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No Sulfanilamide Deaths in North Carolina

THE following statement has been received from Dr. Carl V. Reynolds, state health officer, in regard to the drug, sulfanilamide, which has been responsible for many deaths in nearby states:

"Numerous reports have been coming in from sections of the United States telling of the fatal effects of certain preparations of sulfanilamide. So far no such reports have been received from North Carolina.

"While sulfanilamide is a very useful drug when administered and supervised by the practicing physician, the indiscriminate use of this product may be followed by serious reactions and in some instances may terminate fatally.

"Certain of these preparations have been used in the treatment of gonorrhea and have been found of value in a certain number of cases.

"North Carolina has a law covering this matter. Section 7199 of the Consolidated Statutes reads as follows:

"Treatment except by physician unlawful. It shall be unlawful for any person except a regularly licensed physician to prescribe or give away any medicine for the treatment of any person afflicted with a venereal disease."

"The indiscriminate sale of this drug without a physician's prescription is therefore unlawful. An individual who buys this drug across the drug store counter is assuming the responsibility for his own treatment, which he is not qualified to do. The druggist who sells to such a patient is aiding and abetting this individual in such a dangerous procedure, and in addition to that, is violating one of our state laws. It seems to us that druggists throughout the state will be rendering a distinct service by complying strictly with the letter of the law and thereby placing the responsibility for the treatment of these individuals upon physicians who are aware of the dangers in the use of this drug and who are in position to supervise these cases under treatment."

Hoey Proposed for Senate

IN a statement issued in Charlotte Monday, Cameron Morrison, former governor and United States senator, announced that he would not offer for the senate in the democratic primary next year, but expressed the hope that the voters of North Carolina would "draft" Governor Clyde R. Hoey for the senatorship.

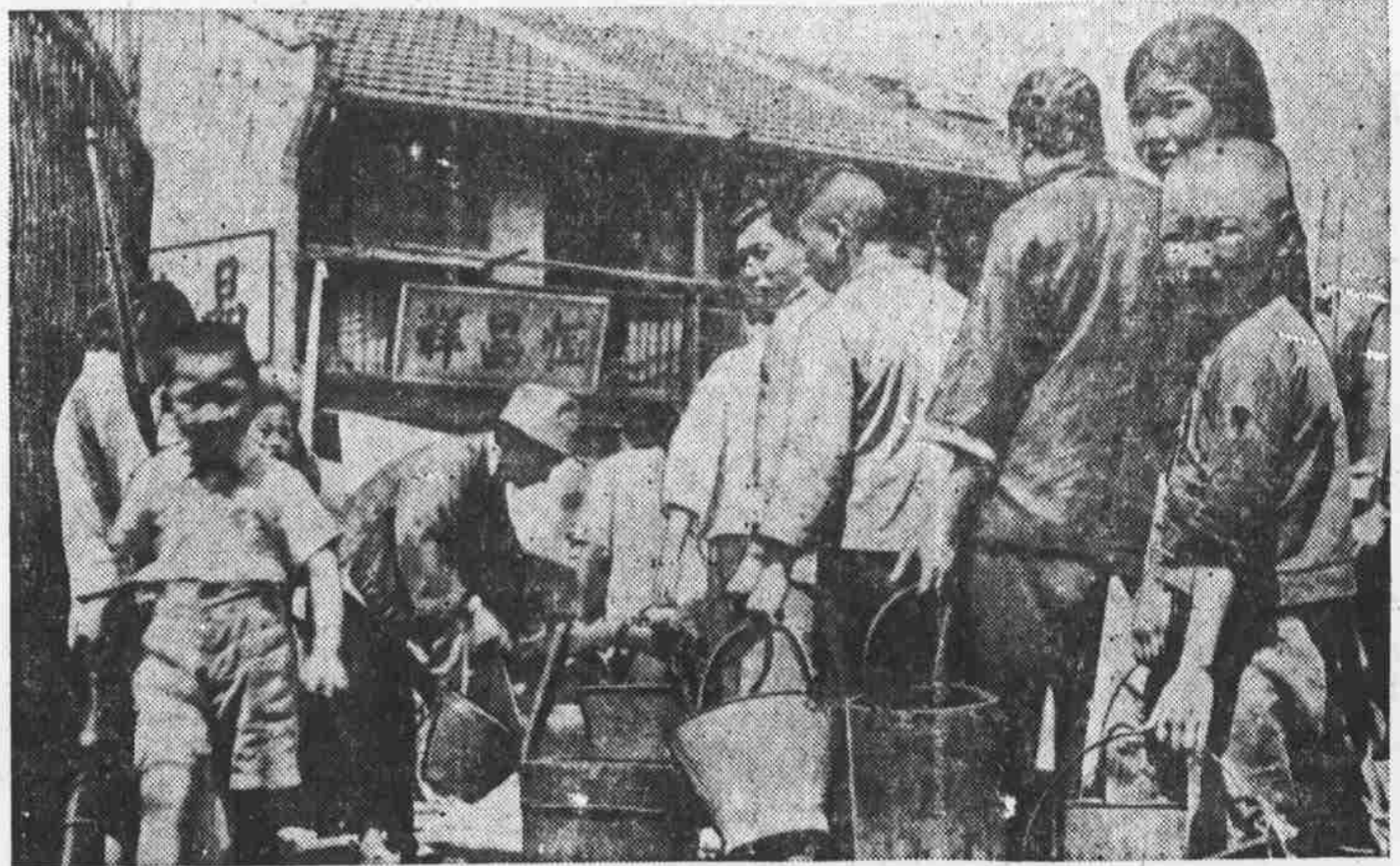
Senator Robert R. Reynolds will be in the race to succeed himself and is already opposed by Representative Frank W. Hancock, of the fifth district, who announced his candidacy a few weeks ago.

