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Polio Precautions

Little is known about infantile paralysis, even by the most highly skilled scientists. It is known that it is a communicable disease, but just exactly how it is transmitted from one to another is not known.

Since there are several cases in Wilkes county, and hundreds in the state, every reasonable precaution should be taken to prevent further spread.

In this connection we publish the following bulletin issued by the North Carolina League for Crippled Children. Most of the contents were contained in an article published in this newspaper Thursday, but in view of the importance of the matter, repetition is excusable:

If poliomyelitis is prevalent in your community young children should avoid crowds. Any crowd may be a source of danger.

Children should not visit other children who are ill. This warning should be followed by adults as well, for it is by coming in contact with a source of the infectious material and thus becoming a carrier, that an adult may play a most important part in the spread of the disease.

Sometimes the virus produces no more symptom than a "summer cold". Sometimes it goes further, causing headache, vomiting, stiff neck, stiff back or muscle tenderness and finally paralysis.

Scientists cannot yet say definitely whether infantile paralysis is spread by direct contact with patients and carriers, by raw sewage in polluted streams, by contaminated water or milk and other foods. It is important to get rid of flies and other insects as a safeguard against the disease.

The virus is found chiefly in the nose, throat and bowels of the person affected. Apparently it enters the body through the nose and mouth, and is eventually discharged through the bowels.

If an individual in the home is diagnosed as having infantile paralysis the following precautions should be taken:

- (a) Discharges from the nose and throat should be collected on bits of paper or cloth and burned immediately.
- (b) Bed linens and towels should be disinfected and boiled in soap and water.
- (c) The patient should have his own dishes and these dishes should be sterilized before they are removed from the sick room.
- (d) Attendants should wash their hands before leaving the sick room.

Joke On Germany

Americans returning from Germany on the exchange ship Gripsholm tell amusing tales of how German people are led to believe this country is slowly starving to death. The Germans know from bitter experience that a nation, like an army, fights on its stomach. Picturing the United States as a hunger-weakened opponent is logical for a people who have lived with starvation and have used it as a weapon to destroy other nations.

Few citizens of the U. S. know the importance of food, because they have never known scarcity. How many customers, when they walk into the marvel of a modern food store, stop to think of the scientific productive effort that went into the stocking of the shelves and counters before them with canned, packaged, and fresh foods from every corner of the United States? It is a pity they cannot see a living panorama of the preparation and distribution of the food on those shelves. From beginning to end, it is a struggle against the elements and the grim laws of supply and demand. Wartime restrictions are just one more hurdle that food producers and distributors take in stride.

Carolina Best Place

Those wishing to establish postwar industries would do well to examine North Carolina's record in war production, especially the shipyards which have used North Carolina labor almost exclusively.

This fact is well brought out in the following editorial comment from the Greensboro Daily News and the Salisbury Post:

The Salisbury Post wants to talk to the membership of Congress who are thinking of where the after-the-war industrial expansion should take place. The Post likes the Truman report of what has been done in North Carolina. Of the 16 constructed shipyards working on Liberty ships the North Carolina Shipbuilding company at Wilmington has built vessels at the lowest cost.

The Post is sold on North Carolina. So are we. Perhaps we were before we met the singing prose of the Post, but we like the way our Salisbury contemporary goes about presenting the state's case:

It is a direct, solid gold, fireproof, water resistant, pre-shunk, odorless, copper-riveted, no-fuss, no muss, no stoop, no bend, no squat, non-rip, non-ravel stainless, rustless, full-count, extra measure, triple-distilled tipoff to the industries of America that North Carolina is the best processing place and construction corner of the United States.

There is not room in North Carolina for all of the industrial plants in the United States.

There is just room for the best, the most far-sighted, and the most aggressive. We ought to spread the news.

Check! We'll do our dead level best to help you spread it.

half of the country's estimated lumber production in 1944, will be needed for boxes and crating, for military and civilian needs.

More than half of the cellulose used in making explosives comes from a wood base. Shells of rifle and machine gun size and also larger calibres, are packaged in cartons made of wood pulp.

How you fired your shot at the Axis by buying an extra War Bond this month?

