

Woman Refuses To Die Of Cancer

Helga Baker, a cheerful friend of University of Maryland law student, already has won life's greatest trial — the battle to stay alive. Given only a short time to live in 1935, she has survived because of her unbending faith in God and dedication to helping others. Her inspiring story is told in the June issue of EBONY Magazine.

In an article called "The Woman Who Refuses to Die of Cancer," the Negro mother of two confides that she once asked God for five years to live, "and He gave me 20. Now I don't feel I can ask him for more. There may be some young mother who, as I once did, needs five years. And if

God has any time to spare, He might be disposed to give her 20 years too."

Since 1935, Mrs. Baker's life has been a constant struggle against the ravages of Cancer. She has had a hysterectomy, mastectomy, a spinal fusion, and paralysis in both legs. She has suffered from glandular tuberculosis and untold pain. She has lived in the fantasy world of narcotics. Yet her faith kept her going.

She reveals in EBONY that when doctors wanted to perform a second operation on her spine, as an alternate to paralysis, she refused, believing "that the power of God in me could get me on my feet again." Not only is she walking, but she is more active than

ever before. She regards activity as medicine.

Mrs. Baker began studying law in 1957 in the event paralysis should return. She says, "I have told myself that I could be most useful if I never walked another step; that I could help numbers of people if I finished law school, if I pass the bar. The man who has committed a crime is the most friendless of men, and I would like to be his friend."

Mrs. Baker told EBONY that she will not count the tomorrows because she does not know how many remain, but her husband, Percy, says of his wife's tenacity in life, "I guess when you live with miracles, you almost take them for granted."

We believe in ideals, but let's be sure that they dominate those in a position to strike hard and sudden blows.

Total population of the United States on March 1, 1958, including armed forces overseas, was about 176.2 million, an increase of about 3 million over March 1, 1955.

Emmett Talbert:

Liberian Speaks At Ligon

Emmett Talbert of Liberia, West Africa, was the principal speaker at the J. W. Ligon High School's awards day program recently. Mr. Talbert is attending Kitrell College where he is studying Youth Psychology in religion.

The topic for his talk was "Let Down Your Bucket Where You Are." He used the parable from the Bible which was the story of Jesus and four disciples. "The disciples had been fishing all night



PROFESSOR GOING TO SPAIN—Dr. Ruth C. Flowers, Associate Professor of Spanish at North Carolina College, will spend next year in Spain and France. She will be accompanied by her son, Harold, who will be enrolled in a school in Spain. They will vacation in various parts of Europe during the year. On their return to the United States they expect to visit South American countries and Mexico. Dr. Flowers has resigned her position at North Carolina College.

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with no luck. Jesus came upon them and told them to let their nets down where they were. They did and the net immediately became filled with fish."

For further emphasis he told of a "time when water was very scarce in France. The people had to leave their children to search for water. There was an old well in the back yard of one family over 1000 years old. The people just drew the conclusion that no water was in the well.

One morning everyone had gone to search for water leaving behind a little boy and his sister. She became thirsty. Her brother went walking and came across the well. "For a strange reason he let the bucket down and it immediately became full of water."

Mr. Talbert said all of this is to bring out the point of our looking miles away for what is possible right around us.

He further indicated that a great deal of the child's success depends on the child. The child becomes a hopeless case when he becomes disrespectful. He said the parents, teachers and churches would not be able to keep up with that child. He indicated that these same agencies could still save the child if the child would also help.

Emphasis on proper dress for boys and girls was brought out by Mr. Talbert. He stated that "proper dress could determine the kind of respect you receive."

In conclusion Talbert told each student to ask himself "are you honest?" "Do you have respect?" "Do you have a bucket?"

During the program, scholastic honors went to Marie Robertson and Dennise Perry. Other special awards went to Harold Syms, Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity; Eleanor Nunn, Band; William Hartsfield, Baseball; James Woods, Basketball; Patricia Malone, Cheerleader; Raymond Henderson, Choral; Dennise Perry, Napoleon Johnson, Danforth Foundation; Annie Ruth Morgan, Dramatics; Joyce McCullom, Essay; Napoleon Johnson, Football; Barbara Hicks, Journalism; Gloria Freeman, Merit; Garland Hunt, Mary Collins, Robert Hinton, Joyce McCullom, Dennise Perry, Ann Ransom and Harold Syms, National Honor Society with Garland Hunt winning the Outstanding Senior Award; Edward Thorpe, Omega Psi Phi Fraternity; Isaiah Whitaker, Oratory.

Marie Robertson, Ann Ransom, William M. Turner, P. T. A. Awards for Citizenship, Mathematics, and Science, respectively; Judith Moore and Curtis Dickens, Ruth C. Wilson, Citizenship; Brenda Kee, Lloydine Perry, Walter Davis, Scholarship for the Ninth, Tenth and Eleventh Grades, respectively; Lula Blount, Curtis Dickens, Gloria Freeman, Napoleon Johnson, Judith Moore, Eleanor Nunn, Nanita Penn, Dennise Perry, Yvonne Simmons, Herman Taylor, Owen Taylor, and Edward Thorpe, Student Council Service Awards.

Etta V. Stevens, World Peace Award; Napoleon Johnson, The Benjamin Otis Curtis Memorial Award; Eleanor Nunn, Napoleon Johnson and James Stewart, Pullen-Williams Award; and Dennise Perry the Zeta Phi Beta Sorority Award.

The highlight was the presentation of the Benjamin Otis Curtis Memorial Award to Napoleon Johnson by Miss Thelma Curbo, Miss Cumbo of Allen University is the aunt of the donor and said the trophy was for the student contributing most to the school's co-curricular activities.

Rev. L. S. Penn handled the invocation and Frozine Reece provided the music with a rendition of "Ave Maria."

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