

FOR THE PEOPLE

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(This is the 22nd of a series explaining public welfare in North Carolina.)
In North Carolina an across the nation public welfare agencies provide financial assistance to persons eligible for old age assistance, aid to dependent children, and aid to the permanently and totally disabled.

The last named program — aid to the permanently and totally disabled — is for needy persons between the ages of 18 and 65 who are physically or mentally unable to work. These persons must be making their home in the State; must not be inmates of a public institution; and must be in need because they do not have the essential requirements of daily living such as food, clothing, shelter, and other necessary items.

A typical case — that of Luther, a sawmill worker — shows how aid to the permanently and totally disabled has made it possible for a man and his wife to have the necessities of life when he has been incapacitated.

Luther had always worked hard and had been employed by the same man for a number of years as a sawmill helper. Last year he fell on an icy sidewalk and broke a leg. The fracture was complicated by the fact that he did not receive medical attention for several days after the accident. Except for this injury he is a strong, healthy man, but is unable to work. He was in the hospital for 20 days and for nine months the leg was in a cast. He is unable to do anything except hobble around on crutches and the doctor believes it will be a long time before he can work.

Luther's wife, untrained, unskilled, and mentally slow, tried desperately to get work but was unable to secure employment. They live alone in a small apart-

Singing

There will be a gospel singing Saturday, February 24, at 7:30 o'clock at the Middle Fork Baptist Church, four miles north of Mars Hill on Burnsville Highway. All singers and the public are cordially invited to attend.

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ment. With no income and no prospect of work for either of them, the situation became increasingly difficult. When a case-worker from the county department of public welfare visited them, the electric current had been cut off, which meant that the stove and refrigerator would not operate, and there were no lights. Luther's outlook was a gloomy one. The doctor had told him not to worry, but he and his wife were faced with hospital and doctor bills, creditors pushing them for payments on the modest furniture they were buying, and not money to buy food, pay rent, or keep the utilities in operation.

The county department of public welfare authorized a monthly grant for him under the program of aid to the permanently and totally disabled, which will be continued until he can work again. This is just one of the many cases which have been helped through aid to the permanently and totally disabled. Fortunately this man may be able to work in time. Until then, the monthly grant he is receiving, although insufficient to pay his bills and take care of all his needs, will certainly tide him and his wife over a most difficult situation.

A leaflet explaining the program of aid to the permanently and totally disabled is available at your county department of public welfare or the State Board of Public Welfare, Raleigh.

TWO MINUTES WITH THE BIBLE

"AN OLD FASHIONED DOCTRINE"

How many there are whose hearts would be thrilled if they understood the old fashioned Bible doctrine of sanctification! Sanctification is not a negative matter: don't do this and don't do that. It is rather the positive truth that God wants us for Himself as a sacred possession, much as a bridegroom considers his bride his very own in a special, sacred way.

Bible sanctification is a twofold truth, affecting both our standing before God and our spiritual state. In one sense every true believer in Christ has already been sanctified, or consecrated to God, by the operation of the Holy Spirit. Thus we read: "... God hath from the beginning chosen you to salvation, THROUGH SANCTIFICATION OF THE SPIRIT..." (I Thes. 2:13). "Elect according to the foreknowledge of God the Father, THROUGH SANCTIFICATION OF THE SPIRIT..." (I Pet. 1:2).

This has nothing to do with our conduct. God did it. Sanctification begins with Him. Thus Paul could write to even the care-

NEEDS MORE RUNNING WATER

In 1961 the county agents of, in cooperation with the county schools, conducted a survey on the number of rural families with running water in the house. The results of this survey show that 88 per cent of our rural farm homes do not have running water. This imposes a great hardship on the housewife, who has to carry this water. The average family requires one hour per day to carry this water. This means 30 hours per month, or 365 hours per year. This means that over 50 tons of water must be moved for the average household. In addition to the housewife walking many miles per year.

Nothing would mean more to the health, happiness and contentment of these families than running water would do. In many cases the cost of getting running water in these homes is not large. For example: By using a sink already on the farm and plastic pipe, one tenant family put running cold water in the kitchen for \$10.00.

There can be no better project for a family to do, this year, than that of getting running water in the home.

