



CHILDREN OF 45 NATIONS—Children of different races, nationalities and languages live in Camp Cote d'Or in France. The children learn that there is only one world at the Children's International Summer Village, where some 60 of them live in a typical French chateau, 150 miles from Paris, to prove that differences are not barriers to common understanding. The idea for the children's international village along to Dr. Doris Twitchell-Allen, associate professor of clinical psychology at the University of Cincinnati, Ohio. (Newspress Service Photo.)

Here's How You Overspent \$400 During Past Year

WASHINGTON — If yours is an average city family, you spent \$400 more than you received in 1951. After personal taxes, your family had an income of \$4,300 — and you NEEDED \$4,700 to break even.

In mid-August, the Bureau of Labor Statistics came up with these facts after a survey covering 31 cities from New York down to Madill, Oklahoma. The survey included 10,812 moderate-income families whose total 1951 incomes, after taxes, were under \$10,000. The average family spent 97 percent of its income for goods and services.

30 percent of this amount went for food and alcoholic beverages.

15 percent went for housing, fuel, light, and refrigeration.

32 percent for automobiles, television sets, household appliances, contributions, and personal insurance premiums.

Wage earners and clerical worker families spent almost 10 percent more than they earned. The average for all families was 6 percent.

In small cities home gardens and backyard chicken lots helped the food budget, while restaurant meals and lunches increased eating costs in large cities.

Residents in large cities spent 55 percent of the family clothing budget for women's and girls' apparel, 40 percent for men's, 5 percent for children's under 2 years and for clothing materials.

Goods and services other than food, alcoholic beverages and housing purchased by urban families took an unusual share of the 1951 income.

Expected shortages, following the Korean outbreak, accounted for this increase in the latter half of that year.

To avoid excessive pressure on prices by heavy buying is the reason that OPS urges everyone to save all they can, to buy wisely and to shop for things in ample

E. R. Merrick Named Prexy of Savings Co.

DURHAM — Edward Richard Merrick, 64, of the famed insurance family, has succeeded the late Dr. C. C. Spaulding as president of the Mutual Savings and Loan Association.

Merrick, son of the late John Merrick, one of the founders of the North Carolina Mutual Life Insurance Company, is currently vice-president-treasurer of the insurance firm and he had been vice-president of the savings and loan association.

Merrick's elevation to the presidency of the third largest savings and loan association owned and operated by Negroes was the third in a series of redistributions of offices following Dr. Spaulding's death here last Aug. 1. Other personnel involved include W. J. Kennedy, Jr., 63 newly elected president of the N. C. Mutual Life Ins. Co., and John H. Wheeler, 44, newly president of the Mechanics and Farmers' Bank. All of these men moved up one step, Kennedy from vice-president-secretary; Wheeler, as vice-president-cashier; and Merrick, from a vice-presidency. All promotions were accomplished with maximum harmony and in accordance with carefully planned promotion procedures. Dr. Spaulding prided himself on surrounding himself with outstanding associates.

The Mutual Savings and Loan Association was founded in Durham in 1921 by the late R. L. McDougald as the Mutual Building and Loan Association. Its total resources now are \$2,200,000. Dr. Spaulding served as its president until his death.

At the board of directors' meeting that saw Merrick named president, the following changes were also made: G. W. Cox, a member of the board, was elected vice-president and Charles Clinton Spaulding, Jr., was elected to the board to succeed his father.

John S. Stewart, the secretary-treasurer, will continue as active executive of the association.

Merrick is a native of Durham and a graduate of the city's public schools. He received a B.S. degree from A. and T. College in 1908 and started work with the insurance company his father founded in the same year. From 1908 until 1916 he worked for the firm in South Carolina and Georgia. He came to the home office in 1916 and in the same year he was married. His wife is the former Miss Lydia Moore, daughter of the late Dr. A. M. Moore, another of the founders of the insurance firm. They have two daughters, Mrs. Vivian Saxon and Mrs. Constance Watts, both of Durham.

In 1920, Merrick was named vice-president and treasurer of the



AS GOD MOVES US... The Bethel Reformed church, Phoenix, Ill., is rolling from its former location to a new site in Harvey, Ill. Although the new site is only two blocks from the old, the church must travel in a roundabout circuit, since shorter routes are too narrow for passage.

North Carolina Mutual. He retains this position today and in addition he is vice-president of the Southern Fidelity Insurance Co., treasurer of the Bankers Fire Insurance Company and president of the Union Realty and Insurance Company. He formerly served as a trustee of A. and T. College. He is on the executive committee of the Durham Business and Professional Club and the Durham Committee on Negro Affairs. He is a member of the St. Joseph's A.M.E. Church.

