Kids Talk

Do you know this person?

Born in April 23, 1856 in Columbus, Ohio, he was a great scientist.

He became known as "The Black Edison" for his many inventions and persistent investigation in the field of electric systems.

He was awarded more than 35 patents for electrical systems and devices; his inventions created new energy techniques for the transportation and communication industries in the last part of the 19th century.

Some of his major accomplishments, which are still used today, included the improving the steam boiler in 1884 and the telephone transistor, which transmits sound over distance, in December 1884.

He died Jan. 30, 1910.

Granville Woods

Wedding traditions

June has been known as popular month for weddings. But have you ever wondered how some of the traditions and certain customs came into being?

Children and young people have been a part of the wedding for centuries in such roles as flower girls, ring bearers and pages.

The tradition of the flower girl came from the ancient Romans. It was their belief that the flower girls represented good luck for the bride and groom to have children.

During the ancient ceremony, the flower girls would spread herbs such as dill in front of the bride for good luck for the marriage. After the ceremony, the herbs would later be eaten.

Although there is no exact time of the ring bearer's role in the wedding, his role is important. He is responsible for bringing the rings (often a fake) to the altar on a white pillow. When the ceremony is over, the ring barrier turns the pillow over.

Pages, who are boys, are responsible for holding the bride's long train on her dress. It is the pages's duty to hold the train to prevent the bride from stumbling.

Often during a wedding, children are expected to act on their best behavior. If you are chosen as either a flower girl or ring bearer, remember you are a part of the wedding and people are paying attention to what you are doing.

Other things to keep in mind are:

Listen to instructions from the bride, groom or other members of the wedding party; remember to walk slowly and most of all remember to smile.

Puzzling???

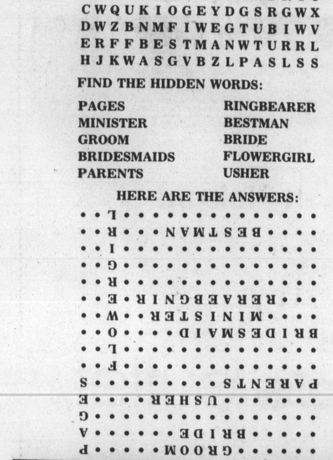
THE WEDDING PARTY

J W E R Y M G R O O M W R Y U Y P
M K L V S B R I D E S E G H R Y A
F G J E T Y U D S F H E H J T S G
C F B N H D S U S H E R G D R R E
P A R E N T S D G W Q R T U T Y S
G Q E F H D J U V Z X E T D F W R
A D F G I A N A P R H K U T L E Y
B R I D E S M A I D S F R G O W T
A V R N M I N I S T E R T L W R U
D B N R E R A E B G N I R S E T I
M S D S Y U K I O L P T W D R T U
C W Q U K I O G E Y D G S R G W X
D W Z B N M F I W E G T U B I W V
E R F F B E S T M A N W T U R R L
H J K W A S G V B Z L P A S L S S

FIND THE HIDDEN WORDS:

PAGES	RINGBEARER
MINISTER	BESTMAN
GROOM	BRIDE
BRIDESMAIDS	FLOWERGIRL
PARENTS	USHER

HERE ARE THE ANSWERS:



Susan Fales

'Different World' gets new writer

'A Different World' will definitely get new look from behind the scenes. Susan Fales, 26, has been chosen as the new co-producer and writer for the show according to Ebony magazine.

Fales, who is a graduate of Harvard University, worked as a writer for the 'Cosby Show' before moving on to 'A Different World'. She recalls her first experience on the Cosby Show was a 'disaster', but she made it a learning experience.

"Susan will always be successful," says her mother, actress-singer Josephine Premice, "because her only fear is poverty."

Write to Kids Talk

The school year is almost over and young people throughout the area will have lots of free time on their hands. No more homework! No more early rising! No more teachers!

How will you spend your summer vacation? Will you go to summer camp? Will you take swimming lessons? Will you watch cartoons everyday? Write us at the address below and let us know. We'll publish your letters in an upcoming issue of 'Kids Talk.'

