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A LIFE FOR TODAY

Behold now is the day.—II Cor. 6:2.

We are always in the expectation of living.—Voltaire.

May we remember, merciful Father, that the only time that we have is NOW.

Help Fight Cancer

Attention is called to the fact that Chowan County's annual cancer crusade begins today (Thursday) in the hope of raising at least \$1,500 to help fight the dread disease. Funds raised during the drive go toward the three keys to cancer control—research, education and service.

In the early 1900's few cancer patients had any hope of cure. In the late 1930's fewer than one-in-five was being saved—that is, alive five years after first being treated. A few years ago one-in-four was being saved. Today one cancer patient in three is being saved. The gain in lives saved amounts to some 48,000 patients each year.

Of every six persons who get cancer today, two will be saved and four will die. Numbers 1 and 2 will be saved. Number 3 will die but might have been saved had proper treatment been received in time. Numbers 4, 5 and 6 will die of cancers which cannot yet be controlled; only the results of research can save these patients. This means that today half of those who get cancer could and should be saved—by early diagnosis and prompt treatment. Thus, the immediate goal of cancer control in the United States is the annual saving of 270,000 lives, or half of those who develop cancer each year.

Cancer strikes all peoples, from the nobles to the meanest, richest to poorest, and some of the most gifted are among its victims. Each year cancer takes many leaders from the worlds of government, science, sports, the arts—frequently at the height of their careers. If a general cure or preventive for cancer had been found in their time, some might have lived longer to influence their respective fields and the course of contemporary history.

This year's theme is "To Cure More, Give More" supplementing the slogan "Fight Cancer With a Checkup and a Check," to protect you, your family, and others.

Fire Prevention Is Working

With Fire Prevention Week scheduled to be observed October 4-10, it is pointed out that the year 1963 was the seventh consecutive one in which fire losses exceeded \$1 billion, according to the National Board of Fire Underwriters.

The growth of this country, the Board says, has of itself contributed to the high level of fire losses.

Since its inception in 1866, the National Board has been at the forefront in fire protection activities.

We are glad to report that some real progress has been made in the fight against fire.

For example, since 1950 there has been an increase of 34,500,000 in the population of this country, 13,750,000 new housing units have been added, and thousands of new mercantile and manufacturing units have been built. The new structures have increased the number of burnable buildings.

However, the burning ratio—the ratio of dollar fire loss to national wealth—has been declining steadily over the years, indicating progress in the never ending fight to prevent fire waste.

As the nation observes Fire Prevention Week this month—which comes October 4-10—it's a good time for everyone to use care with fire and try to help us stem this needless destructiveness of our resources.

Fire takes its toll in lives. Last year there were 11,800 fire fatalities and tens of thousands more were injured in fires.

We can cut down the national toll in lives and property by keeping our homes free of hazards, throwing out accumulations of old newspapers and combustible trash, keeping our electrical equipment in good repair, and using particular care with matches and smoking which are the cause of one-fourth of all fires.

And the National Board reminds us that three-fourths of all fires are the result of carelessness, and never should have occurred.

Are fire prevention efforts worthwhile? Yes, says the National Board. Without fire prevention efforts on the part of all of us, the Board estimates, the annual fire loss in the United States would probably be three times its present size.

Heard & Seen By Buff

As in so many times in the past, the weatherman is not cooperating very well with the Chowan County Fair, especially up to the time this column was written Wednesday morning. It is really a shame for so many people to go to so much trouble to make the necessary arrangements for the fair and for so many others to use their efforts in entering exhibits that so many are kept away due to inclement weather. But then, what mortal being can do anything about the weather?

Last week the new 1965 model cars went on display by the various automobile dealers and many anxious eyes viewed the new cars. One fellow said he'd like very much to buy one of the new models but he just couldn't do it because his conscience would hurt him to drive and owe for a new car when he owed so many more bills in Edenton. Well, there's a lot of people driving automobiles who have quite a few unpaid bills—and usually the car payment comes first.

In Elizabeth City Friday of last week I ran up with Dick Atkinson, a former Edentonian. Dick, a cigarette smoker in Edenton, was smoking a pipe and I commented upon the change. "Well," said Dick, "with all the talk about cigarettes and cancer, this is 'scare smoking'."