It is too early to get the reaction from over the state in regard to the proposal of Cameron Morrison, but if Governor Hoey should decide to get into the race against Reynolds and Hancock, there will be some real politics in North Carolina next year.

In the event that Governor Hoey should offer for the senate and be elected, he would have to leave the governorship in mid-term and would be succeeded by Walter P. Horton, of Pittsboro, the lieutenant governor.

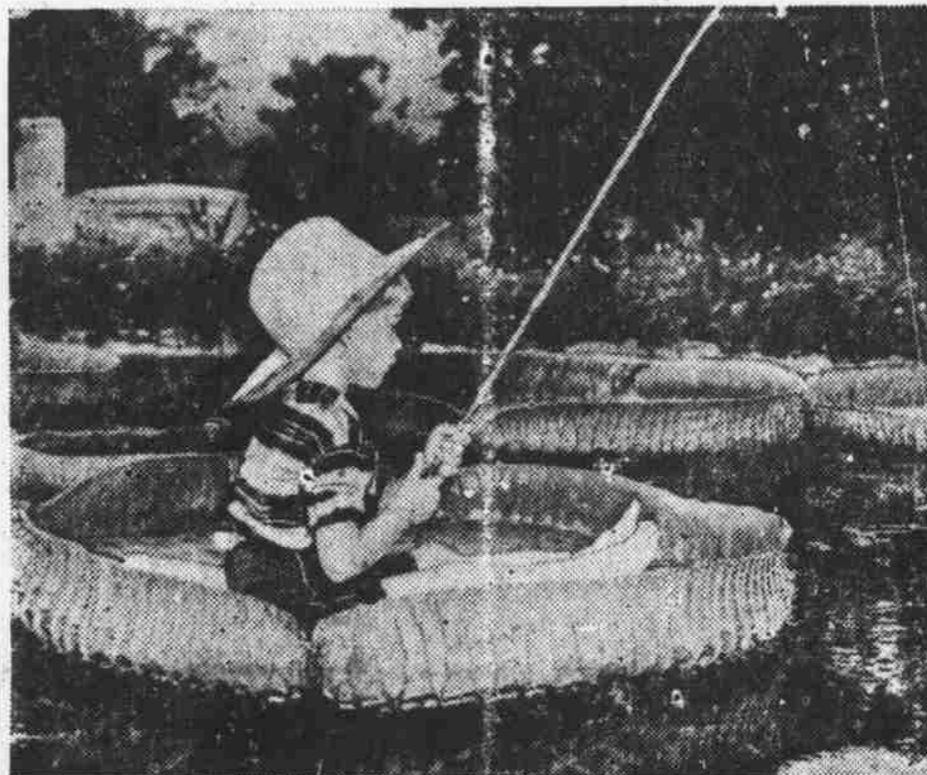
After being shown the Morrison statement, the Governor refused to comment.

