretary of Labor George P. Shultz.

The defendants have a place of business at Greensboro, Guilford County, where they are engaged in the wrecking and demolition business.

The complaint alleges the defendants are in violation of the minimum-wage, record-keeping, and shipping provisions of the FLSA; that as a result of these violations, minimum wages have been unlawfully withheld by the defendants from 36 employees named in the action.

The complaint asserts the defendants' employees are covered by the Act because they are engaged in commerce or in the production of goods for commerce.

The suit seeks a judgement enjoining and restraining the violations alleged, and enjoining and restraining the withholding of payment of minimum wages found to be due defendants' employees.



Dear Gloria Riggsbee:

I just read the letter from Mr. R. L., the deaf man who is afraid of having deaf children. It is clear that Mr. R. L. has a psychological problem. You should have told him to visit a psychiatrist and get the counselling and guidance he needs.

My husband and I were born deaf and we have seven healthy, normal children. Many of my deaf friends who were also born that way have normal children. One of my deaf friends has four deaf and three hearing children, although there was no deafness in either parent's family.

Handicaps can strike any healthy family. There is nothing to fear. Children are one of the richest blessings from God and without them life is meaningless. Mrs. A. W. Dear Mrs. A. W.:

Thank you for writing and disagreeing with me. We want this column to be stimulating, and differences of opinion are welcome.

Mr. R. L. did not say all deaf people should not have children. He simply said that he and his fiancée did not want to run that risk. I cannot see that for this reason he requires psychological help. Children are a blessing, it is true, and can often give positive meaning to life—but only when the parents want the child. Meaning in life is where you find it. Children give meaning to the lives of many couples. Other people who cannot have children, choose not to have them or who remain single all their lives find meaning in other areas of their lives.

Dear Mrs. Riggsbee:

I am 39 years old, going on 40, and I have been taking the birth control pills for two and a half years. Somewhere—I can't remember where—I heard that taking the pills after 40 would make your change of life come later, and that instead of going through the change at the normal time, it would be possible to have a baby in your fifties if you were taking the pills. Is this true? Please answer soon, because if it is true, I want to stop taking the pills before I reach 40. Mrs. T. M. Dear Mrs. T. M.:

This is absolutely NOT true. You may continue to take the pills after 40 and you will begin your menopause or "change of life" at the same time you should if you were not taking the pills. This question was raised when the pills first came out. Now, however, through testing it has been firmly established that pills will neither delay nor hasten your change of life. You may continue to take the pills with confidence in their safety until you do not need birth control any longer, or until you have not had a menstrual period for a full calendar year.

THOMAS JEFFERSON

"We hold these truths to be self-evident, — that all men are created equal; that they are endowed by their Creator with certain unalienable rights; that among these are life, liberty, and the pursuit of happiness."



CHARGES MURDER ATTEMPT - Franklin: Two Washington, D. C. Negro men were jailed here March 14, accused of attempting to kill a white man recently involved in a Raleigh civil rights case. Mr. and Mrs. James Lawing told police that the two men waved a pistol and forced his car off the road near here. Held under a charge of "assault with intent to kill with a deadly weapon, a car," was Jesse E. Morgan, 46. His son, Jesse E., Jr., 20, was charged with "assault with intent to kill with a deadly weapon, a pistol." Lawing was acquitted in Raleigh March 13, 1969 on a charge he intimidated a Negro family that had moved into his neighborhood. Lawing was accused of racial intimidation under the 1968 Open Housing Act and was the second man in the United States to have been charged under the act. (UPI).

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