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A Month To Save Lives

January will be observed as several special "months", most of them commercially (and legitimately) oriented. But certainly the most important is National Blood Donor Month. January has been so proclaimed by President Richard Nixon "to pay special tribute to the voluntary blood donor and to encourage increasing numbers of people to be voluntary blood donors."

"Among the noblest acts of personal generosity is the gift of one's blood for the benefit of another," says President Nixon's Proclamation. "It is a contribution to health and life for which there is no substitute."

"The voluntary blood donor system developed by the American Red Cross and the American Association of Blood Banks provides modern methods for safe and simple donations of blood. Contributions of the voluntary blood donor should be recognized and encouraged to assure that our nations' growing need is safely met."

The United States is fortunate in having a system of blood banks and collection centers that usually can deliver rare as well as normal types of blood quickly anywhere in the country. It provides with remarkable efficiency more than 6,500,000 pints a year. But the margin between supply and demand is close in January.

"The need is as great as in any other month," explains Dr. John B. Henry of Syracuse, N. Y., president of the American Association of Blood Banks. "But at this time winter illnesses, holiday absences and sometimes snow keep many faithful donors away."

"If only a few more Americans will donate a pint of blood during the month at their local blood bank or collection center, the shortages which often mark January will not be repeated."

If you are in good health and between 18 and 66, you can celebrate National Blood Donor Month by giving a pint and perhaps saving the life of one of your neighbors. In a few states, if you are between 18 and 21, you may need parental permission but we have never heard of this being refused.

A lot can be done with blood these days. Local donations can be credited to distant patients, a factor that helps Americans save \$100 million a year on their medical bills. By breaking blood into its components, several patients may be treated with the same unit. But before blood can be fractionated or shifted somewhere, somebody has to donate it.

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Hoskins; Monday through Friday 9 A. M., to 5 P. M.; Saturday, 9 A. M., to 12 noon; tax supervisor's office, first floor of county office building.

Second: Wayne Bunch; Monday and Thursday nights from 6 o'clock to 9 o'clock, W. E. Smith's Store; January 5, W. L. Miller's Store, January 7. Nixon's Grocery, January 12, M&R Service Center, January 19, Archie Nixon's Store, and January 26, M&R Service Center, all dates from 8 A. M., to 5 P. M.; and by appointment only at home.

Third: T. D. Berryman; January 9, 16, 23, and 30, L. C. Briggs' Store; January 14 and 28, Byrum's Service Center; and January 7 and 21, Ryland Post Office.

Fourth: Ward Hoskins; January 5, 12, 9, and 26, H. W. Brabble's Store; and January 9, 16, 23, and 30, H. A. Perry's Store.

After seeing some moving pictures, we think of no earthly reason why they were made.

Though it was not very expensive, Mr. and Mrs. Paul Ober received a Christmas present which is valued more than a present costing many dollars. It was a lengthy letter from their son, Scot Ober, now stationed in Vietnam. It, no doubt, expresses the feelings of so many of our boys over there in that hell-hole that Paul loaned me the letter to use in this column. Here 'tis:

My Dear Family: Merry Christmas from Vietnam. Today, for the first time in 24 years I am not able to spend Christmas at home with you—you who mean so much to me.

As all of you know by now, I am over here by choice—not chance. As you also know, I am totally against this war. But every time I said that back in the states, someone would tell me that I would feel differently if I had been over here or if I had a son or brother who had served over here. I came here to find out if I would. As I write this letter I have been over here a month. During this time I have flown over the southern part of this country in a helicopter. I have seen the huge craters that bombs have left; I've seen the white sand on the beaches scorched black; I've seen crashed planes rusting on the ground, houseboats and barges half sunk in the dirty Saigon River—all of this you can see from the air. It looks somewhat like the dark side of the moon. And, believe me, it isn't a pretty picture.

An even uglier picture is what is happening to the people over here. Life over here is a meager existence for most of the people. It has no quality at all. Most of the papa sans (the Vietnamese men) are hustlers trying to make a quick buck from the GI's. There is nothing they won't do for money. They are rather like the barkers and arcade tenders at the county fair.

