

# How Tuberculosis Changed My Life

## Award

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ing, working Home Demonstration Club member. She never has made excuses or said no when someone asked her to do her part in Home Demonstration Club work, church work, or any other phase of everyday living. As a matter of fact, she usually does her part and someone else's, too, all willingly, cheerfully, and efficiently."

"Mrs. Smith is not only a good club member, but a good citizen. She keeps abreast of what's going on in the county, state, nation and the world. She is a source of help to her neighbors, with their home-making problems, family relations problems, and no matter how big or little, she always takes time to give them the benefit of her experience, ability, and knowledge. "When she knows there is a need that she can fill, she doesn't sit back and wait for someone to ask her for help. She goes and volunteers her assistance. She is a wonderful person, and in my opinion, no one could be more worthy of the honor of Home Demonstration Club Woman of the year."

"In my opinion, Mrs. 'Billy' comes as near living day by day the Home Demonstration Club Woman's Creed, and the Club Collect. She is a true example of 'Courage, Character, Culture and Citizenship,' dedicated to doing good for her fellow man, willing to fight for what she thinks is right, and always ready to serve in any capacity she can, for the good of a cause, for the good of another person, her community, her county, her state, etc.

"She is a true Home Demonstration Club woman in every sense of the word. For these reasons and others too numerous to mention here, I nominate her Home Demonstration Club Woman of the year."

Mrs. Smith was presented gifts from county businesses. They were an electric fry pan from CP&L, a plastic pitcher from Beaufort Hardware, an electric saucepan and deep fryer from Carteret-Craven Electric Membership Corp.

A slatted subonnet from the home agent's office, perfume from House's Drug store and a throw rug.

### Senator Speaks

Sen. Luther Hamilton, Morehead City, spoke to members of the New Bern Production Credit Association Saturday morning at New Bern. His topic was the importance of agriculture.

Tuberculosis is a subject that I am well acquainted with. Life teaches us that experience is our best teacher, and I have been taught well. You can learn a lot from a master who holds you in power for 10 years, 8 months and 29 days. That is just the length of time that TB has controlled my life.

In the beginning I was sent to our State Sanatorium in McCain. However at that time, and with very little to offer in the way of treatment except bed-rest, a patient with a diagnosis of far advanced, active, tuberculosis was sent back home, to make a place for someone else who might have a chance of recovery within a year or two.

### Faithful Care

The tender loving care of my dear wife and my children have done wonders for me. Through these years, I have lived in almost complete isolation, the faithful, tender hands of my wife answering my needs.

I have watched my baby daughter grow up, through the windows of my room or from my doorway. I have watched my only son and oldest daughter, working through the years to maintain their own homes, and coming home to help when needed.

I guess that two of the greatest lessons that I have learned through the years about tuberculosis are first, the fact that it can be cured in almost every case, if it is found in time. Tuberculosis is not like other diseases, it does not show on the outside as a skin infection does, nor on the inside as appendicitis. In the beginning there is no pain, no shortness of breath, no fatigue, no hemorrhage, no positive sputum.

### X-Ray Available

I understand that anyone living in Carteret County can have an x-ray made of the chest and diagnosis made by a specialist at the health department on Tuesday and Thursday mornings for \$3, if the person is able to pay.

The seal sale for this year is now under way. I understand that 25 per cent of the total amount collected will be sent to the State TB Association which in turn sends a part to the National Association. This money is used for research and to carry on the TB program. The remaining 75 per cent will be left in the county and used to pay for chest x-rays, for patients, ex-patients, contacts, and suspected cases of TB who are not able to pay for this service.

### X-Ray Essential

All of this comes later, after the disease is well established. I have found that x-ray is the only way to find this disease in its early stages. The only safe time to find it.

Second, I have learned that tuberculosis is contagious and is passed from one patient to another. That is why I can so freely isolate myself from others. You see I love them, I wouldn't have another person go through this as I have done, for anything on earth.

