

Study Shows That 57 Deaths In '40 Were Preventable

In 1940 there were 143 deaths in Cherokee county. Of this number, 57 were preventable according to the department of rural sociology of N. C. State College. A preventable death is a death that would not have occurred if the death rates by age in North Carolina had been as low as those in the major residential group of any other state.

The sociologists assume, as basis for these findings, that the geographical conditions in rural and urban areas of North Carolina are as favorable to a low death rate as in any other state and that the people of this state are as sound biologically. Yet, 37 states had lower death rates than North Carolina in 1940, a situation which points to lack of adequate medical care in this state. Figures on preventable deaths for more recent years are not available, since it is necessary to have an age-race breakdown of the population in order to calculate preventable deaths. Such data have not been available since the 1940 census.

According to figures compiled by the department of rural sociology, 55, or 39.3 per cent, of the white deaths in Cherokee in 1940

were preventable, and 2, or 66.7 per cent, of the non-white deaths were preventable. The county ranked 28th in per cent of preventable white deaths and 66th in per cent of preventable non-white deaths.

In human terms these figures tell a story of grim tragedy—of suffering, heartache and broken homes, of social and economic waste in the loss of people who should not have died in the year in which they did.

These needless deaths give stark urgency to the report of the N. C. Hospital Association which points out that hospitals of the state are finding it increasingly difficult to stay in business. They also give urgency to efforts to provide additional hospitals. They stress the need for additional medical school facilities in the state to train more white, Negro and Indian doctors. And they point again to the need for a payment plan, or plans, that will enable all citizens to afford full medical care.

According to Dr. Selz, C. Mayo of the department of rural sociology, "It may be safely assumed that the death rate for each age group in the state could be lowered to the lowest death rate that prevails in any age and residence group in the nation. This is possible by means of a complete medical care program that will meet the needs of everyone."

Several months ago one North Carolina county voted on a bond issue to finance a new hospital. The issue failed to pass, largely because some citizens feared the cost of maintenance. The tax proposed for maintenance was not to exceed 10c per \$100 valuation and the estimated valuation at the time was \$30,460,077.00. At that valuation a tax of 10c per hundred would have yielded \$30,460.08 per year. In 1940 this particular county ranked 99th, second highest in the state, in per cent of preventable white deaths, and 73rd in preventable non-white deaths. In that year it had 276 preventable deaths out of a total of 437 deaths. Hospitalization is not the sole means of medical care and it would therefore not be accurate to say that the county made a decision to sell the lives of 276 people per year for an average sum of \$12.54 each, but it would be in the neighborhood of fact.

A society which thinks in human terms and cherishes the worth of the individual will not permit the continuance of preventable human tragedy. Better financial support for existing hospitals, construction of additional hospitals and provision for their adequate maintenance, more medical training opportunity for all races, and more effective effort to bring within reach of every citizen complete medical care, including medical attention which does not require hospitalization, are major needs.

Brasstown

Mr. and Mrs. W. B. Jones and daughter of Norfolk, Va., were visiting Mr. and Mrs. Aleck Jones of Brasstown last week.

Miss Lillie Deal of Asheville visited Mrs. Lena Brendle Thursday night.

Loyal Jones, James Myers, and Ralph Myers spent some time in Nashville, Tenn., Saturday night at Grand Ole Opera, then went on to Shelbyville to a horse show.

A large crowd was at the weiner roast at Ann Carringer's Friday night.

Clay Payne and daughter, Geneva, of Franklin visited Mrs. Hattie Walker last Sunday.

Mrs. Wylie Vault of Hayesville was the dinner guest of Mr. and Mrs. J. B. Sneed Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. Buford Adams, Mr. Adams' sister and her husband from Atlanta were week-end guests in this section.

Mr. and Mrs. Marion Myers and son, Ralph, attended the revival at Blue Ridge, Ga., Friday night to hear the Rev. James D. Moore of Akron, Ohio, deliver a message.

Mr. and Mrs. Harry Rich had as visitors Sunday, Mr. and Mrs. Joe Myers, Mr. and Mrs. Elbert Totherow, Wylie Ramsey, Christine Turner, Mrs. Sue Reece and

North Carolinians moved by an enlightened conscience will be vigilant to see that these needs are met.

Culberson

Miss Louisa Anderson of Greasy Cove visited Flonnie Payne one day last week.

Mrs. R. D. Garrett went fishing last Saturday.

