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Medical Service for All?

Dr. J. F. Robertson, president of the North Carolina Medical society, in his talk to the county medical society recently, spoke out against "socialized medicine," voicing, in essence, the opinion of the majority of private practice physicians in the coun-

Dr. Robertson prophesied that under the federal administration's proposed plan to provide medical care for every citizen in the United States the cost to the government would be fifteen billion dollars annually. He said that socialized medicine would tend to lower doctors' standards in the profession, and would destrey the prevailing personal, interest the physician has in his

Dr. Robertson's attack is one of many being made against the government's medical service-for-all program, the main offensive being taken by the American Medical association.

The various points of this attack are not without merit. To support their views, physicians point to New Zealand where socialized medicine has been in effect seven years and has not materialized into the ideal situation its proponents at first predicted.

Government-administered medical programs, in general, are set up on the basic principles of deduction of cost of medical service from weekly wages and a list of patients which each doctor is responsible for serving. Under the original plan in effect in New Zealand (which has gone through several revisions), transfer of patients from the list of one doctor to that of another, was possible, but restricted.

The chief drawback of the plan, according to the New Zealand patients, is its failure to provide for the crippling expenses of major surgery. "The benefits the average patient gets in return for his beavy tax payment are limited to routine treatment from his doctor," says the Medical Economies magazine, "hospitalization in an overcrowded public institution, and free pills

Doctors are alarmed, but they, as a whole, have waited too long to take action that would have by passed this interference by the government. A healthy nation is one in which not only the fortunate few can receive medical attention. That is what has been generally true in this country and the government sees. now that action must be taken to provide care for all.

Through increased appropriations by governments, tederal and state, to properly administrated public health departments located in various municipalities or the county seat of every state, this medical attention could have been provided to lowerincome groups. But private physicians, until very recent years when most have suffered from overwork, frowned upon public health work, accusing it of usurpation of patients who could afford to pay for doctors' services.

Dr. Robertson's comments of the medical society meeting were corollary to the request of the state health officer, Dr. J. W. Roy Norton, who also spoke, and pointed out the need for North Carolina increasing the amount of money allotted in the state budget for public health.

A Bit Chilly Today

The man with the white whiskers, this time we mean Mr. Winter, blew such a lusty blast of snow and ice over New York that some of it has probably traveled as far as here. That's the bnly way we can account for the change in weather that should breed the kind of Christmas spirit we read about where the drifts are deep and there is travel through woods by sleigh.

There's no denying it, snappy, frosty weather - if not snow is needed for Christmas. Maybe because such simple things then can make us happy, a warm stove indoors after a walk in the cold, red noses on old folks and rosy cheeks on youngsters bring a smile to our face, and there's a hustle and bustle among everyone outdoors. No more casual strolling from store to store, but a brisk walk and just as brisk, but cherry, greetings to friends.

Who knows, maybe this year we will have snow. Our Good Old Days columnist tells us that in 1943 there were 8 inches of it about this time. Wonder if it's time for an encore!

Thoughts for an open mind...

Life has hidden a charm in difficult undertakings which is appreciated only by those who dare to grapple with them.

There is one virtue which no man or woman in the world should neglect to cultivate. It is graciousness.

who is false to present duty breaks a thread in the loom and will find the flaw when he may have forgotten its cause.

Altogether, the different kinds of living creatures, plant and animal, that live or have lived on our planet total well over 5,-000,000. How were this vast number brought into existence? Two answers are suggested. According to the idea of special creation, each one of these millions of plants and animals was created suddenly and completely at some time in the history of the world, each by a special supernatural act.

The alternative idea is that one kind of creature can change into another kind, this is evolution.

What do YOU think?

-Jim Morrill.