Our radio and newspaper have meant a great deal to me, for I can keep up with the activities of my county and enjoy them through the eyes and voices of others. Occasionally there are items which distress me, such as strikes, careless and reckless driving, fathers and mothers forsaking their children, divorcees, etc.

### Things Hoped For

As I read these things I just wonder how great it must be on a

warm bright Sunday to be able to drive a car, to take my family to church and bow my head in unison with my dearest friends and neighbors in a prayer of Thanksgiving for the many blessings received from a kind heavenly father.

Although I am so very grateful for the privileges I have had, seeing my young daughter grow up to womanhood, I oftentimes think, as I read of fathers forsaking their children, how wonderful it would have been to have held her close in my arms on cold winter nights and read her a Bible story, heard her prayers, or tucked her in bed. These wonderful privileges have only been mine in my dreams.

When I read of strikes and hear of men quitting their good jobs because they get angry with the boss, I just wish it were possible for me to make them understand what a wonderful privilege it is to WORK, to earn the daily bread for the family they love.

While other men desire and demand higher-paid jobs and shorter working hours, there are men and women who are sick with TB. We desire and pray too. We pray that someday we will be well again, and have the opportunity to get back to work. These two thoughts are bright dreams in our hearts.

You just don't know what it would mean to me to be able to walk down the row of my field with my hands gripped tightly to my plow, to smell the odor of plowed ground, to feel the warm sunshine, to walk and walk and still be able to breathe normally.

Tuberculosis can almost always be cured if it is found in its early stages. Early diagnosis can best be found with x-ray.

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If it were possible, and I had the money to afford it, I would have an x-ray made of every one of you, even though you believe you are perfectly well. No matter how expensive this would be, if there was just one of you who would be saved from 10 years, 8 months, 20 days in bed, it would be well worth the price.

## Appointed Agent



Charles K. Tolson Jr., above, has been appointed an agent for Nationwide Insurance Companies. He will be associated with David Murray, another Nationwide representative, with offices on the first floor of the Royal building, Arendell Street. Nationwide handles auto, casualty, fire and life insurance. Mr. Tolson is married to the former Bessie Joyce Norcum, Beaufort. They have two sons, Charles and John.

## Dealers in Farm Land Alerted

Persons buying and selling farmland are obligated to become familiar with the acreage allotments and how such allotments will be divided if part of the farm is sold, B. J. May, ASC manager, said yesterday.

He commented that the ASC committee cannot keep track of all sales and purchases, and cannot make an acreage change until an application is filed by the landowners involved in the purchase or sale.

Regulations from the Department of Agriculture state how the allotments can be divided, or in some cases combined, as when a farmer buys farmland adjoining his.

"Many farmers have had some sad experiences in the past because they did not determine in advance how the acreage allotments would be divided before they bought or sold land covered by the allotments," Mr. May said.

He added that both the buyer and seller are responsible for notifying the county ASC office as soon as land is sold, and requesting a division of allotments if only part of a farm is sold.

## School Lunch Menus Listed

**Beaufort School**  
Tuesday: Spaghetti and meat-sauce, string beans, pickles, bread and butter, banana pudding, milk.  
Wednesday: Roast turkey, dressing and gravy, cranberry sauce, green peas, rolls and butter, milk, grapefruit sections.

**Morehead City School**  
Today: Oven-fried bologna, buttered Irish potatoes, slaw, cheese strips, fresh orange, doughnut, milk.  
Tomorrow: Turkey, dressing and gravy, buttered sweet potatoes, garden peas, cranberry sauce, bread, ice cream, milk.

**W. S. King**  
Monday: Vegetable soup, cheese and pimento sandwiches, peanut butter and jelly sandwiches, apricots and milk.  
Tuesday: Franks, baked beans, cabbage and carrot slaw, bread, butter and milk.  
Wednesday: Roast turkey and giblet gravy, rice, green peas, spiced pears, cranberry sauce, hot rolls, butter and milk, peach meringue cake.

