

Life Policyholders Had Good Health Year During 1956

Accidents By Traffic Take Heavier Toll Past Two Years

Based on present indication, the death rate for 1956 among life insurance policyholders may reach a new all-time low, according to the Institute of Life Insurance. Most causes of death appear to have recorded lower rates in 1956 than the year before or at least held at about the same level. One notable exception has been automobile fatalities. Through most of the year, traffic accidents have been taking a heavier toll than for the past two years.

"The area of accidental death today looms as one of the most urgent on the nation's health front," Dr. Louis I. Dublin, eminent statistician and consultant on health and welfare for the Institute, commented. "Medical research continues to make remarkable progress and the annual toll from many diseases is still falling. Tuberculosis, for instance, once the leading cause of death, is now on its way to elimination as a serious menace to health. During 1956, it accounted for only about 1 per cent of all deaths among policyholders, while ten years ago, it accounted for 4 or 5 per cent.

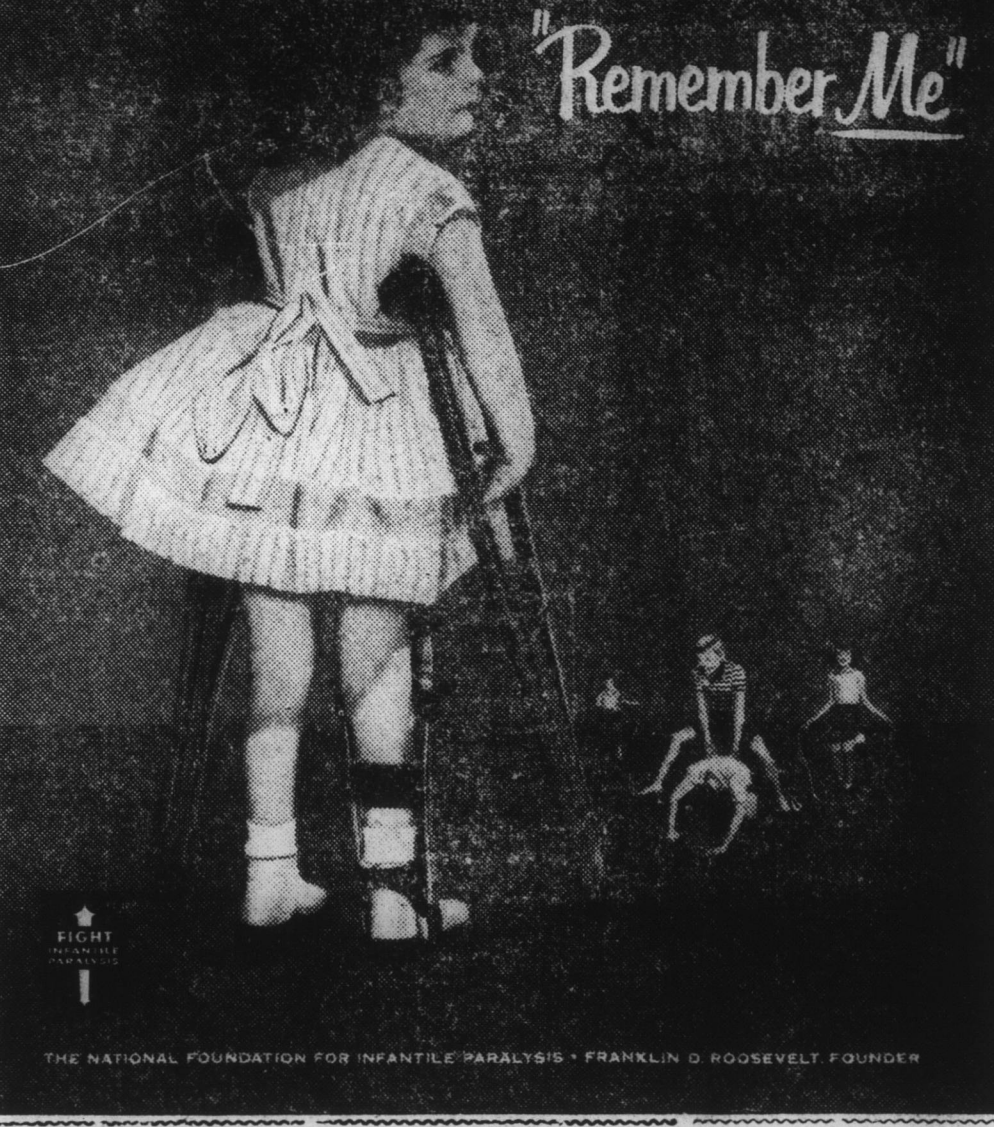
Challenge for Individuals

"On the other hand, the rate for accidental deaths, today accounting for over seven times as many deaths as tuberculosis, has shown relatively little improvement over ten years ago. The motor vehicle death rate has actually increased in the last few years. This is an area in which every man, woman and child can act without waiting for medical research. Thousands of lives could be saved from accidents each year, if the American people showed ordinary precaution both in their homes, their factories and on the road."