Cox, 61, is a native of Indianola, Miss., where he was born on October 6, 1890. He received a B.S. degree from Alcorn College. He specialized at college in banking and life insurance. His career with the Durham business group began on January 1, 1919 when he was named southern regional supervisor for the company. He joined the home office staff in Durham in 1923 and in 1925 he was promoted to vice-president-agency director.

The new vice-president of the savings and loan association is married to the former Miss Nola Stuart of Rodney, Miss. They have three children: Mrs. Nola M. Tompkins, New York City; Mrs. Irma Pennick, Detroit, Mich.; and G. W. Cox, Jr., Durham. Stewart, 42, was born in Atlanta, Ga., May 20, 1910. He received an A.B. degree from Atlanta University and later joined the N. C. Mutual in Augusta, Ga. In July, 1935, Stewart came to Durham to join the staff of the Mutual Building and Loan Association.

Through the combined efforts of McDougald, Stewart, and Dr.

Spaulding, the firm became the first state-chartered savings and loan association in Durham to secure insurance of accounts.

Stewart is married to the former Miss Otelia Spaulding of Durham. They have three children: Ethel Marie, Janetta Sylvester, and James Alonzo. Stewart is chairman of the Durham Committee on Negro Affairs, vice-president of the John Avery Boys' Club, a trustee of White Rock Baptist Church, and a member of the Omega Psi Phi fraternity and the Elks lodge.

Spaulding, 44, is counsel for the insurance company his father headed. He is a graduate of Clark College, Worcester, Mass., and the St. John Law School, New York City. He is active in the civic, religious, and fraternal of Durham and the state. He is married to the former Miss Mae Bass of Raleigh. They have one son, C. C. Spaulding, III.

The present officers of the association are now Merrick, president; Cox, vice-president; Dr. Clyde Donnell, vice-president; W. J. Kennedy, Jr., vice-president; G. W. Logan, vice-president; and J. S. Stewart, secretary-treasurer. The directors are: R. L. Cotton, G. W. Cox, Dr. Clyde Donnell, Dr. Alfonso Elder, J. W. Goodloe, R. N. Harris, W. J. Kennedy, Jr., C. W. Logan, D. B. Martin, E. R. Merrick, H. M. Michaux, T. C. Parham, A. T. Spaulding, C. C. Spaulding, Jr., J. S. Stewart, J. H. Wheeler, and J. L. White.

TALLAHASSEE — During the recent year period — 1951-52, the Florida A. and M. College Rattlers won 45 games, tied six, and lost nine.

There's More To Hospital Situation Than Is Obvious

JAMES A. SHEPARD

Last Monday morning, the Wake County Board of Commissioners in a special session, instructed bond attorney Harry Hoyt to prepare two bond orders for presentation to the board at its next meeting, Sept. 2.

One bond order will embrace plans for a new County general hospital with facilities for both Negro and white patients in the same building. This building would be located in Raleigh. The other bond order would allow funds for the erection of a new hospital building at St. Agnes and the addition of 150 beds at Rex. Incidentally the plan presented by the St. Agnes Trustees calls for the expenditure of something over a million and one-half dollars, while the proposed addition to Rex would cost over two million dollars. The plan presented for a new county general hospital estimates a cost considerably greater than that asked for by St. Agnes and Rex.

The St. Agnes-Rex bond order will also allow for the erection of three smaller hospitals in the county, one at Fuquay-Varina, one at Wake Forest and one for the Zebulon-Woodell area.

To get the sense of what is embodied in the two proposals, it would be in order that the hospital situation in Wake County be reviewed briefly and a simple evaluation of the relative merits of what is needed and of what can be expected. We do have an interest in what goes on at Rex since the county taxpayers, black and white, are now paying thirty thousand a year to pay off the mortgage there and will of course have to share proportionately in paying for the bond money, should that bond proposal be approved. As far as we know, the matter of

the county tax payers paying for Rex hospital was never submitted to them to vote upon. However, we have stated on more than one occasion that Negroes could not be legally barred from Rex hospital because what you pay for you have a right to use.

However, because of the white man's law, we are forced to give our primary concern to a hospital set aside for our use. For several years, St. Agnes has tried to meet the needs of the Negro population of Wake County. It is an accepted fact that due to circumstances entirely beyond the control of St. Agnes, this need has not been met. St. Agnes is a private hospital, owned and controlled by a private board and it has no responsibility to the people of Wake County because it is a private institution. It is a commonly recognized fact that a county or a municipality has the responsibility of providing hospital facilities for all of its citizens in need of such service.