What has happened to the local women here is well known even back in the states. It's just more prevalent than you might think. The Vietnamese children learn the hard way quickly. When I was in Saigon the other day, the taxi driver stuck out his left hand to signal a turn and a six or seven year old kid snatched his watch off his arm. On a street corner a 10 or 12 year old girl was selling pornographic books. Of course, the average GI is not blameless by any means. There would be no sellers if there were no buyers. I'm tired of hearing the local people referred to as Gooks or Slant Eyes, especially to their faces. I'm tired of seeing them treated like simpletons or dogs. I'm tired of seeing guys come in off guard high on drugs—and wondering what would happen if someone crossed them while they had their M-16 slung over their shoulder. I'm also tired of hearing that all guys here in Vietnam are potheads and hard drug users. I'm tired of hearing that all the guys here turn to alcohol to drown their troubles. I'm just as tired of the ones that are alcoholics. What is happening is what I would like to see before we came over here? I don't know. What I do know is that this dirty, stinking, little piece of land is not worth one American dying for. It may be a selfish view, but to me, an American life is worth more than another life. What are we fighting for? Who wants us over here? Who wants Vietnam? I do not!

This whole experience of being over here is really something. It's like being in a whole new world. When I write home and ask how are things in the "real world" that is exactly what I mean. This place is just a fantasy—a bad dream. Is there a soldier anywhere who is not counting the days until he returns to civilization? Yet so many of us volunteer to come over here to find out for ourselves what it is like—experiencing daily, every minute, every frustration, every loneliness. I want to remember the things I saw here. I want to remember the way I felt about things. I want to remember being treated as a sucker by the local citizens and being treated as a second or third class person by the Army. I want to remember the dirt, the stinking latrines, the sweaty fatigues, the 12-13 hour days every single day. I want to remember the food—delicious, but salty tasting because sweat is pouring off your face onto the food as you eat it. I also want to remember the unbelievable pleasure of receiving mail, especially from someone you didn't expect to hear from. I want to remember things like receiving a drawing from Paul, a Christmas card from Carlton and Naomi. I want to remember that letter from Mother and Daddy that I saved which was the last line had the simple statement, "I hope you rest well tonight." What a beautiful thought to know that someone 12,000 miles away is worrying about whether or not you sleep well.

I want to remember these things so that when I get back to the real world. I can appreciate what I have. I want to remember so that I'll be more thoughtful of others, remembering how much even the smallest kindnesses meant to me. I want to remember so that I'll never ever treat anyone as anything less than a complete human being with feelings the same as yours regardless of who that person is. I want to remember so that I will speak out and do my part in seeing that my country doesn't ever make such a mistake such as this again. Sometimes I think that it isn't that the majority is silent. The government is just deaf.

What day is this, Grace? It's Christmas Day, 1970. And here I am sitting here rambling on while Mother has a delicious dinner waiting, while Daddy is just dying to get a box of cigars after he has quit smoking them or another pair of socks. Please forgive me, but tonight, thinking about Christmas I felt closer to all of you than I have for some time. Christmas has always been something special for our family. I love all of you so much—and as you well know, this love can and does cross the miles, especially today. Thank you for being the family that you are. You mean everything to me. My wish for you today is that you enjoy yourselves completely. Be thankful that in spite of our differences, we're not a house divided against itself. Ours is a unique family in that we're not ashamed to show our affection for each other. Be thankful for that and all your other blessings as you enjoy this day.

Please do not worry about me. I'm getting along fine—so much better than I ever thought possible. I'm still not sorry I came over here. Before the snows of next Christmas fall on my home, I'll be back among the people I love the very most. God bless us every one.

You have not lived till you've almost died. Life has a flavor the protected will never know."

Edenton was the recipient of a good slice of favorable publicity in the January issue of the magazine Southern Living. An entire page is devoted to a write-up in which it is stated that "of all the numerous time-mellowed communities that dot the Southern Coastal Plain, few can challenge

Woman Booked After Assault, Town Yule Is Quiet

A Negro woman from New Jersey has been charged with assault with a deadly weapon following a Saturday night shooting in Chowan County, just outside Edenton.

Sheriff Troy Toppin identified the defendant as Doris White of Patterson, N. J. In Chowan Hospital with a leg wound is William Wood, 23-year-old Negro, of Suffolk, Va.

Sheriff Toppin said the assault took place about 7 P. M., Saturday on Highway 32, north of Edenton Feed & Livestock. He said Wood was shot with a .32 calibre pistol. The woman has been released under \$500 bond.

This was the only serious charge lodged during the unusually quiet holiday weekend, according to law enforcement records.

Sheriff Toppin said his department received minor complaints but no other reports of a serious nature.

Police Chief J. D. Parrish described

the lengthy Christmas weekend one of the quietest he can remember. "The number of arrests made is about half the usual total," he stated.

There was only one report of attempt to shoplift, he said. The department

made two arrests for drunk driving and three arrests for public drunkenness.