**Ship Due**  
The Meikei Maru, a tobacco ship, is due at state port tomorrow. The vessel will pick up a cargo of tobacco for north European ports.

## With the Armed Forces

# Sgt. J. T. Lewis Takes Course at Fort Belvoir

Fort Belvoir, Va.—Sgt. Joseph T. Lewis, son of Mrs. Angeline Lewis, route 1 Morehead City, recently was graduated from the non-commissioned officer course at The Engineer School, Fort Belvoir, Va. Sergeant Lewis, regularly assigned as a supply specialist with the 100th Engineer Company, received instruction in leadership, map reading and other military subjects.

He entered the Army in 1943. His wife, Lucille, is now living in Alexandria, Va.

Fort Riley, Kan.—Army Pvt. James H. Willoughby, son of Mr. and Mrs. Melvin J. Willoughby, 1504 Fisher St., Morehead City, recently was assigned to the 1st Infantry Division at Fort Riley, Kan.

Willoughby entered the Army last August and completed basic combat training at Fort Jackson, S. C. He is a 1957 graduate of W. S. King High School.

San Diego, Calif.—Gerald M. Miller, son of Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth L. Miller of route 1 Newport, graduated from recruit training Nov. 22 at the Naval Training Center, San Diego, Calif.

The graduating exercises, marking the end of nine weeks of "boot camp," included a full dress parade and review before military officials and civilian dignitaries.

In nine weeks of instruction, "raw recruit" is developed into a Navy Bluejacket, ready for duty with the fleet.

Patuxent River, Md.—Lewis F. Stroud Jr., airman apprentice, USN, son of Mrs. Louise S. Smith of Stella, is serving with Airborne Early Warning Squadron Two at the Naval Air Station, Patuxent River, Md.

Chorus Sings  
Alleluia, Song of Peace, and God of Our Fathers were the three numbers sung by the Gloucester chorus under the direction of Mrs. Richard Whitehurst.

Members of the chorus were Mrs. Gerald Whitehurst, Mrs. E. H. Piper, Mrs. Monroe Willis, Mrs. Murray Pigott, Mrs. Walter Stewart, Mrs. Lorenze Chadwick, Mrs. Norman Chadwick.

Mrs. Donald Chadwick, Mrs. D. M. Tyson, Mrs. Richard Whitehurst, A. L. Hubbard, Monroe Willis, Walter Chadwick, David Jones, and Garland Morris. Mrs. A. L. Hubbard was accompanist.

The program closed with the audience singing Follow the Glean, then lime punch and cake were served.

On display were crafts made by club women during the year. Committees for the program were as follows: refreshments, Bettie Club; program, Gloucester Club; corsages, Crab Point Club; stage and decorations, Russells Creek Club; Registration, Broad Creek Club, and crafts exhibit, Harlowe Club.

## State Takes Licenses Of Four Motorists

Three Carteret drivers have been given notice that their licenses are being revoked by the State Highway Safety Division. License of a fourth has been suspended.

Two of the revocations followed conviction on a drunk driving count for Tommie Louis Rose, Harkers Island, and Benjamin Lee Ward, route 1 Newport. The third was against John Ed Wilson, route 1 Beaufort, for driving after his license was revoked.

Suspended was the license of Cleavy Oscar Campbell, Beaufort, for improper use of an operator's license.

## Mayor Dill to Leave For San Francisco

Mayor George Dill of Morehead City is leaving tomorrow afternoon for San Francisco, where he will represent North Carolina at the meeting of the American Municipalities Association Nov. 30-Dec. 4. Mayor Dill is president of the North Carolina League of Municipalities.

During the convention, Mayor Dill will act as interrogator on the panel, City Responsibilities in Mental Health, Cultural and Recreational Activities. The mayor will return Dec. 8.

## Electric Co-Op Members to Meet

Members of the Carteret-Craven Electric Membership Corp. will attend their annual meeting at the Morehead City High School Saturday, Dec. 7.

The business meeting at 11 a.m. will be preceded by an appliance exhibit and demonstrations. The exhibit will open at 9 in the school gym.

