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3,500 Predicted To Die From Tuberculosis In 1973

More than 31,000 Americans will discover they have tuberculosis and about 3,500 will die from TB in 1973, according to Dr. Joe Pou, 1973-74 Christmas Seal Chairman of the Eastern Tuberculosis and Respiratory Disease Association.

Dr. Pou offered these other predictions for the nation's health released by the National Tuberculosis and Respiratory Disease Association.

(1) Of the new TB cases, approximately 40 percent will be found in cities.

(2) Emphysema will claim the lives of an estimated 21,300 persons and more than a half million new cases of the disease are expected.

(3) Bronchitis, emphysema and asthma, reported together by the National Center for Health Statistics will remain the ninth largest cause of death in the U.S.

(4) An estimated 265,000 Americans will enter hospitals for treatment of chronic bronchitis and emphysema.

(5) One million teenagers will take up smoking, 300,000 smoking-related deaths will occur. On the brighter, and healthier side, 3 million smokers will kick the habit.

(6) Acute respiratory conditions, primarily colds and influenza, will cause over 400 million school loss days, 112 million work loss days and 187 million work loss days.

(7) Transportation will continue to be the chief cause of air pollution, spewing more than 100 million tons of carbon monoxide into the air we breathe. Cars, incinerators, factories and other sources will send an estimated 290 million tons of waste into the air, about one and one-third tons for each man, woman and child in the country.

"These high tolls in illness and death can and must be reduced," Dr. Pou said. "Each of us can help by supporting the work of the local TB and Respiratory Disease Association. To date contributions from Perquimans County total \$1,743.31. If you

haven't answered your Christmas Seal letter, it's not too late to give more, so that Christmas Seals can do more to fight lung diseases and air pollution.

Please contact your local Christmas Seal Association, 112 South Pitt Street, Greenville, North Carolina, Phone 752-5093, if further information is desired.

117 Students On PCHS Honor Roll

William E. Byrum, principal of Perquimans County High School, released the following list of Honor Roll students for the grading period ending January:

9th Grade A-B Honor Roll
Debbie Meads, Patty Riddick, Beverly Carter, Terrie Gandia, Valerie Perry, Judith Darlene Riddick, Wayne Tarkenton, Dwaine Hinton, Paulette Johnson, Prescilla White, Patsy Cahoon, Deborah Lowe, Susan Banks and Tanya Spear.

10th Grade A Honor Roll
Ruthie Ward, Jeanette Jones, Cathy Evans, Dion Dale, Earl Lane, Carolyn Felton and Terry Cobb.

10th Grade A-B Honor Roll
Rita Byrum, Wendy Hurdle, Vance Godfrey, James Nixon, Larry Welch, Waverly Copeland, June Jordan, Teresa Layton, Donna Baker, Jackie Overton, Linda Spruill, Marvin Riddick, Nancy Long, Ella Sue Chappell, Sue Green, Tammy Spenser, Joel Perry, David Trublood, Thomas Rountree, Ruby Felton, Debbie Harrell, Anthony Whitehurst, Helen Banks, Homaria Jenette and Terry Chappell.

11th Grade A Honor Roll
Barry Lane, Glenn Phillips, Bettie Bryant, Diane Eure, Sue Proctor and Lois Eure.

11th Grade A-B Honor Roll
Wayne Ivey, Gerry Tillet, Wilson White, Phyllis Blanchard, Susan Bunch, Sylvia Gregory, Joan Miller, Deborah Nixon, Charlie Harrell, Donna Baker, Brenda Mansfield, Wade Winslow, Darlene Stallings, Betty Twine, Dollie Walton, Dona White, Debbie Sawyer,

Janet Bunch, Roger White, Stan Winslow, Linda Diane Baker, Sarah Bowser, Judy Harrell, Anita Rouse, Trena Terry and Wilma White.

12th Grade A Honor Roll
Kathy Marren, Frances White and Karen Overton.

12th Grade A-B Honor Roll
William Bowser, Ernest Chappell, Brad Fields, Leroy Lightfoot, Robert Murray, Craig Sutton, Jennifer Byrum, Ruth Stepey, Diane Thomas, Mary B. Ward, Eya Newby, June Lane, Freds Gowlin, Reginald Jennings, Carolyn Barcliff, Willie Faye Dail, Lillie Blount, Gail Proctor, Gloria Sutton, Jenny White, Wanda Jordan, Ben Berry, Diane Collins, Sybil Bateman, Cindy Cox, Valerie Jordan, Robin Perry, Carroll Barber, Ronnie Brothers, Allen Lassiter, Bill Newbern, Eddie Winslow, Vickie Chappell, Gail Eure, Jo Thach and Sara Winslow.

Library Receives Memorial Books

Three memorial books have been given to the Perquimans County Library recently. American Antiques is in memory of Nan Ward Winslow; International Encyclopedia of Art Vc. 23 (earlier volumes are already in the library as memorials) and The Outdoor Man's Fix-it Book are both in memory of Calude D. White.

