

'Project LIFE' Begins Today

R-C Area Campaign To Save Young Life Now Underway

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RICH SQUARE — "Project LIFE" is here. As the name implies, a life is hanging in the balance and it is up to the combined efforts of the Roanoke-Chowan community to make this project a success.

Thanks to the efforts of our community action last year, Michael White of Ahsokie, who inspired "Operation HOPE," is alive and well today. His physical problem, a kidney infection, is now past history.

Today, we have another situation which is in some ways similar and in others, very different. He is 16-year-old Charles Kirwan Vann, son of Charlie and Janice Vann of Conway.

Kirwan's kidney problem became known last June and at that time his kidneys were 50 per cent effective. By last month there effectiveness had dropped to 10 per cent. As a result of this problem, Kirwan must go with his mother to Duke Medical Center three times a week for treatment on a kidney machine. Without this, the outcome could be fatal.

The treatment on the kidney machine is a must until a transplant can be made. Mrs. Vann is undergoing tests now to see if she has the compatible characteristics for a possible transplant to her son. Because Kirwan is a diabetic, the operation must be performed at the Mayo Clinic in Rochester, Minn. Other hospitals will not perform the transplant under these conditions.

With the problem in mind we should now consider the alternatives. What can be done and what can we do in support of this?

We can get out and work for this project. Its difficult to put a price tag on a human life but it all comes down to the basic fact that the treatment and the future operation(s) are going to cost money. Few citizens of this area can face this type of obligation alone. Most of us would have to turn to our friends

and neighbors at times like this for any type assistance, moral or otherwise.

In addition to being a diabetic also, Kirwan's father has a heart condition. This too must be taken into consideration. The Vanns have hospitalization insurance which will be a help but in the long run the costs of young Kirwan's medical treatment are going to overrun any funds now available within the family.

Here is what we can do and will do. We are going to assist in a big way. A board of community leaders has been formed under the direction of Joe Edwards of Pendleton and Mrs. Hazel W. Taylor of Aulander. Other members are from the Roanoke-Chowan area. Are all very interested and are willing to lead their community in this cause.

Beginning Friday, all banks in Northampton, Hertford, Gates, and Bertie Counties will be accepting contributions for Project LIFE. This money will be forwarded to the Bank of Northampton in Jackson, where Austin Lewis, president, will place it in a special fund.

The Project LIFE committee is applying for a charter with the Internal Revenue Service and will have a number shortly. This will make all assistance tax deductible.

Now that we know where the funds are going, let us explore where the funds are coming from. Many community service projects to raise funds are in the making. The Project LIFE Committee will be expanding Monday night to include two representatives from each school in the area. They are being contracted now. We feel youth power will be the main driving force of this operation. These representatives will take the information back to their schools and carry the part of Project LIFE from there.

So that there is no question of the exact goal of this drive, let me quote a statement from the Project LIFE Committee: "The funds collected will be used toward medical treatment of any kind for young Charles Vann's condition. It is



Janice, Charles Kirwan and Charlie Vann

hoped that enough can be raised to train personnel in the operation of the kidney machine which was purchased during Project HOPE. This machine belongs to this area but no one here can operate it, so it now remains in Chapel Hill. Any funds left over will be put into a continuing fund for other medical situations as we now have."

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Mrs. Watson Chairman Of Heart Fund

CONWAY — Mrs. C. J. Watson of Conway has been named Heart Fund chairman for the Northampton County unit, North Carolina Heart Association.

Mrs. Leroy Grant of Conway and Mrs. Frank Outland of Rich Square will work with Mrs. Watson.

The president of the Heart Fund is Mrs. W. L. Mason of Rich Square and Mrs. R. S. Howell of Planters National Bank, Rich Square, will serve as treasurer.

Mrs. Watson has recruited the following volunteer workers for the towns in the county: Conway, Mrs. Rodney Barrett; Rich Square, Mrs. Mildred Keen; Woodland, Mrs. W. R. Reinhart; Gaston, Mrs. Marshall Grant; Jackson, Mrs. Douglas W. Eason.

Public education chairman is Mrs. Lee Brittle of Conway.



SPEAKING AT AN INTERNATIONAL Reading Association meeting in W. S. Creecy School Wednesday were (from left) W. S. Creecy, principal of Creecy School; Roy F. Lowry, superintendent of Northampton County Schools; Mrs. Lynda Griffin, reading consultant, State

Department of Public Instruction; Mrs. Joe Jenkins, supervisor, Hertford County Schools and president of the IRA; Mrs. Phyllis Sexton, secretary of IRA; and J. A. Drew, treasurer of IRA.

First '72 Northampton Fatality: 9-Year-Old

JACKSON — The death of a nine-year-old Gaston child has been recorded as Northampton County's first highway fatality of the year.

The little girl, identified as Clara Mae Lee, 9, was struck by a two-ton truck west of Gaston January 19.

