

Handicapped Woman Finds Faith Helps In Overcoming Obstacles

NEW YORK — Helen Matthews of Hartford, Connecticut, faced the prospect of losing an arm, like looked hopeless. "But there was no choice," she tells in the July Ladies' Home Journal. "Too many people needed me."

At the time she was bringing up four children and working part-time as typist at the Phoenix Mutual Life Insurance Company in Hartford while her husband was on duty with the navy. A little more than two years after

her operation for a rare type of cancer, she cleans, sews, irons and goes out dancing with her husband Arthur Matthews, a Hartford post office employee. The Matthews both are former residents of Montgomery, Alabama.

The children—Frances, 10, Jacqueline, 6, Juanita, 5, and Tommy, 11, fortify her strong and newly trained right arm, helping out and running errands. During her ordeal, the neighbors in the City of Hartford Point Colony, where they lived, were kind and helpful.

Friends and the minister of their Methodist A. M. E. Zion Church were pillars of strength. Her husband tended the house and the children while she was hospitalized, while working 76 hours a week on his job. But in the hospital despair nearly overwhelmed her, until she found that she could teach herself to use a candy box bar. Some confidence was restored.

But the great test came when she was home once more trying to resume housekeeping chores. The simplest tasks were baffling. Eggs, partially peeled potatoes and dishes skidded from her hand to

the floor. Scouring a pot was almost impossible, a sharp can opener became a real danger. It took four hours to hang one load of wash since the clothes kept falling in the dirt.

It was a visiting nurse who saved the day. She asked Mrs. Matthews if she would like to be a guinea pig in a new experiment conducted by the University of Connecticut. Would she like to help the home economic department to develop special equipment and methods for handicapped housewives. The University was entering upon a national program to help the 10,000,000 disabled women in the nation.

With the help of the skilled home economist who was assigned to the Matthews case by the university, life became brighter. An industrial can opener of the type used in the Navy was installed. The Home economist showed Mrs. Matthews how to put a wet washcloth under a mixing bowl to keep it from skidding when she beat the batter.

The cutting of meat and the peeling of potatoes and squash was solved by putting a nail for a hook—through a breadboard so it came up just about an inch. A pinless clothesline solved some of the laundry problems—all suggested by the University program.

The home economics department of the University of Connecticut recognized the dramatic story in this courageous housewife and mother, how she mastered home-making skills once more and overcame her handicap. This was called to the attention of Ladies' Home Journal editors.



RALEIGHITES HONORED — Mrs. Luey F. James, area supervisor of home economics for the Eastern District of North Carolina, left, is shown here with Miss Ruth P. Pope, Chapel Hill home economics teacher at Lincoln High School, at her voyage program at N. C. College last week for Mrs. James. Special recognition was taken of fact that Miss Pope represented North Carolina at the 50th anniversary meeting of the American Home Economics Association in Milwaukee, Wisconsin. Mrs. James and Miss Pope are natives of Raleigh. Mrs. James arrived in Frankfurt, Germany, last week after a flight across the Atlantic. She will be gone for six weeks.

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Ten Alumnae Of Bennett Will Continue
GREENSBORO — At least 10 members of the 1959 graduating class at Bennett College have indicated that they will be attending graduate schools in the fall. It was revealed this week.
Scheduled to attend medical school are Misses Ruth Anderson of Philadelphia, Wilhelmina Bundy, of Johnson City, Tenn., and Inez Jones, of Lenoir. Miss James Chalmers, of Fayetteville, will study at Syracuse University on a Woodrow Wilson Fellowship and Miss Mary Jane Williams of Winston-Salem, will be working on a teaching assistantship in bio-chemistry at the University of Pittsburgh.
Miss Nancy Chol, of Seoul, Korea, an English major, will be attending school as will Mrs. Young Tack Park, also of Seoul, a home economics major. Miss Rivers Miller, of Draper, will be attending the school of nursing at Wayne University in Detroit. Miss Cecile Harrison, a sociology major, of Houston, Texas, began her work on Wednesday in the Smith College for Social Work at Northampton, Mass.
Miss Mary B. Knight, of Greensboro, an English major, will also be in graduate school.
Also attending school, but from the other side of the teacher's desk, will be the following members of the class who have accepted public school employment:
Misses Millie Adams, home economics, of Princeton, W. Va., at Elizabethton, Tenn.; Clara F. Carter, elementary education, of Yadkinville; and Anita Duckett, elementary education, of Roanoke, Va., at Sandover. Wilhelmina Gatewood, commercial education, of Gary, W. Va., at Elizabeth City; Rosalind Goodson, elementary education, of Clayton, at Smithfield. Misses Ruth Hawkins of Louisville, and Joyce Holmes, of Goldsboro, both elementary education, at Kingston; Edna Jackson, biology, of Ridgeway, S. C., at Columbia, S. C.; Emma Martin, elementary education, of Mount Olive, at her home; and Hazelina Taylor, elementary education, of Charlotte, at her home.

New York Hospital Strike Ends As Facilities Accept All Items
NEW YORK (AP) — The strike against seven private, nonprofit hospitals here ended Monday when the union and the hospitals accepted the terms of an agreement granting recognition to the union and providing wage increases for the strikers.
The employer non-medical workers went on strike against six hospitals May 8 and the seventh in April. The hospitals affected were Mount Sinai, Beth Israel, Lenox Hill, Brooklyn Jewish, Beth David, Bronx and Flower and Fifth Avenue.
The strikers sought recognition of the Retail Drug Employees Union as their bargaining agent. Under the agreement, the wage increases will mean as much as \$8 to \$10 a week for some workers with the arrest of bona fide criminals, but added:
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350.00	4.50	8.00	406.00	35.00
400.00	4.75	9.00	465.20	40.00
450.00	5.00	10.00	524.40	45.00
500.00	5.25	11.00	583.60	50.00
550.00	5.50	12.00	642.80	55.00
600.00	5.75	13.00	702.00	60.00
650.00	6.00	14.00	761.20	65.00
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