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A LIFT FOR TODAY
* Thou visitest the earth and wastest it. —Psalms 65:9.
IN INCARNATE WISDOM God created the universe and its inhabitants; He will sustain the world, supplying the needs of His children.
May the nations of the earth, O God, come in penitence, acknowledging failures and misdeeds. Grant that we may be acceptable unto Thee.

Blood Program Hangs In Balance

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gram with the express purpose of preparation for a natural disaster such as blood program, first aid training, etc. An active chapter could offer a first aid program, water safety program, small craft instruction, home nursing program, first aid and home nursing in schools (Junior Red Cross), volunteer nurses' aid program and Gray Lady program in conjunction with the existing Hospital Auxiliary.

As above stated, at this writing the annual appeal for funds has been slow with only \$770 in hand. The budget of the Chowan County Chapter is the minimum amount of expenses needed to support the home service program and the blood program. The home service program is a mandatory program by Congressional Charter and must be maintained at all cost. The blood program is permissive and will be dropped if the minimum goal is not reached. This means that the chapter needs \$2,317 to operate during the next fiscal year if we are to continue offering these two services. If thus the quota is not reached it is the responsibility of the chapter to notify the Tidewater Regional Blood Center that we must withdraw from the program since the citizens of the county have not supported the chapter.

An unfortunate aspect of the Red Cross situation in Chowan County is that rural people do not support it. In last year's campaign, a total of only \$15 came from outside Edenton, with the exception of a contribution from the Edenton Naval Air Station. Essentially the Chapter has not received the support of county people even though the chapter is named the Chowan County Chapter.

There are two major types of support that each Red Cross Chapter needs. First is moral support and second is financial support. The moral support is judged by the number of donors who donate blood during each bloodmobile visit. The campaign history speaks for itself regarding financial support. In 1956 the county's goal was \$2,962. The amount raised was \$2,029 or 68.5 per cent of the quota. In 1957 the quota was \$2,803 and contributions amounted to \$1,839 or 65.6 per cent of the quota. As of this week only \$770 has been received toward a \$2,371 quota which is just less than one-third the quota.

The gist of the present deplorable situation is the fact that a small nucleus of Edenton people have carried the burden for a number of years when actually the chapter should be strengthened by a "transfusion" to the end that rural, as well as Edenton people, operate a Red Cross Chapter more efficiently for the benefit of the county as a whole.

Unless some concrete action is taken in a hurry, Chowan County will be without a Red Cross Chapter and without the benefits derived from the blood program. Can Chowan County afford to lose these services? They can be maintained if more people loosen their pursestrings and make a contribution!

Another Worthy Drive

While the Red Cross fund raising drive is lagging, another campaign for funds will begin Tuesday of next week when the annual cancer drive will be launched and continues through the month of April.

Chowan County's goal in this drive is \$2,000 and to meet this quota is just as important as raising sufficient Red Cross funds.

Cancer is listed as the No. 2 disease killer and to wage a battle of education, research and service requires a lot of money. Cancer can strike anyone, anywhere. The renegade cells invade silently and multiply without signs or symptoms of sickness that are obvious to the patient. For centuries cancer was tantamount to a sentence of death. But due to the generosity of many people today one of every two cancer cases could be cured. It is reported that 75,000 lives are needlessly lost every year. That is the target of the Cancer Society's education and service program; elimination of the tragic waste of human life.

More than 2,000,000 women and men are dedicated to the great April offensive against cancer. When people join together to solve a problem in this traditional way, we know the problems will be solved — given time and money.

Heard & Seen By Buff

Arthur Godfrey recently stated on his television show, "Other programs are giving away something, so if you want anything, just let me know." W. T. (Bill) Elliott, is one of the group of Red Men who have started to develop a Red Men drum corps. They are being taught free of charge by "Pops" Campbell but up to now they have been practicing on top of a table. Bill took Mr. Godfrey at his word and dropped him a letter asking for some drums so the drum corps can make more progress, but at Monday night's Red Men meeting Bill said the last he heard about Godfrey was that he was vacationing in Florida. Some of the drum corps members are holding out hopes that Mr. Godfrey will send 'em a few drums. But one of the Red Men, with little optimistic view, said, "I'd just as soon he sends down one of the pretty women who work for him."

W. G. Ferebee, who lives in Norfolk, last week sent a check for renewal of The Herald for his wife. The check was for a year's subscription, but I felt like giving him several years' credit, for the letter was addressed "Chowan Herald, Best Weekly in N. C., Edenton, N. C." The trouble is that when I buy a new hat I'll no doubt have to buy one a few sizes larger than the old top piece I'm now wearing.

