

Welfare Official Scores Almshouse Payment System

The cost of operating county homes in North Carolina has declined more than a quarter million dollars since the public assistance program went into effect in 1937. W. C. Ezell, director of the division of institutions and corrections of the State welfare department, said this week.

At the same time the welfare official scored the "noxious" practice of paying county home superintendents so much for each inmate and letting them make an additional profit by effecting savings on the grocery bills.

Ezell gave full credit to the program headed by Public Assistance Director, Nathan H. Yelton, as the most likely cause of the decrease in outlay of tax funds for county almshouses. Eleven counties have closed their poor homes and placed the former inmates on public assistance rolls since the social security program became effective in North Carolina in 1937.

Counties spent \$948,220.61 in 1933 and \$678,876.73 in 1939 to maintain almshouses, a drop of 28 per cent, the report stated. The number of county homes declined from 86 to 75, and the average monthly per capita cost from \$17.11 to \$16.90.

Ezell said the annual saving

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had made it possible for counties to put an extra million into public assistance grants, three-fourths of which are paid from State and Federal funds.

The assistance programs have also made it possible," he continued, "for a number of dependent children, aged and blind persons to live in private homes where they are able to live in a family atmosphere and among friends of their own choosing."

The State welfare official then added:

"The still prevalent custom of 'letting out the keep' of the county home wards to the most favorable bidder is a matter of concern. Although the practice is less common in the management of the county homes than in the county jails, it still is prevalent. Thirteen of the 75 homes now operating pay the superintendent on a fee basis. The fees range from \$5.00 to \$17.50 per month.

"Any system which allows a stated amount for boarding and expects that the keeper's income will consist in the difference between what is allowed for boarding and what is actually spent on the people has noxious implications. A salary system of paying public employes has less dangers of abuse. It is customary that the superintendent gets the house and certain farm lands rent free in addition to fees allowed."

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Red and White Are Versatile Room Colors

By D. H. CARLTON

Want to make a room exciting? Paint two of the walls red. Want to warm up a cold room? Put pure red on trim areas or furniture, or a toned-down red on the walls. Want to cool down a small, bright room, lighten up a dark room or make a room more formal? Try white.

For years color experts have been gathering such data on the emotional effects of colors in room decoration, but not until now has this data been put to work. This Spring, you can get a quick but thorough course in paint color use from a new guidebook put out by one of the big paint companies.

This book is a whopper—it weighs eight pounds and has over a hundred pages with two-foot-square color-photos of beautiful homes and rooms—and any householder can borrow it from a master painter or study it at a paint store.

With the new book, called The Sherwin-Williams Paint and Color Style Guide, one can now see what a point color looks like before it's spread on the walls, and can see it in many different rooms and settings. The effect is like visiting a hundred model homes with a guide to tell you just what color paint to specify to achieve each effect.

Typical of the data on emotional effects of color gathered by Sherwin-Williams color experts are the following excerpts from the book:

Red—Is the first color choice of women. It is a stimulating color—an all American color. No other color can compare with red when you want attention value or to add a striking accent note in a room. A red chair—or a table in Chinese Red—or red for the interior of a china cabinet—these are accents that are sure to help many decorative schemes, otherwise lacking in life and vitality.

Red has become an important kitchen trim color—an accent in white kitchens that is bright, vivid and stimulating. In bathrooms, too, red is an "at home" color and universally liked. In

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Roaring River R2 News Happenings

ROARING RIVER, Route 2, April 30.—Rev. N. T. Jarvis is improving after several months serious illness. His many friends are delighted to hear.

Mr. Astor Mathis visited at Mr. Will Burchette's, Sunday afternoon.

Mrs. J. B. Ray and children, Misses Esther, Haze and Betty, and Messrs Parks and Ford spent Sunday in Elkin with her daughter, Mrs. Moses Swain.

Mr. and Mrs. Turner Church, of North Wilkesboro, visited her sister, Mrs. Joe Mathis, Sunday morning.

Mr. and Mrs. James Jarvis and family, of Winston-Salem, visited relatives here during the week-end.

