

LOOKING OVER

OUR DISTRICT'S HEALTH

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RABIES

The Halifax County Health Department has been advised that an epizootic of rabies among dogs is in progress in Edgecombe, Nash and Wilson counties. This information is being made available to the public, not to frighten, but to inform the citizens of this county. Attention was called to the fact in a recent article that the season of the year for rabies is at hand and that precautions should be taken to guard against a rabies epidemic in Halifax County.

It is urged that everyone, particularly children, avoid all strange dogs and that all citizens who own dogs have them immunized against rabies as soon as possible.

Anyone owning a dog or observing a dog that behaves strangely should see that the animal is confined until it can be determined whether or not the condition is rabies. There are all stages and types of rabies, and a dog does not have to be "foaming at the mouth" to have this disease. Many times the dog has a paralysis and staggers when it walks; its eyes may be glassy; or it may snap at any and all objects it passes. Occasionally a friendly animal will change its behavior and avoid its master or even leave its home during the early stages of the disease—and later develop the rapid stage.

If, after an animal is confined, it develops signs and symptoms that resemble rabies, a veterinarian should be called to confirm the diagnosis. If there be any doubt about the diagnosis, it is recommended that the animal's head be sent to the State Laboratory of Hygiene, properly packed in ice. The Health Department will furnish information when requested regarding the packing of these heads.

Leatrice Whitby Has Birthday Party

Leatrice Whitley was hostess at a very delightful party given in honor of her 18th birthday at the Halifax Club House on March 11. The Club House was beautifully decorated with spring flowers and candles. Games were played and dancing was enjoyed by all the guests. The hostess served delicious refreshments, consisting of chicken salad sandwiches, cookies, candy and soft drinks, which were served by candlelight. Miss Whitley was honoree of many useful gifts. Approximately 75 guests attended.

Legion Asks Prisoners Of War Removal

Unanimously and enthusiastically the Executive Committee of the North Carolina Department of the American Legion, meeting in Raleigh recently, adopted a resolution urging the War Department to remove immediately from North Carolina the approximately 2,000 prisoners of war in contract work for employers in the State, in order to make these jobs available for unemployed war veterans.

The resolution, introduced by R. C. Godwin, State veterans employment representative, cited that according to reports of the United States Employment Service, more than 24,000 veterans of World Wars I and II and more than 10,000 non-veterans are actively seeking jobs through the USES offices, while 2,000 former enemy prisoners of war are depriving veterans of that many jobs. It asked that copies be sent to National Headquarters of the American Legion and to Senators and Representatives in Congress from N. Carolina, urging that action be taken toward removing these prisoners at once.

Birthday Party For Kenneth Shearin Buxton

Kenneth Shearin Buxton, young son of Mr. and Mrs. Russell Burton celebrated his seventh birthday Tuesday afternoon from 3:30 until 5 o'clock at the home of his parents on Henry Street. Games and contests were enjoyed during the afternoon. Kenneth received many lovely and useful birthday presents. They all sang "Happy Birthday" and then the fun began. Refreshments were served.

Those celebrating Kenneth's birthday were: Jean Hawkins, Dean Hawkins, Willis Maddrey, Janet Grisson, Linda Ruth Coburn, Russell Buxton, III, Hugh Cameron and Billy Manning.

Davenport - Hasty

Mr. and Mrs. L. E. Davenport announce the engagement of their daughter, Ruby Lois, to W. T. Hasty, son of Mr. and Mrs. N. L. Hasty of this city. The marriage will take place in the near future.

Peggy Ann Kidd Celebrates Birthday

Mr. and Mrs. D. I. Kidd entertained at the Scout Hut Saturday evening, March 9th with a Semi-Formal Birthday Dance from 8:00 until 11:30 o'clock in honor of their young daughter, Miss Peggy Ann Kidd's 15th birthday. The Scout Hut was lovely with pink and green crepe paper decorations and pink snapdragons in assorted bowls. The young folks enjoyed dancing during the evening. Miss Kidd was showered with many lovely and useful birthday gifts.

Mr. and Mrs. E. E. Lehman, Mr. and Mrs. Rogers and Mr. and Mrs. D. I. Kidd chaperoned the young folks. They served ice cream, cake, salted nuts, cookies and Pepsi-Colas.

Guests were: Margaret George, Anne Grizzard, Patricia Wilson, Ann Bunn, Mildred Dickens, Mary Francis Allsbrook, Doris Ingram, Mary Speight, Neal Allsbrook, Dolores Sheffield, Jean Sheffield, Betty Kidd, Josie Johnson, Anne Wood, Margaret Askew, Bobby Fisher, Dorothy Lynch, Annette Edwards, Anne Rodcliffe, Rubie Davis, Billy Morgan, Earl Rook, Reggie Braxton, Billy Clemmer, Sonny Hines, Thurman Bullock, Bobby George, A. W. Briggs, Dwight Elting, Douglas Jernigan, Robert Burton, Earl Waters, Toy Tilghman, Lloyd Williams, Pat Edwards, Charlie Edwards, Charles Daniels, Bobby Oakes, P. D. Medlin, Henry Johnson, Al Travis, A. B. Ussery, James Sledge, Z. F. Mitchell, Lewis Glasgow, Joe Kidd and Jerry Kidd.

Mrs. Earl Rook Is Hostess To Friends

Mrs. Earl Rook entertained with a lovely party at her home on Hamilton Street Tuesday evening at 8 o'clock. The livingroom where the tables were placed was lovely with spring flowers in assorted bowls. The high score prize was won by Mrs. Paul Overton and second high score was won by

Mrs. C. D. Fambrough. Lemon pie with nuts and coffee was much enjoyed at refreshment time.

Guests were: Mesdames Paul Overton, C. D. Fambrough, R. M. Pope, A. O. George, A. L. Gilliam, Beamon Helms, H. C. Wirtz and Miss Edna Wafford.

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