

OBSERVES VETERANS' DAY WITH PATIENTS-Washington: President Nixon observed Veterans' Day November 11 by visiting and chatting with patients at the D. C. Veterans Hospital. The President's visit helped inaugurate what he has termed a "significant national program" called very important patients. (UPI)

A&T President First Black Elected To Head National Educators' Group

CHICAGO, Ill.—Dr. Lewis C. Dowdy, president of North Carolina A&T State University, has been elected president of the Council of Presidents of the National Association of State Universities and Land-Grant Colleges. He is the first black man to hold the Council highest office.

Dowdy was elected to his office Monday during the 83rd annual convention of the National Association of State Universities and Land-Grant Colleges in Chicago.

The Council of Presidents is composed of the chief administrators of 89 major state universities and land-grant institutions in the United States and Puerto Rico.

Dr. Dowdy, who served for the past year as secretary of the council, succeeds Dr. W. Robert Parks, president of Iowa State University, as president.

A bold innovator, Dr. Dowdy, 52, as chief administrative officer of A&T, has charted a successful course which has drawn plaudits in the nation's highest circles of education.

Just three years ago, he provided the leadership to enable the former college to gain university status. Dr. Dowdy is currently spearheading a successful campaign to raise \$1 million over a five-year period. More than \$770,000 of the amount is already either paid or pledged.

Two years ago, he announced a comprehensive reorganization of the academic structure at the University, to include the creation of a school of Arts and Sciences. Dr. Dowdy's emphasis on faculty improvement has resulted in the recruiting of an outstanding group of educators, nearly 40 per cent of them holding doctorates or other terminal degrees.

Dr. Dowdy has also made great strides in capital improvements, rejuvenation of the A&T University Foundation, improvement of the quality and quantity of students, and upgrading the University's research and public service efforts.

Today, A&T has an enrollment of more than 3,900 students, including representation from every county in the state. Graduates of the University hold leadership positions in government service, education, the military, industry and the professions.

Much honored for his work in education, Dr. Dowdy was a winner of the "Outstanding Alumnus Award" given by Indiana State University and the "Citizens of Greensboro Award" given by the Greensboro Chamber of Commerce.

Dr. Dowdy is a member of the Atomic Energy Advisory Committee, American Council on Education's Committee on Educational Policy, North Carolina Council on Human Relations, North Carolina Coordinating Council on Aging and Education Commission of the States. He also served on the Commission for Study of Public Schools of North Carolina and the Executive Committee of the Association of State Universities and Land-Grant Colleges.

A native of Eastover, S. C.,

PREGNANCY PLANNING AND HEALTH

BY MRS. GLORIA RIGGSBEE

Dear Mrs. Riggsbee:
I read the story about a little baby, only a few hours old, which they had found wrapped in newspapers and stuffed in a paper bag inside a Goodwill Deposit Box at a shopping center. It makes me so mad when people say, "Well, even though she doesn't want the baby she's carrying, once the baby comes, she will learn to love it." That just isn't true in a number of cases, and you realize it even more when you see articles like this one.

There are also a lot of articles being written about babies and small children who are beaten—sometimes to death—by their parents. These parents surely didn't want their babies in the first place, and once they were born, they didn't "learn to love them." I believe that every couple who don't want a baby should care enough to use birth control so situations like these don't happen. The babies always seem to end up paying the price for being born—and it wasn't even their fault they were brought into this world! P. D.

Dear P. D.:
I cannot add much to your fine letter except to say I agree one hundred percent. Couples who don't want children should certainly take the responsibility to use birth control.

So many unwanted children are brought into the world only to suffer and take the blame for being born. Every child should be a wanted child, and the increasing number of "battered" and abandoned babies is just one more fact which points up the need for more birth control.

Dear Mrs. Riggsbee:
At first I didn't think you could answer my question in your column since it's pretty personal. But after reading "Pregnancy Planning & Health" for the last few months, I've decided my question is not more personal than many others you have answered in the column.

