

Four Polio Cases Reported In County

Cases Are Treated In Asheville

An uneasy Cherokee County learned that it was still far from the epidemic stage after four county children contracted polio last week.

The children, an eight year old boy from Ogreeta; an 11 year old boy from Midway; and a six year old Murphy girl; and a four year old Unaka boy, are being treated at the Orthopedic Hospital in Asheville. They are the first cases of polio in this county since 1950, according to records of the County Health Department.

Dr. Van Gorder, Andrews physician, said Cherokee County is not even approaching the epidemic stage at present, as it would take three cases per 1,000 population to cause a polio epidemic here.

GG NOT AVAILABLE. Meanwhile, Dr. Van Gorder said there is extreme shortage of Gamma Globulin, the new drug being injected as a preventive against polio. GG is not even available of the black market, Dr. Van Gorder said, and he added, "and it is so simple to get".

Gamma Globulin is derived from human blood, but blood donations have been so few, he pointed out, that should polio epidemics occur in several parts of the country, GG would not be available for most children.

Dr. Van Gorder stressed the importance of Cherokee County citizens contributing to the bloodmobile on its visit here. Last Friday, on a special stop, the bloodmobile collected 50 pints of blood in Murphy and 35 pints at the Peachtree Prison Farm. The unit will visit Andrews in about two months.

The Cherokee County Health Department had a very small quantity of GG, most of which has been given the six household contacts of the three local polio cases.

RECREATION PROGRAM. As a precautionary measure the Murphy Summer Recreation Program swimming classes have been called off for the present, Irvin Greene, program director announced.

Mr. Greene further said that all strenuous activities in the program have been cut down, and the children are being watched for signs of fatigue.

Dr. Stanley S. Atkins of the Orthopedic Hospital in Asheville, who reviews all cases of polio in the Western North Carolina area, said that the main safety measure at this time is to see that children have plenty of rest and good food. Dr. Atkins and Dr. Van Gorder have not been keeping their own children from swimming and the movies and church, the Andrews physician said, but they are seeing that the children have plenty of rest and are well nourished.

Dr. Van Gorder said, however, that if polio cases in the county should increase steadily, he would advise all parents to keep their children from these activities.

Health Officer Says Polio Not Epidemic In N. C.

RALEIGH, N. C.—Dr. J. W. R. Norton, North Carolina State Health Officer, issued the following statement:

"No one needs interrupt plans for a summer vacation in North Carolina.

"Incidence of polio is abnormal in only a relatively small area surrounding the cities of Lenoir and Hickory and including three counties. In this area all agencies dedicated to combatting polio are working vigorously with all possible measures including inoculations with gamma globulin. Sixty-seven cases have been diagnosed in this 3-county area during July. In the epidemic area there have been 167 cases reported since the first of January, with six deaths during the entire year to date (July 17).

"In all other 97 North Carolina counties, which embrace its major mountain and coastal resorts, only 120 cases have been reported for the entire year, or approximately three per 100,000 population.

"National medical authorities do not consider polio is approaching epidemic until the number of cases reaches 20 to 40 per 100,000 population.

"North Carolina's resorts, assemblies and summer camps are protected by rigid sanitary laws, and are under strict health inspection at all times.

"Ninety-seven of the 100 counties in North Carolina are polio free or have an incidence that is normal or below.

"There is nothing about the polio situation in North Carolina which should interfere with vacation travel except into the small epidemic area, and it is hoped that preventative measures now underway will clear this area within a short time.

"These are the facts about polio in North Carolina."

Dr. Norton said that he was issuing this bulletin to provide newspapers and radio stations with current and correct information to assist them in handling polio reports in proper perspective. He said he realized that great injustice could be done not only to North Carolina's tourist industry, but to vacationists themselves if they were deterred from holiday travel to North Carolina resort areas because of misinterpretation of reports regarding prevalence of polio.

Hamilton Gets Highway Promotion

Boyd Hamilton was recently promoted to the position of District Mechanic with the State Highway Department and transferred from Burnsville to the new District 14 headquarters in Sylva.



MURPHY GARBAGE pickups are this week being made simpler and more sanitary after the town's new Leach Packmaster arrived and was put to work. Purchased at a cost of \$4,550, the disposal compressor unit was mounted on the town's 1952 Dodge truck. Above, Councilman Harry Bishop and town secretary Mrs. Ruby Craig (Mrs. Jack), look over the new truck just after it was brought to Murphy. The garbage truck holds 9 cubic yards, and the large capacity will cut down trips to the dump about half. The packmaster was purchased from the N. C. Equipment Company, and is similar to the truck used in Canton and other N. C. towns.

Three Local 4-H's Attending State Meet

Three Cherokee County 4-H girls, along with assistant home agent Mrs. Frances Puett, are this week participating in State 4-H Club week activities at State College in Raleigh.

The girls, all winners in county and district contests, are Miss Clara Hughes of Ranger, health queen; Miss Jerry Ruth Smith of Martin's Creek, talent, recreation leadership, dress revue; and Miss Mary Ruth Logan, dairy foods demonstration.

