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Editorial . . .

St. Valentine's Day

There were three Saint Valentines, all living in the second half of the third century; one is thought to have a priest of Rome, another was a bishop and little is known of the other. But they were all martyrs and were connected in the popular mind with the people.

Later, in Middle Ages Europe, the day known as St. Valentine's Day was associated with lovers and it was said this was the day on which the birds mated. The birds-as Kenneth Clark has pointed out in "Civilisation," were then thought by many to be a special example of the Creator's beauty.

However it came about, boys and girls soon began exchanging Valentines. And hearts still beat faster when one's best girl, or best beau, sends an especially lovely Valentine. The custom has spread to husbands and wives and others, and is a nice one-even if over-commercialized.

It's good to be remembered and to be loved and Valentine's Da prompts such expressions. The world unquestionably needs more love, and less hatred, and that is, in part, the message of February 14th.

The Heart Fund

The performance record of the Heart Association in the fight against heart and blood vessel disease has established it as being worthy of our community's fullest support.

The facts speak for themselves. Since the onset of massive heart research programs in 1950, following the first Heart Fund Campaign in 1949, there has been a decline of about 20 per cent in the cardiovascular death rate for Americans under 65.

The improved mortality picture grows chiefly out of a dramatic reduction in the death rate from high blood pressure and the heart disease it causes, as well as in the death rate from stroke. It is an overall improvement. In heart attack, the number one killer of our time, the improvement has been only about 2 per cent since 1950.

Yet let no one assume that victory is close at hand. Heart and blood vessel disease, at all ages, is responsible for about 53 per cent of all deaths in the United States. Those who read this paper's obituaries will note continuing references to the death toll taken by cardiovascular diseases in this community.

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Washington Report

Walter B. Jones

Future Farmers

At one time farming consisted of "40 acres and a mule," and a man did well if he was able to feed himself and his family. In 1971, the story is far different. Farming is a business, and agriculture is a highly advanced industry employing the best brains among many disciplines.

A successful career in agriculture must start at an early age. That is why there are such organizations as the Future Farmers of America which will shortly be observing FFA WEEK, February 20-27. The theme of FFA WEEK this year is, "Involved in America's Future." No theme could be more appropriate. Nothing is more closely involved with the future of the United States than the raising of the food and fiber for more than 200 million people.

Some facts in connection with commemoration of FFA WEEK have been released by The National Future Farmer, a publication of the FFA. The FFA is a national organization of 450,000 students studying vocational agriculture in 9,000 public schools. The foundation upon which it is built includes leadership, community service, scholarship, improved agriculture, citizenship, patriotism, etc. Young people in local FFA chapters are developing into the agricultural leaders of tomorrow.

Those engaged in agriculture are a declining percentage of the total population of the country. As the numbers of farmers shrink, the responsibilities of each agricultural producer become heavier. Today, on the average, every farmer feeds nearly 50 other people. Tomorrow, this figure will increase, and the need for agricultural leadership and ability will grow. The FFA is to be commended for preparing young people for careers in the most fundamental of all enterprises - bringing forth the bounty of the land to supply the growing needs of our nation and the world.

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Card Of Thanks

We wish to thank our many friends and relatives for their love and sympathy during the illness and death of our loved one, Rev. Paul M. Porter. For flowers, cards, food, visits, prayers and any other act of kindness.

May God richly bless each of you.

Wife, Mary Porter
and Children

The House continued the slow process of adopting rules and completing the organization of the 92nd Congress.

Most of you are aware of the seniority system as it relates to committee chairmanships and other positions of leadership in the Congress. During the week, a bitter fight took place regarding Congressman John McMillan of South Carolina, long-time chairman of the Committee on the District of Columbia.

The liberal wing of the House in an almost unprecedented action, made an effort to divest Chairman McMillan of his position. They alleged that he had been ineffective and had purposely refused to consider legislation which in the opinion of the Members would have been to the benefit of the District of Columbia. On the other hand, the supporters of McMillan argued that under his Chairmanship, much important legislation had been enacted, to wit, The Omnibus Crime Bill of 1970, the establishment of the Federal City College, and the proposed creation of a modern subway system.

The committee also brought forth legislation which will permit the District of Columbia to have a non-voting delegate to the Congress as does Puerto Rico. On a secret ballot in the Democratic caucus, Chairman McMillan retained his position by a vote of 126 to 98.

I cast my vote in favor of Congressman McMillan. Among other reasons, I feel that if a few disgruntled members of the Congress are permitted to oust the chairman, then the same action could be taken on all other committees creating a situation where a minority on either the Democratic or the Republican side of the House could dictate the procedures and keep the House in a state of uncertainty at all times.

During the week I joined with other members of Congress in introducing legislation which seeks to accomplish the following purposes:
To provide for the equalization of the retired pay of members of

the uniformed services of equal grade and years of service.
To make it a federal crime to kill or assault a fireman or law enforcement officer engaged in the performance of his official duties.

Freedom of Choice Act of 1971 - guarantees to all federal workers their right to join a federal employees union or to refrain from such activity.

I am pleased to report that also during the week I was appointed chairman of the Subcommittee on Olseeds and Rice of the House Agriculture Committee. I am particularly pleased to see this assignment for this subcommittee will have jurisdiction over all legislation affecting soybeans, peanuts and the genetic quality of agricultural seeds. I hope through this medium to be of additional assistance to the farmers of the First District as well as the entire nation.

Attend Dedication Services Of Bob Bass Care Center

Mr. and Mrs. C.L. Brewer and Mrs. Robert Newton of Hertford and Miss Mattie Butler of Elizabeth City spent last weekend in Cary as guest of Mr. and Mrs. Floyd Mulholland and family.

They attended the dedication services of the Bob Bass Care Center of the Masonic and Eastern Star Home in Greensboro on Saturday. On Sunday they attended Sunday morning services at Morrisville Baptist Church of which the Mulhollands are members. Among other visitors at the church services were Governor Bob Scott and his family.

They Do

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A TIME FOR LEARNING

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Youth has an unquenchable thirst for knowledge; also the desire, the capacity and the energy to absorb - if given even a little encouragement. But today, perhaps more than ever before in history, youth does need guidance.

Be sure the young people in your life have the opportunity to examine the whole picture. But in their search for the stars, don't let them forget the miracle of this planet upon which they live and its Creator.

Let them know their church.

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Scriptures selected by the American Bible Society

Sunday Matthew 11:25-30	Monday John 1:1-3	Tuesday John 1:29-34	Wednesday John 3:14-17	Thursday John 4:1-14	Friday John 6:27-37	Saturday John 6:63-66
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HUMILITY BEFORE GOD

International Sunday School Lesson for Feb. 14, 1971
MEMORY SELECTION: "Whoever exalteth himself shall be abased; and he that humbleth himself shall be exalted." - (Luke 14:11)

LESSON TEXT: Luke 14:7-11; 18:9-14.

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