State Highway Patrol investigated several accidents, none of a serious nature. Property damage was high but there were no fatal accidents.

Citizens Ready For Another Holiday

Friday is New Year's Day and another general holiday. It follows by one week the Christmas holiday which meant a four-day vacation for many.

The Merchants Committee of Edenton Chamber of Commerce has recommended that local business establishments observe Friday as a holiday. Except for a few isolated cases, merchants are following the lead of the committee.

Town, county, state and federal offices will be closed.

Postmaster James M. Bond said Eden-

ton Post Office will be closed for the holiday. There will be no window service nor delivery in town or on rural routes.

The three offices of Peoples Bank & Trust Company will be closed Friday along with Bank of North Carolina and Edenton Savings & Loan Association.

Town Administrator W. B. Gardner said the street department will be closed for the holiday. There will be no trash collection Friday but trash will be picked up all over town on Saturday.

Public Parade

Just don't rock the boat. If you have an idea be sure you clear it with the leader before you speak in public. Always agree with what is presented, don't ask any questions and be sure all votes are unanimous.

One is supposed to mouth whatever expressions they think the "power-that-be" want to hear. For the "power-that-be" are part of a 300-year-old political organization that rewards obedience and punishes individual initiative.

But things are changing in our land. Unless centralization of government, whether state or federal, is to be slowed down and hopefully reversed, we must emphasize different values. We must promote and reward resourcefulness and independent thinking (and expression). We must hold all elected officers accountable for making decisions and ideas that create a better place in which to live.

We must reward maturity, responsibility and independence and not obedience and conformity to the "power-that-be".

Best wishes for 1971 and the years to follow.

Classes Planned

Registration and the first class meeting for Adult Education Classes in Chowan County begin Monday at John A. Holmes High School.

For further information, contact Gil Burroughs, adult education supervisor for Chowan County, or call the Edenton Learning Laboratory, phone 482-4745.

The following courses will be offered: Ceramics, Flower Arranging, Beginning Sewing, Adult Drivers Education, Slimnastics, Beginning Typing, Intermediate Typing, Bricklaying, Radiological Monitor Training, Safe Boating, Adult High School Equivalency (GED), High School Diploma, and Technical Drawing.

The Learning Laboratory, at Swain Elementary School, is open to all adults in the community. Veterans are eligible

Edenton, North Carolina as a successful blend of the historic past and the very liveable present. Modern Edenton is on sound financial footing but it has not lost touch with its traditions." On the page also is a picture of the Barker House and a fireplace in the Cupola House. The story plays up the guided tour sponsored by Historic Edenton so that, no doubt, this business should pick up a bit.

It's just too bad that a fellow cannot be at two or three places at the same time. This was the case with me Sunday afternoon when I had to go to Kitty Hawk and was also invited to attend the 50th wedding anniversary of Mr. and Mrs. George H. Privott at Edenton Baptist Church. At any rate, I understand the anniversary was a very delightful affair with odds of friends calling to extend their congratulations and best wishes. Wouldn't it be wonderful if all married couples could live together for 50 years in marital bliss?

On Saturday morning members of the Methodist Men's Club will sponsor another pickled herring breakfast at the church. Breakfast will be served from 7 to 9 o'clock and the "cooks" say they'll have plenty of herring on hand, which they hope will all be disposed of. Good way to have pickled herring without having the "smell" in the home.

One of the nice things about Christmas is meeting friends who have not been seen in many years. This was the case with me when I met up with Joe Northcott. Joe has been away from Edenton over 20 years and is now working at Aiken, S. C. I easily recognized him for he hasn't changed much in over 20 years (except adding some avoirdupois) and it was a pleasure to meet him again.

And speaking about Christmas, it's just about over now. The decorations will soon be pulled down, and Christmas carols will not be heard. Which means, no doubt, that some people will again return to their grinchiness. Would that the Christmas spirit would permeate all communities all through the year.

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FOR SALE—Four bedroom brick home located at 112 Blount Street. Owned by United Piece Dye Works. If interested, call Bud Skiles, 221-4121. t c

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If you want to drink, that's your business. If you want to stop drinking, that's our business. AA meets Monday at 8 P. M. at the Edenton Methodist Church.

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— Contact —

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WANTED—Woman to work for six weeks in private home at Annandale, Va., with two children. Private room and bath. Transportation paid both ways and good salary. Contact J. Edwin Bufflap at Chowan Herald.

HOUSE FOR SALE—Three bedroom house in Westover Heights. Call 482-2512 after 6 P. M. t f c

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