Kids Calendar

Big Bird is Here

The gang from Sesame Street is now here. The Smithsonian Institute is showing an exhibit to honor the 20th anniversary of Sesame Street's existence on television.

Sesame Street was invented by the Children's Television Workshop, went on Public Service Television on November 10, 1969. It was created to help children ages 3 to 5 learn how to cope with leaving home to go to school.

The show will be open for the summer and admission is free. For information, call 357-2627.

Camp Happy Lungs

The Chevy Chase Community Center, 5601 Connecticut Ave, NW, will be the site of "Camp Happy Lungs", a camp for children with asthma, on June 24 from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.

The camp, which is sponsored by the American Lung Association of the District of Columbia, is opened to children with asthma between the ages of 7 to 12 years old and their parents. For information, call Veronica Brown at (202) 682-5864.

Chautauqua Day

The National Park Service in conjunction with the Glen Echo Park Foundation and the residents of Glen Echo Park are sponsoring the first children's Chautauqua Day on June 24 from 11 a.m. until 5 p.m.

Chautauqua Day was started in 1891 as an assembly for purpose of education and liberal and practical demonstrations. The events for the day include theatre games, free balloon giveaways and drama performances. For information, call 320-5331.

Tennis Camp

The Washington Area Tennis Patrons Foundation will have a summer tennis programs for children 8-18. The camp, which will be in eight weeks sessions from 9 a.m. until 3 a.m., will be at the Rock Creek Tennis Stadium, 16th and Kennedy St., NW.

Sunday Sunset Concert

The National Concert Band of America presents "Sunday Sunset Concerts" on June 25 at 7 p.m. at the Allen Pond Amphitheater, Allen Pond, Bowie, Md. For information, all 262-6200

Computer Camp

Are you interested in computers? On June 26 you can learn everything about the basic concepts of computers at Harmony Hall Regional Center, 10701 Livingston Rd, Fort Washington, Md. For information, call (301) 292-8333.

Library Fun

The Damascus Branch, Damascus Center Rt. 108, Damascus, Md. of the Montgomery County Department of Libraries is sponsoring the film "Summer Dog" on June 28 at 3 p.m.

Math/Reading Tutorial

The Capitol View Branch of the D.of C. Public Library, Central Ave. & 50th St. SE, every Tuesday and Thursday at 3 p.m. until 5:30 p.m. for grades 1-9. For information, call (202) 727-1337.

International Doll Display

Fifty dolls of international origin are making the first of several appearances in public libraries at Potomac Community Library. A gift from Ms. Shelley Greenspan, the collection is a gift to the children of Montgomery County.

The collection will stop in August at Long Branch Community Library and at Aspen Hill Community Library in September. For information, call 217-3837.

Girl Scouts Summer Camp

The Girl Scout Council of the Nation's Capital (GSCNC) announces another summer of filled resident camp activities beginning July 2 through Aug. 19. The camps, Camp Potomac Woods and Camp May Flather, are open to all girls. For information, call Barbara Luskin at (202) 337-4300.

Color Me

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AFRO Clean Block Campaign 1989

THE CLEAN BLOCK WORK BEGINS

By Lynette Locke, Director

The Arena Playhouse was the site of the First Clean Block meeting. The meeting was well attended by our old Clean Block supporters as well as some new faces.

Representing the Mayor's Office, Mr. Robert Nissy renewed the support from the city and talked about the mayor's campaign to stop graffiti. Valuable information was given and numbers to call if graffiti was a problem in your neighborhood. Next, Wanda Trent from the University of Maryland Cooperative Extension Service presented a slide show explaining the Extension services. Our Clean Block captains also received timely information about their garden projects.

Also in attendance was Mr. Russel Cooper for the Department of Housing and Community Development who answered questions from the audience on a variety of housing and vacant lot problems. The meeting then ended, and the supporters adjourned to the AFRO building to pick up their brooms, trash bags and flower seeds. The supplies needed to get started are now available in the Clean Block office.