Singing At Caney Fork Baptist Church On Saturday Night

The regular 4th Saturday night singing will be held Saturday night, February 24, at 7:30 o'clock at the Caney Fork Baptist Church on Little Pine Creek. All singers and the public are invited to attend.

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GETTING HIS first check for not growing corn this year was G. B. Roberts of Barnard, who accepted his advance payment from Mrs. Anna Mae Tipton, feed grain clerk of the ASCS office in Marshall. Farmers who promise to take corn acreage out of production in 1962 receive payments of some \$33 to \$40 per acre. Approximately half is made in advance payments. The remainder will be paid next fall when it is determined that the farmer actually has not produced the commodity. The payments are made under the federal government's feed-grain program to reduce surpluses.

Today's MEDITATION

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"Come, see a man who told me all that I ever did. Can this be the Christ?" (John 4:29 RSV).

During a campaign of evangelism in Sweden, a boy visited one of his friends of the same age to witness for the first time to his belief in Christ. Afterward he gave this testimony: "I have been a confessed Christian for four years, but now for the first time I realize what it really means." We do not discover how wonderful it is to be a Christian until we begin to share our faith with others. Then our eyes are opened to God's riches which are in Christ. All the time His riches were there to be possessed, but we did not realize it. When we begin to tell others of our faith, Christ becomes more important to us than ever before, for He adds faith to our faith when we share it.

Yes, great blessings are to be found in sharing our faith in God in Christ with others. Thus we spread the good news to those who need to hear the gospel... Prayer: O Lord, help me this day not to put my lamp under a bushel, but cheerfully to profess Thy name and spread the gospel. For the sake of Christ, who loves all mankind, and taught us to pray, "Our Father who art in heaven... Amen."

LITTLE LAUREL

MRS. HERSHELL FRANKLIN Correspondent

Rev. J. A. Griffin will preach at Briggan Chapel Saturday, Feb. 24. Everyone is invited. Our Sunday School is increasing nicely at Briggan Chapel. We are sorry to lose Mrs. Oscar Williams on the sick list. We wish her a speedy recovery. Mr. and Mrs. Gail Gonnell and family attended the funeral of his brother, Johnnie Gonnell at River Hill in Greenville, Tenn., Thursday afternoon. Those visiting Mr. and Mrs. Oscar Williams Sunday afternoon, were Mr. and Mrs. Dedrick Franklin and daughter, Judy, Mr. and Mrs. Carl Williams and daughters, Jan Lee and Brenda Kay, and Mr. and Mrs. Gail Gonnell. Mrs. Hazel Franklin and Mrs. Martha Gonnell visited Mrs. Oscar Williams Monday evening. We are sorry to have Mrs. Erlene Gonnell on the sick list, and wish her a speedy recovery.

Half Feed Grain Payment Will Soon Be Available

Up to half of the payment to be earned on a farm under the 1962 feed grain program will be available as soon as the producer signs up under the program, Emory Robinson, Chairman, County Agricultural Stabilization and Conservation Committee, said today. He pointed out that this program provision should be of substantial benefit to growers who can use some extra ready cash during the spring planting season.

The feed grain program offers payments to corn and grain sorghum producers who divert acreage from the 1962 production of these crops to a soil-conserving use. While the program is voluntary, farmers who grow corn and grain sorghum must operate by diverting at least a minimum acreage in order to be eligible for price support on the normal production of their 1962 crop corn and grain sorghum acreage, and also on any of the other feed grains — oats and rye.

Roaring Fork News

MRS. HUBERT PANGLE, Correspondent
There will be church services at Bethel Christian Church Sunday. Everyone invited. Mrs. Ray Roberts visited her daughter, Mrs. Cecil Pangle, Monday. Spencer Rollins visited Mr. and Mrs. Cecil Pangle Monday night. Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Allison were visited over the week end by Mr. and Mrs. Dewey Allison and children. Mr. and Mrs. C. R. Whitson of Skyland spent Saturday night with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Hubert Pangle. They also visited Mrs. Lucy Parker and Mrs. Dale Bolding. Mrs. Buena Friese, Gary and Stevie, Mrs. Carolina Pangle and Mr. and Mrs. Bill Shetley visited Mr. and Mrs. Dan Gardin Wednesday of last week. Mr. and Mrs. Rube Gunter and boys visited Mr. and Mrs. A. E. Graves Sunday. Farmers are busy preparing their tobacco beds.

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