Mrs. Mamie Rich spent the last part of the week with her son, Talmage Rogers of Ranger.

Miss Charlene Anderson of Greasy Creek visited Fair Ellen Flemings Wednesday.

Eulane Anderson spent last Sunday evening with Fair Ellen Flemings of Greasy Cove.

Miss Marshaleen Wilson, who has been employed at Elizabethton, Tenn., is spending a few days with her mother, who is ill, in Sully Wig.

Mrs. Hickory Reece visited Alice Tipton Sunday evening.

Maltby News

The Maltby Choir has been invited to a homecoming at Red Marble Sunday, August 28.

Gene and Robert Wilson have moved back to Maltby after spending sometime near Clover, S. C.

Miss Doris Dockery was the week-end visitor of Miss Kathleen Holloway.

The people representing Maltby at the Western North Carolina Baptist Association at Mt. Pisgah last Tuesday and Wednesday were: Fred Hert, Westly Totherow, Earl and Fred Holloway.

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Mrs. Hattie Camon and daughter, Charlotte, of Gastonia, are visiting her father, the Rev. S. A. Stiles.

Mrs. Josie Clark visited Mrs. J. R. Hamilton Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Ransie Johnson of California are visiting relatives in this section.

Mr. and Mrs. M. C. Stiles and children, and Miss Ramonia Jory visited Mr. and Mrs. Hurshell Stiles at Marble Sunday.

Lakes Dockery was a dinner

guest at Parks Stiles' Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Marion Jones of Ellijay, Ga., visited Mr. Jones' father, P. R. Jones, over the week-end.

Berton McNabb, Frank Sparks, of Suit, and M. C. Stiles were the dinner guests of Heaclin Stiles Friday.

Wasted farmland which has been stripped of its topsoil and cut to pieces with gullies offers little in the way of food and protection for wildlife.

Old Belt tobacco markets will open on September 13.

Egg production for the remainder of the year is likely to be somewhat smaller than it was for the same months last year.



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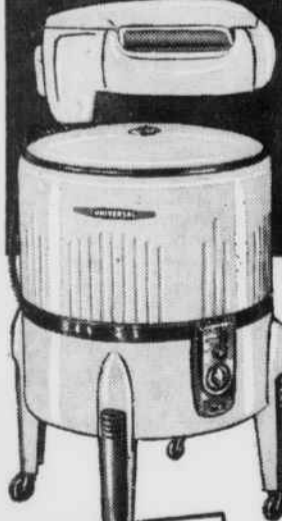
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Cherokee County Wine and Beer Election, August 31

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- () For the Legal Sale of Wine
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- () For the Legal Sale of Beer
- (X) Against the Legal Sale of Beer

WHEN YOU VOTE —

Vote Dry

FOR THE GOOD OF THE HOME
FOR THE CHURCH
FOR CHRISTIANITY
FOR GOOD GOVERNMENT

"LET'S BE SENSIBLE"

The "Wets" (those who advocate the sale of wine and beer) say "Let's be sensible," to which we, the "Drys" (those who advocate doing away with any form of alcoholic beverage) reply that the way to be sensible is to heed the word of God — "Wine is a mocker, strong drink is raging: and whosoever is deceived thereby is not WISE." Proverbs 20: 1. The "Wets" say, it is sensible to receive \$20,000 revenue on beer. We, the "Drys" say, it is senseless to receive \$20,000 revenue a year and pay out \$200,000 a year in crime caused by strong drink. We say it is senseless to spend \$100,000 a year in Cherokee County for beer and let \$75,000 of that amount go to the big monopolies, brewers, outside of our county and state. They, the "Wets," tell us that over a period of 3 years we would lose \$60,000, but do not tell us that crime during that period would cost over a half million dollars and that our people would send over a quarter of a million dollars out of our state to fill the pockets of the brewers elsewhere.

"Let's be sensible" and turn this half-million or more dollars into buying food, clothing and shelter for women and children who are hungry, ill-clad, and homeless because of the Godless traffic of strong drink in our midst. "Let's be sensible" and drive the bootleggers out of our county who are being sheltered and protected by the present traffic in so-called "Legal beer." Statistics show that more money is being spent to counteract the bootlegger today than was ever spent during the years of prohibition. Prohibition did not fail, and prohibition will not fail again.

"Take the common-sense view," they say. To which we reply, vote against the sale of beer and wine. Vote DRY. This is the common-sense view.

Cherokee County Forces For Temperance and Law Enforcement