

Rabies

Ever so often, there is a "mad dog" scare in almost every community of any size. At such times the people often get very much worked up; dog catchers get busy, and the police enforce regulations about stray dogs running at large. Then, the scare blows over and "mad dogs" are forgotten for a spell.

Hasty action has resulted in the death of many valuable and innocent dogs and, perhaps, other pets, including house cats.

But there is a same manner in which this whole subject may be approached.

In view of recent "mad dog" scares in Raleigh and other points throughout the State, it occurred to me that it might be a good idea to pass on to the public some observations recently made by J. W. Kollogg, Assistant Director of the State Board of Health's Laboratory of Hygiene, where dogs' heads are examined to determine whether they are infected with rabies.

Mr. Kellogg deals with this subject from the standpoint of an expert, and from this point I quote Mr. Kellogg, who says: "Rabies is an acute infectious disease caused by a virus, which has an affinity for the central nervous system. It is primarily a disease of animals, all of which are susceptible to a greater or lesser extent. While prevalent in animals, the disease in man is rare. The hog is the natural reservoir of infection. This is due to his natural susceptibility and to the peculiar status of the dog, which alone enjoys the freedom from restraint usually accorded to his animal. Of all domesticated and wild animals the dog alone is allowed to roam at large and at the same time have free access to the home, with intimate contact with the members of the family.

"The disease is spread from an infected animal by the implantation of the specific virus usually by a bite. Thus infection from a stray dog may be transmitted to a family pet, and thence to unsuspecting children before symptoms are noticeable in the rapid animal. The period of incubation varies from two weeks to at least three months, and the virus may be present in the saliva of the dog at least three days before onset of marked symptoms. For this reason, a dog should be isolated as an animal whose behavior becomes unusual in character.

A change in disposition may be the first symptom. He may be unusually friendly or show distinct hostility towards people or other animals. Slight paralysis either of the throat or extremities may appear. The usual symptoms of a "mad" dog are generally known, and is that furious or rabid form of the disease. Less frequently the "dumb" or paralytic form. In this form other symptoms are less pronounced and the animal hides away, develops paralysis of the lower jaw and dies in a few days. In this form he may appear to have something wrong in his throat, and attempts to remove the object may result in dental exposure to the disease. In cats develop furious rabies, especially dangerous to children, rushing out from a hiding place, and scratching and biting savagely. Due to their habit of kicking their paws, cat scratches may be as dangerous as an active bite. Cattle and other livestock also susceptible, and due to their size and strength, are capable of doing much damage. The loss of valuable livestock by bites of rabid dogs must be considerable. Sick animals should receive the attention of a veterinarian. This is an economic item, but we are interested in the disease mainly from the public health standpoint, and regarding control measures in animals and preventive measures in man.

There are certain measures to be taken when one is bitten by an animal. If the animal is apparently normal, and there seems to be no reason to believe that he is rabid, he should be confined and observed for a period of from ten to two weeks to be sure that he is not in the early stages of the disease at the time the person was bitten. If at the end of that time the animal is still normal, the person is in no danger. If the dog develops symptoms of rabies within ten days of the time of the bite, there will yet be time to take the anti-rabic treatment, in cases bitten on the head.

In such cases treatment should not be delayed, but begun immediately and stopped if the animal is still normal at the end of the observation period. In no case should an apparently normal animal be killed in order to make a diagnosis of rabies. Failure to make a diagnostic "Negri bodies" like it necessary to make an inoculation and delay the diagnosis. Observation of the animal for a two weeks period will rule out the possibility of the disease in the suspected animal. If he is bitten by a rabid animal by one in which a diagnosis

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FORMER FACULTY MEMBER KILLED IN CRASH

Lieutenant Harry Lamar Matthews, 25 was instantly killed on Sunday when an Army pursuit plane he was piloting plunged into the Lordship Meadows near the Municipal airport in Bridgeport, Conn.

Lieutenant Matthews, a native of Gates, N. C. was a member of the Weldon H. S. faculty, resigning a few weeks before the end of the term last spring to enlist in the Army Air Corps. He took his training at New Pursuit Flying School in Texas. On December 21 he was married at the Post Chapel in Victoria, Texas to Miss Mary Mack Clark of Enfield. He was a member and a director of the Weldon Lion's Club and was interested in other civic, social and religious activities while here.

Funeral services were conducted today at noon from the Chapel of the Branch Funeral Home in Enfield. The body was then taken to his former home near Gates for burial in the family cemetery. His pastor, Dr. J. L. Carrick was the officiating minister.

Survivors include his wife, his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Alva Clayton Matthews of Gates, a sister, Miss Eileen Matthews of Banner Elk and two brothers, Philip Matthews and Roland Matthews, both of Enfield.

