



TAKING SHAPE— Work on the new county office building under construction on Magnolia Street is progressing in spite of the recent rain which has left a field of mud for the setting.



CHRISTMAS SPIRIT—Jaycees president Harold Brewer, left, and Shelby Calloway, right, are shown delivering a check to Eunice Murchison. About \$300 worth of toys and gifts were distributed to needy families at Christmastime through the efforts of the Jaycees and The House of Raeford.

Veterans Corner

Q — I'm eligible for a GI loan, and wonder if the Veterans Administration will guarantee a loan for both a mobile home and land to place it on?

A — Yes. The maximum guaranty for mobile homes is \$10,000. But if the loan includes site acquisition, it can be increased to \$17,500.

Q — I have an "RS" National Service Life Insurance policy as a result of service during the Korean Conflict. Does the Veterans Administration pay dividends on this policy?

A — Not yet. However, starting Jan. 1, 1975, the agency will pay dividends on both "RS" and "W" - prefixed policies, as authorized under PL 93-289 (May 1974).

Q — I was discharged from military service June 15, 1966. How long do I have to enter on job training?

A — Veterans discharged since Jan. 31, 1955, now have 10 years from date of last separation or until Aug. 30, 1977, whichever is later, to complete flight, farm cooperative or on - job training.

Library News

Triumph Of Spirit Told In 'Eric'

By Frances Edwards

Eric, by Doris Lung, (\$7.95) might be considered a triumph of spirit over matter, of life over death. "Come take me if you can," said Eric at seventeen after being told that acute leukemia would allow him from six months to two years of life. He was waiting for summer vacation to end so he could enter the University of Connecticut. He jumped into four years of life, a cram course in living, while working towards a degree and making the soccer team. He missed college that first year but when drugs brought him through the first period of remission, he began an incredible training schedule which included running 20 miles a day... and a last New Year's Eve party with his friends.

Mrs. Lung tells her son's story with love and admiration but without sentimentality. There were anger and sorrow as Eric chipped at parental ties to meet life in his own way, laughing irreverently at pompous authority, playing soccer while filled with antileukemic drugs. Successive remissions were achieved by more exhausting and dangerous drugs. With each remission, Lund resumed his 10 - 20 miles a day run to rebuild weight and stamina. By his junior year Lund was a soccer star, captain - elect for next season, and a potential All - American in the opinion of sports writers unaware of his illness.

During his illness, Eric was in and out of the Ewing Eight ward of the Sloan - Kettering Memorial Cancer Center in Manhattan. His friends there included an old woman with no larynx, a boy with no jaw, a man whose flesh had wasted away, and a couple his own age. His vitality was a rallying force for them; he laughed at cancer by drawing

cartoons; he and an older patient smuggled themselves out of the hospital in a laundry cart only to return. Yes, he had a too - short love affair with a beautiful nurse.

Some one said, "when I began Eric, I had one idea about death and dying; when I finished Eric I had another." Eric is a success -- both in the impact on its readers and the activity stimulated by subsidiary rights. Portions were published in "Good Housekeeping" and picked up by "Reader's Digest." Dell has required reprint rights with a guarantee of \$326,000 to Lippincott; Lorimar Productions has optioned it for TV; Book - of - the - Month Club, Psychology Today Book Club, Nurse's Book Society and Reader's Digest Condensed Books have bought rights; Flammarion has contracted for French translation rights, and magazine serial rights have been sought in Japan.

One of Mrs. Lung's reactions is impatience with people who treat cancer as though it were leprosy, too frightful to face or talk about. She also feels a sense of frustration at misplaced national priorities that channel money to military ends instead of using it to enhance life. Eric is a book of courage and dignity of both mother and son.

Other recent books portraying similar greatness of spirit include: "Blood of the Lamb," by Peter De Vries who wrote obliquely about his daughter's leukemia. Stewart Alsop's "Stay of Execution" is about his struggle with the disease. Football player Brian Piccolo's death was a fond memoir by his friend Gale Sayers; later it became a TV film, "Brian's Song."

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The Year of the
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First, don't store medicines in the bathroom. It's the first place that humidity and heat change can cause spoilage. Second, be rigid in your efforts to use prescribed medicines as directed, so that strength and freshness can be assured. Dispose of all left-over prescriptions, especially out-dated ones.

Items necessary for your medicine chest include: aspirin, antidiarrheal remedy, antacid, first aid ointment or spray, eye drops, laxative, petroleum jelly, rubbing alcohol, and spirits of ammonia. In addition, keep cotton, bandages, swabs, tweezers, safety pins, scissors and a thermometer handy.

(Adv.)

Early Filing

Greensboro--North Carolina taxpayers should have their 1974 Federal Income Tax forms in hand no later than December 31, according to Robert A. LeBaube, district director for Internal Revenue Service.

Taxpayers can get refunds in four to five weeks if they file returns in January and February, LeBaube said. Later filers may have to wait up to eight weeks for a refund.

Bookmobile Schedule

Dundarrach, Jan. 7
Mrs. Eva Conoly, Mrs. Myrtle Sappinfield, Mrs. G.C. Lyttle, Mrs. Ina Mae Womack, Mrs. Ruby Saunders, Mrs. Mary Thompson, Mrs. Gladys Johnson, Mrs. Jim Maxwell, Mrs. Ethel Hayes, Mrs. Betty Livingston, Mrs. John Balfour, Mrs. Luwanna Hayes, Mrs. N.H.G. Balfour, Mrs. Manchie Moll.

Blue Springs & Antioch, Jan. 8
Mrs. Dora Leslie, Mrs. J.M. Pendergrass, Mrs. Mamie Webb, Mrs. R.L. Walters, Mrs. H.B. Walters, Mrs. Frances Purcell, Mrs. Hazel Hendrix, Mrs. Harold Currie, Mrs. Irine Currie, Mrs. Annie B. Autry, Mrs. Gladys Niven, Miss Bonnie Autry.

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