She ran into the path of the vehicle driven by George C. Gray, 26, of Portsmouth about 3:45 p.m. on N. C. 46, eight miles west of Gaston. No charges were filed, according to Trooper Cooper.

In other accidents reported during the past week, three persons were injured in a three-vehicle collision Saturday at 9 p.m. on paved road 1545. They were identified as Cecil S. Newsome, 17, of Woodland,

operator of a 1965 Ford, and Debbie Barnes and Heate Bowers, both 15, of Jackson. They were taken to "doctors of their choice," according to the report. The other vehicles involved were a 1970 David Brown tractor, driven by Leroy Maggette, 45, of Conway, which was trying to pull a 1964 Oldsmobile, driven by Joseph Britt, 36, of Murfreesboro, from a ditch. The Ford skidded into the tractor. Damage to the Ford was \$1,000 and to the tractor, \$400. Newsome was charged with speeding too fast for conditions and the other two drivers with public drunkenness and driving under the influence.

Plummer Davis Jr., 22, of Newport News, driver of a 1960 Plymouth, was charged with improper passing and Johnnie Mills Jr., 19, of Emporia, operator of a 1967 Ford, with unsafe movement January 18 at 4:30 p.m. when they were involved in an accident at the intersection of U.S. 258 and paved road 1108. Damage to the Plymouth was \$200 and to the Ford, \$100.

Mills was involved in another accident Saturday at 8:30 p.m., was charged with driving too fast for conditions. He was driving a 1963 Ford and failed to make a curve at the intersection of paved roads 1108 and 1123. The car (See FATALITY, Page 12)

Sheriff Reports Six Incidents

JACKSON — Northampton Sheriff's Department has reported six incidents in the county in the past week.

According to Sheriff Outland, the Lloyd Parker home in Pleasant Grove was entered Saturday night. A wallet and watch were taken and also Parker's automobile. Sunday morning John Washington, 16, was apprehended and charged with breaking and entering

and larceny of an auto. Bond was set at \$2,000 and a hearing was set for Wednesday.

Four of the reported incidents took place in the Gaston Lake area. The Gaston Baptist Church was entered through a back window and 14 pairs of drapes were removed.

The William Pierce cabin was entered through a kicked-in back door and a tape player, speakers, a selection (See REPORTS, Page 12)

Lee's Kickoff Rally Set Sunday 1-6 P.M.

ROANOKE RAPIDS — Chapel Hill Mayor Howard Lee will kick off his campaign

for Congress in Halifax County with a rally Sunday, January 30, at the National

Guard Armory in Roanoke Rapids from 1 p.m. to 6 p.m. Lee is a candidate for the Democratic nomination for U.S. Congress from the Second Congressional District which includes Halifax and 11 other counties.

The rally, Lee's first county-wide rally in the district, will start at 1 p.m. and besides Lee as the main speaker, will feature free food and refreshments, bands, dance groups, singing groups and cheerleaders.

"We expect a good-sized crowd and invite any interested persons to come," according to J. A. Campbell of Weldon, coordinator of the rally.

Campbell said he expects a broad cross section from throughout the county for the rally.

"We hope any interested persons will feel free and welcome to come to our send-

off for the next congressman from the Second District," A. C. Cofield, chairman of Lee's Halifax County campaign organization, said.

Lee announced his campaign to unseat incumbent L. H. Fountain on January 10 with a promise to "appeal to all of the people, but especially to the working classes of people — people who tell me over and over again they have lost faith in the old politics because there seems to be no room for them."

Lee, the son of a sharecropper in Lithonia, Ga., was first elected mayor of Chapel Hill in 1969 by a slim 450 vote margin and then reelected in 1971 by a landslide vote, carrying every precinct in the town.

Lee is running against an incumbent with 20 years in the House of Representatives.

Officers Elected By Region Commission

ROCKY MOUNT — North Carolina's Central Regional Planning Commission, the Criminal Justice Planning Division of the Region L Council of Governments, held its annual meeting January 19 in the regional offices in Rocky Mount. The Central Regional Planning Commission's Policy Board is

composed of elected officials, county and city administrators, law enforcement officers and court and correctional officers from the counties of Edgecombe, Halifax, Nash, Northampton and Wilson. The following officers were elected to serve the agency for the (See OFFICERS, Page 12)

Few Filed So Far For May Election

JACKSON — With numerous elective positions coming up for the voters to decide on this year only five Northampton people have filed with the Board of Elections. Three are going for the Board of County Commissioners and one each for the Board of Education and the Register of Deeds.

For County Commissioner J. Guy Revelle Sr. of Conway has filed for reelection. Also filing for that body are James Outland and Joseph Majette, both of Rich Square. Wilson Bridges has filed for

reelection as the Register of Deeds. At the Board of Education Mrs. Louise B. (J. Roy) Parker has filed. She is currently holding the position under appointment but must go to the voters for continuance in this position. Deadline for filing is April 7 and the primary election is set for May 6.

