

State School Board To Buy 320 Buses

The state school board authorized the purchase of 320 new school buses which have been allotted North Carolina by the war production board and the office of defense transportation. The cost would approximate \$637,000.

Controller Paul Reid told the board that the state's present allotment of new buses had been set at 320, but that there is a possibility 300 others may be made available. These also will be purchased, he said, running the total cost to about \$837,000. Each unit would cost \$2,618. The state annually appropriates \$650,000 for new buses.

BUY EASTER SEALS; HELP CRIPPLE



Although the program of the North Wilkesboro Kiwanis Club has undergone certain readjustments of emphasis due to the war, its regular program of service to the crippled and disabled is not being neglected, T. E. Story, executive secretary, announced today.

The organization, which is at the present time putting on the annual sale of Easter seals to finance its work for the coming year, is stepping up its efforts to support the war-time policies of the rehabilitation and crippled children agencies, Mr. Story pointed out.

"Many highly skilled workers who are today helping to man the production lines were once crippled children," Mr. Story said, and pointed out that the restoration of crippled children to usefulness is the result of a five-point program. He explained that Easter seals

and employment.

"Because the war has created acute shortages of trained personnel in several fields, we are striving to organize and coordinate work for the physically handicapped in such a way that any possible overlapping of efforts will be eliminated and the greatest efficiency promoted," Mr. Story said.

Among the special problems precipitated by the war, Mr. Story mentioned the plight of crippled children whose families have migrated across state boundaries to war production centers, thus losing their residence in one state without gaining it in another, and consequently dropping out of sight of state agencies. Another problem is that of transporting crippled children to schools and clinics because of tire and gasoline shortages, he said.

Mrs. Cothren Obituary

Valle Lee Byrd Cothren was born June 14th, 1918; died March 26th, 1944, making her stay on earth 26 years, eight months and 11 days.

She was the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Tyre Byrd, of Roaring River. She professed a hope in Christ in early life and joined White Plains Baptist church of which she remained a member until death.

She was married to John Andrew Cothren October 7th, 1939. To this union were born three children. Two are living: Vernon Lee Cothren, age three years, and Diana Frances age 2 years. One died in infancy. She leaves

her husband and two children, as well as her mother and mother-in-law. Her father, James Byrd, is in the U. S. Navy; her mother, Mrs. Margaret Waddell, Mrs. Little Mae Traylor, Mrs. Hannah Byrd, and Letticia Byrd, all of Roaring River; and a host of friends and relatives to mourn their loss.

She was a good woman, kind and affectionate to her family, always giving them good counsel. She lived the religion she professed to have, and we believe the good Lord has only removed her from this world of suffering to a mansion He said he was going to prepare.—Reported.

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