Deaths from the circulatory diseases led the list for 1956, accounting for well over half of the total. The death rate from these causes was slightly higher during the year, and this is still the No. 1 Killer.

During 1956 deaths from the communicable diseases of childhood held at the same record low rate of the year before. The death rate from poliomyelitis declined appreci-

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ably in 1956, reflecting the mass effort to immunize children.

Cancer deaths appear to have been at a rate slightly under the year before.

Deaths from pneumonia and influenza declined slightly in the year.

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The average wife is three years younger than her husband, and women live six years longer than men, so average widowhood is 9 years.

—Kiplinger Washington Letter

Town Council Proceedings

Edenton, N. C., Jan. 8, 1957. The Town Council met this day in regular session at 8 P. M. Members present: Mayor Ernest P. Kehayes, J. Clarence Leary, G. M. Byrum, J. Edwin Bufflap, John Mitchener, Jr., George A. Byrum and Luther C. Parks.

Minutes of the December meeting were read and approved.

Motion was made by George A. Byrum, seconded by J. Edwin Bufflap, and duly carried that the following resolution be adopted:

Be It Resolved by the Board of Councilmen that the County Board of Elections of the County of Chowan, North Carolina, be ordered to call an election to determine whether or not the proposed territory described below shall be annexed to the Town of Edenton.

Be It Further Resolved that this election be conducted in the territory proposed to be annexed only and that the County Board of Elections shall proceed to hold an election within sixty days after receiving such an order from this Board of Councilmen.

Be It Further Resolved that the County Board of Elections follow the provisions of The General Statutes, Chapters 160-447, 448, and 449, in that it (a) publish its resolution in newspapers in the County of Chowan once a week for thirty days prior to the opening of the registration books; (b) provide for special registration of voters in the territory proposed to be annexed; (c) designate the precincts and voting places for the election; (d) name the registrars and judges of the election; (e) canvass the returns and declare the results of such election; and certify the same to the Town Board of Councilmen; and (f) make all other necessary provisions for the holding and conducting of such election.

Territory proposed to be annexed: (See description of property that the Town of Edenton proposes to include in its corporate limits as published under legal notices in The Chowan Herald on January 3, 1957).

Motion was made by J. Edwin Bufflap, seconded by George A. Byrum, and duly carried that public notice be given that a public hearing will be held in the Municipal Building on February 12, 1957, at 8 P. M., to consider the changing of a portion of the 100 block of West Eden Street from R. A. 7 residential area to R. A. 5 residential area.

Motion was made by George A. Byrum, seconded by J. Clarence Leary, and duly carried that the following resolution be adopted: **RESOLUTION OF RESPECT** For the late James Norfleet Pruden, Town Attorney of the Town of Edenton.

Whereas, in the death of James Norfleet Pruden, the Town of

Edenton has lost a faithful friend and trusted employee, and;

Whereas, the competent counsel and advice of James Norfleet Pruden was highly regarded by the Town Council;

Now Therefore, be it resolved by the Town Council of the Town of Edenton that this resolution be spread upon the minutes of said Council and that a copy be sent to the wife of James Norfleet Pruden.

Motion was made by J. Edwin Bufflap, seconded by G. M. Byrum, and duly carried that William S. Privott be appointed Town Attorney.

Motion was made by J. Clarence Leary, seconded by G. M. Byrum, and duly carried that Bruce Whitehurst be appointed a Warrant Officer.

Motion was made by G. M. Byrum, seconded by John Mitchener, Jr., and duly carried that a joint meeting of the Town Council and the Board of Public Works be held on Wednesday night, January 9, 1957 at 7:30 o'clock.

Motion was made by J. Clarence Leary, seconded by John Mitchener, Jr., and duly carried that Electric and Water Department bills in the amount of \$13,147.92 be paid.

Motion was made by John Mitchener, Jr., seconded by J. Clarence Leary, and duly carried that the following Town of Edenton bills in the amount of \$8,161.74 be paid:

Calcu-Tax Corp., \$3.59; National Institute of Municipal Clerks, \$10.00; The Chowan Herald, \$69.60; J. N. Pruden, \$63.90; Norfolk & Carolina Tel. & Tel. Co., \$8.30; Ernest J. Ward, Jr., \$26.60; Norfolk & Carolina Tel. & Tel. Co., \$11.13; Texas Company, \$13.47; Eureka Fire Hose Co., \$1,117.20; Killebrew's Radio Service, \$10.00; P & P Texaco Station, \$4.62; Byrum Hardware Co., \$10.12; Bishop Laundry, \$6.00; Edenton Furniture Co., \$8.00; Volunteer Firemen, \$171.00; W. F. Miller, \$25.00; Norfolk & Carolina Tel. & Tel. Co., \$9.93; Texas Co., \$188.18; Edenton Ice Co., \$23.88; L. D. Ringnette Co., \$27.50; P & P Texaco Station, \$27.50.

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There being no further business, the Council adjourned.

ERNEST J. WARD, JR., Clerk.

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