LIFE'S BETTER WAY
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THAT SOUL OF YOURS

That soul of yours is precious and priceless in the sight of God. It is the pearl of great price. Nothing is so highly valued on earth as a human soul. It cost the life's blood of our blessed Savior to purchase our salvation, and to save us from hell beneath and to Heaven above. Think of it! This was the most fabulous price that God could possibly pay in order to redeem us. This rises and climbs and soars above silver and gold, diamonds, rubies, pearls and gems. All of these collected together on one mighty heap could not pay for even one soul if it were for sale. All of the treasures of earth could not buy one single soul out of a devil's neil. Absolutely!

Yet men by millions give themselves to the devil for naught. Only a few fleeting pleasures, or a few dollars placed in their hands, and they yield up their immortal souls to him for time and eternity to be cursed, blighted and damned. Oh, how unwise do men act! How thoughtless! How foolish; Oh, how aimless are the vast majority of mankind! Just eking out a mere existence. No aim, no plan, no purpose beyond the momentary things of time! No thought of eternity and where they shall exist. How shortsighted is the average man! He cannot see, or won't see, beyond the grave. All that the majority of men live for is this side of the grave, while all that is of the most vital, tremendous, awful, importance is beyond the grave. Heaven is beyond the grave, and so is hell. However, our life on this side determines what awaits us on the other side.

Oh, reader, wake up! What are you living for? To whom are you giving your time and talent, your wonderful privileges and golden opportunities—God or the devil? God wants them, and so does the devil. God is either getting them, or the devil. It is up to you. For what are you living? What is your aim, plan and purpose? God is bidding for your precious life and soul, and so is the devil? Who is getting the highest bid? To whom are you yielding? Think of it! If you yield to the devil you should lose all that is near, dear and precious, namely, your priceless soul. Why let him have the only jewel, pearl and gem you possess? Why serve him and go to hell, rather than yield your life to God, serve and worship Him and go to Heaven? Think! Think! Turn to God. This is life's better way. It is God's way.

ABNORMAL ABSURDITIES



By DWIGHT NICHOLS et al

SUBSCRIPTIONS, ADDRESSES—
Among other things, one of our duties is to keep in substantially correct form the Journal-Patriot's mailing list of some 4,200 subscribers.

It may be a slight exaggeration, but it seems at times that about 4,000 of 'em change their address weekly or semi-weekly.

There are many ways that roving subscribers can help us give them the best service possible in order that they will not miss any issues of the paper.

When possible a subscriber should write in his new address as early as he or she can find out what it is going to be.

AND BY ALL MEANS, GIVE THE OLD ADDRESS AS WELL AS THE NEW ADDRESS.

Many people wonder what we want with the old address, since we will not need the old one any longer for mailing.

But here is the situation: Suppose that Mr. John Doe writes and says: "Send my paper to 1313 Longlost Avenue, Nevermind Road, Wahoo, North Dakota".

Well, we get no idea from that about the status of his subscription. If Mr. John Doe had said change his address from some place to some other place, we could look at the former address and find how much subscription credit he has, and stop the subscription to the place where he no longer is.

It is costly to send papers where people ain't. The postoffice where the subscriber ain't will promptly send the undelivered paper back postage due, two cents each.

SO PLEASE, FOR YOUR BENEFIT AS WELL AS OURS, WHEN YOU ASK THAT YOUR ADDRESS BE CHANGED, AS LEAST GIVE THE NAME OF THE POSTOFFICE AND STATE OF THE OLD ADDRESS.

Because of the paper shortage, we can't afford to waste paper by sending papers to people where they are not.

ON SUBMITTING NEWS—
Recently the waste basket has been the destination of many personal news items which were sent through the mails to The Journal-Patriot. As far as we know, the news items were authentic, but we didn't know and couldn't take a chance.

We say this to explain why we cannot use news items which are not accompanied by the name of the person writing it. Understand, we do not publish the name of the person submitting the news, but when the name is with what is written we can feel assured that the news item is o. k. and not fictitious, and is not something cooked up to embarrass somebody.

SO PLEASE PUT YOUR NAME ON ANY NEWS YOU MAIL IN. WE WANT ALL THE NEWS ITEMS WE CAN GET. But don't

Want Guernseys? See County Agent

J. B. Selig, Wilkes county agent, states that a number of farmers have asked him to locate for them some guernsey guernsey cows. All who are interested in purchasing that type of cow should get in touch with Mr. Selig in order that he may purchase a group from some well known guernsey breeder.

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It is reported that research which manufacturers have made on water-resistant matches that prove a boon to service men in jungle areas. The War Food Administration is using surplus Irish potatoes to help relieve the shortage of stock feed in Eastern Carolina, say reports.

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