Two cash contributions to the Library Memorial Fund have been given also. Both of these are in memory of Claude D. White by Dona, Tom, and Leslie White and by Mr. J.L. DeLaney and family. These cash contributions to the Library Memorial Fund will be deposited in a savings account to be used as a basis for fund drive in the future for some special library need. This memorial fund started last year is growing steadily and will be important in carrying out future plans for the library.

This week the library has received replacements for several old books that for one reason or another (worn out or lost) have been missing in our collection, but are often called for especially by students. These are: Oedipus plays of Sophocles; Persians by, Jane Austen; The Vicar of Wakefield; by Goldsmith; Billy Budd and Other Tales, and Types, by Melville; Frankenstein, by Shelly; and The Picture of Dorian Gray, by Oscar Wilde.

For the use of people compiling family records, the library now has the 1930 Federal census of Perquimans County.

New novels in the library this week are mostly by popular authors. These are: Snowfire, by Phyllis Whitney; Royal Summers, by Cadell; Role Britannia, by Dulsaurier; The White Peacock, by Roby; The Cheesecake, by MacDougal; Blood Sport, by Dick Francis; Daughter of Satan, by Plaidy, who also writes under the name of Victoria Holt; The Chandler Heritage, by Ben Haas; Trevaun, by Ryder; and Miss Bungle Book, by D.E. Stevenson.

BIG EXPORTER

North Carolina is one of the largest exporters of farm products in the nation, ranking fifth among all the states. In the fiscal year that ended last June 30, the state sold \$430 million in farm goods abroad.



AIMS MEETS AT COA — The North Carolina Association of Instructors in Machine Shop held its winter meeting at the College of The Albemarle Technical Center on Friday and Saturday, February 9-10. Institutions represented at the AIMS meeting were: Bladen Technical Institute, Wayne Community College, Central Piedmont Community College, Richmond Technical Institute, Fayetteville Technical Institute, Rockingham Community College, Wilson County

Technical Institute, Catawba Valley Technical Institute, and Rowan Technical Institute. Representatives from the State Department of Community Colleges and from the Newport News Shipbuilding Company also attended.

The meeting was appropriately held just before National Vocational Education Week, February 11-17. Albemarle area residents are urged to call or visit schools such as the COA Technical Center that have vocational education programs.

Medicare-Medicaid Explained

(PART I)

The Social Security Amendments which became law on Oct. 30, 1972, made many changes in Social Security programs such as Medicare and Medicaid.

Some of the new regulations are designed to improve program administration and hold little interest to the public. Others will increase available services or improve existing benefits under Medicare. Extension of Medicare coverage to disabled workers, coverage of kidney dialysis and kidney transplantation, improved home health services, increased physical therapy benefits, the addition of chiropractic services and voluntary coverage of individuals who have never been insured under Social Security are some of the more significant changes.

Under 65 Eligible
The extension of Medicare to individuals under age 65 is a departure from past program regulations. Previously, no individual could qualify for Medicare coverage before age 65. Now a person as young as 18 may enroll in Medicare if he has been disabled and entitled to disability payments under Social Security or the Railroad Retirement System for a minimum of 24 months and is

under age 65. Coverage would extend to disabled workers, disabled widows, dependent widows between the ages of 50 and 65, individuals aged 18 and over who became disabled before age 22, and disabled railroad retirees. Coverage to these groups was effective on Jan. 1, 1973.

A second group to whom Medicare coverage has been extended before age 65 are certain individuals with chronic kidney disease. To be eligible under this new provision the individual must be medically determined to have chronic disease and to require kidney dialysis or kidney transplant and be fully or currently insured under Social Security or be the spouse or dependent child of persons over 65. According to Ernest Phillips, chief of the Medicare-Medicaid Standards Section of the State Board of Health, a 12-year-old daughter of an insured worker could receive dialysis treatment or a kidney transplant in a qualified kidney treatment center and the Medicare program would reimburse the center for such treatment. This reimbursement would be subject to the regular deductible, coinsurance and premium provisions of the Medicare law. Payment will be

made for services provided after June, 1973.

Beginning July 1, 1973 hospital insurance is available on a voluntary basis to 65-year-old persons previously ineligible to enroll under Medicare. These include workers never covered under Social Security, wives who had never worked and could not qualify under their husband's eligibility, women not insured under Social Security and workers whose earnings had been so low or sporadic that they were unable to acquire insured status.

Monthly Premium Required

The individual who wishes this Part "A" coverage will have to enroll during stated enrollment periods. He will pay a monthly premium in the amount of \$33. This premium is subject to increase after July 1, 1974. Phillips pointed out that while this coverage may seem expensive, it should be remembered that private coverage would be unavailable to most of those eligible under the new provision because of their age and financial status. The recipient has the option of cancelling his voluntary coverage at any time by filing notice with the Social Security Administration. No persons will be enrolled until July 1, 1973.

