HE THE SWINGING-EST SCIENTIST IN TOWN

WASHINGTON

(By MARL STRATFORD)

If there can be any single characterization of young Walter Gregory Twitty, it's likely to be that he's the "swinging-est" scientist "going."

Walter, 16, "swings" whether he's involved in a scientific project or performing with his Rock 'n' Roll group as pianist and tenor.

He is "going" to a career as an experimental psychologist if his present plans materialize and Walter has already made an impressive start in that direction.

A junior at the Fairmont Heights Senior High School, Walter has won first place in zoology and medical science at the Maryland Science Fair held at Coles Field, Maryland University for the past three years.

In fact, he took the top prize the first year he entered. His interest in science evolved after reading a science news letter in the ninth grade.

This year's prizes were racked up mostly for his exhibit and papers on the "Prefrontal Cerebral Lobotomy in Rats with Retention Habits Tested."

His research dealt with results of testing animals after a lapse of time to determine how much they have retained of previous conditioning.

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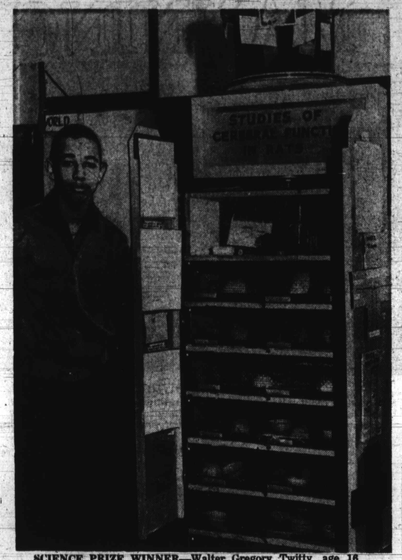
AS THIS year's first place winner in medical science at the Science Fair, Walter received a 45-book library from the American Library of World Literature and the Navy Science Cruiser award which will be a one-week cruise this summer.

He also entered competition this year sponsored by the Junior Science and Humanities Symposium and his was among the 12 papers selected for presentation to Maryland students at the third annual symposium last week. Along with other winners, Walter read his paper to the three-day conference which met at the Lord Baltimore Hotel in Baltimore.

He was also selected one of the six authors of student papers to represent Maryland at the National Junior Science and Humanities Symposium to be held at the U.S. Military Academy in West Point, N.Y., April 29 to May 1.



SCIENCE PRIZE WINNER—Walter Gregory Twitty, age 16, exhibits a prize winning project.

Last December, he was one of the speakers at the Junior Academy of Science Christmas conference at Georgetown University.

Walter is a B average student at Fairmont Heights where science is his best subject. He considers Spanish his worst.

Pursuing his interest in science away from the classroom, he is adding taxidermy and has a small collection of stuffed birds and eggs which he keeps in his room.

His interest in birds — he is also doing research on the flying patterns of the starling — grew out of trips with the family each summer to visit grandparents in the country in Rutherford, N.C.

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A ROCK 'n' roll fan, Walter enjoys music and decided awhile back to become a pianist. But after taking piano lessons for two years, "I became discouraged with Beethoven and Bach.

"I enjoy swinging songs but I had to learn to play classical music first.

"My music teacher said I was progressing quite rapidly and had all kinds of potential but I just didn't appreciate what was ahead of me."

Consequently, Walter gave up formal study of the piano but continued "playing by ear."

Recently, he formed "Gomez and the Jive Five," a small group which performs at area parties. Walter, who is a good bowler, was dubbed "Gomez" by bowling companions but doesn't know why he acquired the name. He is a member of the Youth Bowling Association of Silver Hill, Md.

An Eagle Scout at the age of 14, he has received 41 merit badges.

Walter is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Wishum Twitty, 4201 Grant St., NE. His mother teaches at Bethune Junior High School.

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32-voice choir at Campbell AME

WASHINGTON

A 32-voice choir will present "The Olivet to Clavary" at Campbell AME Church, Nichols Ave. and Sumner Rd., SE Sunday at six o'clock. Guest soloist will be Arlene Littlejohn, soprano; George Hawshaw, bass; Marcellus Breach, organist, Theodore Harris, pianist and Paul E. Gothard Jr., narrator.

Wilmer Hunt Jr. is the conductor.

If you don't mean it, stop talking, HHH declares at AFL-CIO banquet

"As Americans you should think in terms of one citizenship, one nation under God indivisible, with liberty and justice for all if you mean it, and if you don't, stop talking about it," said Vice President Hubert H. Humphrey Tuesday, at the Statler Hilton, in an address to the Industrial Union, AFL-CIO.

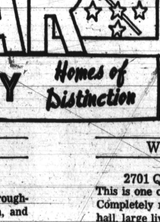
More than 500 people listened while the Vice President appealed to the conscience of America in the preservation of the most cared and precious rights of every citizen, in that every citizen, irrespective of his race, color or creed, should not be denied his right by birth, to vote.

The Vice President went on to say that President Johnson standing before a group of 44 Governors painted a picture of Abraham Lincoln and said, "Abraham signed the Declaration of Independence and I intend with God's help, to make it a reality."

The Vice President asked the individuals of the labor movement, members of the Senate and Congress to go back to their desks, precincts etc., and resolve that the gains made toward civil liberties are right and that the longest steps have been taken.

He concluded by saying "Lets get in stride and put on our Texas hats and walk tall and strong and sit high in the saddle."

WALTER P. REUTHER, President of the AFL-CIO said that his organization would continue fighting for Medical Care for the aged, higher wages, higher social security benefits and further aid to education.



Vice President HUMPHREY

He deplored the present situation in Alabama and asked for Federal Registrars to avoid the effort seeking used to keep colored people from voting.

"How can America continue defending freedom in Berlin and deny it in Birmingham; and how can America fight for freedom in Saigon and overlook it in Selma," he questioned?

He called for a stronger voter bill "so that it would not be necessary to come back a second time."

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CLARENCE MITCHELL, director of the Washington Bureau of the NAACP, bitterly protested the way some of the Republicans and southern Senators were trying to water down the Vote Bill.

He said that President Johnson asked for one type of voter bill and various elements are trying to give him another.

He attacked Virginia's voting policies and said Senator Harry F. Byrd had never done anything in his State to help the colored people obtain full voting rights.

He urged that a provision be included at a statutory matter making it unlawful to pay a poll tax to vote in any kind of an election.

He went on to say that a man takes his life in hand in this country when he kisses his wife and children and goes off to try and register to vote, and this should never be.

Virginia town hires tan cop part-time

FARMVILLE, Va — W. T. Jenkins, Jennings, 30, has been hired as a part - time patrolman by the Farmville police department, it was announced last week.

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