Directors will be elected at the business meeting in the school auditorium. The session will end about noon, according to W. C. Carlton, manager of the corporation.

## Beaufort Policemen Charge Nine With Drunkenness

The Beaufort Police Department has tightened up with the coming of the menhaden fleet.

Police Chief Guy Springle announced yesterday that he and assistant chief Carlton Garner arrested eight colored men and one colored woman Saturday afternoon and night. All were charged with public drunkenness.

The chief says that the department wants to keep the fishermen from getting drunk and congregating around town. "That is where most of the trouble starts," he says.

Those arrested were Ben Hopkins, Billy Thompson, Alec London, Calvin Sampson, Edward Barrett, John Danielson, Edward Cosby, Joseph Barnes and Lillian Chadwick.

## Audit

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Howell \$71.50; Kenneth C. Howell \$19.50; David H. Horton \$10.50; Harrison Horton \$21.50; Juanita Horton \$5. Sidney R. Hill \$149.50; Edward Hudson \$31.50; Horace Johnson \$96.50; Barbara W. Jones \$21.50; Raymond Kenworthy \$25; William S. James \$4; Perry King \$121.50; Charles F. Lennon \$21.50; Gordon Lewis \$105.50; Eddie Lee Lindsey \$21.50.

Walter M. Lewis \$36.50; Harvey E. Lee \$21.50; Odell J. Leecraft \$125.50; Ernest C. Lowe \$138; Walter McClain \$21.50; Barney Matthews \$15.50; Phillip B. Moore \$100.50.

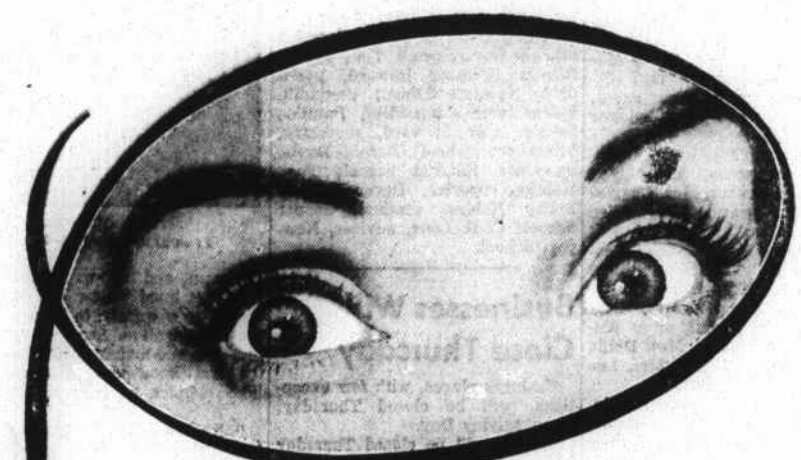
Robert A. Oddo \$10.50; Thomas P. Oglesby \$71.50; Handel D. Norman \$71.50; Neil C. Nusbaum \$25; Edward T. Powell \$21.50; Edward T. Powell \$125.50; Francis Pisowick \$26.50; Gilbert M. Russell \$25.50; Harry T. Ruelin \$46.50.

Claude Salter \$10.75; James J. Swindell \$21.50; Roy David Smith \$31.50; Robert Sadler \$36.50; Earl Smith \$15.

Robert T. Scourlock \$25.50; Harold Snipes \$125.50; George H. Styron \$71.50; Roy C. Tootle \$36.50; Earl Taylor Jr. (Lennoxville) \$22.50; Hocian M. Tomkowski \$225.50.

Julian V. Waters \$21.50; J. E. Warren \$2.50; Fred Washington \$41.50; Frank R. Wade \$75.50; Floyd Wayne \$42.50; Bernard C. Willis \$56.50; David E. White \$128.50.

Bernie Willis \$121.50; Mono S. Yates \$31.30; Roy Lee Wayne \$21.50; Edward R. Weber \$121.50; Alton C. Willis \$46.50; total \$5,046.



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