Deputy Commissioner Of Revenue To Be In Weldon March 2-3

J. G. Shannonhouse, Deputy Commissioner of Revenue, will be at the Weldon Hotel, March 2nd and 3rd for the purpose of assisting in the filing of income and intangible tax reports to the State of North Carolina.

If there are those wishing to get in touch with him before these dates he can be reached at the Smith Hotel in Roanoke Rapids.

Mr. Shannonhouse urges that everyone file early and save the penalty.

Applications Received For Cotton Crop Insurance

Applications now are being received by county AAA offices for insurance on the 1942 cotton crop, according to Tom Cornwell, Cleveland County farmer and a member of the State AAA Committee.

This is the first time North Carolina's 175,000 cotton producers have been offered an opportunity to insure their yields in a plan similar to the wheat crop insurance which has been available for the past two years, Cornwell said. "This insurance is issued by the Federal Crop Insurance Corporation, and affords the cotton producer an opportunity to insure his yield either for 75 per cent or 50 per cent of his normal production in past years," Cornwell said.

"The corporation is a non-profit agency of the United States Department of Agriculture, and funds for administering the program were appropriated by Congress. Cotton and wheat insurance is not designed to make money for the farmer or the corporation, but to serve, like fire insurance, as a partial protection against loss."

Premium rates are determined for individual farms on the basis of losses during the past seven years, and these records now are available in the county AAA offices.

He pointed out that the insurance is available to anyone having an interest in a cotton crop, whether landowner, tenant or sharecropper. Insurance taken by one person having an interest in the crop, however, has no effect on any other person interested in the same crop. An applicant may choose insurance on three fourths or one half of his normal production as he desires.

Premiums, it was pointed out, are payable at the time the application is signed or may be deducted from payments due the applicant in 1942 for compliance in the 1942 Agricultural Conservation Program in the same manner as grant of aid costs are deducted.

In no case, he said, will production be insured on more than the cotton acreage, allotted under the AAA program. Deadline for filing applications is March 15th.

Crash Victim



HARRY L. MATTHEWS

GRADY HARPER

Funeral services were conducted from the residence here this afternoon for Grady Harper, 54 who died Tuesday night following a short illness from pneumonia. The rites were conducted by the Rev. W. W. Finlator and interment followed in Cedarwood cemetery.

Mr. Harper was born near Halifax but had made his home in Weldon for a number of years where he ran a taxi service.

He is survived by his wife, Mrs. Mary Harper and two brothers, Al Harper and Joe Harper of Halifax.

RECORDERS COURT NEWS

James Williams, colored of Enfield, affray, 90 days on the roads upon failure to pay costs.

William W. McDonald, white of Roanoke Rapids, non-support 8 months on the roads, suspended on payment of the costs and on condition he appear the first Tuesday of each month for 12 months and show he has paid his wife the sum of \$7.50 weekly for support of herself and child. To file appearance bond in amount of \$250. This cause is retained.

C. P. Clark, white of Newport News speeding, judgment suspended on payment of costs and surrender of his operators license for 30 days.

Percy Jenkins, Prince Knight, Turner Hight, colored of Weldon, affray. Prayer for judgment continued on condition each remains of good behavior for two years. Knight and Hight to pay 1-2 the costs each.

O. Ray Bowen, white of Ayden speeding, prayer for judgment continued on payment of a fine of \$5.00 and costs.

Lorenza Lewis, white of Beaufort speeding, judgment suspended on payment of the costs and not to drive for 30 days.

Walter Davis, Samuel Davis and Sim Lyon, colored of Enfield, affray with out license, prayer for judgment continued on payment of the costs and on condition neither of them operate a motor vehicle for four months and then only if they have obtained operators license.

Calvin Brown, colored of Roanoke Rapids, attempted larceny, 4 months on the roads.

Harvey Baker, colored of Weldon non-support the prayer for judgment is continued upon payment of the costs and on condition he pay the sum of \$4.00 per week to Mollie Robinson for the support of his minor children.

Luke Taylor, colored of Darlington, S. C. reckless driving, operators license revoked for 30 days to become effective February 18, 1942. The defendant ordered to pay the costs.

Elmer Giblin, white of Williams, prayer for judgment continued on payment of the costs and not to drive for 30 days.

Robert Pierce, colored of Enfield reckless driving, prayer for judgment continued on payment of the costs and license revoked for 30 days.

Henry Bailey, colored of Enfield reckless driving, judgment suspended on payment of the costs, operators license revoked for eight months.

Frank Tillman Storey, white of Augusta, Ga., speeding, prayer for judgment continued on payment of the costs and on condition he pay a fine of \$5.00.