What I want to know is this—can the birth control pills make you have a discharge? Ever since I've been taking the pills I've been bothered with this problem, and I was wondering if there could be any connection. Mrs. R. T.

Dear Mrs. R. T.:
The pills, as you probably know, cause certain side-effects in some women, most of which are also common to the early months of pregnancy. Since some women are bothered by a discharge during pregnancy, they may also experience this condition while taking the pills.

However, a more frequent cause of discharges is taking too many douches. Unless your doctor tells you otherwise, you should not douche too often (more than once a week), using clear warm water.

If this problem continues to

Dr. Dowdy holds the A. B. degree and a Litt. D. degree from Allen University, the M. S. degree from Indiana State University and the Ed.D. degree from Indiana University.

Prior to becoming president of A&T, he served as principal of high schools in Eastover, S. C., and Winstboro, S. C. At A&T, he formerly served as director of student teaching, dean of the School of Education and General Studies and acting president.

Dr. Dowdy is married to the former Elizabeth Smith of Terre Haute, Ind. Dr. and Mrs. Dowdy have three children, Lewis, Lemuel and Elizabeth.



bother you, check with your doctor or the Wake County Health Department, 3010 New Bern Avenue. They have a Family Planning Clinic every Thursday at 12 noon and every Saturday at 8:30 a.m. If you are interested, call 833-1855, for an appointment.

Dear Gloria Riggsbee:
I have been taking birth control pills for five months now, and I think they are wonderful. Now that I am using them, I don't ever want to go back to any other method of birth control. A lot of my friends who take the pills are wondering, like I am, can we take the pills as long as we want? Mrs. R. M.

Dear Mrs. R. M.:
Most doctors prescribe pills to patients for either six months or yearly periods. When the woman comes in for a check-up her prescription is renewed. As long as the woman is having no difficulties, the doctor will generally allow her to continue taking the pills for as long as she wishes. Many women have been on the pill for five to ten years, some for longer, so chances are good that your doctor will let you stay on the pills as long as you wish.

Address letters to: Mrs. Gloria Riggsbee, 214 Cameron Avenue, Chapel Hill, North Carolina 27514.

Holding Tech Offers Nurses' Assistant Course

Holding Tech announces a three month course for Nurses' Assistants will be registered on November 24th at the Institute.

Classes will begin November 25 at Wake Memorial Hospital and will meet there five days a week, Monday through Friday, from 8:00 a.m. until 3:00 p.m.

Graduation from high school is NOT a requirement for acceptance in this program which is offered FREE to all who are interested.

For further information call the Director of Admissions at Holding Tech - 772-9551.



BLACKS ROUTED FROM AUDITORIUM-Albany, N. Y.: A student falls after being struck by a policeman during a disturbance at Albany High School November 12. About 100 Black students took over the school's auditorium, and were routed by police. Six persons were injured and at least four arrested. (UPI)

Durham NAACP Honors Heads

DURHAM-In keeping with the theme, "Paths to Freedom," the leaders of the Durham Branch, NAACP, devoted its October meeting to honoring some of the presidents who have been in charge, during the past 50 years.

It was brought out that the NAACP had wrought more in Durham than any other civil rights organization and was on the road toward bringing more and better things to pass. Plaques were given to L. E. Austin, Will Steward, Attorney M. E. Johnson, Burch Coley, Rev. J. A. Brown, Rev. William Fuller and Rev. A. D. Moseley.

It was the consensus that the late R. N. Harris had contributed more than his share to the building of the organization. His services were recognized by all of the speakers and his widow, Mrs. Plasse Williams Harris, retold some of the experiences he had with the NAACP and received a plaque for him, in absentia.

Attorney Johnson presided and traced the history of the Durham Branch as far back as the noted Scotsboro Case. He told of how the NAACP worked in the interest of the teachers, Negro policemen, firemen, better wages and employment and in many other areas, quite helpful.

It was also brought out that it was a former president of the Durham Branch, Rev. A. D. Moseley, who revolutionized at-

ing accommodations on railroads in the South, when he defended a Negro WAC, who had been thrown off a train in Weldon and charged with violating a jim-crow law. Working with the Civil Liberties Department of the Elks and the NAACP, this barrier was broken.

