

The Challenge Of Influence

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Have you ever gone shopping for a hat and arrived home with a pantsuit? Or, maybe you needed a new refrigerator—just something simple, but functional, and not to forget something in your budget, priced considerably moderate; and when you got home you wondered why you purchased a refrigerator with a built-in ice maker, tape player, self-defrosting, etc...?

I just recently purchased THREE telephones; they call it a packaged deal. But now, keep in mind I called to have one, O-N-E, phone for my bedroom with an extension to serve me throughout my small duplex.

Tell me, what am I going to do with three phones with extensions??? I have a four year old son who'll be envied by a lot of teenagers!

Influence, can sometimes be detrimental to one's health and-or pocket. Then, on the other hand, it can prove rewarding.

When the East Mecklenburg students and teachers were ambushed after a football game I thought, "I wonder who started it all?" It only took me a split second to think there must be a ring leader whose followers were influenced by the immature behavior of the one to start the show. This influence proved detrimental to the health of those attacked; not to mention the fear some parents may now have which may restrict a lot of students from attending the games. Sad for them...

We can be thankful to those residing in the neighborhood as it took one of those concerned enough with the attack to influence others to aid those under attack. This influence proved very rewarding.

Influence will play a great part in the swine-flu vaccination, those attending the polls to vote on November 2, and those who may refrain from the two.

To meet the challenge of influence, to me, means after weighing all sides of a situation, (first you must think) and then carrying out whatever action you feel best if it's satisfactory, mentally and physically to all concerned; or turning away from it as if it was a bonfire.

We must let our conscience be our guide. I challenge you to help make the future more comfortable for yourself and others by meeting the challenge of influence.

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New Foundation

To Promote Black Colleges

A new foundation has been formed to promote predominantly black private colleges and black students.

In a recent news release, board chairman Karl J. Wright of The K-Jay Foundation, Inc. explained its purposes. He said the newly formed organization will promote 47 black colleges and provide full scholarships for persons able to meet admission requirements at the student's choice of promoted schools.

"The foundation was formed to make our Black communities aware of how many, where; and the excellent opportunities Black Colleges and Universities can offer our Black youth," said the release.

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Senior Citizens Day will be observed at Mayfield Memorial Baptist Church, located at 700 Sugar Creek Road West, on Sunday, November 21. The special day is held each year as the church honors and thanks God for its Senior Citizens who, through walking with God for years, have had experiences that make them knowledgeable about the way of Christ. A special dinner is also being held in their honor at the Morrison's Cafeteria located in Eastland Mall. Each honored person will eat whatever foods he or she

chooses and all expenses are borne by the church. The Benevolence Committee, chaired by Mrs. Margaret Dulin, is in charge of all arrangements for the planned dinner. Buses from the church will transport the Senior Citizens to the Mall. Accompanying the citizens will be Pastor and Mrs. H.S. Diggs, Mrs. Margaret Dulin, Mrs. Martha Abel, Mrs. Elizabeth Archie, Robert Lee Bell, and Roosevelt Gooden; all of whom are members of the Benevolence Committee.

Black Researchers Honor Carver

WASHINGTON—When agricultural scientists from predominantly black land-grant universities hold their biennial research symposium in Washington this month, special tribute will be paid to Dr. George Washington Carver, a pioneer in agricultural research.

A prized memento of the symposium will be the bronze medallion bearing the likeness of Dr. Carver, and specially struck for the occasion.

The symposium, at Sheraton Park Hotel here Nov. 11 and 12, will celebrate the nation's 200th birthday and recognize the contribution black agricultural scientists have made through the years at the 16 land-grant universities and Tuskegee Institute.

Much of this research is financed with federal funds administered by the U.S. Department of Agriculture's Cooperative State Research Service.

Carver, in 1897 was named the first director of the State Experiment Station at fledgling Tuskegee Institute. He spent 35 years working and teaching there and became internationally renowned for his research accomplishments which the peanut, sweet potato, and agronomy in general.

In 1965, then Secretary of Agriculture, Orville L. Freeman in a ceremony honoring Carver at the U.S. Department of Agriculture in Washington, said:

"In his quiet, humble way, George Washington Carver did far more than most of us realize to shape the development of our U.S. Department of Agriculture...His life spanned many of the major changes in American agriculture—and the truth is that many of these changes he himself helped bring about."