Markers Must Be Removed, Buildings

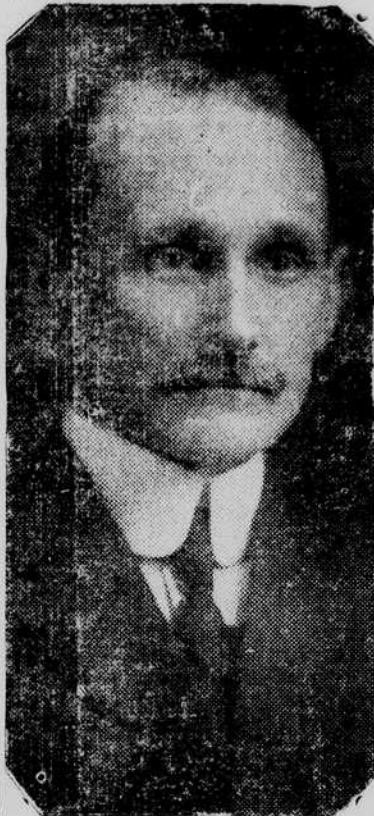
F. H. Clark, local chairman of Civilian Defense, has been notified by A. L. Hux, County Chairman, that by urgent order of the Secretary of War and the Civil Aeronautics Administration, all existing markers within one hundred and fifty miles of the Atlantic and Pacific Coasts are to be obliterated immediately. Also that no additional air markers are to be constructed throughout the continental United States until further notice.

Mr. Clark was urged to determine the location and bring about the obliteration of any markers or markings which might be effective as identification signals around Weldon. He is also asked to secure the cooperation of private concerns, municipalities and others in the prompt obliteration of markings on water tanks, factory buildings or any other buildings or structures.

Mr. Hux also asked the cooperation of the Mayor and the local police department in this obliteration program.

The North Carolina Wing of the Civil Air Patrol has volunteered to check this area by flight observation when the obliteration of markings and markers has been concluded.

CANDIDATE



E. L. TRAVIS

Senator E. L. Travis of Halifax has announced his candidacy for nomination of State Senator for Halifax County from the fourth Senatorial District in the coming Democratic primary, to succeed himself.

Senator Travis was elected in a special election to fill the unexpired term of Dr. T. W. M. Long of Roanoke Rapids, who died suddenly in office during the last legislative session.

Mrs. Johnston Dies

Mrs. J. A. Johnston died at her home here this afternoon after an illness of several months. Funeral services will be conducted from the residence Friday afternoon at 3 o'clock by the Rev. W. W. Finlator and interment will follow in Cedarwood cemetery.

New Books In Public Library

Frenchman's Creek, Daphne Du Marrier.
Dragon Seed, Pearl Buck.
Mr. and Mrs. Cougatt, Isabel Scott Rorick.
Murder with Southern Hospitality, Leslie Ford.
First Ladies, Kathleen Prindiville.
Introduction to Television, C. J. Hylander.
An American A. B. C., Maud and Miska Petersham.
The Pine Tree That Ran Away, Henry Bestor.
Come Meet the Clowns, Lydia Furbush and Dorothy Neumann.
Public Papers and Messages of Franklin D. Roosevelt, 4 volumes 1937-1940.

\$1,000 Given For Research

Winston-Salem, N. C.—Mrs. Wilburn Clary, President of the Winston-Salem Junior Woman's Club recently presented a check from the club to Dr. R. P. Morehead and Dr. R. R. Garvey who will make use of it for research work in bladder diseases. The check for \$1,000 is the initial donation for a fund to be known as the Mamie Brown Latham Foundation and will form a nucleus for the fund research fund each year to be used for the project considered most worthy of it at the time. Drs. Morehead and Garvey will continue their study, which has been under way for some time already, of the relation of vitamin deficiencies to smooth muscle tone. Research is being carried on by means of controlled groups of rats in which the deficiency is produced and proper diet used as a corrective. Mrs. R. H. Latham, of Asheville, is the one for whom the fund has been named. She founded the club when she lived here several years ago. Mr. Latham was formerly superintendent of Winston-Salem public schools. Mrs. Latham is now treasurer for the General Federation of Woman's Clubs and was for a number of years president of the

Wrecks In This Section Plentiful Over Week End

Less Of Payroll Dollar Goes For Food Than In '17

Workers Leave Thirteen Per Cent Less Of Total Income at Grocery Than During World War I, Despite Food Price Increases.

Washington, D. C., February 19.—The average working man leaves about 13 cents less of his weekly payroll dollar at the grocery store today than he did during the year America entered World War I, even though food prices generally have risen some 15 per cent during the past twelve months.

Reduction of extra marketing costs by efficient distributors has been one of the most recent factors helping to "stretch" retail food dollars, according to current reports of the United States Department of Agriculture showing that the "typical working man's family" of 4.9 persons today spends only 23 cents of his income dollar on food for the family dining table.