And speaking about hats, some of 'em no doubt make a fellow look considerably older than he really is. The other day Wilborne Harrell was in the Albemarle Restaurant when a stranger dropped in and while listening to the juke box, slipped over to where Wilborne was sitting on some coffee and asked, "Say, my friend, are you a veteran of the Civil War?"

Dr. Wallace Griffin called me over the phone Tuesday to let me know that his trip to Memorial Hospital at Chapel Hill was not as serious as some people might expect. "I went there only for a check-up," said Doc, "but many people have called to inquire about my condition and ability to meet patients in my office." Glad to hear Doc is back home, as well as West Byrum, who spent a "vacation" at Duke Hospital. Gosh, here lately a fellow is on the street one day and the next he's in a hospital.

One of the boys in the shop was figuring on how much and how long he'd have to pay for a house on the "so much down and excitement plan." "Gosh," he said, "I'd be 59 years old before I'd have the house paid for." Well, that's nothing, I'm over 65 and there's no doubt others even older than that who are still paying for a roof over their head.

There's tricks in all trades, so that Jack Habit and Larry Dowd, who get a lot of eggs from their flock of hens, take home the eggs which get broken in handling. It was a long time before the children of Jack and Larry thought there was no other kind of eggs than broken eggs.

Now the women have gone to wearing what they call sack dresses, and that's about what they look like. Might be a good idea for some of 'em look like a piece of cloth thrown about the body with a catch here and there to hold 'em together. As for me, they're in the same category as chitterlings—no good.

An agreeable surprise greeted me Sunday afternoon while making a visit to see Arthur Hollowell, a patient in a rest home in Perquimans County. Friend Arthur recognized me and the Missus right off and he has improved so that we had a very enjoyable conversation. He asked about several of his friends in Edenton and is apparently getting along nicely.

Yep, according to the calendar, we have spring with us, but the old familiar tune of the oil burner consuming oil is still ringing in our ears. And spring should be a time to go fishing, but here's one who hasn't gotten up enough nerve to don the long underwear to keep warm or fish under an umbrella. Then I see where the Edenton Aces are scheduled to open the baseball season Friday. So far as the weather is concerned, I'd rather be looking at a football game.

Beginning with April, folks will not be obliged to call for their cancelled checks and statements at the local Peoples Bank & Trust Company. Statements will be mailed unless a request is made to hold them at the bank until picked up. The only trouble with mailing the statements so early is that a fellow learns too soon how little he has in the bank.

Here's one who enjoys local talent entertainment better than the most advertised movies. There's a good menu on deck with the senior class play Friday night, the Lions Variety Show April 11, the Easter cantata at the Baptist Church Sunday afternoon, the junior class play at Chowan High School Friday night and a "Womanless Wedding" at Chowan High School April 9. All of these entertainments will be worth attending.

ABUNDANT LIFE

by ORAL ROBERTS

IT HAPPENED TO AN EPILEPTIC

One evening the Lord and his disciples took a little trip on the Sea of Galilee. A sudden storm swept down upon them. Soon the timbers of the boat were popping and the disciples were wild with fear. They rushed to where Jesus was asleep and awoke him. When he awoke, he commanded the winds and waters, saying, "Peace, be still!" And the storm ceased.

People today still call upon him for help in the storms of their lives. And they find that he still has power to speak peace. Vep E., a minister, had "come to the end of his row." He said: "About eleven years ago I was sitting alone in my church, playing the organ. At that time I was assistant pastor of that church and director of the morning broadcast. I had been working rather hard at my job. Perhaps the pressure of my work was largely responsible for what happened that day.

"As I sat at the console of the organ, suddenly I was almost overcome with a great weakness in my body. My strength seemingly oozed out of me and I began to tremble from head to foot. I had an overwhelming urge to weep. I staggered out of the church, got in my car and managed to get home. These symptoms didn't leave me; in fact, they grew worse. A severe pain stabbed at the base of my skull, and I experienced an uncontrollable twitching and jerking in my body. "The doctor's diagnosis was the thing I dreaded most to hear. I had incipient epilepsy complicated by sugar diabetes. "In the days that followed, I suffered untold agony. There was the agony of shame, of bodily affliction and of trying to hide the disease from other people. When the attacks began to come on me, I would quickly excuse myself from those around me and rush to a rest room, a garage or any hiding place. There I would stay until the fury of the attack had spent itself. "After suffering for 5½ years with these afflictions, I became so discouraged that one night I came home and said to my wife, "Honey, I am at the end of my row. I will have to give up my ministry."

"In great desperation, I asked God to help me. I asked others to help me pray. "One night, while a minister friend was praying for me, I looked up and said, "Oh, God! Here goes everything! If you don't help me, I'm finished."

"Then, in that moment of utter desperation—my faith reached out! Suddenly, a heavy load was lifted, and the pain and weariness were gone. "It has been 5½ years since I prayed that prayer. There has never been a single symptom of the old trouble. "My ministry has increased. I am busier than I have ever been in my life. God spoke a 'peace, be still' in my troubled life. I am completely healed."