The three county girls will participate in the state-wide contests in their fields.

Some 1,200 of North Carolina's outstanding farm boys and girls opened the 1953 4-H Club Week Monday, and will hear Everett Mitchell of the NBC National Farm and Home Hour, who is top personality scheduled to address the group.

Other speakers include E. W. Aiton, 4-H and YMW leader of the U. S. Department of Agriculture; Gordon Gray, president of the Consolidated University of North Carolina; State College Chancellor John W. Harrelson; David S. Weaver, director of the N. C. Agricultural Extension Service; and L. R. Harrill, state 4-H Club leader. The event will close Friday.

WORLEY COMMISSIONED

Among North Carolina State College graduates who received U. S. Army commissions as second lieutenants last month was Ray Edward Worley of Robbinsville.



MARY RUTH LOGAN

Miss Mary Ruth Logan, 15 this year preserved the title of district 4-H winner in Dairy Foods Demonstration after competing with several other 4-H girls in Asheville recently. This was her first year in the project. Last year Imogene Shields of Tomola won the title and the year before a team of Cherokee County girls took the win. Miss Logan is in Raleigh this week competing in the state contest. She is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Tyros Logan of Martin's Creek, and will be in the 10th grade at Murphy School.

Mrs. Elbert Conley Succumbs At 84

Mrs. Elbert Garrison, 84, died at the home of a daughter, Mrs. Merle Cochran, near Andrews Sunday at 9:30 p. m. after a long illness.

Funeral services were held at 2:30 p. m. in Valleytown Baptist Church of which she was a member. The Rev. T. D. Denney officiated and burial was in the church cemetery.

The body remained in the church for one hour prior to the service.

She was a native and lifelong resident of Cherokee County, a daughter of the late Constand ("Bud") and Josephine Morrow Moore.

She was a member of the Andrews Chapter of the Eastern Star.

Surviving are four sons, Jack, Joe and Wayne of Andrews, Frank of Lake Alfred, Fla.; three daughters, Mrs. Patsey Conley of Robbinsville, Mrs. Betty Padgett of Lake Alfred, and Mrs. Cochran; 22 grandchildren and 22 great-grandchildren.

Ivies Funeral Home had charge of arrangements.

Andrews City School Faculty Told; School Opens Aug. 27

August 27 is the tentative date set for the opening of Andrews City Schools, Superintendent John E. Ruffy announced here today.

Mr. Ruffy also announced the faculty for Andrews High School, Andrews Elementary School, Marble Elementary School and Andrews Negro School.

The Andrews High School faculty includes Mrs. Aline E. Bristol, Miss Jean Christy, Mrs. Carl Barnett, Miss Ruth E. Hamilton, Joe T. McKeldry, Walter Brame, Miss Meredith Whitaker, R. W. H. Ramsey, Frank Murray and W. Hamilton.

Andrews Elementary School teachers are Miss Trilby S. Glenn, Mrs. Louise C. McFalls, Mrs. Maxine R. Ruffy, Mrs. L. B. Womack, Mrs. Lenna H. Ford, Mrs. Blanche C. Garner, Mrs. Ruth S. Pulliam, Mrs. Louise C. Rector, Miss Elizabeth Kilpatrick, Miss Ada Mae Pruet, Mrs. Veanah R. Radford, Mrs. Leila M. Thomasson, Mrs. Hazel W. Elliott, Mrs. Annie S. McGuire and Mrs. Ruth C. Pulliam.

Also Mrs. Alice T. Hogsted, Mrs. Agnes W. Price, Mrs. Millie R. Stewart, Mrs. Louise P. Enloe, Bertha J. McGuire, Mrs. Florence S. Huffman, Mrs. Jane C. Orr, Mrs. Leila G. Van Gorder, Mrs. Vesta W. Wood, Haskell King and Robert A. Williford.

Marble Elementary School faculty members are J. Frank Walsh,

Murphy School To Have Record Year

A record enrollment is expected at Murphy City Schools Wednesday, August 26, when the 1953-54 term begins, Superintendent H. Bueck of the city schools, announced today.

Mr. Bueck said there will be more teachers than there is classroom space and hallways will again be used for classrooms.

School will begin, Mr. Bueck asserted, at 8:45 a. m. August 26, with half day sessions until the following Monday, when the lunchroom will open.

Repairs have been made on all buildings, including the Texana School, during the summer and painting is now being done, he said.

Unregistered High School Pupils Sought

Mrs. Pauline Bault, Murphy High School dean and vocational director, today requested all high school students who did not register last spring to come to Mr. Bueck's office at the school and register with her August 19 or 20.

Mrs. Bault said she will be at the office both days from 10 a. m. until noon and from 2 to 4 p. m.

School Entrance Extended 15 Days

School entrance age was changed, by vote of the State Board of Education, from October 1 to October 15, it was announced.

The change will become effective in the approaching school term.

Children who will become six years old on October 16, will be eligible to enter school under the new ruling, as they will actually become six on the 15.

Civitan District Meet Be Held Here Soon

E. B. Stone of Charlotte, Civitan District Governor will be special guest when the Zone One of Civitans meets here Saturday, Aug. 1, local Civitan president S. S. Williams said here today.