Mrs. Dorothy Phillips became a grandmother Wednesday of last week and again on Friday, when two of her daughters gave birth to sons. To say the least, she is a very proud grandmother, and hardly before the babies were dry behind the ears, she sent in two cigars before I had time to mark 'em on the debit side of the ledger. So here's congratulations to her and also Grandpop Madison Phillips.

Driving on Oakum Street, one hardly can miss noticing the new headquarters for the Brown-Carver Library. The library is now operating in the former Beasley store building, which is far more attractive and commodious than the ramshackle old building used for so many years. And what's more it's good to see so many people using the library—they can now be seen from the outside.

Henry Oglesby, secretary to Congressman Herbert Bonner, called me Tuesday. He invited me to ride part way on the train with Mrs. Lyndon Johnson, whose special train will stop in Ahoskie Tuesday afternoon of next week, October 6, at 3:15 o'clock. It so happens that Tuesday is a bad day to get away from work, so that the invitation was declined. However, Mr. Oglesby is very anxious for a lot of Chowan County people to go to Ahoskie to meet and hear Mrs. Johnson speak on behalf of her husband's candidacy for President. "There'll be a large crowd on hand," said Mr. Oglesby.

And speaking about politics, the daily papers every day are filled with political stories. Makes a fellow wonder what they'll be able to print after the general election Tuesday, November 3. And with the election coming up, here's another reminder to voters that they must be registered in the county registration books in order to cast a ballot in the election. So many people think that because they voted in a town election, they can vote in a general election. There are two sets of registration books, one for Edenton and one for the county. If any voter desires to cast a ballot, it might be well for him or her to check to see if they are registered in the proper books, if they are not absolutely sure. Quite frequently a voter goes to the polls only to find that he or she is not registered and cannot vote. This information will be available from the registrars, who will sit at the various polling places three Saturdays, October 10, 17 and 24, from 9 A. M., until sunset.

Edenton's Aces will try to continue a perfect record Friday night when they meet Scotland Neck High School on Hicks Field. The Aces have four consecutive victories tucked under their belt and, according to the dope, the Aces will be favored to win. However, the football dope doesn't always hold out, so anything could happen. Then the Aces on Friday night of next week go to Elizabeth City to play the strong Yellow Jackets. Who'll give a guess as to the outcome of that game? And speaking about football, the John A. Holmes High School Band has been presenting very good programs at half time which have been probably as interesting as the one-sided games played thus far. My hat's off to 'em.

There's a lot of digging and hammering going on these days at the Edenton Post Office, which will be greatly improved. Then the new Municipal Building is gradually being finished. Both of these projects will be big improvements in Edenton.

VEPCO Workshop In Williamston

Over 100 Community Leaders Expected To Participate

A regional community and industrial development workshop will be held in Williamston on October 8 to acquaint community leaders with ways in which their communities may work effectively with the State, railroads, and utilities in promoting the growth of their respective areas.

The workshop will be co-sponsored by the Virginia Electric and Power Company and North Carolina's Division of Commerce and Industry. It will be directed by J. Randolph Perrow, manager of Vepco's area development department and Robert W. Whitfield, Assistant Administrator of the Division of Commerce and Industry of North Carolina.

Over 100 community leaders from eight counties in the area are expected to participate. Counties include Beaufort, Dare, Edgecombe, Hyde, Martin, Pitt, Tyrrell, and Washington.

The meeting, at the Town and Country Restaurant, will begin at 9 A. M. It is one of a series of regional workshop conferences scheduled throughout the State.

Russell G. Hanson, North Carolina's chief industry hunter and Administrator of the State's Division of Commerce and Industry, will be a principal speaker at the morning workshop and will discuss the State's role in community and industrial development. Also speaking during the morning session will be Thomas B. Broughton, an industrial agent with the State's Division of Commerce and Industry. The topic of Broughton's speech will be "Community Development."

Elementary School Lunch Room Menu

Menus at the Edenton Elementary School lunch room for the week of October 5-9 will be as follows:

Monday: Sausage patties, navy beans, candied yams, corn bread, banana pudding, milk, butter.

Tuesday: Hamburger, gravy, steamed rice, milk, butter, black-eye peas, school baked rolls, cheese slices, apple sauce.

Wednesday: Weiners, baked beans, carrot and cabbage salad, school baked rolls, apricots, butter, milk.

Thursday: Roast turkey, gravy, creamed potatoes, milk, cranberry sauce, turnip greens, school baked rolls, fruit jello, butter.