Trees And Grass Take Lead In Conservation Reserve Program

Trees and grass practices, available to Tar Heel farmers under the Soil Bank Conservation Reserve Program, make up about 95 per cent of all conservation work that has been signed for this year. Tilman R. Walker, Chairman of the ASC State Committee, says that these practices will be carried out according to the same specifications as are required on these practices under the Agricultural Conservation Program.

For the farmer to qualify for payment in the Conservation Reserve Program for 1958, he must remain in compliance with all requirements for eligibility for 1958. According to Walker, these requirements are (1) he must not have exceeded any acreage allotments established for his farm; (2) he must sign up by April 15; (3) he must follow specifications in establishing and carrying out the practices; and, (4) he must not graze or harvest a crop from the designated acres in 1958. If he does these things and conforms to the basic purpose of the Soil Bank Program—agrees to make a corresponding reduction in the acreage of soil-depleting crops—he will qualify for payment.

Two types of payment will be made to farmers participating in the Conservation Reserve program. First, the farmer will receive an establishment payment varying by practices, up to 80 per cent of the cost of establishing the practice. He will also receive an annual payment, for each year of the contract, in the amount of \$10 per acre. Walker advised that the closing date for signing up in the Conservation Reserve Program for 1958 is April 15. Information on practice specifications and contract forms that must be signed before the closing date are available at the local ASC county office.



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C. Of C. Studying Parking Problem

A proposal for improved public parking in the area behind Broad Street business stores will be submitted to the board of directors of the Edenton Chamber of Commerce, according to J. R. DuLaney, chairman of the Chamber's Parking Committee. The committee met with W. E. Bond, representing the Chowan County Board of Commissioners, Raleigh Hollowell, appointed by Mayor E. P. Kehaves to represent the Town Council, and Ralph Parrish, chairman of the Merchants Committee. Because of the complicated ownership of property in this area and the overall problem, the committee is studying a simplified plan which will provide improved parking facilities within a short time. Chairman DuLaney said the committee will also contact state agencies to ascertain whether a parking or planning consultant service is available for a long range parking study and recommendations.

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Club Calendar

Tuesday, April 1—2:30 P. M., meeting of local club presidents in home agent's office; 8 P. M., "Womanless Wedding" rehearsal at Chowan High School.
Wednesday, April 2—10 A. M., agents meet with Commissioners; 2:30 P. M., meeting of music leaders in home agent's office; 4 P. M., Agricultural Workers' Council in home agent's office; 7:30 P. M., Gum Pond Club at home of Mrs. Marvin Smith.
Thursday, April 3—2:30 P. M., meeting of food and nutrition leaders in home agent's office. Monday, April 7—2:30 P. M., Advance Club, Community Building. Hostess, Mrs. Jarvis Skinner. 8 P. M., dress rehearsal for "Womanless Wedding" at Chowan High School.
Tuesday, April 8—7:30 P. M., Beech Fork Club at home of Mrs. Paul Ober.
Wednesday, April 9—2:30 P. M., Wards Club at Community Building with Mrs. A. D. Ward, Jr. and Mrs. Nurney Chappell as hostesses.
Thursday, April 10—2:30 P. M., Enterprise Club at home of Mrs. George A. Byrum.
Monday, April 14—2:30 P. M., Chowan Club, Community Building with Mrs. E. N. Elliott as hostess.
Tuesday, April 15—7:30 P. M., Center Hill Club at home of Mrs. H. T. Hollowell.
Wednesday, April 16—2:30 for delivery.

P. M., Byrd Club at home of Mrs. D. M. Reaves.

Thursday, April 17—7 P. M., 4-H leader, supper meeting at Wards Community Building.

Friday, April 18—10 A. M., 25th District Federation meeting at Griggs High School at Poplar Branch in Currituck County.

Tuesday, April 22—7:30 P. M., Rocky Hock Club at home of Mrs. B. L. Raines.

Wednesday, April 23—2:30 P. M., Ryland Club at home of Mrs. R. S. Ward.

Thursday, April 24—7:30 P. M., Oak Grove Club, Community Building with Mrs. Robert Lane and Mrs. Arlon Parks as co-hostesses.

Friday, April 25—7 P. M., 4-H County Council benefit supper at Chowan Community Building.

Bank Will Mail Checks Monthly

Richard Atkinson, vice president of the Peoples Bank & Trust Company, has announced that the bank has adopted a policy of mailing checks each month. Of course, if anybody desires the checks to be held and picked up, the request will be complied with. The checks will most likely be mailed the first day of the month so that patrons of the bank will have their statements early in the month instead of remaining in the bank for several days after they are ready for delivery.

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