

25 Patients In Need Of Expanded Hospital Service For County Cited

The following were patients in Ashe county Memorial hospital last week: Mrs. Elsie Miller, Whitetop, Va.; Sherman Myers, West Jefferson; Mrs. Dewitt Stansberry, Lansing; Mrs. Willard Hart, Lansing; Sherman Brooks, Clifton; Mrs. Dewitt Price and daughter, Creston; Mrs. Wayne Ferguson and daughter, Jefferson; Mrs. Lee Jones, Clifton.

Mrs. Edward Greer and son, Ball; Mrs. Dollie Miller and daughter, Glendale Springs; Mrs. Robert Keller, Fleetwood; Mrs. Elmer Triplett and son, Wilbar; Mrs. Joe Denny and son, Lansing; Branscom Darnell, Glendale Springs; Mrs. Lundy Severt and son, Glendale Springs; Mrs. Grady Brown and daughter, West Jefferson.

Blair Thompson, Grassy Creek; Suzanne Gentry, West Jefferson; Miss Anne Farrington, Jefferson; Mrs. Cathleen Blevins, and daughter, Bina; Miss Carleen Osborne, Scottville; Mrs. George Perkins and daughter, Nathan's Creek; Emily Houck, Grassy Creek; Mrs. Elizabeth Rotten, Treetop; and Miss May Greer, Whitetop, Va.

ASHE BOYS MEET



Cpl. James Howard Younce, son of Mr. and Mrs. Len Younce, Todd, recently met up with Elma Johnson, from Grassy Creek, in Alaska.

to fill the gap between the scientific journal and the popular farm magazines.

"What's New in Crops and Soils," will be directed to men who are not technically trained, but who have a serious interest in accurate and authoritative reports on farm crops and soil management.

Mr. Quessenberry said in discussing the magazine, "Probably the most important factors concerned in the world food situation today are crops and soils. Certainly the new crops and tillage practices should be of major importance to every farmer in our county."

Out of a total of 632 live births in Ashe county in 1947, records of the state board of health show that 411 occurred in a hospital and 221 occurred outside a hospital or in circumstances unknown. This means that 34.97 per cent of the county's live births last year occurred without benefit of hospital facilities for mother and child.

The records further show that in 43 counties of the state last year a majority of the live births occurred outside a hospital. In the state as a whole the percentage born outside a hospital was 35.17. Among the 100 counties, Ashe ranked 35th in per cent of live births that occurred without such facilities.

In one county (Hyde) in 1947, the majority of live births did not even have the attendance of a physician and in a score of other counties the proportion of births without such attendance was between one third to nearly one half.

A physician was in attendance at 561 of the Ashe births, but 70 had only the attention of a midwife and one had other or unknown attendance, records show.

In the same year, the county had a total of 21 infant deaths and four maternal deaths.

Of the infant deaths, seven occurred in a hospital and 14 outside a hospital or in circumstances unknown. A physician was in attendance at 15 of the deaths and the remaining six had no attention of a physician or occurred in circumstances unknown.

Of the maternal deaths, two took place in a hospital, and two occurred outside a hospital. A physician was in attendance at all of the deaths.

As another aspect of the Ashe county health picture, records show that the county budget for public health service for the fiscal year 1947-48, totaled \$11,949 or .527 per capita. Of this total, local sources contributed \$5,027 or .222 per capita; the state contributed \$3,089 or .136 per capita; and \$3,833 or .169 per capita came from the federal government.

Of the 96 counties which spent money for public health service, Ashe county ranked 78th in total per capita expenditures.