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Morry Christmas

THAT AIN'T SANTA CLAUS!



night of last when a heavy fog

combined with a rich mixture of

shad smoke hung over the city

they might not have gone back

to their home town with such

glowing accounts of Eastern Caro

una. Unseasonable warm tem-

peratures and moisture-laden

air is said to have produced the

pea-soup fog. Thursday of last

week was the warmest for Dec-

ember 16 in the 21-year record

Members of the fire department

have entered into the spirit of the

Christmas season by arranging a

most elaborate and striking effect

in the decorating of the front of

the truck building adjoining the

At the top of the building is a

long panel with small colored

TO THE WORLD." Festoons of

wires with colored bulbs of assort-

ed shades descend from the top of

the building while on the edge of

the roof is a large chimney with

old Santy coming forth. On the

grass plot an illuminated tree adds

to the attractiveness of the decora-

tions. Much credit is due the boys

Weather permitting, the pouring

of the cement roof on the new

building to house the plant of the

NEWS-TIMES will be completed

this week. This cement roof will be

knowledge is the first cement roof

If we were to award a prize for

the "best dressed window" among

the merchants of the city we would

be inclined to give it to the Dress

Shop. The manikins in winter garb

for this display.

of the state weather bureau.

HERE and THERE With F. C. SALISBURY, Morehead City

Continuous pouring of cement been in this vicinity on Monday for the basement walls and floor of the new telephone exchange building on 9th street was started Thursday, taking over 48 hours to complete the job. In order to make the basement water tight the walls and floor had to be poured as an integral whole. Rains and seepage has given the contractors on this job plenty of trouble.

Sam Chadwick, formerly of Carteret county, who has been operating a drug store in Kinston for several years, has sold his business in that city and opened a drug store and soda shop in one section of the Strond's Food Center building.

When the teachers of the State City Hall. No one member of the were informed that they were not department claims all the glory of to get their pay checks until after this work but Duffy Guthrie say Christmas, the howl that went up "it is the combined efforts of the was so strong that the powers that be in the State Board of Education are making an effort to mail out all checks before the closing lights outlining the words, "JOY of schools for the holiday vacation.

Residents of Evans street can feel that they have been given a Christmas present by the city with the repairing and resurfacing of that street. This week will find the job about completed and open for traffic. No official figures have as yet been given out as to the cost of this lob but it is understood that there will be enough over from the sum set aside for this work to patch several sections along Arendell street.

Selective Service boards of the state have been informed by the 3 inches in thickness and to our state headquarters that all orders for induction and physical examito be put on a building in this city. nations have been cancelled during the month of December.

Had the smog victims from Pennsylvania who visited Wilmington some two weeks ago

This Christmas, more

folks than ever before will

be telephoning Christmas

to speedily complete

you have a short wait, please be patient.

your calls, but telephone traffic will be heavy. So will you please place your calls early, and should

Thank you and

greetings by long distance. We will make every effort

minine heart.

interest Pop as much as junior.

in cuddly robes offer fine sugges months past, from Newport, R. I. tions for a gift for "her." We do not mean to slight the jewelers with their displays of acceptable which are always dear to the fe-represented went to Mr. M. Ful-

Just around the corner is Dee Gee's shop where if you are unable So as one goes along the street to find a gift for every person on window shopping they are sure to your list you had better give up. find displayed in the windows and Window displays in the mea's within the shops gifts suitable for shops show a wide range from the all with prices is keeping with the conservative to the flashy that quality of the merchandise would gladden any masculine heart. If you don't find that gift elsewhere, try the drug stores for from their window displays there must be a gift to suit the most exacting. The toy and eletric shops would like to sell you one of those electric train outfits that will

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fragrance, so much the

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ADDINELL STREET

In The Good Old Days

THIRTY-FIVE YEARS AGO

The Corporation Commission received a complaint about the extra rates charged by the Norfolk Southern railroad for hauling freight over the Morehead City-Beaufort bridge.

Names on the honor roll for the Beaufort Graded school included Hilton Hill, Daphne Paul, Paul Jones, Neva Chadwick, Howard Jones and Gerald Hill.

TWENT-FIVE YEARS AGO John Motley Morehead died at his home in Charlotte.

The telephone poles on Front treet were to be removed immediately after the new year.

