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American Cancer Society Opens Annual Fund



GIVE TO FIGHT CANCER — President Dwight D. Eisenhower points out one of the ways to control cancer is to give to the American Cancer Society. During April, which the President proclaims as Cancer Control Month, volunteers raise funds for a program to help save 70,000 lives from cancer in 1953.

The American Cancer Society is again conducting its annual campaign for funds in this community. In considering the request for contributions, most people, it is pretty certain, will ask themselves just how important is it that they give to the cause.

Can they also ask with justification, "I've given year after year and still we're threatened by cancer?"

Each man's answer will be his own.

Our answer is based on the one word, "hope."

It must be remembered that the long hard road of research can turn at any moment. A look at the record of scientific achievement will demonstrate this better than anything else.

The death rate from rheumatic fever declined 53 per cent between 1944 and 1950, the last year for which figures are available. Deaths from pneumonia and influenza declined 47 per cent in the same period. From 1944 to 1949 appendicitis deaths were cut 53.7 per cent and the scarlet fever death rate dropped 70 per cent.

Virginia Title Won By Negro Mother

Waynesboro, Va.

The first Negro ever to be chosen as Virginia's "Mother of the Year" was described as an "outstanding person . . . who really did it the hard way."

Mrs. Leah Young of Courtland, Va., mother of 14 children, was chosen for the honor by a 10-member committee of Virginia clubwomen. She will receive a special citation at a later date and will be Virginia's representative in the contest for "American Mother of the Year for 1953."

Mrs. Louis Spilman, chairman of the selection committee, said: "She had more than half the votes of the committee on the first ballot, which is really unusual."

Mrs. Spilman said about 45 applicants were considered for the honor and "we had some very outstanding nominees."

Half of those who died of cancer in the U.S. are people under 65 years of age, the American Cancer Society states.

U. L. Executive to Go to Germany As Exchange Visitor

Paul I. Phillips, executive secretary of the Grand Rapids Urban League for the past six years, has been given a leave of absence to go to Germany next month for a ten-week visit, it was announced today (March 26th) by the National Urban League.

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According to reports received from Grand Rapids at the Urban League headquarters here in New York, Mr. Phillips will go as an exchange visitor and his trip was arranged by six German cities in return for a tour of the United States made by German citizens last year, at the invitation of the State Department.

The Urban League official played host to the visiting group and met at that time, Harold N. Dorr, director of the University of Michigan summer session, who subsequently recommended Phillips to the State Department as one of those who might accept the German invitation, when it was learned that such an invitation would be issued. Senator Homer Ferguson (R.) and Senator Charles E. Potter (R.), both of Michigan, approved Mr. Phillips' appointment.

German civic and public organizations have pledged full support. Covering the six cities of Krefeld, Giessen, Pforzheim, Lubbeck, Karlsruhe and Straubing, the trip will be conducted as a community project. Three of these cities will be visited by a team of six members each. The visitors will be guests of German families and each city will provide a special program for social, political, economic and cultural study.

A graduate of Marquette and Fisk Universities, Mr. Phillips has done an outstanding job in organizing the Grand Rapids community for effective interracial action in the fields of housing, education, employment and neighborhood development.

When you are asked to give, do it with great expectations—with the knowledge that cancer can be conquered and with the ever constant hope that it will be soon!

Non-Partisan Rule For Rural Powers

"Farmers and other customers of Rural Electrification can take heart from the published report that Lt. Governor Ancher Nelson of Minnesota will succeed Claude Wickard as Administrator of the Rural Electrification Administration," Senator Hugh Butler (R.-Neb.) declared here today.

"This press report indicates that Rural Electrification will continue to be handled in a non-partisan manner by a man sympathetic to the needs of farmers and determined to push expansion of rural power use through the public power districts and co-ops," he continued. "Lt. Governor Nelson is a farmer himself and has long been a leader in the development of rural electrification in his state. I do not expect any particular change in REA policies under his administration."

"Some of those interested in this program have expressed concern to me regarding the announced resignation of Mr. Wickard. I hope his resignation will not be seized up as an opportunity to make political capital."

"Anyone familiar with the backgrounds of Secretary Benson

League Has Style Show

The Annual Urban League Fashion Show will be given Saturday, April 4, 1953 at 8:00 P.M. in the Auditorium of the Urban League Building, 2030 T Street.

The theme of this year's show will be "Spring Is Just Around the Corner." Featured will be spring attire by Children, Teen-Agers and Adults. Part of the entertainment will consist of numbers by the Donna McCandless Dance Studio, and Mrs. Rose Harrison.