Miss Pauline Sparks returned to her home from North Wilkesboro Saturday.

Misses Marie Anderson and Violet Morrison spent Wednesday night with Miss Esther Ray.

Mr. J. P. Mahaffey, of North Wilkesboro, spent Wednesday night with Mr. Jarvis Mathis.

Mr. Glenn Mathis remains quite ill, his friends regret to learn.

Mrs. Lessie Jolly spent Sunday at Millers Creek with relatives.

Mr. Arthur Bell is expected to return to his home here Thursday from Chillicothe, Ohio.

Mr. Frank Oakley, of Windy Gap, visited at Mr. Frank Sparks' Sunday.

Mr. Robert Sparks is visiting his sister, Mrs. Everette Wheeler, at Kannapolis. Mrs. Sparks is visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Luther Pardue, while he is away.

Miss Elaine Staley left Sunday to spend some time with her sister, Mrs. George Sale, at North Wilkesboro.

Alma, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. S. D. Mathis is slightly improved after a month's illness.

Questions Answered By State College

Question: Would you advise destroying the tobacco plant beds after they have been used?

Answer: Absolutely. The bed should be plowed up immediately after the plants are pulled and all remaining plants killed. Thousands of insect pests breed upon the plants that are allowed to grow and these spread to the plants in the field. The beds should be planted to sweet potatoes or other garden vegetable or sown with soybeans. This will aid in the control of insects as well as provide an additional crop on the land.

playrooms, red is usually used to add gaiety to the setting and most any housewife will choose red as her first paint color for odds and ends.

Red has range. In its lighter pastel pinks and old rose, it is a beautiful bedroom color; in its deep tones it is gaining favor for living and dining room decoration.

For exteriors, red is an equally important color. It is a natural color contrast to the green foliage that surrounds a house. A white or cream-gray house with red shutters may be seen in all parts of the country—and always seen to advantage. And on the porch of this house—or any house in any color combination, porch furniture painted red is rightly and brightly part of the house, yard and home.

White: In paint, with all due consideration to all colors, one color leads all the rest. It is the base for most light tints. It is the favorite in Colonial or modern setting. It is most widely used but still is surprising in its possibilities. It is white.

A white house is the house you see most often. Why? Because white is light, it is stimulating, bright, clean and cool. Any color can be used successfully with white. For the same reason, kitchens are white, most bathrooms have white equipment, white trim. In living and dining rooms, white has a great vogue right now. It is a perfect setting for any color, be that color in carpet, furniture, pictures, or in all three.

White reflects more light, more heat than any other color. A white enamel is the acme of cleanliness. So for any very dark rooms, be sure to give white consideration. If you are ever in doubt about a ceiling color, use white. For white is the best light reflector, always a safe color for the ceiling regardless of the color of walls. With deep tone wall colors, white also takes on added importance as an incidental color.

Porch furniture, nursery pieces, odd chairs are not only attractive in white, but doubly so when the white is trimmed with a touch of another color.

SEED

The United States Senate recently passed a bill prohibiting the exportation of tobacco seed from the United States except for experimental purposes.

Interesting Items Summit Vicinity

SUMMIT, April 29.—Mr. and Mrs. Coy Church, Mrs. Fannie Church and daughter, Helen, Mrs. Lizzie Church and son, Edwin, and Mrs. Martha Mikeal spent Sunday in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Joe Walker, of Idlewild.

Mrs. Lizzie Church, of Roanoke, Va., is visiting friends and relatives in this community.

Rev. and Mrs. J. W. Church and son, Clint Church, spent Saturday in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Dempsey Faw, of Idlewild.

Mr. and Mrs. Coy Church, Mr. and Mrs. Dempsey Church and Mrs. Lizzie Church and son, Edwin, spent Saturday night in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Lee J. Church.

Mrs. Asie Beshears, of Winston-Salem, and Miss Dorothy Beshears, of Walsh, spent Tuesday night in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Lee J. Church.

