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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 county.

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 destroy the prevailing personal interest the physician has in his patients.

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 heavy tax payment are limited to routine treatment from his doctor," says the Medical Economics magazine, "hospitalization in an overcrowded public institution, and free pills from his pharmacist."

Doctors are alarmed, but they, as a whole, have waited too long to take action that would have bypassed 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, federal and state, to properly administered public health departments located in various municipalities or the county seat of every state, this medical attention could have been provided to lower-income 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 at 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 only 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.

He 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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### THAT AIN'T SANTA CLAUS!



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

Continuous pouring of cement 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 Strand's Food Center building.

When the teachers of the State were informed that they were not to get their pay checks until after Christmas, the howl that went up 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 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 job 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 state headquarters that all orders for induction and physical examinations have been cancelled during the month of December.

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

**OUR Merry Christmas CALL TO YOU!**

This Christmas, more folks than ever before will be telephoning Christmas greetings by long distance. We will make every effort to speedily complete your calls, but telephone traffic will be heavy. So will you please place your calls early, and should you have a short wait, please be patient.

Thank you and Merry Christmas  
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### 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.

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

**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.

**FIVE YEARS AGO**  
Carteret county was covered with 8 inches of snow, the biggest snowfall since 1936.

**CAMP GLENN**  
Dec. 18 — Mr. Roy A. West is home on leave after an interesting cruise, in the service of U. S. Navy, to European and South American ports, commencing some six months past, from Newport, R. I.

**SHRIMP SURVEY COMMITTEE MEETS TODAY AT RALEIGH**  
The North Carolina shrimp survey committee is meeting today at Raleigh to receive bids on a boat for use in the outside shrimp survey which, it is hoped, will get under way the beginning of January.

**FRANKLIN MEMORIAL MET AT HOME OF MRS. CICERO GUTHRIE**  
The Franklin Memorial met at the home of Mrs. Cicero Guthrie. Cake and soft drinks were served. Congratulations to Mr. and Mrs. Elmo Shilver, and welcome to the new family and community addition. His name—Glenn Edward.

**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 McRoy with two daughters, Carol and Patsy, and son David, also Mr. Robert White of New Bern, Mrs. Neva Willis visited Monday.

**MR. LEONARD SLUDER LEFT FRIDAY FOR NEWPORT, TENN., TO SPEND THE CHRISTMAS HOLIDAY WITH FRIENDS.**  
Miss Bertha Newman of Washington, 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 Fagle motored to Durham, Tuesday, in company with their mother who went there for a checkup, and they to do a bit of shopping.

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

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**Specifications, numbering about 40, were sent to various boat owners 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. Gehrman 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 school:

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### GIFT HEADQUARTERS FOR LAST MINUTE SHOPPERS — LARGE SELECTIONS OF GIFTS FOR THE WHOLE FAMILY!

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