

Donor Program Results Good

The donation of a human organ or tissue can literally be the gift of life to a critically ill person requiring a surgical transplant to remain alive.

Ben Shepard, manager of the Organ Donation Program for the N.C. Department of Human Resources' Division of Health Services, says that while there are a variety of organs which can be successfully transplanted, only kidney, cornea, skin and bone transplants are performed in North Carolina at this time. The state hopes to begin pancreatic transplants in the future to help people with severe diabetes.

Shepard said that in 1981 there were 110 kidney transplants in North Carolina and more than two hundred cornea transplants. Kidney and cornea transplants are normally permanent unless the body's system rejects the donated organ.

"Skin transplants are used to cover damaged areas on burn victims, and may be life-saving as well as cosmetic," Shepard explained. "Human tissue presents the least risk of infection, and it can be frozen dried and stored for several months."

Bone transplants are designed to help rebuild healthy bone in damaged areas.

He said whole body donations are also possible for medical education and research purposes, but it depends on the need at the time of the donor's death. A person cannot be both an organ donor and whole body donor at the same time, Shepard said.

North Carolina's organ transplant centers are located at Charlotte Memorial Hospital, Baptist Hospital in Winston-Salem, Duke Hospital in Durham, N.C. Memorial Hospital/University of North Carolina Medical School in Chapel Hill, and Pitt Memorial Hospital/East Carolina University Medical School in Greenville.

In 1979, the Division of Health Services and the N.C. Division of Motor Vehicles began a cooperative campaign to increase the number of people willing to be organ or tissue donors at the time of their deaths. A Uniform Donor Card was included with license renewal reminders mailed to more than 2.9-million drivers in North Carolina. Over seven per cent agreed to donate human organs or tissue.

Shepard stressed that organ/tissue donors are needed regardless of a person's race or sex. In order to be an organ/tissue donor, a person must be at least 18 years of

age and have his or her Uniform Donor Card signed by two witnesses.

He urged potential organ/tissue donors to carry their donor card along with their identification and driver's license so that it can be easily found. He also strongly urged donors to inform their doctor and close family members of their donation.

"Sometimes a person's desire to be an organ/tissue donor is overlooked at the time of death simply because relatives and friends aren't aware of the fact," Shepard pointed out. "Organs to be used for transplantation usually must be removed at the time of death, so it's crucial to know that a person is an organ donor."

Persons who wish to be organ/tissue donors can get donor cards through many of the state's local health departments; and the Organ Donation Program, N.C. Division of Health Services, Box 2091, Raleigh, N.C. 27602. Donor cards are also included in every driver's license renewal mailing.

Report On Social Security

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People who reach age 65 after 1981 and delay their retirement will have their Social Security benefits increased by 3 per cent for each year past age 65.

For example, a person who retires at age 68 would be entitled to a benefit 9 per cent higher than he would have received at age 65.

The delayed retirement credit is 1 per cent per year for people who reached age 65 before 1982.

The purpose of the delayed retirement increase is to encourage people to continue working and thereby, decrease the cost to the Social Security Trust Funds.

Delayed Retirement Credits are in addition to the cost of living increases applied to a person's benefit once they reach age 62, the earliest possible retirement age.

For more information about Social Security call the Elizabeth City Social Security office at 338-2161.



The U.S. Army adopted olive-drab for winter service uniforms in 1902.

Spring Courses Are Set

MURFREESBORO, N.C.—Chowan College will offer courses in 11 professional fields during its spring semester.

Students will return Sunday, Jan. 9 and meet with faculty advisors Monday. Class registration will be held Tuesday and classes will begin Wednesday, Jan. 12.

The faculty and staff will prepare for the opening through a workshop Jan. 7. Dr. B. Franklin Lowe, Jr., dean of the college, said courses will be offered in business, English, fine arts (music, dance, drama, art), printing technology, photography, and health and physical education, languages, mathematics, science, religion and philosophy, and social science. Chowan offers both liberal arts courses leading to transfer to a senior college, and career education in art, business and graphic communications fields.

Lowe emphasized space is available for additional new students, both those residing in dorms and commuting. Easter holidays will be April 2-10, 1983. Spring Festival is scheduled for April 23. Spring semester examinations will be held May 6-12, with graduation May 15, concluding Chowan's 135th year.

Chowan is one of seven colleges sponsored by the Baptist State Convention of North Carolina. The college was founded in 1848 as a four-year school, and charted its present course in the 1930's when it became coeducational and two-year. Chowan now numbers over 1,000 students. The 1851 administration building, McDowell Columns,

serves as a campus landmark.

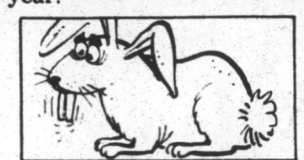
Chowan President Bruce E. Whitaker is in his 26th year as Chowan's president. Under his leadership, the college has operated in the black for 24 straight years.

Winn-Dixie Sales Show Increase

Jacksonville, Florida—Winn-Dixie Stores, Inc., reported sales of \$538,616,000 during the four weeks ended December 15, 1982 compared with \$503,117,000 for the similar period last year, an increase of 7.1 per cent.

For the 24 weeks ended December 15, 1982, the total was \$3,176,569,000 compared with \$2,944,860,000 a year ago, an increase of 7.9 per cent.

The Company opened 17 new stores and closed 19 since June 30, 1982, having 1,220 in operation on December 15, 1982, compared with 1,222 last year.



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New Jobs Book Is Available

North Carolinians looking for practical information about jobs and careers may find help in a new state publication.

The publication, entitled "Career Choices in North Carolina," is a 24-page tabloid designed to provide information about jobs in North Carolina and about training opportunities. It was written to provide information to young people and adults who are planning a career, looking for a job, or making a career change.

"Career Choices," which is being distributed to all high schools and post-secondary institutions in the state and other agencies, features a career planning guide. The guide outlines more than 200 occupations by employment outlook, approximate pay in North Carolina, suggested education or training and a list of education and training sites in North Carolina.

Other articles examine services of Vocational Rehabilitation, vocational education in the public schools, CETA training in North Carolina, educational opportunities in the military, financial assistance, and N.C. Choices which is a computerized bank of career information.

"Choosing a career is one of the most important decisions a person will ever have to make," Gov. Jim Hunt said. "All too often that decision is based on haphazard or no planning and false notions. What is needed is accurate, up-to-date and locally-relevant information about currently available and anticipated employment opportunities."

"The publication was a cooperative effort," Gov. Hunt said, "and I am personally appreciative to each agency which made it possible."

"Career Choices" was published by the N.C. State Occupational Information Coordinating Committee (SOICC) involving the following agencies: the departments of Administration,

Community Colleges and Public Instruction; and Vocational Rehabilitation Services; Employment Security Commission; and State Employment and Training Council.

Copies of "Career Choices" may be requested by contacting SOICC at 112 W. Lane St., Raleigh, N.C. 27611.



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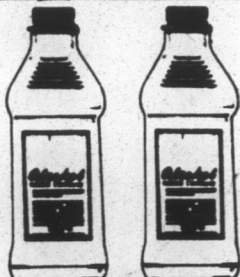
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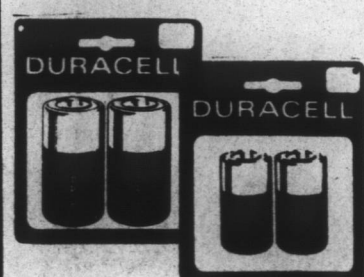
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