Friday: Tuna salad, garden peas, potato chips, milk, school baked rolls, toss salad, peaches, butter.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

OBJECTS TO CRITICISM

Dear Editor:

We appreciate George Holmes' concern for our children's welfare, having the PTA recommend the flashing lights while he was safety chairman for them. We have had policemen at the school corners for many years, and we agree you can't be too careful.

We do not appreciate the discredit he gives the Town Council, PTA, chief of police and Governor or the indifference he infers of the town toward the children's welfare by malicious criticism, mocking remarks and apathy.

Our police force, Town Council and PTA have always been exceptional as shown by the past. No child has even been killed while going to and from school on foot or via bus. This is quite a record because we have a great deal of inter-state traffic, 32 and 17 going right through the town.

About last January the schools circulated a mimeographed sheet if the schools would circulate this again and people would abide by the regulations, it might refresh our memories and help mothers, because we are all interested in the safety of all our children.

MRS. W. D. PRUDEN, JR.

CONTRADICTS ROBERTS

Dear Editor:

Recently Frank Roberts wrote in his Frankly Speaking column that all the Negro students who attended John A. Holmes and Edenton Elementary Schools last year did very poorly. He also said that he had heard from Coach Billings that Linwood Wright, who happens to be a Negro, was not accepted on the John A. Holmes football team because he was not good enough. The first statement is incorrect. The second one is a half truth.

I called Mr. Roberts and asked him why did he write these statements and from whence did he get his information. He told me that he read it in a book published by Governor Sanford's Good Neighbor Committee and that he received his information pertaining to Linwood Wright from Coach Billings.

In answer to the question as to why he put it in his column, he said for a "point of information" and that he wanted the public to know the truth as to why Linwood Wright was not

accepted to play on the team.

In this letter I will address myself to the incorrect statement about the Negro students doing poorly. Linwood Wright and Coach McGee, with whom Mr. Roberts apparently did not interview, can best bring out the full truth as to why he was not accepted on the team.

Now, did the students do poorly last year at John A. Holmes and Edenton Elementary Schools? No. They did very well. As a point of information, all of them made the grade except two. These two did not make the grade in a couple subjects not because they were mentally incapable but because they were apparently, according to their teacher, unable to grasp these subjects as readily as others. Is this unusual for some students? I can remember having a tough time trying to pass French and algebra but Latin and geometry were relatively easy for me. Most all of us who have gone to school have had similar experiences and thanked God when we finally passed.

To say that the students are doing very poorly, if we assumed this were true, raises these questions, why are they doing very poorly? Is there that much difference in the educational

systems of John A. Holmes, Edenton Elementary and D. F. Walker Schools? Is there? Is there that much difference in the cultural background of the colored and not so colored? Are these the reasons why the students are doing very poorly?

I personally know all of the students (and the parents) who attended the John A. Holmes and Edenton Elementary last year. They like the educational system of these two schools, are conscientious and are doing well in their subjects and in adjusting to a new environment and somewhat of a different teaching process.

Frankly speaking, Mr. Editor, if Mr. Roberts is allowed to continue to make subjective statements in his column (which you gave him without charge) that are misleading, inflammatory, incorrect and an affront to human dignity, I will respectfully request you to allow me space in your paper to write a column called "Truthfully Speaking."

Sincerely yours,
REV. F. H. LaGARDE.

Sugar Coating

Culture is what makes us think we'll like something we won't.

—Leader, Tripoli, Ia.

Nancy O'Neal Is Named Semi-Finalist

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necessary for leadership in the future. They are resourceful, hard-working, and ambitious."

To increase their opportunities to obtain financial assistance if they need it, the Merit Corporation sends the names of semi-finalists to all regionally accredited colleges and universities and to other scholarship-granting agencies and financial aid sources. Studies show that about 50 per cent of the semi-finalists obtain financial aid from sources other than the merit program.

Finalists designate the college they wish to attend and the course of study they plan to pursue. The colleges chosen by the merit scholars in most instances also receive supplementary grants.

The merit program was established in 1955 with grants from the Ford Foundation and the Carnegie Corporation of New York. In 1962 the Ford Foundation announced an additional grant to continue the program through 1970.

No man is free who cannot command himself.

—Pythagoras.

Notice To The Public

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You must be accompanied by a parent or legal guardian to register. (Registration closes October 15).

Competition Will Be Held At Hicks Field
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