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Looking Over Our Districts' Health

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TYPHOID FEVER IN PINETOPS

One case of typhoid fever has been reported and investigated in Pinetops. Although this case is a mild one, the cases which might result from this could be serious. Individual cases are different.

This infection, which is caused by the typhoid bacillus usually entering the body by drinking contaminated water or eating contaminated food, is dreaded with the approach of summer. Typhoid fever is a serious disease. It may begin in from 3 to 38 days after infection, but usually in from 10 to 14 days. The infected person may feel tired and out of sorts for a few days, and then other symptoms may begin to develop, loss of appetite, a dull headache, fever which rises a little higher each day for the first week and constipation or diarrhea. About the seventh day a rash, consisting of small rose colored spots is likely to appear on the stomach and chest. Continuous fever for from two to four weeks is common. The average duration of illness, including convalescence is about 9 weeks, but convalescence may be unusually long if the attack is severe or if there are complications.

The germs of typhoid are present in the intestinal and urinary tract of a person infected with the disease, or of a carrier and are spread to other people chiefly in water polluted with infected body wastes. For example if a water supply is polluted with drainage from poorly built or improperly located privy vaults in unsewered districts, or if human discharges left on the ground drain into water systems, wells or springs, the water may be infected with typhoid fever germs. Typhoid fever germs often get into milk thru carelessness or lack of cleanliness on the part of those who handle it. When milk is pasteurized - heated to 146 degrees F. for 30 minutes - typhoid fever germs are killed. These typhoid fever germs may enter the intestines with raw food which has been grown in contaminated soil or water. Flies may carry the germs and in this way contaminate milk and other food.

The health department and the community working together can stamp out typhoid fever. This is proved by the fact that in 1940 there were no deaths from typhoid fever in 41 large cities located in various parts of the United States. The typhoid fever rate dropped from 20.54 per 100,000 population in 1910 to 0.48 in 1940, the lowest on record. However, each year about 16,000 persons in the United States and Canada contract typhoid fever and 1,600 die of it.

Today it is not necessary that a single individual have typhoid fever. Typhoid fever vaccination prevents the disease. Go to your family physician for your typhoid vaccination or to the local health department. The health department holds an immunization clinic every Saturday afternoon from 2 to 4 in Tarboro and each Saturday from 10 to 12 in Halifax. In addition a series of clinics will be held throughout the district, starting May 15.

Let us summarize the ways of preventing typhoid fever:

First - Be sure that you use pure water. It is never safe to drink from wells, springs, ponds, rivers, lakes or other sources where the water has not been tested and approved for drinking, even though it may look clear and sanitary.

Second - Use pasteurized milk from clean dairies and clean food that is protected from flies. Milk which is boiled in the home is safe.

Third - Be vaccinated against typhoid fever and have all the members of your family vaccinated.

Fourth - All persons having the disease or suspected of having it should be reported at once to the local health department.

Fifth - Waste matter from persons having typhoid fever should be mixed immediately with chlorinated lime or carbolic acid to kill the typhoid germs.

Your health department asks your cooperation in stamping out

FOUR CASES OF DIPHTHERIA

Dr. W. K. McDowell, Health Officer, reports that there have been four cases of diphtheria in the Edgecombe-Halifax Health District the first three months of this year. "This," adds Dr. McDowell, "emphasized the need of immunizing every child within his first year of life. Immunizations have been given to 632 children this quarter."

The Health Department holds an immunization clinic every Saturday morning from ten to twelve o'clock in the office building in Halifax. Parents are urged to bring their children for immunizations during these hours.

this unnecessary menace. The following is a complete schedule of typhoid immunization clinics:

Monday, May 15, 22 and 29 - June 5

Pittard Store ----- 9:30 A. M.
Bethel Church ----- 10:30 A. M.
Bobbitt's Chapel ----- 11:30 A. M.
Aurelian (Springs) School ----- 12:30 P. M.
Darlington School ----- 2:00 P. M.
Community Center (FSA) ----- 3:00 P. M.
Moonlight Filling Station ----- 9:30 A. M.
West End Filling Station ----- 10:30 A. M.
Rosemeath School ----- 12:00 M.
Scotland Neck Health Center ----- 3:00 P. M.