The new amendments also eliminate the payment by the Medicare patient of the 20 percent coinsurance for home health visits under Part "B" of Medicare. Under old regulations, insured individuals were entitled to 100 home health visits during each calendar year as a Part "B" benefit. He had to pay 20 percent of the reasonable charges for these visits. Now Medicare will pay 100 percent of these charges. The patient receiving 10 nursing visits at \$10 per visit, for example, would have paid a coinsurance of \$2 per visit or a total of \$20 for the 10 visits. Now Medicare will pay the entire \$100. This benefit is effective with any services furnished on or after Jan. 1, 1973.

Double-Check Your Tax Return To Avoid Mistakes

Before sending in your 1972 Federal income tax return, check it over to see if you've left anything out, said Robert LeBaube, Acting District Director of Internal Revenue for North Carolina.

North Carolina taxpayers who do this can often catch errors in arithmetic or information they have omitted, he said.

Hollywood Rejects In Exhibition Game

Hometown fans will have the opportunity to see a combination of some outstanding basketball and a share of comedy at the same time on Friday, February 16, 1973 at 8:00 o'clock at the Perquimans High School Gymnasium, when the Hollywood Rejects Basketball Show will tangle with the Perquimans County faculty in an exhibition game. (Proceeds will go to the Guidance Club's Presidential Classroom project). The Rejects feature a variety of interesting and talented six footers, that combine the best in basketball skills and ball handling, with a little comedy, tricks, gags, gimmicks, and a laugh every minute during the game. At times the way they move, you will think they have six feet too.



PAT LEWIS

Sometimes it is hard to realize that you are at a basketball game, with all the antics going on, but the Rejects display some excellent basketball ability by playing serious ball during the first half. After that we are not responsible for any actions throughout the final half of the game. The Rejects have the height, being paced by two six foot three and one-half inch players. These two in nineteen year old Rudolph Mc' Guffie, and eighteen year old Terry Dudley control the game. To slow these two down,

we then have four players at six foot, and the midget of the show at five foot ten inches, Doug Finney. The middle men and the real speed for the game, are Leon Crockett, Sam Mathis, Pat Lewis and Jackie Poag. Tickets are on sale at the guidance office.

Blind To Benefit In Law Change

A worker who is blind or statutorily blind will benefit from a recent change in the social security law.

A person who meets the definition of blind, could be eligible for a check with less work than in the past.

If you are blind or statutorily blind, you will need to be fully insured to receive a disability check. This means you will need to have earned one quarter of social security credit for each year elapsing after 1950 up to the year you became disabled. If you reached age 21 after 1950, you count the quarters you will need by beginning with the year you are qualified with as little as 6

you are age 22 and ending with the year you became disabled. You could qualify with as little as 6 quarters of coverage.

Judge Horner Presides At Perquimans District Court

Judge Fentress Horner presided at the Wednesday session of Perquimans County District Court and heard the following cases:

Carson Linward Spellman, charged with driving under the influence (3rd offense), was given a sentence of 18 months suspended upon payment of a fine of \$600.00 and costs. An appeal was noted and Bond was continued.

William (Snowball) White, charged with larceny, received a 6 month sentence suspended upon payment of a fine of \$500.00 and costs and ordered to pay for pigs. An appeal was noted in the case and Bond was set at \$500.00.

Joseph Samuel Evans was taxed with costs on a speeding charge; Gerald Richardson Buchanan paid costs after he was found guilty of public drunk;

Ronald Leonard Beganie, charged with driving under the influence, received a 90 day sentence suspended upon payment of a fine of \$125.00 and costs, and ordered to surrender his driver's license;

Frank Thomas Gesser, charged with speeding, received a 90 day sentence suspended upon payment of a fine of \$300.00 and costs, and ordered to surrender his driver's license. An appeal was noted and Bond was set at \$500.00;

Elva Lee was taxed with costs on a charge of assault with a deadly weapon;

after he was found guilty of simple assault;

Edward Junior Woodard, charged with reckless driving, received a fine of \$35.00 and costs;

Ella Wilson was given a 60 day sentence suspended upon payment of a fine of \$25.00 and costs, and ordered to pay all hospital bills after she was found guilty of assault with a deadly weapon;

William Harris was found not guilty of assault with a deadly weapon;

Levi Revel was taxed with a fine of \$25.00 and costs on a public drunk charge;

Wallace Russell Olson, charged with driving under the influence, received a 90 day sentence suspended upon payment of a fine of \$125.00 and costs and ordered to surrender his driver's license for a period of 12 months.

DAIRY FARMING

Dairy farm numbers dipped below 2,000 in North Carolina last year for the first time in recent history. The reasons cited by dairymen for going out of business include these (listed in order of frequency cited): lack of labor, inefficient management, age and retirement, lack of resources, health and death.