"He showed how agricultu-

Happiness Through Health

Blood Test Detects Cancer

Two scientists say they have inadvertently found a substance in the blood of cancer patients that could provide an early warning system for the dread disease. Drs. J.C. Morrison and E.T. Bucovaz, of the University of Tennessee, said that tests of 4,200 persons showed the system was nearly 90 percent accurate in identifying whether patients had cancer.

They told delegates at a meeting of the American Chemical Society that if it proves itself in further studies, the blood test could, in three years, be part of routine yearly physical examinations.

Numerous other blood tests have been devised by scientists in the search for a fool-proof way to detect cancer at an early stage. No test yet devised has been successful enough to be widely adopted.

The two scientists said they began their research looking at something quite different—the structure of yeast cells. In trying to find a protein molecule in the cells, they mixed the yeast with human blood to see if the molecule they were looking for would combine with a different protein in the blood.

By chance, the blood they were using came from a cancer patient. And they found that a protein in the blood did latch onto the yeast protein. When they repeated their experiment with blood from a healthy person, it didn't work—the proteins did not combine. With 87 percent of the cancer patients they tested later, they said, the combining occurred; in 91 percent of the cancer-free patients there was no combination.

ALCOHOL DAMAGES BRAIN TISSUE: Destruction of brain tissue is prevalent among chronic alcoholics, including those middle aged and younger, according to two studies at a Chicago Medical Center. The studies, recently completed at Rush-

Presbyterian-St. Luke's Medical Center, covered two seats of alcoholic patients, ranging in age from 34 to 74 and from 31 to 69.

Both showed "Brain atrophy, a possible irreversible loss of brain tissue often associated with old age," among the patients, the institution said.

In the first group, researchers found the size of brain ventricles, small cavities in the brain, were "much larg-

er" in chronic alcoholics than in non-alcoholic patients. But it was not known if this resulted in a loss of intellectual function.

The second group consisted of 46 alcoholic patients, ages 31 to 69 years old. While atrophy was most prevalent in those patients between 50 and 59 years, "48 percent of the patients evidencing atrophy were under age 50, and 25.8 percent were younger than 40."

City Announces

Transit Action Plan

Since Sunday, November 7, the City of Charlotte has been evaluating the impact of the local bus strike. To this date riders of the Charlotte Transit System have found other methods of travel. Only a few critical situations have been identified and these have been referred to appropriate agencies.

Based on City monitoring of the bus strike and the level of critical travel requests, the following Action Plan is presented:

ACTION PLAN

1. Publish an Open Letter to the Citizens of Charlotte - State the current situation and suggest possible actions citizens can take individually or in groups which will provide transportation during the strike. The letter will be published Monday, Nov. 15 in the Charlotte News, Tuesday, Nov. 16 in the Charlotte Observer, and Thursday, Nov. 18 in the Charlotte Post.

2. Direct Mail Specific Suggestions - Send letters to local employers, churches, civic groups and others. Offer ideas on actions organizations might take to assist bus riders in their area.

3. Refer Critical Transportation Requests - Contact appropriate agencies or groups on critical travel needs received by the Charlotte Transit System and the City of Charlotte.

4. Continue to Monitor the Situation - Evaluate and assess the effects of the bus strike on riders and the community.

The City's Transit Planning Office will continue to develop travel alternatives to serve as contingencies if circumstances change.

Bob Hope To Emcee Miss Teenage Pageant

The 16th annual "Miss Teenage America Pageant," with Bob Hope as emcee, will be colorcast live from Tulsa, Oklahoma on Channel Nine Saturday, Nov. 27 at 10 p.m.

Cathy Durden, Miss Teenage America of 1976, will be the hostess of the 90-minute program which originates from the campus of the Oral Roberts University.

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The Housing Authority will begin taking applications Monday, November 22, 1976 at its office at 1301 South Boulevard, Charlotte, N. C. 28203. Office hours are 8 a.m. - 12 p.m. and 1 p.m. - 5 p.m. weekdays.

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