

Children's Home Society Provides Baby-Placing Service To Tar Heels

GREENSBORO — "We want a baby." Every year thousands of couples write the Children's Home Society in Greensboro, all with the same question, "Can you help us adopt a child?"

And for over half a century the Society has been finding homes in every county in North Carolina for 6,000 babies and little children.

These are the "displaced children" of North Carolina, from homes broken by death or divorce. These are the babies who do not have an established family. Often the Society knows about them months before they are born. The expectant mother may write, or her family, her doctor, lawyer or minister. Or sometimes an agency may inquire for her, such as was the circumstance in the case of Pat and her baby, Nancy.

Pat was the oldest of eight children. All of her life there had been a struggle "to make ends

meet" on their small farm in eastern North Carolina. When she was 15 she escaped the drudgery of home life by marrying Ned, an 18-year old boy from a state 1,000 miles away.

The "marriage" lasted only two weeks. They saw their mistake and separated, but it was too late. Pat was stranded, alone and pregnant, in a city 1,000 miles away from Tar Heel borders.

As the months passed, Pat became panicky and finally contacted the local Community Chest. They in turn called the Greensboro Community Chest who phoned the Children's Home Society to see what might be done.

"Of course, we can help. The child is born of a legal resident of North Carolina," Harriet L. Tynes, Executive Director of the Society, said. Immediately plans were made for Pat to return to North Carolina as soon as her baby was born.

Soon after Nancy's birth, Pat returned home, first to Greensboro to leave Nancy at the Society's Nursery. Pat felt she had to give up Nancy for the baby's own welfare, but the Society insisted that she return home and consult her parents before taking such a step. The Society consistently refuses to take a baby unless it is convinced it is the best plan for the baby.

A week later Pat and her parents came to Greensboro and visited the Nursery, a big white-framed house on Cypress Street. It was a hard decision to give up the baby which had Pat's own blue eyes and red curls, but they knew Pat, barely 16, was too young to accept the responsibilities of motherhood alone. Pat's mother and father had a house filled with their own children. There didn't seem to be much "promise of a future," for Nancy

there.

After being accepted in the Nursery, Nancy entered a "waiting period" to give Pat still more time to be certain she had made the right decision. They kept in touch with Pat. Then one day she wrote, giving permission for Nancy's adoption, but "find her a good mommy and daddy, please," the letter begged.

Meanwhile, doctors and lawyers in Greensboro, who offer their services free to the Society, were watching over little Nancy. The pediatrician declared she was a fine healthy baby to all appearances.

The lawyer reminded the Society that Nancy's father as well as her mother had to give consent to the adoption. This posed another problem, for Ned hadn't been heard from since he left Pat nearly a year ago. "Don't try to find me," he had written.

The Society, through its membership in the Child Welfare League of America, had a network of resources to trace Ned's whereabouts. It wasn't long until they found him and obtained his consent to the adoption. However, in obtaining information about his parents for the baby's record, it was discovered there was a physical defect in Ned's family which might be inherited.

The geneticist who advises the staff was called in on the case. After examining all the facts and seeing Nancy too, he said there was a slight chance that Nancy would inherit the defect but more than likely she would escape the defect entirely. This bare possibility had to be reported to the potential adoptive parents, along with all the other information about the baby's background.

Now the Society must seek a couple "just right" for Nancy. What sort of home would be selected? First, a home not in Eastern Carolina since that is where Nancy's mother was living. This is in line with a strict Society rule never to find homes for babies in the section from which they come.

Second, a home of modest means where she will get a high school education but where parents will not expect a "mental giant".

Third, a home where Nancy's carrot top and blue eyes will be welcome and appreciated by parents with similar coloring. Her looks and build must blend with those of her parents.

Fourth, a home willing to accept Nancy, with full knowledge of the possible defect and her full background.

There was one home on file at the Society that filled the bill

Lennon Supports Cotton, Peanut Planing Quotas

WILMINGTON — "A defeat of the marketing quotas on cotton and peanuts in the referendum of December 15 would be a backward step and could endanger the entire farm program," Senator Alton Lennon said tonight.

"I would like to emphasize that these referendums are a vote on marketing quotas and are not a vote on acreage allotments. Acreage allotments will be in effect regardless of the way the vote goes on December 15th," he said, "but if marketing quotas are defeated price supports for cotton and peanuts will probably drop to 50% of parity price for co-operators and no support for non-cooperators."

Senator Lennon also said, "This means, in effect, that the vote on December 15th is whether or not we want 90% support or 50% support."

"We in North Carolina cannot afford to vote against any marketing quota program," Senator Lennon said, "as most of you know, the farm program as now authorized, provides many benefits to North Carolina farmers. In fact, North Carolina derives more from our present farm programs than any other state in the

Union. For example let's stop and think just what North Carolina would be without a tobacco program. Tobacco contributes around 60% of our total farm income but this percentage would be reduced substantially if there were no program in existence. Even though we do not produce tobacco in all parts of the state, anything that affects the tobacco grower affects the total economy of the state. We must retain our tobacco program, and to retain that program we must endeavor to have a well-rounded program for all types of commodities. There is a definite danger if we fail to support agricultural programs on other commodities," the Senator declared.

Senator Lennon pointed out that the vote on December 15th would be for one year on cotton and for three years on peanuts.

"As an example," Senator Lennon said, "Failure to approve this would, in the case of cotton, mean the difference between a guaranteed support price of around 33 1/2 cents per pound or around 18 cents per pound, if not approved.

COURT OF HONOR
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We went to Lake Montona and had a Talent Scout Show. We walked around the lake. Then we had our good-bye song and then went back to the church.

Leaders of the troop are Mrs. Paul Hendricks and Mrs. Madge Rhea.

Reporter, Carey Shore

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