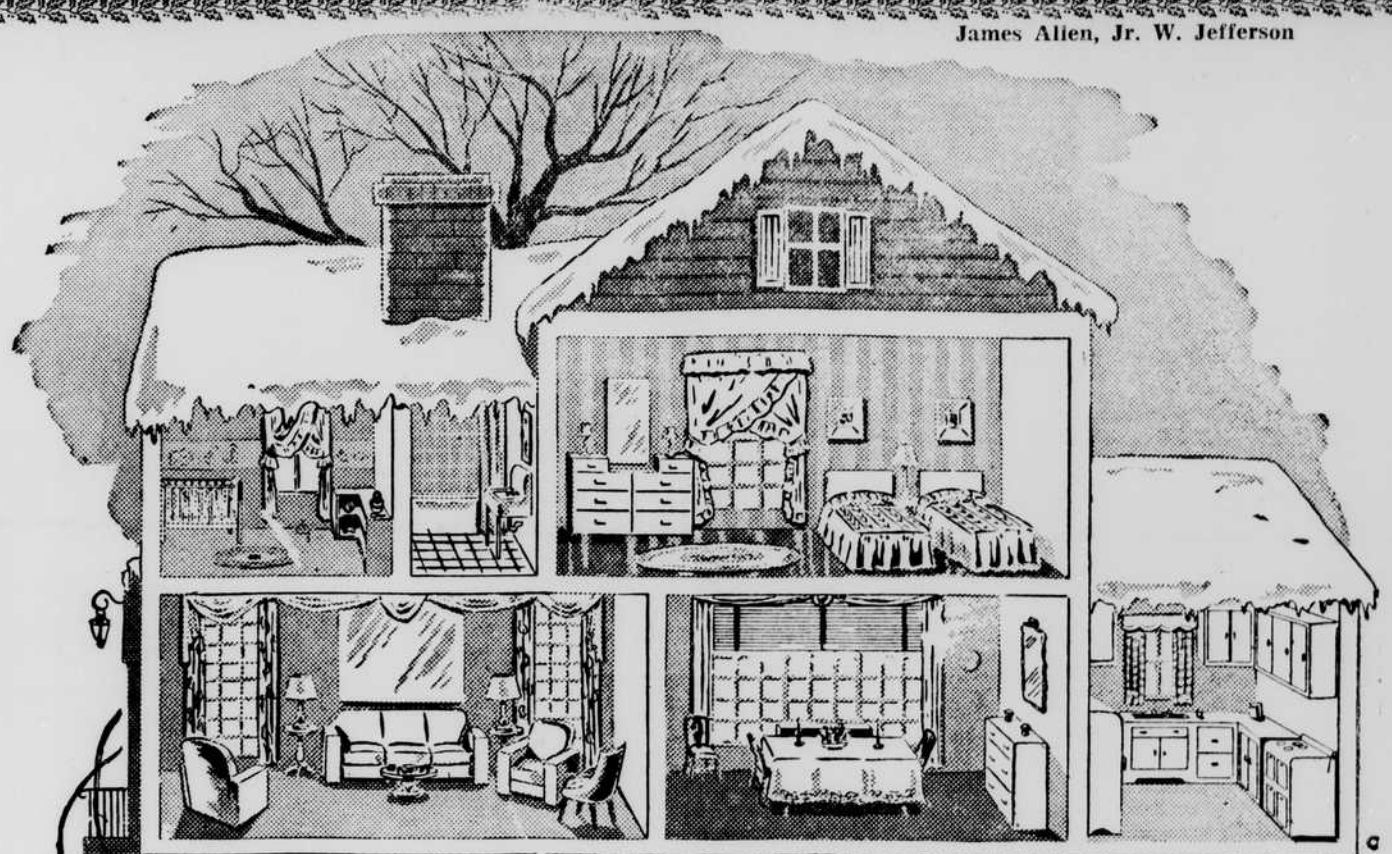
Another indication of Ashe's health rating can be found in the fact that from 1940 to January 1, 1945, the county had a total draft rejection of 49.98 per cent, according to the Institute for Research in Social Science of the state university. Among the counties Ashe ranked 65th in per cent of total rejections. In percentage of white rejections the county ranked 94th, with a rate of 49.86 per cent.

Authors of the stories in the new national magazine are the scientists and information workers at every agricultural college in the country and with many commercial firms. Many of these men are members of the professional, non-profit Agronomy Society, and are leading the crop and soil improvement work.

New Magazine On Crops And Soils

Ashe county farmers and others interested in agriculture have a new easy-to-read magazine now available to them. Carrying the latest developments in crops and soils, the magazine is published by the American Society of Agronomy.

H. D. Quessenberry, county agent for the State College Extension Service, pointed out that the magazine is designed

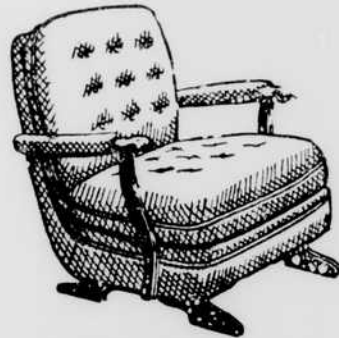


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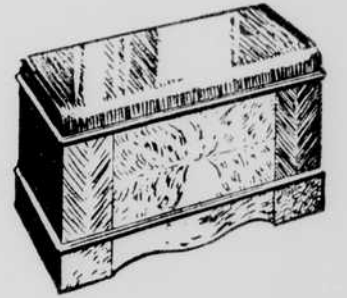
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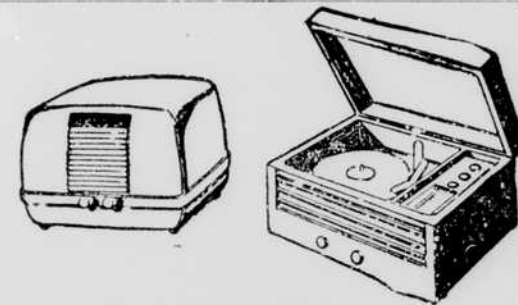
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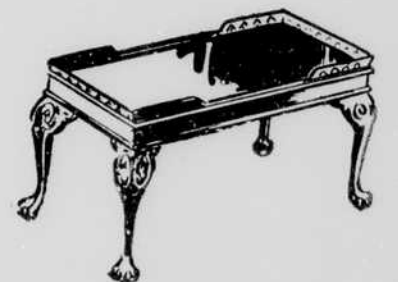
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