

### For The People

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Today's case history from the files of North Carolina's county departments of public welfare is another example of how the aid to dependent children program helps families become independent. Aid to dependent children is a money payment for needy dependent children who have been deprived of parental care and support because of the death, physical or mental incapacity or continued absence from the home of one or both parents, whether natural, step or adoptive.

When Doris and her husband separated five years ago, she was left with three small children to support. The only work she could get was domestic labor and her earnings were not sufficient to provide for her family. She was eligible to receive an aid to dependent children payment from the public welfare office. Doris continued working as a domestic, but all the while she was turning over in her mind the idea of possibly attending college. She had completed her high school education before marriage.

She discussed the idea of going to college with her caseworker from the county department of public welfare and received much encouragement. The caseworker was instrumental in securing a scholarship for Doris at the junior college in the city where she was living. Also the caseworker's own sorority helped Doris by providing some money to help her when some financial difficulties arose. Doris was able to attend classes at night and continue her work as a domestic during the day. She successfully completed two years of college.

Then she had to make a second major decision. Should she—or could she—continue her college work and obtain a degree?

There was no four-year college in the city. Continuing her education would mean that she would not only have to maintain her expenses in another town, but she would have to leave her children. This latter problem was solved when her sister-in-law offered to care for the children so that Doris could graduate and receive the diploma that would mean so much to her in the future.

The caseworker entered the picture again and helped Doris obtain a work scholarship. She was also able to get her a place to stay in the home of a faculty member. A year passed and Doris' scholastic record was so good that the scholarship was extended to her senior year.

Doris was able to get rides with friends on most week-ends and was able to visit her children often. She is very grateful for the wonderful sister-in-law who made it possible for her to attend college.

Doris is thirty-two years old.

## Teen-Agers Add Lively Lift To New March of Dimes Drive

Slave auctions in this Civil War Centennial Year? It can—and does—happen here, with the flower of American youth on the block.

But in this century, there's a difference. Now it's all in a good cause. Members of the New March of Dimes Teen Age Program (TAP) auction their services to the highest bidder among local merchants. The money goes to support The National Foundation—March of Dimes attack on birth defects, arthritis and polio.

It's all part of TAP members' lively approach to volunteer community service. They also sponsor walkathons (shades of the Thirties!) in which teams from rival schools move toward the finish line as dimes are contributed. They dance for dimes at casual sock hops and formal balls, man concessions at school sports events, and hold community car washes.

Through such ingenious fun-for-funds projects, TAPs raised nearly three-quarters of a million dollars during the 1961 March of Dimes.

For the 1962 New March of Dimes in January, tens of thousands of the youthful volunteers are literally "on TAP." In more than 75 per cent of The National Foundation's 3,100 local county chapters, active TAP committees are determined to hit new highs in fun as well as funds.

Adult advisors who work with TAPs point out that underlying the outward frivolity of the teenagers' projects is a deep awareness of the need for increased research and progress in the fight against crippling birth defects, arthritis and polio. During the year, many youngsters assist in local patient services by reading to disabled children, writing letters for severely crippled arthritides or working as hospital aides.

A prime year-round responsibility of TAP members is distribution of information about National Foundation Health Scholarships to students in high schools and colleges. Each year, more than 500 four-year scholarships with a full value of \$2,000 apiece are offered for study in medicine, nursing, physical therapy, occupational therapy and medical social work. TAP members know the desperate need to reduce the shortage of manpower in the health professions by encour-

and this Fall when she draws her first pay check as a primary teacher in the public school system of North Carolina, she will be dropped from aid to dependent children. She has been receiving an aid to dependent children grant for her children for five years. At last, she has achieved her goal of being self-supporting and of being in a position to give her children some of the advantages she wants for them.

### 38 JAILED IN NOVEMBER

Jailer Bertram Byrum reports that during November 38 persons were placed in the Chowan County jail with confinements ranging from one to 30 days. The expense, including jail and turnkey fees amounted to \$381.38.