Tuesday, May 16, 23, and 30 - June 6

Light Neck School ----- 9:45 A. M.
Norfleet Railway Station ----- 10:45 A. M.
Shields Commissary ----- 11:45 A. M.
Sams Head School ----- 1:00 P. M.
Everetts Store (Palmyra) ----- 2:00 P. M.
Whites Store (Hobgood) ----- 3:00 P. M.
Buck Kitchen's Gin House ----- 4:00 P. M.
Enfield Health Center ----- 11:00 A. M.
Thelma ----- 9:30 A. M.
Print School ----- 10:30 A. M.
Littleton Town Hall ----- 11:30 A. M.
Allens Grove School ----- 9:30 A. M.
Daniel Chapel School ----- 10:45 A. M.
Harrison School ----- 11:45 A. M.
Eden School ----- 12:30 P. M.
Hardraee School ----- 1:30 P. M.
Draper School ----- 2:45 P. M.
Ward School ----- 4:00 P. M.

Wednesday, May 17, 24 and 31 - June 7

Neville Store (Heathsville) ----- 9:45 A. M.
Wayman School ----- 10:30 A. M.
Mohorns Store (Brinkleyville) ----- 11:30 A. M.
Crawleys Store (Hollister) ----- 12:30 P. M.
Silver Hill School ----- 1:45 P. M.
Ringwood ----- 2:30 P. M.
Nevilles Store (Glenview) ----- 3:30 P. M.

Thursday, May 18, 25 and June 1, 8

Little Zion School ----- 9:30 A. M.
Tillery Chapel School ----- 10:15 A. M.
Jack Jones Store (Tillery) ----- 11:00 A. M.
Hancock's Store (Spring Hill) ----- 12:30 P. M.
Hills Cross Roads ----- 1:15 P. M.
Crowells Service Station ----- 2:30 P. M.
Pea Hill School ----- 3:30 P. M.
Springfield School ----- 9:30 A. M.
Ray Shearin Store ----- 10:15 A. M.
St. Luke School ----- 11:00 A. M.
Airlie ----- 11:45 A. M.
Tabron School ----- 12:15 P. M.
Goldmine School ----- 1:00 P. M.
Faucett Store ----- 2:00 P. M.
William R. Davis School ----- 2:45 P. M.
Powell Store ----- 3:30 P. M.
Twilight School ----- 4:15 P. M.

Friday, May 19, 26 and June 2, 9

Haywood School ----- 9:30 A. M.
Albert Tillery School ----- 10:15 A. M.
Dawson Cross Roads ----- 11:15 A. M.
Balfour Dunn's Store ----- 12:00 M.
Mullens School ----- 1:30 P. M.
Mt. Calvary Church ----- 3:00 P. M.
Tom Lawrence Store ----- 4:00 P. M.
Weldon Colored School ----- 9:00 A. M.
Roanoke Rapids: Old Rocky Run School ----- 10:00 A. M.
School ----- 11:00 A. M.
Qaunkey School ----- 12:00 M.
Colored School ----- 1:00 P. M.
Lincoln Height Church ----- 100 P. M.
Stimmons Grove Church ----- 2:00 P. M.
Weldon Health Center ----- 10:30 A. M.

Make Plans For Fifth War Loan Drive In State



North Carolina War Finance Committee officials confer with Washington representatives of the War Finance Division of the Fifth War Loan Drive, at a regional meeting held in Atlanta recently. Those attending were: Front row, left to right - Allison James, Executive Manager, War Finance Committee, Greensboro; Ted R. Gamble, National Director, War Finance Division, Washington; Miss Harriet Elliott, National Director, Women's Division, Washington; Mrs. Karl Bishop, State Chairman, Women's Division, Spray, N. C.; Mrs. Lyle Shoemaker, Vice - Chairman, Women's Division, Asheville, N. C.; T. C. Abernathy, Deputy Manager, Greensboro.

Local Scouts Win Camporee Ribbons

Helps Russians



JUNIUS H. ROSE

Raleigh, May 8th--Heading the "Clothes for Russia" campaign in North Carolina is Junius H. Rose (above) of Greenville. The clothing collection began in this State May 1 and will end May 14. Preliminary reports on the clothes collection indicate a generous response by North Carolinians. Rose reported. Any school child will be glad to take donations to the local collection center. It is estimated that 70,000,000 plundered civilians in war torn Russia are in desperate need of clothing to replace garments taken by the Nazis before they retreated.