Clubs in the district which will be represented are Canton, Asheville, Marion, Mars Hill and Marshall.

The business session will take place at 4 p. m. and the dinner meet will be at 7 p. m. at the Methodist Church. This meeting will take the place of the regular Civitan Club meeting which would have been Monday, August 3.

At the meeting of the Civitans Monday evening G. H. Farley, Cherokee County Farm Agent, spoke on soil conservation and a film, "Waters of Coweeta" by the U. S. Forest Service was shown by John Jordan. Rev. Frank Brown was program chairman.

Mrs. Helen H. Waldroup, Mrs. Minnie R. Tatham and Mrs. Anna W. Lunsford, Mrs. Lillie D. Love is teacher at the Andrews Negro School.

Mrs. Hilda T. Olson is supervisor for the schools.

Mrs. Lillie Crowe Succumbs Friday

Mrs. Lillie Crowe, 71, of Suit, died in an Andrews hospital at 11 p. m. Friday July 17, after an extended illness.

Funeral services were held at 3 p. m. Sunday in Shady Grove Baptist church.

The Rev. E. G. Altland, the Rev. Lester Stowe officiated and burial was in the church cemetery.

Surviving are six daughters, Mrs. Tiny Thompson of Suit, Mrs. Polly Hawkins and Mrs. Faye Payne of Culberson, Mrs. Martha Culberson of Oak Ridge, Tenn, Mrs. Lorena Wood and Mrs. Pearl Decker of Gastonia.

Also four sons, Bill of Northville, Mith., Ernest of Culberson, Hayden of Farmer, Tenn and Frank of Suit; and one brother, Bob Kirkland of Suit; one sister, Mrs. Lou Giles of San Francisco, Calif., 26 grandchildren and 17 great-grandchildren.

Townson Funeral Home was in charge.

Lack Of Proper Birth Certificate Can Mean Loss Of Money And Time

Failure to have a certified birth certificate is likely to cause loss of time and money to a person seeking employment with a large firm, joining the armed services or entering school, Mrs. Kate Hensley, Cherokee County register of deeds said today.

Mrs. Hensley said that everyone should be sure his birth is recorded at the Court House, particularly before leaving the state to be employed.

She said many Cherokee County natives have been stranded in large cities for several weeks without income, waiting for their birth certificates, if the birth was not recorded at the courthouse.

The recording of births at the courthouse was begun here in 1914, and all doctors and mid-wives are required to record births with the registrar of the township in which the birth occurred, or at the

county courthouse. Births before 1914, however, are likely not to be recorded.

Mrs. Hensley said that at present 98 per cent of the births which occur annually are recorded, but in preceding years the per centage was much smaller.

If a birth is not on record at the courthouse, an application for delayed birth registration must be filled and sent to Raleigh for certification.

For this certification any reliable record of birth, or age is acceptable, Mrs. Hensley said.

Records generally used, she pointed out, are: family Bible, insurance policy, marriage certificate, school record, birth certificate, affidavit by person having personal knowledge of birth, driver's license, or any dependable record.

All records have to be at least

five years of age, with the exception of the personal knowledge affidavit.

A certificate costs 50 cents if it is on record locally; or one dollar if a delayed birth registration is made.

Mrs. Hensley pointed out that mothers of children entering school in the fall should be sure their children's birth is recorded at the local office.

She also asserted that persons expecting to apply for Social Security aid must have birth certification before they are 60 years of age, in order to be honored by Social Security when they become 65. Veterans, Mrs. Hensley said, must have birth certificates for their children if they are to receive aid from the government.

Also recent high school graduates are advised to obtain and keep a copy of their birth certification.

Heart Attack Takes Mrs. Crisp

Mrs. Martha Crisp Rich, 67, died unexpectedly Sunday, July 17 at 9 a. m. at her home Murphy, Route 2. Death was attributed to a heart attack.

Funeral services were held at 11 a. m. Tuesday in Rogers Chapel. Officiating ministers were the Rev. Thomas Truett, assisted by the Rev. Raymond Carroll and the Rev. Raymond Wilson. Burial was in the church cemetery.

Surviving are the husband, Walter B. Rich; seven daughters, Mrs. Julia Parker, Mrs. Mattie Lou Allstock, of Gastonia, Mrs. Earl Ledford and Mrs. Herman Ledford of Barnwell, S. C., Mrs. James E. Young of Catawba Heights, Mrs. (Continued on page 8)



PULLIAM Chief Warrant Officer Ray C. Pulliam of Andrews, N. C., receives the champion's trophy he won in the Camp Drake Replacemene Depot handicap golf tournament in Japan. Making the presentation was Lt. Col. Henry J. Stark commander of the depot. Son of Mr. and Mrs. W. C. Pulliam, the Andrews soldier has been in the Army since 1934, and has served in Europe and Korea. He is currently assistant adjutant at the depot.



EDWARD REYNOLDS lege chon. During the past year he traveled in Europe, and at present is employed in Norfolk, Va.