

Gamma Globulin Of No Value In Polio State Official Says

Dr. John H. Hamilton, director of the State Laboratory of Hygiene, writes that:

"Competent evaluation of the gamma globulin used for contact injections and mass inoculation in 1953 indicated that for these purposes gamma globulin is worthless in that it neither prevented poliomyelitis nor decreased the severity of the disease."

"There is no gamma globulin available in 1954 for regular allocation for use in connection with poliomyelitis. This statement applies to both gamma globulin for injections to household contacts and for mass immunization in communities. We will make no replacements of gamma globulin used for household contacts during the year, 1954."

Dr. B. E. McGuire, district health officer, says in connection with Dr. Hamilton's statement, "We hope that the physicians and general public in our area will note the above statement. Only one case has been reported in our Health District this year. This is not an epidemic. Should any children become ill, of course, they should call their doctor early."

SOIL CONSERVATION NOTES

Several farmers are planning on doing some drainage work this fall. Preliminary surveys have been made recently on ditches for the following: Johnnie Stallings, John R. Norfleet, Rolo White, W. S. Jolliff, A. W. Lane, J. M. Fleetwood, Jr., W. B. Jordan, P. E. Lane and R. E. Dall.

During the first six months of 1954 Perquimans County farmers cooperating with the Albemarle Soil Conservation District improved the drainage on 1,375 acres of farm land. 14,000 bicolor plants and 4,000 multi-floro rose plants were set out and 100 lbs. of bicolor seed were sown for wildlife area improvement. These plants were furnished farmers by the N. C. Wildlife Resources Commission.

Eighteen conservation farm plans were prepared with Perquimans County farmers from January 1 to July 1, 1954.

Some of the permanent pastures in the county that had weeds in them have been clipped recently. This is an essential practice in proper management of pastures. Any soil is capable of supporting only so much vegetation. All space occupied by weeds will mean just that much soil fertility and moisture that will be lost in producing pasture grasses.

Average Student Books Cost \$3.49 Per Year

The nation spent \$3.49 for textbooks for each elementary and high school student during 1953. This is 5.4% more per pupil than in 1952, less than 1% of the total education budget, according to the American Textbook Publishers Institute.

Total secondary school textbook sales increased 11.3%, but school enrollments also increased tremendously in the same period. An estimated total of \$125,700,000 was spent in 1953 for elementary and high school texts.

The Textbook Institute estimates that 45,254,730 elementary textbooks, 70,619,000 elementary workbooks, 16,289,391 high school textbooks and 10,062,963 high school workbooks were sold during 1953.

The average value of an elementary textbook is \$1.26, of elementary workbooks 89c. The average value of a high school textbook is slightly higher at \$2.12 and high school workbooks

Couldn't "That young lady isn't very amusing, is she?" "No, she couldn't even entertain a thought."

State Board Adopts Record Budget For 1954-55; Approves \$118,277,843 For Schools

A budget totaling \$118,277,843 from State funds for operation of the public schools during the 1954-55 school term was adopted by the State Board of Education on July 1.

This amount does not include funds for the purchase of textbooks, school bus replacements, nor for the operation of the program of vocational education. The breakdown by objects is as follows:

General control	\$ 2,159,075
Instructional service	102,908,791
Operation of plant	6,849,000
Fixed charges	103,500
Auxiliary agencies	6,761,477
Other expense	6,000
Total	\$118,277,843

A comparison of the budget with preceding years indicates an increase in State costs of slightly more than 5 million dollars over estimated expenditures for 1953-54 approximately 9 million dollars over 1952-53.

The adopted budget for 1954-55 exceeds the State appropriation of \$116,524,964 for support of the nine months term, but a transfer of \$1,752,879 from a balance on June 30, 1954, permitted the adoption of the higher figure in order to meet the estimated needs.

According to C. D. Douglas, Controller for the State Board of Education, the budget for 1954-55 is higher than anticipated two years ago, when figures were presented to the 1953 General Assembly, because of increased enrollment in the public schools.

In order to take care of the tremendous increase in enrollment more than 1,100 additional teachers must be employed.

This newly adopted budget does not provide for any change in the present

pay scales of the school personnel. Salaries of teachers range from \$3,430 to \$3,420 for those holding Class A certificates, and from \$2,772 to \$3,607 for those holding graduate certificates.

HAYSEED

By UNCLE SAM

Boys and June Bugs
Mechanized farming has about abolished horses and mules from the farms. That change may or may not be observed by the present younger generation but it is quite noticeable in the eyes of the oldsters.

There is another change which might be noticeable to the older people, and that is the diminishing of June bugs. Maybe that is just another economy of nature. Why should nature produce June bugs when there is no longer a demand for June bugs. Instead of flying June bugs little boys are interested in flying toy airplanes. A little older they go all out building model planes.

There was a time when as little boys we watched the garden and orchard for the coming of the June bug. If they were numerous enough we not only selected a nice specimen for our first test but we would store away in our pockets a number of reserves. We would beg our mother for sewing thread and with this we would tie our bug and let it fly. One sport was to let a bug fly over a hen with chicks

and keep it just high enough so she could not catch it. If the bug decided to dive bomb while over her it meant catching a new recruit.

It has been a long time since we have seen a boy playing with a June bug. We wonder why the little fellows try to fly a paper plane without a motor when they could find one that has a live, dependable humming motor in it.



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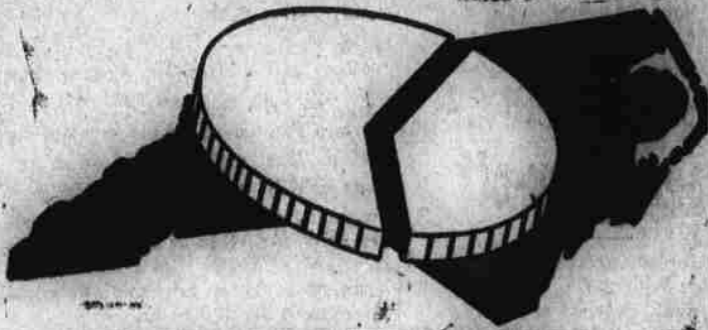
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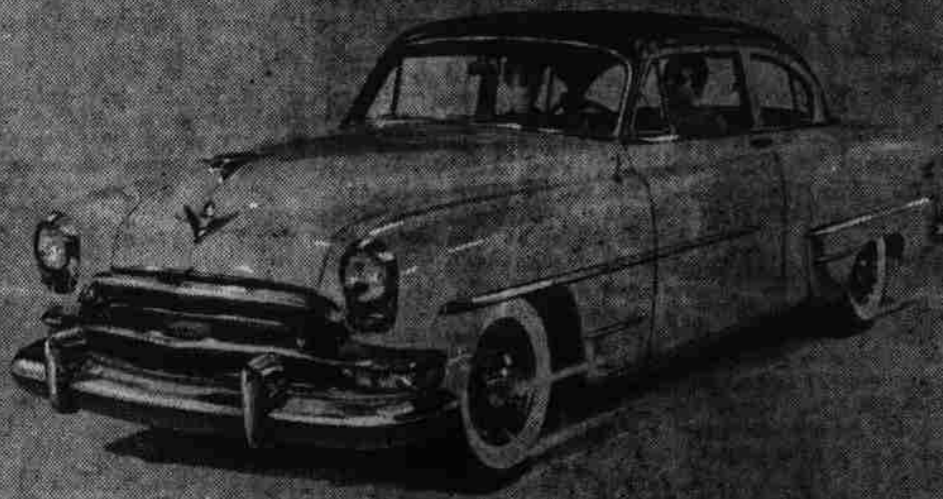
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