We were able to provide tickets to an Oriole Baseball game to all people who attended the meeting. I look forward to seeing more participants at our next meeting, and look for us. We will be coming around to your block soon.

ONE SAD NOTE: Mr. Thomas Langley, a Clean Block Captain for over 10 years, passed away recently. Mr. Langley ran the 1500 block of W. Lanvale Street for Clean Block. He also managed a kid's Marching Band. AFRO Charities and the Clean Block supporters offer our condolences. We know that we've lost one of our stalwart supporters. He will be greatly missed by all.

DON'T LET BAGWORMS MAKE YOUR TREES HOME

Wanda Y. Trent

The bagworm, a troublesome pest in the eastern half of the United States, prefers arborvitae, cedars and junipers, but will attack deciduous trees also. Bagworms are a serious defoliator of plants, often killing heavily infested trees and shrubs. Because of the bagworms' feeding behavior a single tree may be devastated in a year or two.

LIFE CYCLE OF BAGWORM

Bagworms are actually the larval (caterpillar) stage of moths. They hatch in late May to early June in the Baltimore area. They spin a cocoon-like bag to which they attach leaves from the host plant. When the young caterpillars first emerge from their eggs in May or June they are only about 1/8 inch long. This is the stage when they are most susceptible to pesticide applications, but difficult to spot.

Bagworms reach a final length of two inches. By this time in mid or late summer they may completely defoliate a plant. They move about freely to feed, and they carry their bags wherever they go.

In late summer they pupate or begin an inactive stage where they start metamorphosis. They then transform into moths, but only the male has wings. During fall, the male flies from his bag and fertilizes the female. The female, which doesn't resemble a moth at all, has no eyes, antennae, mouth-parts, legs or wings. As a result she remains in her bag for her entire adult life. After fertilization she lays 200 to 1000 eggs. The eggs overwinter in the bags. The next spring the eggs hatch, thus completing a cycle.

CONTROL

There are three types of control methods. They are:

** Mechanical — The simplest method is to hand pick the bags from the trees in winter and destroy them before they hatch in June. They may be destroyed by soaking them in gasoline or used motor oil or by burning them.

** Organic — Spray Dipel or Thuricide between mid-June and mid-July. These two insecticides are made from a suspension of the bacterium, Bacillus thuringiensis, and it kills caterpillars.

** Chemical — Spray one of these chemicals between mid-June and mid-July according to label directions:

— sevin,
— diazinon, or
— orthene.

As with all pesticides, read the label carefully before using.

The Maryland Cooperative Extension Services programs are open to all citizens without regard to race, color, sex, handicap, religion, age or national origin.

If this is a Problem

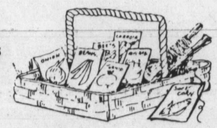
Numbers to Call:

Sanitation/Bulk Trash Pick-up
396-4515

Alleys and Footways
396-3690

HELPING HAND

Time To Plant



Beans, Lima	June 20-July 10
Beans, snap	through June 30
Beets	June 20-August 1
Cantaloupes	through June 15
Carrots	June 15-August 1
Celery transplants	June 1-July 20
Chard, Swiss	June 1-July 25
Cucumbers	June 15-July 10
Eggplant transplants	through June 10
Peas, black-eye	June 1-July 1
Pepper transplants	through June 10
Potatoes	June 15-July 10
Pumpkins	through June 10
Salsify	June 1-July 1
Soybeans	June 1-July 1
Spinach, New Zealand	June 1-July 20
Squash, summer	through June 15
Sweet corn	June 1-July 10
Sweet potato transplants	through June 10
Tomato transplants	June 1-July 5
Watermelon	through June 15

1989 CLEAN BLOCK MEETING SCHEDULE

June 23	12 Noon	* Dunbar High School
June 30	12 Noon	** Arena Playhouse
July 7	12 Noon	* Dunbar High School
July 14	12 Noon	* Dunbar High School
July 21	12 Noon	* Dunbar High School
July 28	12 Noon	** Arena Playhouse

** Arena Playhouse — 801 McCulloh Street
* Dunbar High School — 1400 Orleans Street

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