To get the type of hospital it needs and wants the St. Agnes board of trustees is asking you an done to vote for a bond issue of over a million and one-half dollars to be paid out by all of our children and maybe their children's children. Should this bond proposal be approved, a brand new, fully equipped, modern hospital will be turned over to the St. Agnes board of trustees, a self-perpetuating board, answerable to no one but themselves. This board will carry on its same old policy of discrimination in the hiring of the personnel to operate the hospital, there is now at St. Agnes a white superintendent and a white assistant superintendent. This despite the fact that the names of several eminently qualified Negro hospital administrators were submitted to the board for its consideration when it was seeking the services of men for those two top positions. This same board allows and supports a policy of segregation within the hospital by providing separate eating accommodation and separate quarters for entertainment for the white and colored personnel of the hospital. This board has not adopted or acted favorably upon the suggestions of any Negro and has refused to alter any of its discriminatory practices operating the hospital in a high handed, arro-

gant manner, with responsibility to no one. Yet, it is this same board of trustees that is now asking the Negroes of Wake County to install them in a new hospital at the Negroes expense and to turn the keys over to them (the trustees) hand them clear out.

In a recent speech before the Negro Citizens Committee, R. C. E. Ehringhaus, attorney for the St. Agnes board of trustees stated that the board would not consider turning over its plant to the County for the erection of a new hospital on its land unless the county agreed to give them the exclusive right to operate the new hospital. He also said that the board had improved the present hospital facilities by spending between a quarter and a half million dollars during the past few years. All of this money came from income received by St. Agnes Hospital. From that it can reasonably be assumed that the operation of St. Agnes is a highly profitable one, even under the handicap of an out-moded, wholly inadequate hospital building. Progressing that assumption a bit farther, it would appear that given a brand new, fully equipped, modern hospital and maintenance paid for and maintained at the taxpayers expense, the board would then be in a position to really make money. Since, under the plan proposed, and the attorney for the board, says it is the only plan his board will consider, no one, not even the county board of commissioners, can have anything at all to do with the operation of the hospital or with the distribution of its funds; what would the St. Agnes Board of Trustees do with the profit accruing from the operation of this new hospital.

Now no one can say that there is any basic reason for St. Agnes to assume the responsibility of caring for the sick of Wake County. That is a county responsibility. Neither would St. Agnes be justified in turning its plant over to the county. The board of trustees there wants to operate a hospital for reasons best known to its board. No one would query their right to do this, there will always be a need for a private hospital here. But on no grounds should the taxpayers endow a private hospital. That idea just doesn't make sense. The only prac-

tical solution to the hospital question here is for the county to realize its duty and call for the erection of a general hospital here for the benefit of all of its citizens. This hospital should offer nurse training for Negro girls, have a staff of Negro and white physicians and surgeons and have a place for young Negro interns to fit themselves for general practice.

To prove to you how unrealistic the idea of a county general hospital is, your attention is directed to the fact that this type of hospital is in successful operation all over North Carolina. The adjoining counties of Johnston and Granville have such facilities and even as late as 1948, when it has proved successful and entirely satisfactory. When you consider that this type of hospital will do away with the discrimination now practiced at what is supposed to be an all Negro hospital and will cost less money, can we afford to accept anything less. The erection here of a county general hospital could also dissipate the extravagant and wholly impractical idea of building smaller hospitals all over the county.

You are urged to go to the Wake County Courthouse next Tuesday morning and make your wishes known to the County Commissioners when they meet to consider these two ideas. The meeting is open to the public and you may say anything you care to say on the subject. Plan now to attend this meeting.

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Learn to Face the Issue
ABOUT THIS TIME last year Miss Shirley Sargent, Westfield, New Jersey, was going crazy with worry. She was breaking in a new girl on her old job, learning a new one herself and doing half the work of another.
She was working during her noon hour, didn't take any rest, and going home after work she was worn out. But as she thought it over, she decided that the management wouldn't have given her all that work if they hadn't thought she could do it.
But one day when one of the men asked why she hadn't done some typing, she broke down and cried. She had been trying so hard and this was the last straw. She went to her boss and told him he could have his lousy job. That's just what she said, "You can have your lousy old job. I've worked overtime long enough. I'm through!"
Then they had a talk and she explained just what she had been doing and why she felt as she did. It seems that he didn't realize how much she had to do. Because she was capable and could do it, they kept piling things on her without thinking.
Now when she is troubled she says she goes to her boss and says, "Why are you giving this to me?" They talk it over and get along fine and she is happy.
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