

The Cherokee Scout

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MEDITATION

"There are comparatively few one talent people in the world. To most of us God has given many, many capacities, all of course, in an undeveloped, embryonic state. This live on earth, this world in which we live, with its rich and constantly varying stimulation, is our opportunity for growth and development. We may be faithful to little and become much, or we may be unfaithful to much and become little. Our destiny is not with others, but within ourselves."

BIG INCREASE

North Carolina is well abreast of the increase in births marking this wartime period. State Board of Health figures show that from January 1 through May 31, 1943, there were 39,653 babies born in this State, as compared with 35,141 for the corresponding period last year, or an increase so far of 4,512.

Deaths for the same period totaled 12,844, an increase of 52 over the first five months of 1942. However, there have been just 26,809 more births than deaths in North Carolina this year, exclusive of June figures, which will be available July 15.

Despite the phenomenal increase in the number of births through May, there were only 1,919 deaths reported among babies under a year old, as compared with 1,980 the corresponding months last year, showing a decrease of 61 in favor of 1943. This is highly gratifying to public health officials, according to Dr. George M. Cooper, Director of the Board of Health's services to mothers and babies. It shows, that the 300 maternal and infancy clinics throughout the State, as well as parents under the care of private practitioners, are doing a good job. It is highly important that infancy and childhood be given every protection, if we are to build up a strong post-war race.

Only 140 mothers of the 39,653 babies born so far this year died in childbirth or as the result of pregnancy, Doctor Cooper pointed out, as compared with 135 who died in connection with the birth of 35,141 through May last year, another record in which the State should take pride.

GOOD DRIVERS

Driver's licenses were granted to twelve hundred and ninety-five fifteen year olds during April and May. According to the records of the Highway Safety Division 1,173 of this number were white males, 97 white females, 24 negro males and one male Indian.

An interesting fact in the tabulation kept by the Division is the relatively large number of young girls licensed. Approximately one out of every 12 was a 15 year old girl. The small number of negroes licensed in this age group is also interesting, since only one out of every 54 was in this racial group.

The 1943 General Assembly amended the Uniform Driver's License Act authorizing the Department of Motor Vehicles to issue driver's license to persons 15 years old. Persons in this age group are restricted to operating vehicles "not over one and one-half (1 1/2) tons in weight". They are also not permitted to operate vehicles hauling inflammable fluids such as gasoline, kerosene, etc.—nor explosives such as dynamite, etc.

Conviction of violation of these restrictions requires the Department to revoke the driving privilege of the person convicted.

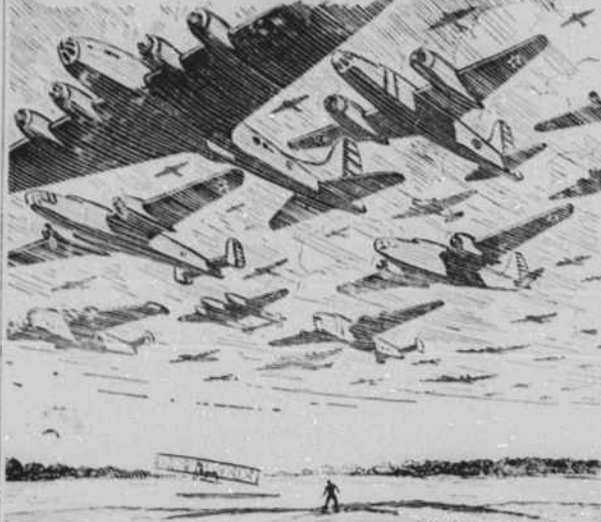
Since the question has often been asked regarding the operation of a school bus by a licensed 15 year old, Mr. Hocutt calls special attention to the fact that a school bus weighs much more than one and one-half tons, therefore, may not legally be operated by a person only 15 years old.

Commenting on the driving record to date of this age group, Ronald Hocutt, Director of the Highway Safety Division says:

"The Division is maintaining a separate

WE FLY THROUGH THE AIR—

FOR 200 YEARS MEN EXPERIMENTED WITH BALLOONS, WHICH WENT ONLY WHERE THE WIND BLEW THEM. NOT UNTIL 1903, WHEN ORVILLE AND WILBUR WRIGHT PERFECTED THEIR AIRPLANE DID MEN FLY WHERE THEY WANTED TO GO—AND MODERN AVIATION WAS BORN.



NOW, ONLY 40 YEARS LATER, IT ENCOMPASSES THE WORLD... AMERICAN FIGHTING MEN-INVENTORS—MECHANICS—ARE TUNED TO THE AIR... NEW GOALS OF ACHIEVEMENT ARE SET AND PASSED WITH EVER ACCELERATING SPEED... AMERICAN TRANSPORT PLANES CARRY MILLIONS OF POUNDS OF CARGO OVER HUNDREDS OF THOUSANDS OF MILES OF LAND AND SEA... AMERICAN BOMBERS AND FIGHTERS STRIKE WITH TERRIFIC FORCE ON EVERY FRONT. AMERICAN INGENUITY IS KEYS TO THE JOB—ITS IMMEDIATE OBJECT A MIGHTY DRIVE—
IN AN AIR-LINE TO VICTORY.