Water Shortage Hits Noncombatants



Carrying buckets, pitchers and jugs, crowds of Chinese refugees line up at a water tap in Shanghai and wait their turn for the precious fluid. This is one of the few sources of meager water supply in beleaguered Shanghai.

Lily Pad Is His Fishing Boat



Five-year-old Lonny Bliss of Miami, Fla., is a keen angler. He is pictured as he tries his luck for the wily fish that lurk beneath the lily pads. These rare tropical water lilies grow so big that Lonny can get right out on one and use it instead of a boat.

LETTER-PRESS

A SHERIFF CARRIES TAXES TO RALEIGH

At the time of the election in 1834 referred to in last week's Press, there were only four counties in the extreme western section of the state where there are now eight. These counties were Buncombe, Haywood, Macon and Cherokee, and of course there were only four sheriffs.

The state government at that time was financed by taxes on real and personal property just as the counties are at present. As there were no railroads and banking facilities were inefficient, the state's part of the taxes had to be carried to Raleigh on horseback.

If each sheriff carried the money of his own county the expense would be the same for each. The remedy for this fourfold expense was for the four sheriffs to choose one to carry the money for all and the other three to pay their part of the expense.

In 1835 Thomas Angel was chosen to make the trip to Raleigh. I have seen a statistical table giving the distance from all the county seats to the state capital, and the distance from Franklin is given as 271 miles by the shortest line of state highways. The round trip would total 542 miles at present, but must have been longer a century ago. Besides there were no hard surfaced roads and the windings and grades were atrocious. Also there were the hazards of carrying large sums of money for a week or more through half the length of the state.

It has been my recollection for forty-odd years that he carried \$18,000 in his saddle pockets, which seems a large sum for the state to exact from a sparse and impecunious people, but we know that in recent years a single individual has paid that much or more in taxes. To accommodate the bulk of money

to saddle pockets the small bills and coin were exchanged for bills of large denomination.

In those days there were no exemptions from debt and a mere pittance of exemption of personal property. Also a man could be jailed for debt.

Once Sheriff Angel went to levy on a man's ox but the owner, expecting the officer to come, fled and left his wife to hold the fort. When he arrived the wife jumped astride the ox and went on a sit-down strike. It was snowing and her position on the ox exposed a large expanse of her person to the elements. The snow fell where it listed, but the ground was warm and it trickled down the slopes. The law was at a stalemate. The alternatives were either to make an assault on a female or go away empty handed. The sheriff choose the latter.

B. M. ANGEL.

Shirley Temple At Macon Theatre Monday

One of the world's most beloved stories, "Heidi" springs to laughing, loving life on the screen of The Macon Theatre where the Twentieth Century-Fox picture opens Monday, November 1. Ideally cast, Shirley Temple stars in the title role, with Jean Hersholt featured.

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By DONA CARPENTER

The farmers of this community are busy gathering corn and sowing wheat.

Rev. Lester Ledford is visiting relatives in this community.

Mrs. George Wakefield and two children, and Birdie Nell Southards were visiting at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Robert Carpenter Sunday.

Thad Bingham and Boyd Sanders are in from the West.

ADDITIONAL FRANKLIN SOCIAL ITEMS

Miss Ila Mae Crispe spent the week-end with her niece, Freda Lee Tallent, on Palmer street.

Mrs. Dan West, of Asheville, has joined her husband, who is manager of the Macon Theatre in Franklin. The Wests expect to make their home here and will bring their young Mr. Danny over within the next few days.

Rev. and Mrs. J. B. Tabor and daughter, Rebecca, of Statesville, spent the first of the week visiting at the home of Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Addington, at their home on Franklin route 2. Mr. Tabor was formerly pastor of the Union Methodist church.

Mr. and Mrs. Claude Williams left Friday morning for their home in Akron, Ohio, after spending a week with Mrs. Williams' mother, Mrs. Dorcas Tallent, and her brother, Baze Tallent, of Franklin.

Miss Margaret Corbin visited her cousin, Mrs. Baze Tallent, Sunday night.

James McAllister, of New York, is spending a few days here with Mrs. McAllister at the home of her mother, Mrs. W. W. Sloan, at "Sunnyside Farm."

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