

751 Patients Treated For Fireworks Injuries In N. C.

751 Patients Treated For Hospital Care Association Makes 1947 Report As Public Service

DURHAM—An indication of the number of injuries caused by fireworks in North Carolina during the recent Christmas-New Year's season was revealed today in a survey released by The Hospital Care Association, Inc.

Signed reports were received from 261 North Carolina physicians who stated they treated 751 patients injured directly or indirectly from firecrackers Roman candles and fireworks during the 30 day period of December 10, 1946 to January 10, 1947.

The Hospital Care Association is a non-profit Blue Cross organization which provides 150,000 North Carolinians with a voluntary plan of prepaying hospital and surgical bills.

Executive Vice President E. M. Hernon said:

"The survey was conducted as a service to the public and to our members. Its findings are being released to the press, state medical and hospital officials, and legislators. All physicians signed their reports in writing. Undoubtedly, there were additional cases of firework injuries but the reports of the 261 replying physicians gave indication as to the scope and nature of this type injury."

Of the 751 patients reported treated, 74 were admitted to hospitals. A total of 121 patients were reported as being "seriously injured."

Among the "seriously injured" were 37 classified as "eye injuries" including nine cases involving the loss of an eye, six cases resulting in the loss of vision of one eye, two cases resulting in questionable vision of one eye, two cases with corneal

District Medic Meeting Feb. 19

Dr. E. C. Hamblen To Be Guest Speaker At Meeting Of Third District Doctors

On Wednesday evening, February 19, the Third District of the North Carolina Medical Society will hold its winter meeting at the Cape Fear club, 2nd and Chestnut Streets, Wilmington.

The New Hanover Medical Society will be host at a cocktail party at 7:00 p. m. in honor of the visiting speakers and the out-of-town physicians. Following the cocktail party, dinner will be served, after which the papers will be presented.

At this meeting, Dr. William Coppridge, president of the N. C. State Medical Society, will pay the district his official visit. He will speak on matters of interest to every practicing physician.

The other speakers of the evening will be Dr. E. C. Hamblen, professor of Endocrinology Duke University, who will speak on "Some uses of Estrogen and Progestin." Dr. David Young, general superintendent of the N. C. Psychiatric Hospitals, will speak on the subject of "Problems Covering the State Hospitals."

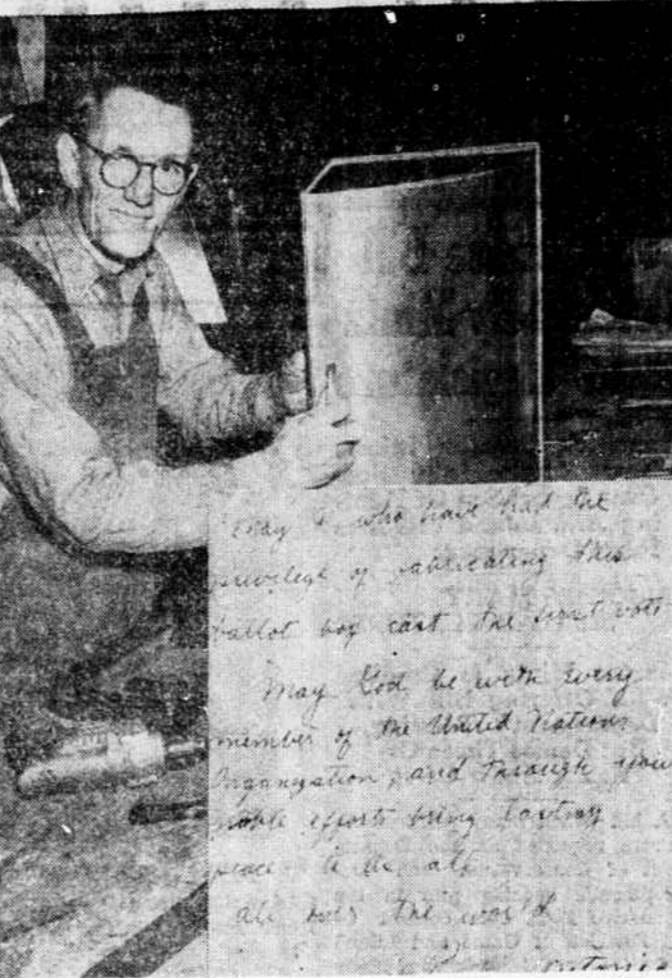
All members of the district society are urged to attend, and any physicians who have recently located in the district are cordially invited.

scar of one eye, and four cases of burns of eye.

Among 50 reported arm injuries, were two cases of the loss of hand, seven cases of partial loss of hand, six cases of loss of one finger, seven cases of loss of two fingers, five cases of loss of three fingers, and one case of five fingers.

Other serious injuries and the number reported were severe skin burns, 8; ruptured ear drum, 4; chest injuries, 1; face injuries, 3; leg injuries, 2; fractured foot, 1; and abdomen injury, 1.

Churches Supporting Mechnic's Prayer



NEW YORK—When Paul Antonia, tinsmith, slipped "the first vote" into the UNO ballot box which he had just made, it was a plea that echoed prayers of religious people everywhere. "May God be with every member of the United Nations Organization," the message read, "and through your noble efforts bring lasting peace to us all—all over the world." Thousands of churches, regarding civic responsibility as a stewardship, are encouraging prayerful study of the United Nations program. The Methodist lay-activities leaders, as one part of the denomination's Crusade for Christ, are making this a mid-winter emphasis.

Will Send Out News Of County

State News Bureau Preparing Lengthy Release Detailing Attractions Of This County

An interesting brochure on Brunswick county will shortly be distributed from the office of Bill Sharpe, head of the North Carolina State News and Advertising Bureau. For suggestions that would correct and improve the material Mr. Sharpe sent the work to W. B. Keziah this week.

