

Precautions Should Continue To Prevent Spreading Of Polio

Pointed Out That Infantile Paralysis Not Only Summertime Disease

New cases of infantile paralysis throughout the nation are running higher today than they did at the same time during last year's record epidemic, and precautions, therefore, should be followed by parents and children for at least another month, it is recommended by Dr. Hart E. Van Riper, medical director of the National Foundation for Infantile Paralysis.

"Contrary to popular belief, polio is not just a summertime disease," he explained. "We are having more polio now than was reported in June or July, even though the numbers are on the decline from August and early September.

"This has been a strange polio year. At the beginning of the summer it looked as if there might be less than the number of cases reported in recent years. Now it is quite apparent that 1950 will be the second highest polio year we ever have had, second only to 1949."

According to the Public Health Service Report, there were 606 cases of polio reported in North Carolina as of October 15, 1950. At the same time last year, there were 206 polio cases reported in North Carolina.

Dr. Van Riper said that early in the summer the National Foundation distributed widely a leaflet entitled "A Message About Polio," containing recommended precautions for families to take when polio was around. He urged that parents who had put it aside as being "no longer necessary" refer to it again now.

Among the precautions listed in the leaflet is that of keeping children with their own friends and away from people they have not been with right along, especially in close daily living. This precaution is based on the fact that many people have polio infection

without showing signs of sickness, and can pass it on. Dr. Van Riper pointed out that school attendance does not conflict with this advice, since children in school are not in close daily living situations and are with people they have been with right along. But he advised against unnecessary trips, visits and exposures to new groups outside school hours.

"Keeping from getting chilled should be easier now than during the summer," he added, "since in most places the swimming season has ended. If one is caught in the rain, however, wet clothes should be removed at the earliest possible moment. Good rules to follow now as well as in the summer include keeping clean—particularly through washing hands carefully before eating and always after using the toilet—keeping from getting over-tired by work, hard play or travel and watching for early signs of sickness so that a doctor can be consulted promptly."

Polio is on the decline, Dr. Van Riper repeated, thus there is no cause for alarm. But the unusual extension of the high incidence period this year makes it worth while to continue reasonable precautions, he said.

George W. Shaw Dies After Long Illness

George W. Shaw, 65, died at his home on North Broad Street Saturday morning as the result of a heart attack. He had been in ill health for six years and previously rallied after a number of heart attacks, but failed to recover from the one Saturday.

Deceased was the native of Bertie County, but lived in Edenton 40 years. Before his illness he was employed by the Edenton Cotton Mills. He was for many years a very active member in Chowan Tribe of Red Men.

Surviving are his wife, Mrs. Elsie B. Shaw, three sons, William E. Shaw, George A. Shaw and Marvin R. Shaw, all of Edenton, and one daughter, Mrs. Emily S. Parks also of Edenton. Six grandchildren also survive.

Funeral services were held at the Williford Funeral Home Monday afternoon at 3 o'clock. The Rev. Mr. Lawrence, former pastor of the Assembly of God Church, officiated, assisted by the Rev. E. C. Alexander, pastor of the First Christian Church. Interment was made in Beaver Hill

Cemetery. Members of Chowan Tribe of Red Men were honorary pallbearers, and active pallbearers were Tom Basnight, W. A. Munden, Percy Dail, John Keeter, Harvey Meadows and Charlie Hudson.

Secondary Road In Bertie Is Completed

The State Highway Commission has paved another 9.5 miles of secondary road in Bertie County under the \$200,000,000 bond issue program.

The following projects were finished during October:

From intersection with NC 308 at Cedar Fork Church two miles northwest of Windsor northwest via Republican to fork of road at Snake Bite four miles south of Burden, 8.1 miles; from NC 350 in front of colored school in Powellsville 1.4 miles toward Como, 1.4 miles.

Some 31.9 miles of new hard-surfacing have been added to Bertie County's road system since the start of the accelerated construction program last year, according to Henry G. Shelton, First Division Highway Commissioner.

In a special quarterly progress report issued recently, Dr. Henry W. Jordan, Highway Commission chairman, announced the paving of 4,658.5 miles of secondary road during the last 20 months. This sets a new all-

time roadbuilding record for the State of North Carolina. Over \$54,000,000 of the \$95,000,000

in bond money allocated to road projects has been spent since the start of the \$200,000,000 program last year.