Civic organizations were think ing of planting shrubs, trees and flowers along Front street to beau-

TEN YEARS AGO

Edgewater Club and Inlet Inn were sold for taxes. If the bids were not raised during the next 10 days they were to become the property of Carteret county:

Beaufort received a Christmas present from Congressman Graham A. Barden in the form of a Federal pier to be put up in front of the

FIVE YEARS AGO

post office.

with 8 inches of snow, the biggest snowfall since 1936.

Davis Fish house was robbed over the weekend. Thieves made away with \$600.

CAMP GLENN

Dec. 18 - Mr. Roy A. West is home on leave after an interesting against a wintery background in cruise, in the service of U.S. Navy, one window and those in another to European and South American window emerging from a bandbox ports, commencing, some six

Our P. T. A. met Tuesday in Mrs. Beula Willis' class room. The at tendance was very satisfactory and gifts, especially the "sparklers" the prize for the class being best cher's room.

The Women's Christian Service;

Coming down to the end of the year we wish to express to our readers our appreciation of the many kind expressions received from those who have enjoyed reading this column. At this time we extend to all the Sea-

Franklin Memorial met at and soft drinks were served.

Congratulations to Mr. and Mrs. uary. Elmo Shilver, and welcome to the new family and community addition. His name-Glenn Edward.

daughter, Joan; Misses Pauline, Francis, and Carol Beacham, and Mr. Cecil Beacham were in Washington, N. C., Wednesday, shopping.

Mrs. Marvin Willis and Mrs. Russell Willis were in New Bera Mon-

Mr. M. J. Lockhart was in Wilmington on business Monday. Visiting the Beachams here Sunday, from Chocowinity, were Mrs. Katie McKennon and daughter Janis; Mr. and Mrs. Edmond Mc-Roy with two daughters, Carol and Patsy, and son David, also Mr. Ro-

bert White of New Bern. Mrs.

Neva White visited Monday. The Home Demonstration Club school: met Wednesday, at the home of Mrs. Julius Lewis. From the large attendance new officers were elected. For president, Mrs. Lola Mc-Cabe: vice president. Mrs. Brinson: secretary and treasurer, Mrs. J. Lewis. The demonstration lesson was - on wrapping Christmas Carteret county was covered packages. The serving was fruit cake with whipped cream, cocoa cola, and Christmas candies

Mrs. Cal Whaley and family spent Sunday in Bay View visiting

Mr. Leonard Sluder left Friday for Newport, Tenn., to spend the Christmas holiday with friends Miss Bertha Newman of Wash-

Shrimp Survey Committee Meets Today at Raleigh

The North Carolina shrimp sur vey committee is meeting today at Raleigh to receive bids on a boat for use in the outside shrimp surnome of Mrs. Cicero Guthrie. Cake vey which, it is hoped, will get under way the beginning of Jan-

Specifications, numbering about 40, were sent to various boat own-Mr. and Mrs. J. McCoy and ers and these owners were requested to submit the rental price of their craft to the shrimp committee. These are the prices that will! be reviewed today

> Local member of the shrimp committee is C. Gehrmann Holland, Beaufort. Dr. William Ellison, director of the Institute of Fisheries Research, Morehead City, will attend the meeting.

> Other members are Garland Fulcher. Oriental, Richard Bennett, William Wells, Southport,

:: Smile a While ::

Second grade child in Beaufort

Teacher, Santa Claus had a false face on the other day when he came to Beaufort in the hoat, and I know why, too. He had just shaved and he didn't want us children to see him with his whiskers off!

ington, N. C., is here to enjoy the Christmas holiday with her niece, Mrs. Henry Nichols.

Mr. Clyde Moore arrived home Wednesday from State College to be with his mother, Mrs. Letha Moore, for the holidays

Mr. and Mrs. Clifford Faglie motored to Durham, Tuesday, in company with their mother who went there for a checkup, and they to do a bit of shopping.



MY HUSBAND IS VERY BUSY NOW AND DOESN'T WANT TO BE DISTURBED

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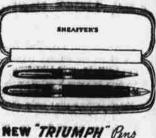


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