In contrast, the Department reports that 36 per cent out of every dollar of the family's income went for food in 1917, when the typical working man's family earned \$1,331 compared to \$1,888 last year.

Super markets are cited by the Bureau of Agricultural Economics as bringing "important economies" to food retailing, and confirming reports were issued this month by a leader in developing this type of sales unit, the A and P Tea Company. The food chain announced that elimination of unnecessary handling operations and costs has reduced over all operating expenses to the lowest point in the company's 82 years, with as little as 10 cents of the retail dollar now covering distribution charges for some foods trucked direct from growing areas to many super markets.

For the nation as a whole, on food marketed through all trade channels, the Bureau of Agricultural Economics reports that marketing costs took 52 cents on the average out of the retail food dollar, eight cents less than in 1938.

On the basis of food costs alone, budgeteers among working families are better off today than they were during the "prosperity" years of 1940 and 1929. Government reports show that the typical working man fed his family for \$430 last year, compared to the \$540 required in 1929 and \$688 in 1920.

The 23 cents that food costs take from the income dollar today is the smallest share in 29 years of government record.

There were no injuries Tuesday morning when a transfer truck driven by Luke Taylor, a Darlington, S. C. Negro, ripped the left front fender from a car driven by Miss Hannah Smedley of Pennsylvania, in an attempt to pass her on highway 301 at second gravel branch. The impact of the truck caused Miss Smedley's car to crash into the highway guard fence. She was accompanied by another lady but neither were hurt.

Taylor was tried in Recorders Court Tuesday on a charge of reckless driving and was fined the cost of court and had his operators license revoked for thirty days.

FOUR NEGROES LOSE LIVES

Four Negroes lost their lives sometime during Saturday night when the car in which they were riding ran off the highway and into Boone's Mill pond near Jackson. The accident was discovered Sunday morning by Gordon Dickens of Weldon, who while passing along the highway at that point noticed tire marks indicating that a car had gone over into the pond and also saw an automobile head light floating on the water.

Dickens reported to Northampton authorities who upon investigation located the car in about twelve feet of water and when brought to the surface contained the four bodies.

The driver of the car was identified by his birth certificate found in his pocket, as John Willie Stone, Jr., of 26 Bagley St. Portsmouth, Va., and the other man in the car was identified by his Selective Service card as Wesley Stone of 86 Holston St. Portsmouth, Va., the other two bodies, young negro girls, were not identified until later in the day when one was identified as Katherine Stone, wife of Wesley Stone. No identification of the other girl had been made when the bodies were removed from Grant Funeral Home in Jackson by a Norfolk undertaker.

Investigation into the accident was made by Northampton County officers and members of the state highway patrol.

THREE INJURED IN THREE CAR CRASH

Jennings Penny of Kearsville, S. W. Smith of Warsaw and Sterling Harris of Roanoke Rapids are in Roanoke Rapids Hospital as the result of a three car crash that occurred Saturday evening at 6:40 on the Northampton County side of the Roanoke river bridge on highway 301.

According to report the car driven by Penny, with Smith as a passenger, crashed into the rear of a car driven by Richard Hardy, Pleasant Hill negro, then veered off into a taxi belonging to the B. F. Johnson Taxi Service of Roanoke Rapids and driven by Jack Bell with Sterling Harris as a passenger.

Penny sustained a broken leg and severe lacerations about the head and face, Harris a broken leg, bruises and lacerations and Smith a badly cut chin and neck. Neither the driver of the taxi nor the negro were injured.

All three cars were badly smashed.

Drunken Driver Crashes With Truck

A Plymouth sedan driven by John Dallas Garner crashed into a transfer truck owned by the L. and M. Transfer Company of Littleton and driven by Thomas Peters, Tuesday night about 9:30 o'clock on the Northampton County side of the Roanoke river bridge.

Garner who is alleged to have been intoxicated, struck the end of the bridge then crashed into the truck. He was only slightly injured and is out on bond on a charge of driving while drunk.

The truck was damaged but the driver escaped injury.

The Book Club

Mrs. Wiley Ellis entertained the members of The Book Club Saturday afternoon, February 14th at her home in Garysburg. In the absence of the president, Mrs. G. C. Green, vice-president, presided. Fifteen members responded to roll call.

Mrs. W. G. Suiter opened the program with Margaret Sangsters "Resolutions on the Month of February."

Mrs. A. W. Oakes read an article about Abraham Lincoln "In the White House 1861-65."

Following the program the hostess, assisted by Miss Martha Ellis and Miss Constance Joyner served delicious sandwiches, Russian tea and salted nuts.