

Report Shows That Drowning Claims 150 Each Year In State

More than 150 North Carolinians annually lose their lives in accidental drownings, it is revealed by the Accident Prevention Section of the North Carolina State Board of Health in asking all persons to exercise precautions while engaging in water sports this summer.

Dr. Charles M. Cameron, Jr., Chief of the Accident Prevention Section, pointed out that while a sizeable number of drownings occur in every season of the year, the toll is heaviest in the summer when outdoor recreational activities are at their peak.

"Almost half of all accidental drownings occur in June and July," Dr. Cameron said. "Most victims of drowning are males with the highest death rates from this cause being recorded for boys from 15-19 years of age."

Some insight into the circumstances under which drownings occur at various age periods has been provided by the files of the State Board of Health which investigates many of the accidental deaths reported by the local health departments and physicians, it was pointed out.

"Most of the drownings at ages from one to nine years appear to result from youngsters falling into of wading in rivers, creeks, and other bodies of water," Dr. Cameron said. "Among the younger of these children, there is evidence that a considerable proportion of the deaths took place around the home—some of them in ornamental garden pools, cesspools, septic tanks, wells, cisterns, and ponds."

"Quite different is the situation at the older ages," the state health official continued. "Swimming accounted for more than two-fifths of accidental drownings among boys and young men and watercraft accidents caused an additional one-sixth."

The Board of Health stated that the number of deaths from accidental drownings can be reduced only when every person is aware of the dangers associated with outdoor recreational activities.

"The state is adequately provided

with lakes, parks, and beaches where safe-guards against drowning have been provided," Dr. Cameron said. "All persons are urged to utilize these designated recreation areas. Much credit should also go to the American Red Cross, the Boy and Girl Scouts, the Coast Guard, and the National Safety Council for their activities designed to reduce the needless waste of lives from drowning."

Do You Remember?

BY J. P. PERRY

Benson, Arizona, December 28, 1953 . . . as stated last week, we spend the night here and leave this morning at 6:45 to see more prairie, rocks and mountains before sunrise. Route 86, Lakeside Station and Round-up Lodge at 7:15. We see the sun rise, in gold, from over the mountains . . . a beautiful sight. Willcox 7:20, elevation 4,000 feet. Snow on side of the highway and on distant mountains. Cactus and prairie . . . wide open spaces . . . not a tree to be seen anywhere . . . desolate looking. Bowie at 7:45 . . . "Home on the Range" cottages and Indian shops. San Simon Town, 7:55. Here we see a few trees and homes; also a drilling company and mountains in the distance. We cross the State line and enter New Mexico at 8:05. A long train of railroad cars and Steins Station on State line. Here we get back to Route 80 again. Wide open stretches and at lot of sand-blown farms as smooth as glass, 100 miles east of Benson. Lordsburg, N. M., at 8:30, elevation 4,240 feet . . . nice motels here and bright sunshine. Cactus Valley 8:45. For Sale . . . Indian and Mexican blankets, Chicago baskets, Indian pottery and bells, curios. We reach the "Continental Divide" at 8:55 . . . elevation 4,584 feet . . . cactus again and mountains. Gas sign 24c. Bowling trading post and museum, 9:05 on our left Natural Gas Co., oil refineries and copper near Mexican border again. Tourist Winter Resort, cotton fields and Casa-Linda Court. Deming, population 6,000, elevation 4,200. Snow covered mountains far away 9:55. More prairie and cactus. Los Crusco, a big town and nice stores. We visit here for 45 minutes. Near here are cotton fields and cotton picking going on. This area is watered by driven wells. Navajo Trading Post . . . Wind mills and cotton and cattle. Fort Geronimo Station 10:55. Mesilla Park 11:15 . . . Here are homes, trees, farming, tractors and cotton picking. Texas State line at 11:40. Cantillo 11:50. Lunch at Ft. Bliss and leave at 1:05. Prairie and sand until 2 o'clock. Elevation 542 feet. Here we see a sign "Carls-

bad Caverns, 100 miles." Let's go through the caverns.

