

NORTH CAROLINA MOVED FORWARD IN PUBLIC WELFARE WORK DURING 1953

"The year in public welfare in North Carolina has seen continued emphasis upon strengthening local and state administration of welfare and improving services to children," according to Dr. Ellen Winston, commissioner of the State Board of Public Welfare, commenting on the year's work.

"North Carolina has moved forward in getting an increasingly better trained public welfare staff. Welfare departments have stressed and improved their working relationships with other agencies having responsibilities for specialized services to people at both the local and state levels," she said.

"In the area of child welfare there has been much evidence of the effectiveness of these protective and preventive services. There has been an increase in the use of the services already available for children awaiting adoption through the greater use of foster boarding home funds."

The report showed an increasing use of the eugenical sterilization program in accordance with state law and on a selective basis.

Very few of the counties do not now have a retirement plan for their employees. Service to the public has been improved because of the progress that has been made in the supervision of county staffs. Bonded staff members in the counties handle any special welfare funds.

The legislative base of public welfare was strengthened as a result of laws enacted by the 1953 General Assembly. Certain improvements were made in the adoption law which made the law better serve the interests of the child being adopted.

A law affecting practice in public assistance administration provided for the names and amounts of grant for all recipients to be listed semi-annually in the county auditor's office in each county. This formalized the giving of essential information to public officials and in connection with public matters as it had been handled by county departments in the past. The law put additional protection around the essential information upon which case workers must base their appraisal of the client's need. It also specifically stated that no names of the children aided should be made public.

The need for additional funds for the boarding home care of children resulted in authorization by the Advisory Budget Commission late in the year to make a transfer from another fund to this fund. This action, the report indicated, permitted the minimum of need to be met in the area of foster home care.

Reductions at the Federal level in funds available for child welfare services have reduced by \$11,000 the amount available in this program in North Carolina for the current year. Careful surveys of need and budgetary adjustments have been made to see that this reduction does not impair drastically any phase of the work. The funds are used to staff specialized child welfare services at both the state and county levels, to provide scholarships for workers who give services to children, and to make possible the foster boarding home program for children being studied for

adoption. A total of 1416 adoption proceedings were pending December 1, reflecting an increase in adoptive placements. During the full year preceding there had been only 1204 proceedings registered.

Cooperation with civic clubs and other agencies and organizations has resulted, in many activities and additional service this past year. The Children's Clothing Closet project sponsored statewide by the Junior Woman's Club resulted in gifts valued at over \$100,000 to aid children who need proper clothing to attend school and to keep warm. The Help A Home project of the State Federation of Women's Club, a new project, is growing in popularity and service. Through this plan many household items are given to needy families.

Christmas giving through the cooperation of the county welfare departments serving as clearing houses for gifts to the needy has increased this past year. It is estimated that some 10,000 families were aided by civic clubs, churches, and other organizations which asked the county welfare departments to furnish the channel of their giving to people known to the departments to be in need.

The North Carolina Public Welfare Institute, the annual meeting of public welfare personnel, had an all time high record of attendance this past fall. The program was centered on services to children.

The records of the public assistance programs in public welfare showed a continued decrease in the number of people receiving old age assistance. A total of 50,611 were receiving this aid in November. The average payment in North Carolina in that month was \$30.05. Because of limited funds only 80 per cent of minimum need can be paid although the Federal government will participate up to a maximum of \$55 per case.

The largest number of families receiving aid to dependent children (ADC) came in April with 17,639 families listed. During the summer months the number was reduced by almost 2,000 cases as a result of seasonal employment in agriculture. The average ADC grant in North Carolina in November was \$15.46 per child. This represented only 70 per cent of minimum need. The maximum monthly grant possible under this program is \$30 for the one adult and the first child and then \$21 for each additional child.

In aid to the permanently and totally disabled, the newest category of public assistance, the load is still increasing slowly with 7,968 cases receiving aid in November. The average grant in this state was \$35.92 with the maximum amount which can be received being \$55. Only 80 per cent of minimum need can be paid in this category. Heart trouble accounted for about 25 per cent of these cases. Many of the recipients are bedridden or are wheel chair cases.

"Our emphasis has been upon rehabilitation and prevention during the past year," Dr. Winston said. "The decrease in the numbers receiving financial aid indicates not only the care with which the resources of applicants are evaluated but also the ef-

forts which have been made to help individuals and families get back on their feet. We are glad to acknowledge the splendid cooperation of many groups and agencies in marshalling community resources to the end that people may be helped to help themselves."

ARMY CITES GAINS IN BATTLE AGAINST DEATH AND DISEASE

WASHINGTON—The United States Army is getting healthier every day.

