

Health Officer Warns Against Swimming In Unprotected Streams

RALEIGH, June 23.—Dr Carl V. Reynolds, state health officer for North Carolina, has issued a strong warning against swimming in unprotected streams and ponds. He also emphasized the importance of anti-typhoid vaccination as an effective precaution, pointing out the significant fact that, under the system of health education and the extended use of preventive medicine following the World War, typhoid fever deaths in North Carolina were reduced from 915, in 1919, to 81, in 1935.

"I feel I cannot too strongly warn against swimming in public streams and ponds which normally are contaminated," the health officer said. "These are dangerous from a standpoint of typhoid fever, diarrhea and dysentery. Many of them are near places where raw sewerage is being dumped into streams, making them sources of serious danger. Parents and guardians should appreciate this fact and not permit their children to swim in unprotected places. There are plenty of pools where the water is chlorinated and analyzed daily, almost hourly, and where children can swim in safety. I should like to call attention to the fact that previous to the development of the chlorinated swimming pool, when young people had to avail themselves of contam-

inated water, typhoid fever, diarrhea and dysentery took a heavy toll in human life every year and caused many to become invalids. Since 1919, the death rate from typhoid fever has been enormously reduced—in fact, in North Carolina the number of deaths has been reduced from nearly one thousand to less than a hundred, because our people have listened to reason and availed themselves of the preventive measures science has provided.

"In organized health departments, county and city, the campaign against typhoid fever, through vaccination, is constantly being carried on, but in unorganized counties no such organized protection is available. Beginning July 1, North Carolina is proud to announce, we will have 65 organized counties, giving the protection to which I have just referred to three-fourths of our population.

"I should like to emphasize the importance of immunization against typhoid, which is a real protection against accidental infection. There is one very important and essential point to be considered, which is that the vaccination campaign should be carried on at least two months prior to swimming season, in order that immunity may fully develop in the individual having taken this precaution. Otherwise, it will do him or her very little good."

Social Security Program Organization Perfected

RALEIGH, June 23.—What many students of public affairs believe will prove to be the most beneficial legislation ever enacted in North Carolina—the \$4,700,000-a-year social security program—will

go into effect on July 1, and thousands of indigent aged and underprivileged children will be given a helping hand through its provisions. After several months of arduous labor, the state board of charities

and public welfare, which will administer the two most important features of the statute, has perfected an organization known as the division of public assistance, under the direction of Nathan H. Yelton. County organizations also have been completed, in compliance with the law which was adopted by the 1937 session of the general assembly.

The various county boards of welfare are expecting to be flooded with applications for assistance, and Mrs. W. T. Bost, commissioner of the state welfare department, has estimated that during the first three months the program is in operation a maximum of 15,000 persons 65 years of age and older, and approximately 10,500 dependent children will be helped. The average monthly aid for the aged will be about \$12.50, while that for underprivileged children will run close to \$6.

The total amount to be expended on the two features of the act during the first quarter of its operation will be approximately \$600,000, it has been estimated. The federal government will bear one-half the cost of aid to the aged, with the state and county governments contributing approximately one-fourth each. The cost of the dependent children program will be born equally by the federal, state and county governments.

Estimates recently compiled by the public assistance division indicate that approximately 24,587 indigent aged and 21,837 dependent children in the state will be eligible for aid under the social security program.

On the eve of the formal inauguration of the great humanitarian legislation in North Carolina, Mr. Yelton has issued the following statement:

"On July 1 the state of North Carolina formally will launch a project which I confidently believe will prove to be of almost inestimable benefit to the thousands of respectable men, women and children who now are not privileged to live in the decency and comfort to which every human being is entitled.

"It is the social security act, passed by the last session of our legislature, whose members should have the grateful thanks of all our people for their wisdom and great humanitarianism in adopting this beneficent statute.

"We of the state board of charities and public welfare who will be charged with administering the provisions of the act are deeply cognizant of the enormity of the task before us. But we are entering upon our work with willing and hopeful hearts, and trust that our efforts will result in efficiency and justice in carrying out the law.

"We have been ably assisted by the hundreds of fine men and women in the several counties of the state who have helped us in forming the organization which will be needed to administer the social security program, and to them we extend our gratitude.

"We need and ask the whole-hearted cooperation of all public-spirited citizens in the work we are undertaking, and I am confident that it will be accorded us. We hope that the provisions of the act can and will be administered impartially and justly, and that our state will be a happier place in which to live because of this legislation."

State College Answers Timely Farm Questions

Q. How can I remove objectionable flavors from milk?

A. There is no way to remove these flavors, but proper feeding and management will prevent them. Do not feed any highly flavored feeds such as turnips or rye before milking. These feeds, together with roughage should be fed after and not before or while milking. If the milk has an onion flavor the sows should be taken off pasture and given dry feed at least six hours before milking. If this is done and proper precautions taken in handling the milk and cream the objectionable flavors will be eliminated.

Q. What is the best way to cure alfalfa hay?

A. The purpose of curing is to preserve the green color and prevent the leaves from shattering. The alfalfa should be cut before the dew is off and raked into windrows before the top leaves are crisp. Turn the windrows from six to 24 hours after raking. To prevent shattering the hay should be hand-

led as little as possible. When weather conditions are unfavorable the hay may be put in small cocks to dry, but should be stored in barn as soon as it is dry.

Q. What can I substitute for green feed in my poultry ration?

A. If your rations will not give the necessary green feed add five percent of alfalfa leaf meal to the mash. Be sure that the mash contains cod liver oil of a guaranteed potency and also that it contains yellow corn meal. If there are any indications of rickets, or if there is

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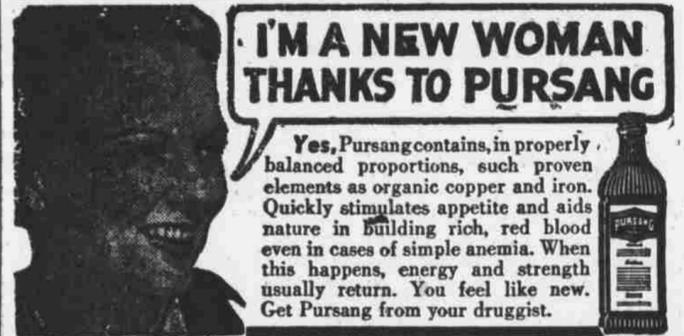
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