It was also brought out that the NAACP was definitely responsible for Negroes being able to vote in the Democratic Primary. The south had made it impossible for the Negro to vote in a Democratic Primary and since the winner in the primary was the elected official there was no way for the Negro to take part in the election of officials in the south. The

Durham Branch played a great part in this emancipation of the Negro vote.

Due to the leadership that the incumbent president Alexander Barnes has given the group, he was also given a freedom award.

The November meeting will be held at Fisher Memorial Holiness Church, 420 Piedmont Avenue, Nov. 23, Rev. L. A. Lawson pastor. It is hoped that this meeting will enroll 1,000 new members to be used in meeting the challenges of the 70s. Officers for 1970 will be nominated. This could prove an interesting session. The public is cordially invited. Howard alumni federa-

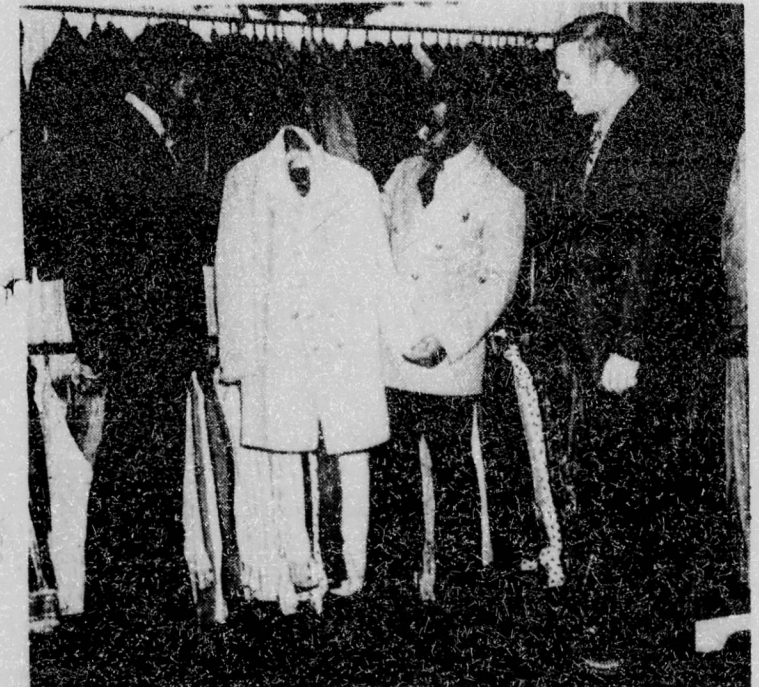
Hold Movie Festival To Provide More Jobs In Nation's Capitol

WASHINGTON, D. C. - New techniques of producing and projecting movies to help people become more employable were exhibited at the city's first annual Jobs Film Festival, November 13, 14, and 15 at the Washington Hilton Hotel.

The Festival, designed to encourage the use of audio-visuals as effective tools for increasing employability, was scheduled to be held in conjunction with the National Alliance of Businessmen's Manpower conference and the National Urban League's On-The-Job Training workshop here during the same period.

It was sponsored by the Washington Area Manpower Institute for Development of Staff of the Washington Technical Institute, in cooperation with the Division of Manpower Development and Training, U. S. Office of Education, and the Southeast Women's Club of the District Federation of Women's Clubs.

Approximately 100 films were previewed and screened continuously during the three days in three separate presentations for employers and management, personnel and placement specialists and job seekers, trainers and training instructors.



DISPLAYS HIGH-FASHION MEN'S CLOTHES-San Francisco: Jim Turner (C) shows a coat from his line of high-fashion men's clothes to Kenneth Washington (L) and Derek Hanson, Washington and Hanson, of the Arcata Investment Co., have made low-interest loans to 30 minority group businessmen, like Turner, just getting started. In a year, with \$340,000 invested, all but one business have prospered. (UPI)

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