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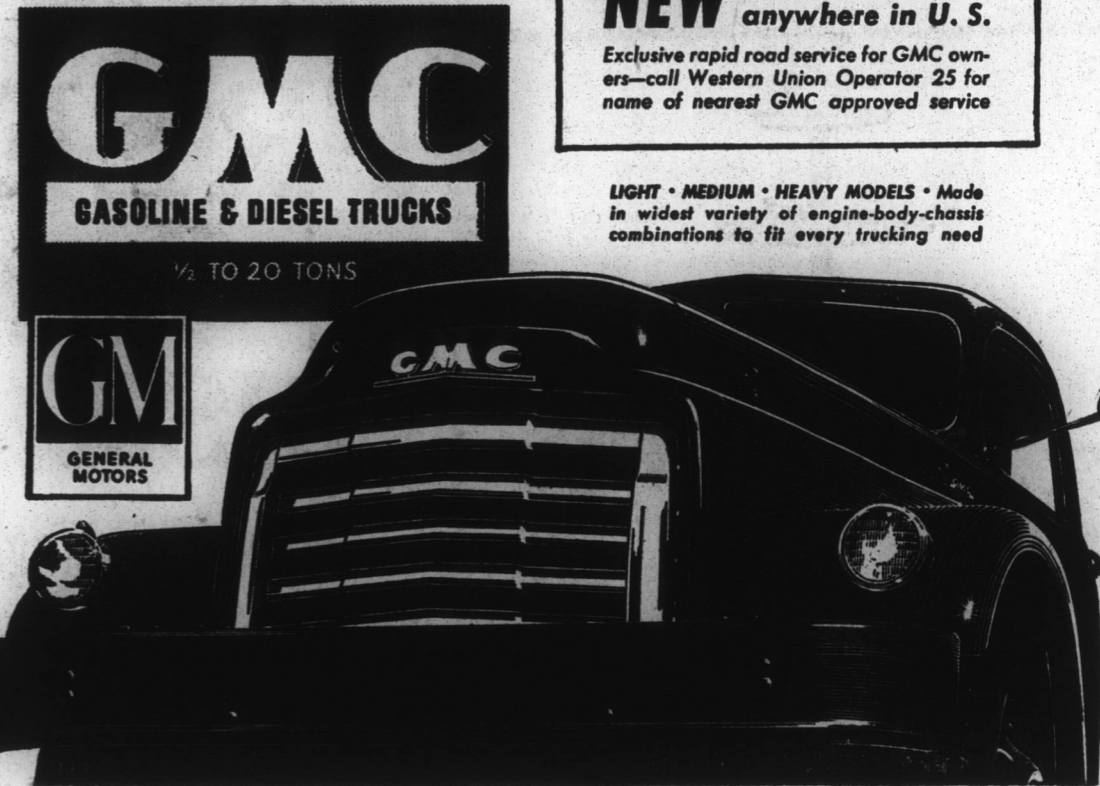
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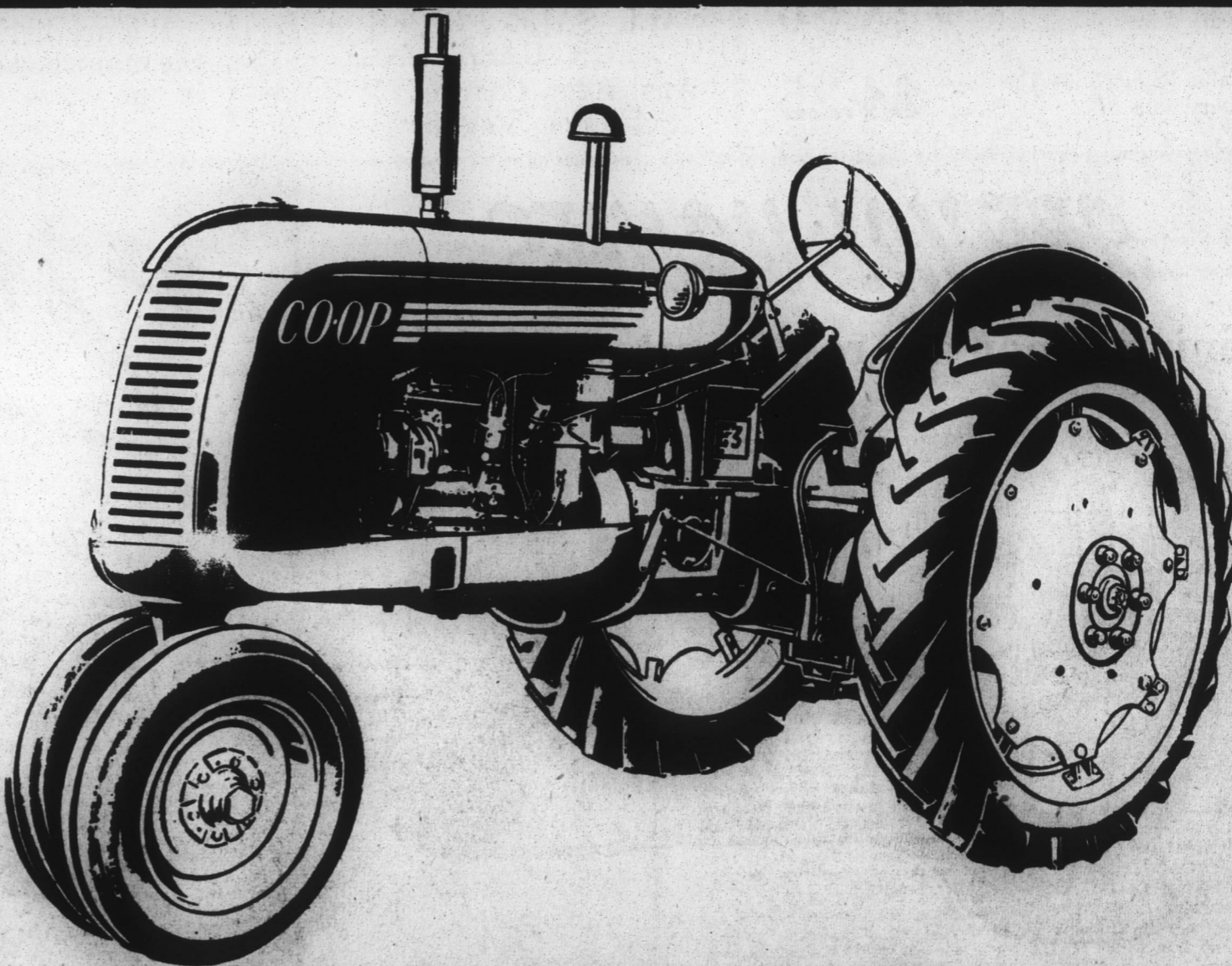
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