As Others Think

CONSERVING A PRICELESS ASSET

The expenditure in 1941 by the North Carolina Health department of 33 cents per capita—a total of \$1,183,900 — gave the state 26th place among the states, according to a recent issue of U. S. Public Health reports. This figure covers all state supported public health activities. Only about 36 per cent of this outlay came from state sources as compared with an average of 63.1 for the nation as a whole.

The reports point out that health department expenditures range from \$103,000 in Nevada to \$7,000,000 in New York. But on a per capita basis six states outrank New York. Delaware standing first with an outlay of \$1.68 per person. Ohio is in the cellar with an expenditure of only 13 cents per person.

With regard to full-time personnel, North Carolina ranks 20th with 185 people employed. Ten of these are physicians and ten are nurses. Thirty of them are dentists, the largest number employed by any state and nearly one-fourth of all the public health dentists in the nation. In other classifications, it is pointed out by the University of North Carolina in commenting on these data, the state ranks below the average for all the states on a per capita basis.

It is safe to say that no other government activity has a fuller measure of support on the part of the people than health work. It is especially important in wartime. Here in Transylvania county our health unit is doing its part to conserve our quota of this priceless national asset—health.—Transylvania Times.

NEWSPAPERS AN ESSENTIAL FABRIC

The nation of today, during a period of war, is depending more than ever on their newspapers. The many services offered by them are essential to the very existence of the people. Secretary of State Cordell Hull, in a recent speech, said:

"From the days of Peter Zenger, when the cause of liberty was tried and won... a free press has been, and rightly so, a sacred American institution, an essential fabric in our democratic way of life."

So vital are newspapers to our everyday way of living that R. F. Ashenfelter, director of the OPA, in a recent address said:

"The importance of America's free press in government of the people, for the people, by the people has never been more evident than now. Particularly vital and effective has been its work of public education on the price control, rent control, and rationing

program of the Office of Price Administration, all of which require the understanding and cooperation of every citizen."

So important has the press become in the conduct of the war that it has been classified as an A-1 essential activity. — Forest City Courier.

OPEN FORUM

Fish Heads?

When I had a market in Murphy I bought a 14 lb. cat fish; when it was cleaned and ready to put on display, I found I had a head that would weigh around 4 to 5 pounds with a lot of good meat on it. When I started scalding and carving that head, Ted was very curious to know what I was going to do with it. It was rather hard for me to tell him, for I was not so sure. However, I took it home and had it stewed in a small amount of water till the meat would leave the bones easily. We took the meat off and left in the water it was stewed in; then, we added milk or cream exactly like making oyster stew, and we had a really delicious dish. Try it some time when you have a good big cat, and tell me how much you enjoyed it.
 Wm. P. Payne.

Douglas Is Camp Manager At Dam

R. H. Douglas, who for some time has been with the TVA in Chattanooga, Tenn., has arrived to be camp manager at Hiwassee Dam, to succeed Ed Watson, who has been transferred to Fontana Dam.

Mr. Douglas is married, and the couple have two children.

Milk Officials Study Supply Of Milk In Area

John E. Floyd, district milk sanitarian, A. M. Brown, of Robbinville, district sanitarian, Harry Webster, field representative of Southern Dairies, H. W. Anderson, chief milk sanitarian of Atlanta, F. L. Douglas, manager of Southern dairies, of Atlanta, L. M. Clarkson, chief sanitary engineer, of Georgia, J. E. Jackson, member of the Atlanta city council, First Lt. J. R. Culp, of the U. S. public health service, Atlanta, were in Murphy this week in conference, making a survey of the milk supply, and discussing means by which milk can be shipped to various points in Georgia, from the milk receiving station which Southern Dairies will open here in a short time.

record file on the 15 year olds licensed, and to date no accident report has been received by the Division involving a licensed 15 year old.

Scouting

With The Editor

SEVENTY-FIVE young men, mostly teen age, gathered at the bus station at 6:30 Tuesday morning to depart for examination in an army camp. Most of the boys looked like they were high school fellows rather than material for military life. Many of them had grim countenances; others covered their hearts with a leaving home, relatives, and friends with an appearance of lightheartedness. Some of the mothers, sisters, and sweethearts shed their tears in parked cars nearby until the busses pulled out. A smaller number stood by the busses to say final good-byes.