John M. Stephenson

John M. Stephenson, 38, died at his home here Wednesday night after an illness of several months. Funeral rites will be conducted Friday afternoon at 4 o'clock from the Weldon Methodist Church and burial will follow in Cedarwood cemetery. The services will be conducted by the Rev. D. L. Fouts.

Mr. Stephenson was a native of Warren County but had made his home here for fourteen years. He is survived by his wife, Mrs. Margaret Stephenson, a daughter Eleanor Stephenson, one son Richard Stephenson all of Weldon, four sisters, Mrs. A. P. Ellis and Mrs. L. W. Edwards of Weldon, Mrs. Clyde Lloyd and Mrs. Norman Loyd of Warren County and five brothers, William Stephenson, United States Navy, now stationed at Williamsburg, Va., Howard, Henry, Macon and Irving Stephenson all of Warrenton.

FEED SHORTAGE

The quickest and cheapest way to do something about the feeding problem is to provide more grazing, silage and hay, says John Arey, Extension dairyman at North Carolina State College.

The Weldon Boy Scouts were made up members of Boy Scouts Troops from the Halifax and Roanoke-Chowan Districts at a Boy Scout Camporee held here on May 5, 6 and 7th.

On Friday afternoon immediately following the Boy Scouts parade Mr. Baeheler entertained the scouts with a free movie.

A Court of Honor was held on the night of May 5th. Four Scouts were presented with the "Bronze Palm" which is the next rank after an Eagle Scout. In order to receive the "Bronze Palm" a Scout must earn 26 merit badges.

Saturday night Lieutenant Duncan of the Army Air Force gave a talk on his experiences as a pilot. He was stationed at Pearl Harbor at the time it was attacked by the Japs. He is now stationed at the Richmond Army Air Base training for overseas duty. Also a short skit "Pistol Packing Mama" was given by two Scouts from Roanoke Rapids.

On Sunday morning Church Service were conducted by the Rev. W. W. Finlator and the Rev. D. L. Fouts at the Weldon High School auditorium.

All five patrols from Weldon won a Blue Ribbon by totaling more than 800 points in all contests.

Bill Kittner,
Boy Scout Scribe.

New Head Virginian Railway Company

New York, May 9th--George D. Brooke, chairman of the board of The Virginian Railway Company today (Tuesday, May 9) announced the election of Frank D. Beale as president and a director of the Virginian to succeed Carl Bucholz who has retired after serving as president since 1934. A few weeks ago, Mr. Bucholz was granted a leave of absence at his own request. These changes will take effect on May 15th.

Mr. Beale has been vice-president in charge of operations of The New York, Chicago and St. Louis Railroad Company since March 1943. He entered the railroad business in 1915 with the Chesapeake and Ohio. He rose through the engineering and operating departments until, in 1941, he was made assistant vice-president and assistant to the president of the Chesapeake and Ohio, the Pere Marquette and The New York, Chicago and St. Louis railroads.

As president of the Virginian, Mr. Beale will be an executive officer of a railroad known as one of the nation's leading coal carriers. The Virginian was built by the late H. H. Rogers to bring coal from the rich bituminous fields of southern West Virginia and western Virginia to the Tidewater at Norfolk.

Soldiers Attack, Rob Benefactor

Dick Taylor, Enfield, Slugged Unconscious After Giving Ride to Two Men

Enfield, May 10--Dick Taylor of Enfield was knocked unconscious and robbed of \$34 and his automobile Saturday night by two soldiers whom he had given a ride from Whitakers to Enfield.

Taylor had been in Whitakers on business. When leaving he picked up two soldiers who hailed a ride while they were standing in a hard rain. One seated himself beside Taylor, the other on the back seat of the automobile.

When they reached Enfield they asked Taylor how far he was going, and he replied, "To the stop light." One of the men immediately caught him about the neck and the other struck him on the right cheek just below the temple, causing him to lose consciousness. The next thing Taylor knew they were about three miles north of Enfield, and were heard to say, "We can't do it here--it's too close to the house."

They backed out of their parked place and proceeded towards Halifax. At a dirt road they turned off, stopped the car and ordered Taylor to get out, saying, "This is where we are going to bump you off." Then they told him they had decided not to kill him, but to let him walk down the muddy road, and not look back.