By concentrating on its preventive medicine program, the Army Medical Service has cut drastically the rate of illness and disease.

Progress in the field of disease prevention can be measured statistically by comparing the yearly number of such admissions to hospitals and dis-

pensaries during the last three years. During World War I disease admissions averaged approximately 852 per 1,000 soldier strength annually. The rate was reduced to 588 during World War II and dropped to 468 during the Korean war.

These same figures, if analyzed in conjunction with total troop strength, reveal that during World War I 41.6 per 1,000 soldiers were not available for duty because of disease. This rate was reduced to 28.5 for World War II and to 18.4 for the Korean war.

The Army Medical Service is continuing its efforts to improve this record.

Removal of malaria as a threat to military operations and development of preventive psychiatry are among the latest advances in this field.

Dramatic results in treatment of battle casualties also have been achieved by the Army Medical Ser-

vice through use of new procedures and techniques in care and handling of sick and wounded soldiers.

The case fatality rate which stood at 8.1 per cent for wounded soldiers treated during World War I was reduced to 4.5 during World War II and to 2.3 during the Korean war.

High on the list of factors which contributed to this lowering "miracle" drugs — penicillin, chloramphenicol, aureomycin, streptomycin, and terramycin — available throughout the Army medical system from the beginning of the Korean operation. Whole blood—available at forward area hospital in Korea—also helped reduce the mortality rate.

Mobile Army Surgical Hospitals—six of which supported combat divisions during the war in Korea—played an important part in lowering the death rate. These units — usually staffed by 12 physicians, all general surgeons or orthopedic specialists—

brought surgical treatment closer to the front line than ever before. One unit in Korea treated more than 50,000 patients during the three-year conflict.

Another factor which contributed to a lower death rate was the specialist training program which provided highly qualified surgeons and orthopedists for staffing mobile surgical hospital units and forward-area hospitals.

BIRTH ANNOUNCEMENT

Mr. and Mrs. McKay Phthisis announce the birth of a daughter, Patricia Ann, born December 27, Chowan Hospital. The newcomer weighed 6 pounds, 12 ounces, and both the mother, the former Miss Audrey Keeter, and daughter are doing nicely.

Honest labour bears a lovely face
—Thomas Dekker.

Property Must Be Listed In JANUARY

Notice Is Hereby Given

That the List Takers for Chowan County will sit at the following places at the times named, at which places and in which month all property owners and taxpayers are required to return to the List Takers for taxation for the year 1954 all the Real Estate, personal property, etc. which each one shall own on the first day of January, or shall be required to give in their All male persons between the ages of 21 and 50 years are to list their polls during the same time. Return of property and giving in of polls are required under penalties imposed by law.

FIRST TOWNSHIP

Mrs. E. B. Jordan and Mrs. P. S. McMullan
List Takers

Court House..... 9 A. M., to 5 P. M.

SECOND TOWNSHIP

Henry Bunch, List Taker

Jan. 6, 13, 27—
Elliott Belch's Office, Center Hill
Other days at Henry Bunch's Store.
Jan. 22..... Evans' Store, Cross Roads
Jan. 8, 20..... Walter Miller's Store
Jan. 15..... Earl Smith's Store
Jan. 29..... Coke Nixon's Store

THIRD TOWNSHIP

T. A. Berryman, List Taker

Jan. 14..... Spivey's Store, Ryland
Jan. 7 and 28..... Peele's Store
Jan. 9, 16, 23, 30..... Briggs' Store
Jan. 21..... Ward's Store, Lonesome Pine

FOURTH TOWNSHIP

Ward Hoskins, List Taker

Harry Perry's Store
Wednesdays and Saturdays
Other Days at Home 9 A. M., to 5 P. M.

All persons owning dogs regardless of age are required to list same for taxation. See Law (G. S. 67-5).

IMPORTANT: All persons, firms and corporations, domestic and foreign, engaged in operating any business enterprise in this County shall submit, in connection with his or its regular tax list, a true and accurate inventory.

EXAMINE YOUR LIST BEFORE SIGNING

Report Your 1953 Crop Acreage Through Tax Lister During January, 1954

Your local Tax Lister is required to make the records but Farm Owners or Tenants must furnish the facts. Therefore, call your list takers attention to these records and be prepared to furnish the following information: (1) Acreage for each crop harvested during calendar year 1953. (2) Number of cows, sows and hens on farm January, 1954. (3) Number of people living on farm January, 1954. All of the above information furnished will be considered as confidential and will not be used in any manner that is detrimental to the farmers concerned. It is not used for tax purposes.

HAVE YOUR FARM REPORT READY FOR YOUR TAX LISTER!

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