

Letter To The Editor Of The Chowan Herald

Dear Sir:

The news that I had dreaded hearing came this morning when I read in The Herald that Mrs. Louise Byrum had passed away. It was, perhaps, selfish of me to want to hold onto the last remnants of a life so ravaged by the toll of prolonged illness.

Yet, how do you say goodbye to a saint of a woman? With flowers? Words of sympathy? A gift to some charity? Maybe. But it is ironic that when thinking of what I should do for Miss Louise, all that comes to mind is what she did for me.

In 1970 while stationed in Vietnam, I sent a Christmas letter home to my family in which I related the terrible confusion and anguish and frustration I felt in being a part of the forces, both American and otherwise, that were tearing apart the heart of that country and of that country's people. I did not question the spirit in which our country

committed her young men, but I did question the wisdom of that decision.

Although that letter was intended only for my family, it was subsequently published in The Chowan Herald, where it was read by Miss Louise. She sent me the most inspirational letter I have ever received in which she expressed feelings similar to mine, and she told me that my letter had given her the courage to write the President a personal letter expressing these feelings. She said that she had previously considered writing such a letter but that she had felt that one voice would not mean anything. But realizing the effect that a single letter from one soldier had had on her, she decided to write the President anyway. Ultimately, the effect of hundred of thousand of letters such as hers to Congress and our national leaders did indeed hasten the end of that war. I cannot describe the impact

of morality—sometimes speaking out to others, but often reminding myself that one never knows whose actions will be influenced by what one does and by what one stands for. Such is the lesson that I learned from Miss Louise. She

was a great and gentle woman. While it is only natural to mourn her death, I cannot help but celebrate her life. Her death was a single cruel event, but her life will continue to be reflected in the lives and actions of all those she touched.

B. SCOT OBER

IN MEMORIAM

26 February 1971

When we think about Jesus as the story is told, we remember that Jesus went away all by himself. But Jesus came with soft tender arms and took mom away three years ago today. It has been sad for me. Each day you are in my thoughts and my heart is heavy with loneliness. But your goodness and sweetness will remain in my heart forever.

SON,

WILLIE ELGIN MONDS
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By Neighbor

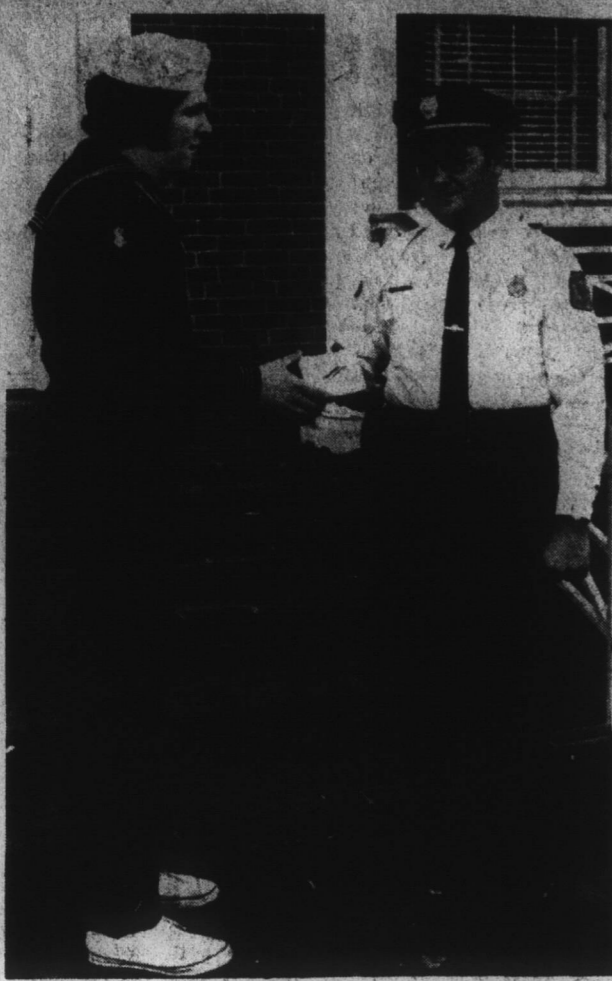


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DISCUSS FUNDS DRIVE—Capt. C. H. Williams of the Edenton Police Department recently praised the Edenton Sea Explorers for efforts to raise funds through the community-wide sale of first aid kits. He is shown receiving a kit from Rusty Barath of the unit. (Photo by Grif Bond)

Sea Explorers Conducting Drive

The Edenton Sea Explorers are conducting a house-to-house drive this week selling first aid kits, made by Johnson & Johnson.

According to Rev. E. L. Earnhardt, every four seconds someone is injured in or around the home. By purchasing a kit, a home or car owner can "be prepared for accidents" by having on hand an assortment of first aid products, designed to meet minor emergencies.

The proceeds from the sale will go to rebuilding of a boat for the Sea Explorers.

This fund raising drive will give everyone an opportunity to buy a good supply of a product that no home can afford to be without and at the same time help a worthy cause.

Noneman Youth Taken In Death

Funeral services were held Saturday afternoon for Walter Douglas Noneman, 10, who died at his home on West Queen Street Thursday night. Death followed an extended illness.

A native of Raleigh, he was the son of Walter L. and Faye Draffin Noneman and the brother of Mark Louis and Robert Charles Noneman, both of the home. Also surviving is the maternal grandmother, Mrs. Martha P. Draffin of Norlina; and the paternal grandmother, Mrs. Violet Louise Noneman of Raleigh. He was a fourth grade student at Chowan Academy.

He was a member of Edenton United Methodist Church where funeral services were conducted by Rev. E. L. Earnhardt. Burial was in Beaver Hill Cemetery. Pallbearers were: Gage Clark, Thomas Gregg, John Wood, Steve Evans, Stanley Bunch and Al Ward. Colonial Funeral Home was in charge of arrangements.

SERVES AS PAGETTE Miss Penny Powell is in Raleigh this week serving as a page in the office of Gov. James E. Holshouser, Jr. While in Raleigh she is the guest of Mrs. Richard Overton.

The Old Timer



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