They followed, then ordered him to come back to the car. Taylor said he began running in the opposite direction with the soldiers in pursuit. Approaching a Negro home, he began to call for help, whereupon several dogs ran from the grounds and began to bark. A man named Hawkins picked Taylor up and brought him back to Enfield, observing that the soldiers had driven the car away. A car was reported abandoned on the highway and Night Policeman Horace Barnhill went out and identified it as Taylor's car. It was driven back to Enfield by Edwin Branch.

SBI agents were in Enfield Sunday working on the case.

SOYBEANS

What about growing some edible soybeans this summer? They are not attacked by bean beetles and are immune to most garden diseases. They have one serious fault; rabbits like them too.

GARDEN

A little girl saw some pretty vegetables and big bugs in a motion picture at school. Result -- "Daddy we need a garden this year 'cause the man said so." The man--John Harris, horticulturist, State College.

RECORDERS COURT NEWS

Kenneth Moore, white, speeding, prayer for judgment continued on payment of costs.

Charlie Knight, Leroy Whitehead and Timothy Northington, colored of Halifax were found guilty of engaging in an affray the defendant Charlie Knight to pay 1-3 the costs and a fine of \$20.00 and to Leroy Whitehead and Timothy Northington prayer for judgment continued on payment of 1-3 the costs each.

Nannie Lawrence and Patty Lawrence and Ella Alexander colored of Scotland Neck, charged with assault and disorderly - Ellis Alexander not guilty and Nannie and Patty Lawrence were each given 6 months jail to be suspended upon payment of 1-2 the costs each and Patty to pay a fine of \$20 and on further condition each remain of good behavior for 2 years during said time they are not to visit any dance hall or "Piccolo Place."

Luther Richardson colored of Hollister plead guilty to possession of a meal wine and was given 6 months on the roads, suspended upon payment of a fine of \$20 and costs and on condition he violate no criminal statute for two years.

Wesley Callahan, white of Roanoke Rapids was found guilty of assault on a female and was given 18 months on the roads suspended on payment of the costs and on condition he pay or cause to be paid to his wife the sum of \$9.00 each week.

Wilbur Bowser and Ernest Phipps colored of Littleton were found guilty of gambling and judgment suspended upon payment of 1-2 the costs each.

Regular Services

The churches of Weldon will hold their regular services Sunday morning at 11:00 but will join in a union service at the school Sunday evening at 8:00, at which time Rev. James G. Huggin of Durham will preach the commencement sermon.

Burials For Five Crash Victims

EMPORIA.--Five persons, killed in automobile-train crash, Saturday afternoon at Emporia, were buried Monday with separate services in cemeteries in North Carolina.

Three of the victims, Johnny J. Rook, 49, farmer and school bus driver; his wife, Mrs. Lou Rook, and their 9 year old son, Johnny Lee Rook, were buried in the Rook family cemetery at Brink, in Greenville County, while the other two, Mrs. Pearl Clements and her 7 year old son, William Earl Clements, were interred at Ebenezer, just over the State line from the scene of the tragedy.

Another son of Mrs. Clements, Clarence, who suffered possible head injuries when the automobile in which the party was riding was struck by a northbound Diesel-powered Atlantic Coast Line freight train, was reported by attaches at a Roanoke Rapids, N. C. hospital where he was taken for treatment, to be recovering.

Police authorities here said no charges had been lodged in connection with the accident. They listed the names of the crew of the train which struck the Rook car as J. R. Cole, engineer and R. E. Whitehead, conductor.

The five were killed when the freight struck their automobile at a grade crossing and smashed it against the locomotive of a southbound train which was standing on the track, wedging the vehicle beneath the cars of the moving freight.

The bodies of the two women were scalded by steam before they could be removed, while the elder Rook and the Clements boy, their bodies badly mangled, were beneath the engine. The Rook boy was removed from beneath the engine but died before he reached the hospital.

DR. W. K. McDOWELL ELECTED DIRECTOR OF N. C. TUBERCULOSIS ASSOCIATION

At the annual meeting of the North Carolina Tuberculosis Association in Durham, April 21, officials and directors for the coming year were elected. Among the directors elected for a two year term was Dr. W. K. McDowell, local health officer.