Planning Committee: Mrs. Betty McWilliams, Mrs. Carrie King, Mrs. Virginia Johnson, Mrs. Dorothy Arnold, Mrs. Mary McWilliams, Mrs. Agnese Adams, and Miss Frances Lewis. The Public is invited.

and Lt. Governor Nelson will realize that they are both devoted to REA principles. The Secretary himself has spent much of his life with the National Council of Farmer Cooperatives. I anticipate that we are now entering a period when Rural Electrification will grow larger and stronger than ever before."

Langston Hughes Appears Before Senate Probers

Langston Hughes, appearing on the televised part of the senate investigations Thursday, March 26, said that he was "amazed" at the selection of his books for foreigners to read in the state department's information service libraries abroad.

The noted Negro poet and writer told the senate permanent investigations committee that the state department should have not bought his books with taxpayers' money to fight communism around the world.

Hughes admitted that he had been a communist sympathizer for many years, but said he had turned against communism five years ago. He said some of his early books did follow the communist line.

Roy M. Corn, committee counsel said, that 200 copies of 16 books by Hughes are in the libraries. The committee thus far has been unable to learn of any books in the libraries that Hughes wrote after his purported renunciation of communist belief.

Asked if he thought his early books should be given to foreigners to enable them to learn about the United States, he said:

"I was amazed to find the service had bought them, and I would say it should not have bought them."

One of his books, said by the committee to be in the libraries at Tel Aviv, Singapore, and Hong Kong, is "Simple Speaks His Mind," which committee chairman, Senator Joseph McCarthy, (R., Wis.) said contains a satire ridiculing the house committee on un-American activities.

Hughes said the satire does not ridicule the committee, but portrays an imaginary hearing of the

committee centering on race prejudice and picturing some of the committee members as unfair to Negroes.

Hughes said he believes the work would be "confusing" to foreigners, but would demonstrate that the United States has a free press.

McCarthy placed in the record a poem by Hughes entitled "Good-bye Christ." It began:

"Listen Christ, You did all right in Your day, I reckon—but that day's gone now."

Hughes said anti-Semitism in Russia was a major reason why he turned against communism, rapidly improving racial relations in the United States also led him to realize that the American government is superior to the Russian, he said.

Hughes was complimented by Chairman McCarthy for his frank and honest answers to questions submitted by committee members.

Suggestions to Home Buyers

If you are planning to buy a house, weigh the many factors needed to make the purchase a wise one.

Here are a few suggestions you might follow:

SIZE UP the market. As houses for rent become less scarce, the building market gets more competitive and you can make better buys.

DON'T OVERBUY on space. Anticipate your needs for a period of years, but forget that extra bedroom for guests. It's a high-priced luxury for most families.

CHECK THE school situation in the community.

AVOID HOUSES that do not fit their neighborhood. Advanced architecture is out of place in a district of conservative homes.

CHECK WHETHER the FHA will insure a loan on the property. Its willingness to do so is a favorable indication and means their investment is economically sound.

ESTIMATE THE cost of any property improvements needed in the future, such as installation of sewers and surfacing of streets. These elements will add to the house cost.

WATCH OUT for tiny or badly arranged kitchens. Plenty of cabinet space, counter and drain-board surfaces of easily cleaned materials, and good location of appliances make work lighter for the housewife.

CONSIDER THE resale possibilities before you buy. A change of jobs or of income may make it necessary to sell the house, and you'll want a good return.

Phillip Morris Has New Program

A precedent-making agreement on a far-reaching employee benefits program, designed to include seasonal tobacco workers—most of whom are Negroes—for the first time in the history of the industry, and doubling insurance benefits for all employees, was announced today by Philip Morris & Company and the Tobacco Workers International Union, AFL.

State Gas Tax Collects Billions

LINCOLN, Neb., April 1.—1953 will see total collections of Nebraska Gas Tax reach one-third of a Billion Dollars since the levy was first imposed here 28 years ago this week, Willard M. Wilson, Executive Secretary of the Nebraska Petroleum Industries Committee reported today.

"Yearly income from the state's gasoline tax has jumped from 3 million a year to 22 million a year," Wilson said, "and of course these 28 years have seen both a substantial rise in gasoline consumption and an increase in the tax rate."

When a motorist buys 10 gallons of gasoline today, he pays 70 cents in taxes to the state and federal governments, Wilson pointed out. 28 years ago, the tax on 10 gallons was 20 cents.

"With the use of motor vehicles still on the rise, the gasoline tax should continue to produce yearly increases in revenue, and it is expected that in the next ten years, with present tax rates, the state gasoline tax will produce a quarter of a billion dollars in tax revenue. Certainly the taxpayers have the right to insist that these added funds be used only for highway purposes and so spent as to insure a full return in road improvements for each dollar collected."