In the voter registration area it was announced that approximately 175 18-20 year olds have been entered on the books and will be able to vote in the coming election.

Parents, Educators Visit Northampton

JACKSON — A team of parents and educators visited in the Northampton County Schools this week observing projects funded by Title I of the Elementary and

Secondary Education Act of 1965. Northampton County was one of 16 school units in North Carolina which were selected for visitation during this school year. The visit was made as part of the evaluation required for federally funded programs.

Title I of the Elementary and Secondary Education Act makes federal grants to schools serving children in areas of high concentration of poverty. The funds are used for projects designed to help overcome educational deficiencies of the children. Since 1965, Northampton County Schools have received nearly \$5 million in Title I funds to be used for special education programs for the disadvantaged.

During the 1971-72 school year, Northampton County Schools will receive a Title I allocation of at least \$617,835. The special instructional activities provided disadvantaged children in Northampton County by this allocation include reading, language arts and (See PARENTS, Page 12)

Strickland New Tax Dept. Clerk

JACKSON — New tax clerk at the Northampton Tax Department is Mrs. Judy Strickland of Conway. Her primary task will be the servicing and processing of tax records.

A graduate of Conway High School, she is married to Milton Strickland and they have two children, David, 10, and Trudy, 9.

Mrs. Strickland is a former library aide at Conway School, the organist at the Creeksville Baptist Church and a member of the Home Demonstration Club.

She started working in the Tax Department this week.

Dr. Stanley Elected New CADA President

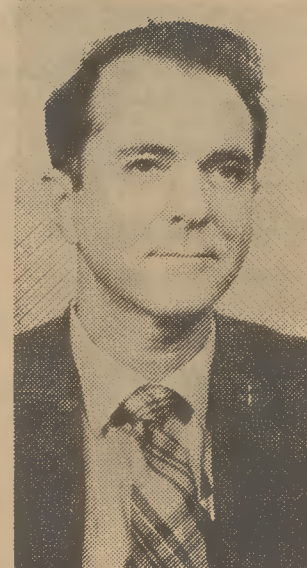
MURFREESBORO — Dr. John H. Stanley of Woodland has been elected president of the Choanoke Area Development Association. His election came during the annual meeting on January 18. Dr. Stanley succeeds Thurman E. Askew of Roanoke Rapids as president of the four-county association.

A native of Conway, S. C., Dr. Stanley is a graduate of the Citadel and the Medical College of South Carolina. He serves as mayor of Woodland,

president of the Northampton County Medical Society, chairman of the Board of Directors of Pine Forest Rest Home, county physician for Northampton County Health Department, member of the Board of Directors of the N. C. Cancer Society, member of the N. C. Committee for Medicine and Religion and as a director of the Roanoke-Chowan Mental Health Service. He is also a lay leader for the Methodist Church of Woodland.

J. W. Faison of Seaboard was reelected first vice president and Charles B. Griffin Jr. of Woodville, second vice president. M. W. Coleman of Windsor was elected secretary to succeed James E. Wright of Winton. In a letter of commendation from the CADA Board to the retiring president, Askew is described as a tireless foe of prejudice and misinformation and a man who has rendered public service with a rare combination of humility and perseverance. Askew has served on the CADA Board for three years, one year as first vice president and two years as president.

As an expression of appreciation for his work from the CADA and RCA staffs, Askew was presented a watch purchased through personal contributions by staff members.



Dr. John H. Stanley

Roanoke Rapids Selected For Dist. Democratic Convention

ROANOKE RAPIDS — On June 10 of this year, the biennial Second Congressional District convention will be held in Roanoke Rapids.

The purpose of this convention is to pick the five delegates and three alternates who will attend the 1972 Democratic National Convention.

The congressional convention is to be preceded by precinct meetings on May 9 and Democratic County

convention May 27. Gordon Allen of Person County is the temporary chairman of the Second District Democrats.

In addition to election of delegates and alternates to the national convention, the following posts will be filled: district chairman, a member of the Council of Review, a member of the biennial state convention's Committee of Permanent Organization, a member to the state

convention's Committee on Credentials and Appeals, a member to the State Legislative Policy Committee and one nominee as a presidential elector.

Halifax County, with 8,952 Democrats voting in the last gubernatorial election, will have 30 votes at the state and district conventions.

Northampton County, with 5,944 voting for the Democratic candidate for governor in 1968, will have 20

votes. Other counties in the district are Caswell, Person, Orange, Granville, Vance, Franklin, Warren, Nash, Wilson and Edgecombe.

The state convention will be held in Dorton Arena in Raleigh Tuesday, June 20. Delegates to the state convention will elect 14 delegates and 9 alternates to the 1972 Democratic National Convention.