Six hours sleep for a man, seven for a woman and eight for a fool.

—English Proverb.



TOP TEEN—Katherine Anne (Katie) Keith, 18, of Columbia, Mo., has her hands full as newly-appointed chairman of the 1962 New March of Dimes Teen Age Program (TAP).

aging students to undertake careers in these fields.

Leader of the Teen Age Program for the 1962 New March of Dimes is national chairman Katherine Anne Keith, 18, of Columbia, Mo. Blonde, brainy and born to be busy, Katie will handle her major responsibilities as top TAP while she pursues an ambitious freshman schedule at the University of Missouri.

On the basis of past performance, juggling scholarship and volunteer service won't intimidate Katie. She was 1961 Missouri state TAP chairman during her strenuous senior year in high school. Under her leadership, Missouri TAPs showed record gains in membership, services to chapters and funds raised for the March of Dimes.

At the same time, Katie maintained grades that ranked her third in her graduating class of almost 300 students. She was a National Merit Scholarship finalist and received the Kiwanis Good Citizenship award. She was business manager—and occasional sports-writer—for the school paper, treasurer of the National Honor Society, queen of the major social function of the school year, had a lead role in the school play, "Teahouse of the August Moon," and actively participated in math, history, English and French clubs.

She also teaches a Sunday School class at Missouri Methodist Church in Columbia.

After a summer in Europe, including study at the Sorbonne in Paris, the energetic Katie began to plan for a banner year of TAP activity for the March of Dimes.

"Teenagers who are looking for a sense of satisfaction along with fun and friendship are missing a bet if they don't check TAP activities in their local March of Dimes chapters," she said. "A TAP committee isn't just another youth organization—it's not merely a club to serve youth. Instead, it gives us an opportunity to serve our communities."

### 20 YEARS AGO

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bring court action to recover about \$2,200 from the Norfolk Southern Railroad Company for taxes owed Chowan County.

Mayor J. H. McFullan announced that multi-colored lights would decorate Edenton's business section. For some time it was thought that the lights would not be used due to the conservation of electricity, but the shortage did not affect this section.

Father F. J. McCourt announced that he had received a charter for the Chowan County Chapter of the National Foundation for Infantile Paralysis from Basil O'Connor, president.

D. M. Warren, veteran banker, announced his resignation as cashier of the Bank of Edenton, a position he held for 25 years.

Salaries for Chowan County tax lifters were increased by the County Commissioners.

Edenton's Rotary Club changed the hour of the weekly meeting from 1 P. M. to 6:15 Thursday.

In 701 contacts made for farmers to sign up for the 1942 program, County Agent C. W. Overman reported that 17 refused to sign.

Dr. L. A. Deese, local veterinarian, was the first purchaser of both city and state auto-

mobile license plates.

"Jungle Nights Revue," a seven act vaudeville show, appeared at the Taylor Theatre.

At a meeting of (arm leaders held at the Chowan Community House at Cross Roads, the idea of a farm organization for Chowan County was discussed and it was decided to perfect an organization to be known as the Chowan County Farm Bureau.

A new fire siren was installed at the National Guard armory.

Kenneth Chorley of New York, president of Colonial Williamsburg, accompanied by his wife, spent some time in Edenton viewing sites with the idea that Rockefeller funds might be secured for restoration of one or more buildings.

### TAX COLLECTIONS

Sheriff Earl Goodwin reports that collection of 1961 taxes during November amounted to \$16,477.07. This leaves a balance for 1961 taxes to be collected of \$208,636.55. Mr. Goodwin hopes this amount will be reduced considerably during December, usually the best month for tax collections.

Sheriff Goodwin also collected back taxes for the years 1951 through 1960 in the amount of \$3,480.99. The balance of uncollected taxes for these years amounts to \$62,635.71. Pickup taxes collected for the years 1949 and 1950 amounted to \$142.10.

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