Mrs. Nancy Mikeal spent a short while in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Lee J. Church, Friday.

Mrs. Ruth Fleenor spent Saturday night with Miss Winnie Spears.

Mrs. Pearl Cook and children, of Purlear, spent Thursday night in the home of Mrs. Ruth Mikeal.

Mr. and Mrs. Atris Greene and daughter, Wilma, spent Sunday in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Lee J. Church.

Mr. and Mrs. Pressley Church and children, Novella and Billy, spent Sunday in the home of Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Beuge.

Mr. and Mrs. Fred Blankenship spent a short while in the home of Mr. Steve Church.

Mr. Boyce Mikeal, who is in the C. C. Camps at Laurel Springs, spent the week-end at home of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. C. C. Mikeal.

Wear something white on your clothing if you walk on the highway at night.

Boomer News Items In Brief

Rev. E. V. Bumgarner, of Taylorsville, filled his regular appointment here Sunday and as usual preached a fine sermon.

Rev. S. I. Watts filled his regular appointments at Dover and Liletdown Saturday and Sunday. Good crowds were reported in attendance at both churches.

Miss Marjorie Howell, who has a position in a dry goods store in Winston-Salem, visited her parents, Mr. and Mrs. T. P. Howell over the week-end.

Mr. and Mrs. Lloyd Kirby, of Moravian Falls, visited Mrs. G. M. Earp, Sunday.

Mr. Lawrence Phillips is a patient at the Wilkes hospital where he had an operation for appendicitis. His many friends hope for him a speedy recovery.

Mr. Lindsay Rogers was a business visitor to Statesville last week.

Prof. Paul Collins, of Lincoln, and his quartet gave a musical concert at the Baptist church here Sunday night which was enjoyed by a large crowd.

Mr. Raiford Rogers, of Taylorsville, was a business visitor here this week.

Mr. and Mrs. A. F. Greer and family visited in and around Taylorsville Saturday.

Mr. G. L. Chatham and sister, Mattie, of Taylorsville, visited in

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Question: What is the best method of applying fertilizer to vegetable crops?

Answer: Recent experiments with fertilizer placement for row crops show that placing the fertilizer in narrow bands on each side of the seed is the most desirable. This prevents too great a concentration of fertilizer salts near the roots of the plants, especially during the seedling stage. Practically the same results are obtained if the application is made in the row a week to ten days before planting. The fertilizer should be thoroughly mixed with the soil. Where the rows are spaced close enough to require hand cultivation, broadcast applications are desirable.

the home of Rev. and Mrs. S. I. Watts, Tuesday.

Mrs. Don Russell is right sick at this time. We hope she may soon get up again.

The entertainment at the closing of the school here Friday night was well attended. It was a fine success.

We had a good school year and hope the teachers are enjoying their much needed rest.

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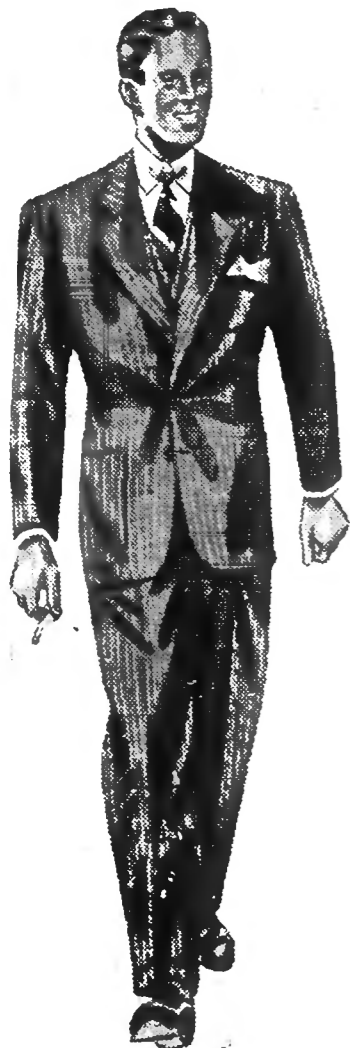
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