At the outset the story gives Brunswick county an average mean temperature of 63.4, the highest in the state. Attention is given the various communities by name and their population in given areas. Much attention is also devoted to points such as Orton Gardens, Bald Head Island and some of the beaches. Sport and commercial fishing also received flattering attention.

Lumbering throughout the county, farming and the manufacturing industries around Leland and Navassa, where there are five big fertilizer plants, the Gulf States Creosoting Company, and other industries, were all prominently mentioned. Five full pages were necessary to carry the full article and the additions by the local man.

Ash Youth Just Back From China

Clyde B. Coleman, fireman, second class, son of Wade A. Coleman, of Ash, is serving aboard the cargo ship USS Rankin, which has returned to San Diego, Calif., from Chinwangtae, China.

While in China, the Rankin participated in a joint Army and Navy mock invasion held on the beaches of Japan, and participated in target practice and emergency measures conducted by the 7th Fleet. The Rankin then went to Chinwangtae, China to transport the 7th Regiment of the 1st

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Farm Training Deadline Set

Veterans Wishing To Take Advantage Of This Program Must Be Enrolled With Vocational Agriculture Teacher Before March

Brunswick County veterans of World War II, who desire to take co-operative farm training under provisions of Public Law 346 (the G. I. Bill), must be enrolled for instruction by a Vocational Teacher prior to March 1. In order to receive tuition and subsistence allowance payments under the Veterans Administration Training Program.

Veterans not enrolled by the end of February cannot enter the farm training program until 1948, as new procedures require all enrollment to be made during January and February of each year in the future. This means that farm training—a co-operative program of organized instruction and actual on-the-farm training—will always start at the beginning of the crop year.

There are already some 8,000 veterans in the state taking farm training. They, and others entering before the new deadline, will have their progress reviewed on March 1, 1948, by their vocational agricultural teacher and VA agricultural training officer. Evidence of satisfactory progress

will be required to permit continuance of subsistence allowances at that time.

BREAKS WRIST
Miss Sallie Pierce, highly esteemed Shallotte lady who is partially paralyzed in her left side and left arm, had the misfortune to fall Friday night and break the larger bone in her left wrist.

FATHER DIES
James N. Clark, of Red Springs, father of Mrs. E. J. Prevatte, of Southport, died Monday morning following a heart attack. Funeral services were conducted Tuesday afternoon.

BOATS WEATHERBOUND
Southport's shrimping fleet weatherbound every day week. Even the big government dredge Hoffman had to lay from its work on the coast come in, owing to the southwest gales.

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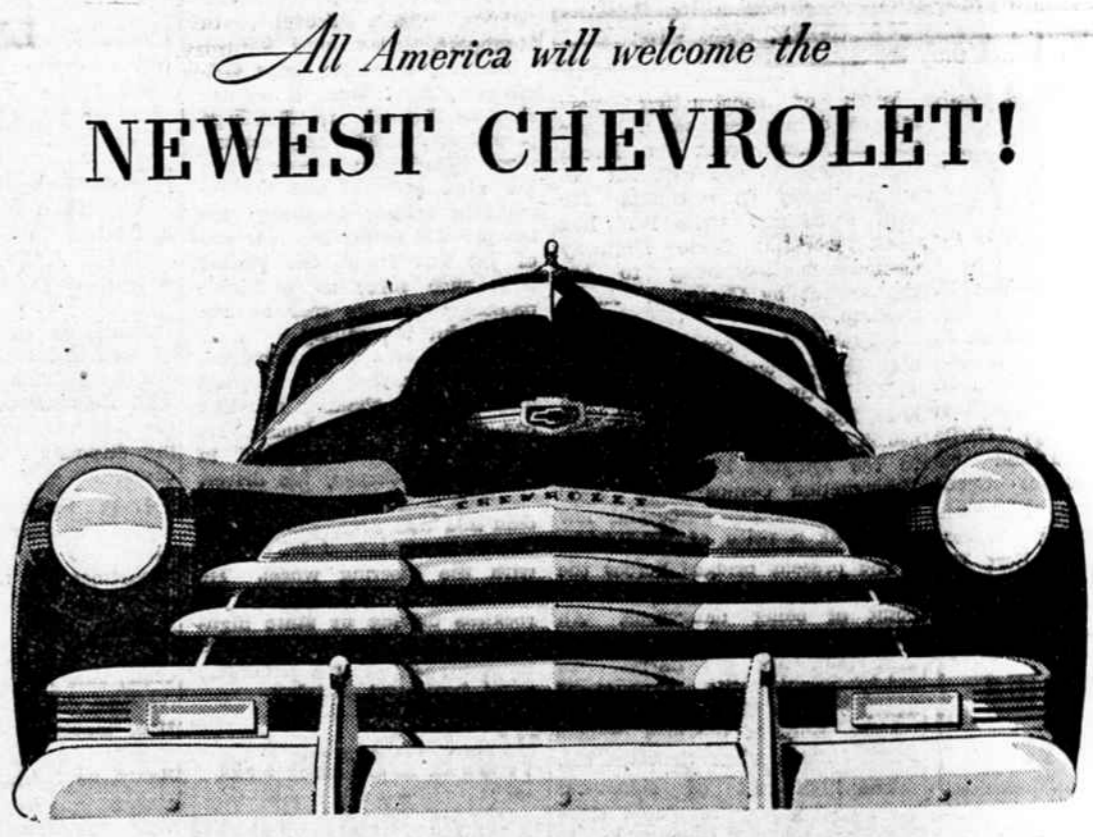
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