New Safety Highway Pamphlets Distributed

The Department of Motor Vehicles is now distributing a new highway safety pamphlet entitled "Has the Dream Become a Nightmare?"

Edward Scheidt, Commissioner of Motor Vehicles, said the new pamphlet has been produced in cooperation with the North Carolina Petroleum Industries Committee and will be distributed to motorists of the state.

Pointing out that individual driver failures are the cause of a good 80 per cent of all highway accidents, the pamphlet underscores the point that "safe drivers make safe highways," Scheidt said.

The pamphlet emphasizes the human element of traffic hazards and contains a number of revealing quotations from traffic engineers, public officials, jurists and casualty insurance companies, all tending to discount the dangerous and all too common attitude that the modern highway is foolproof.

America by 1975 will have a population of 190,000,000, according to estimates made by the Social Security Administration.

This will represent an increase of about 29,000,000 over the population of 1954. These figures reflect the potentialities for this country's growth and demonstrate that there is no foreseeable limit on our capacity to produce, if we have the incentives and if we use our physical resources intelligently.

An increase in population and continuance of America's traditionally expanding economy will bring an increase in the labor force to about 88,600,000. This will mean 22,100,000 more persons will be at work in 1975 than were in 1954.

Raleigh — More than half of the 1,256 drivers involved in fatal traffic collisions last year in North Carolina had driving experience of longer than five years the Motor Vehicles Department reports.

Of the same number 908 were licensed Tar Heel drivers.

BURGESS CLUB MEETS

The Burgess Home Demonstration Club met Wednesday night with Mrs. Frank Ward at her home in Burgess.

The meeting opened by singing "Sweet and Low." Mrs. Ward gave the devotional, consisting of scripture and prayer. Minutes were read and approved and the roll called with 13 members present and one visitor. Mrs.

Howard Ward was added to the roll.

Mrs. Sidney Layden, Home Dairy Chairman, gave a report on milk in the diet and Mrs. Winston Lane reported on Food Conservation by freezing. Miss Perry made announcements concerning Farm Day to be held August 11, at the high school gymnasium. The club voted to give 50 cents per member toward the expenses.

Miss Perry gave a very helpful demonstration on fitting ready-mades. She used slides to show how waist lines could be properly fitted and how too long shoulder seams adjusted.

Two 4-H Club members, Annie Lou Lane and Annette Proctor gave a demonstration on serving green and yellow vegetables. They made and served a very tasty potato and nut loaf.

Mrs. J. B. Basnight made two book reports.

The prize for the contest went to Mrs. Sidney Layden. The door prize was presented Mrs. Basnight. The hostess served mints, nuts and marble cake with ice cream, topped with pineapple and cherries.

A nickname is the hardest stone that the devil can throw at a man.

—Quoted by Hazlitt.

BURGESS W. M. U. MEETS

The Burgess W. M. U. met Monday night with Mrs. William Stallings.

The meeting was opened by singing the theme song, "Jesus Saves," followed by The Lord's Prayer. The minutes were read and roll called with sixteen members and two visitors present. Mrs. Howard Ward's name was added to the roll.

Mrs. William Stallings gave an interesting program on "Proclaiming the Saviour in Formosa." The meeting closed with the Watchword.

The hostess served nuts, ice cream and cake.

EGG PRODUCTION DROPS

Production of eggs in North Carolina during May, 1954, amounted to 133 million—6 per cent below the 141 million laid during April but 4 per cent above the 128 million laid during May of last year. The drop of 8 million in production from the April level followed the normal seasonal pattern.

The average number of layers on hand in the State during May is estimated at 7,512,000 or about 2 per cent less than the 7,634,000 during May,

1953. Farm flocks in the nation laid 6 billion eggs in May—4 per cent more than in May last year, but 1 per cent below the 1948-52 average production. Egg production was above a year ago in all regions of the country.

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DR. C. A. DAVENPORT

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