DRAFT DODGERS were given a "piece of someone's mind" in the following words that were attached by some departing soldier to the door of the bus station Tuesday morning:

"We are writing this short letter, And every word is true; Don't look away, draft dodger, For it's addressed to you. You feel at ease and in no danger, Back in the old home town; You cook up your pitiful story So the draft board will turn you down. You never think of the real men, Who are leaving day by day; You just sit and think of their girl friends, That you get while they're away. You sit home and read the paper— You jump up and yell, 'We'll win!' Just where do you get that 'We' stuff? This war will be won by men. Just what do you think, draft dodgers. That this free nation would do, If all the men were slackers and afraid to fight like you? We guess that is all, Mr. Slack-er, we guess your face is red. America's no place for your kind, And we meant just what we said. So we are closing this letter, Remember what we say: For we are coming back home some day."

CARL WHITESIDE, assistant county agent, tells us that "Uncle" Spence Perry, Texana Negro who is about 103 years old, has a victory garden which is large enough and good enough to take care of an average size family. He realizes the necessity for having a good garden in this time of war and has a wide variety of vegetables. He keeps the garden clean as a pin.

ALL GARDENS in Texana community are looking good says the agent. Texana is located on an old rough hillside that is very steep; the soil is very thin and under this is found a formation of solid rock. In spite of these adverse conditions the Negroes in Texana have made something out of nothing by the proper use of good fertilizer and other sound practices. All of the forty-five Negro families living in Texana have better gardens than they have ever had before, and every single one of these families has a garden of some kind. "The Negroes in Cherokee County feel that they are making a contribution to the war effort by producing their own food," the agent says.

NOTICE OF SALE
 By virtue of the power of sale contained in a deed of trust from F. I. Wiggins and wife Rosettie Wiggins to the undersigned trustee, dated the 3rd day of April, 1941, and recorded in the Office of Register of Deeds for Cherokee County, North Carolina in Book No. 128 of Deeds of Trust at page 94, and default having been made in the payment of the indebtedness secured by said deed of trust;

AKIN NAMED FIELD WORKER

The Rev. R. Lane Akin, pastor of Hayesville Baptist church, has been employed by the executive committee and promotion committee of the Western North Carolina Baptist association and the general board of the Baptist State convention to do field work in this association for the remainder of the associational year. He will assist with daily vacation Bible schools and other work in the individual churches.

Slide Holds Up Mail Service

The heavy downpour of rain Sunday night flooded the streets of Andrews and vicinity, and several inches of water was found in many basements.

The undersigned trustee will on Monday the 9th day of August, 1943, at One O'clock P. M., at the Court House Door in Murphy, Cherokee County, North Carolina, sell at Public auction for cash, to the highest bidder, the following described lands: Described in the following deeds:

FIRST TRACT DESCRIBED
 IN A DEED dated August the 27th, 1910 from E. A. Battle to J. W. Wooten and F. I. Wiggins and recorded in Book No. 26 at page 159 in the Office of Register of Deeds for Cherokee County, North Carolina. For a More complete description of said lands reference is hereby made to said deed and record.

SECOND BOUNDARY, Described in a deed from William L. Wiggins to F. I. Wiggins dated January the 4th, 19..... and filed for recording in the Office of Register of Deeds for Cherokee County, North Carolina, on the 16th day of July, 1913, and recorded in said Office in Book No. 27 at page 436. Reference to said deed and record is hereby made for a more complete description of said land.
 This the 7th day of July, 1943.
 J. R. LEACH, Trustee.

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A washout of a piece of temporary track at Almond, and a heavy slide between Bryson City and Andrews on the Southern railway, held up the trains and delayed mail service in the county Monday. The tracks were cleared and the damage repaired by Monday night.

Revival Starts Martin's Creek

Revival services will start at Martin's Creek Methodist church on Sunday, July 11, at 8:00, with the Rev. Ballard Wilson, pastor, doing the preaching. The series of services will continue through the week.

Scientists in the Agricultural Research Administration report that it is possible to produce industrial alcohol from wheat without the addition of malt.

FOOD CROPS

India reduced her cotton acreage from 23,547,000 acres last year to 18,716,000 acres this year, with more acres in food crops.

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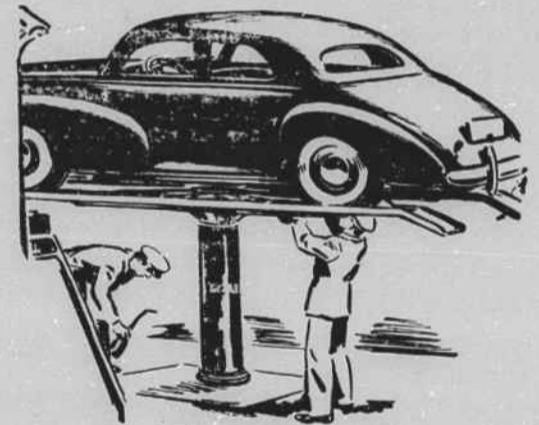
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