

30 Whooping Cough Cases Reported In Past Month

Thirty cases of whooping cough were reported from over the county to the Vance County Health Department in October. It was shown in the monthly report of reportable diseases made by the department. This is the largest number of cases of the contagion to be shown in a single month in nearly a year, and put the disease in the forefront for the month.

There were three other types of contagious disease reported, however. One of these, diphtheria, had two separate cases, and there was one each of chickenpox and scarlet fever. State law requires that these and certain other diseases must be reported to the department when found.

This Municipality Shows Its Citizens Where Money Goes

To strip away the veneer and camouflage of governmental book-keeping is the first step in achieving genuine economy—that's the opinion of Mayor H. W. Beals of Fort Wayne, Indiana.

He makes the various municipal costs so plain that the average citizen can compare them with a haircut, a loaf of bread or a pack of cigarettes.

In addressing the annual conference of the National Consumers Tax Commission in New York, the Hoosier mayor said:

"In Fort Wayne we show that the individual who has a home assessed at \$4,000 will pay 42 cents a month for police protection, or the price of a pack of cigarettes; for fire protection 48 cents, less than the price of a haircut—in Fort Wayne; garbage collections eight cents, less than a Sunday paper; street cleaning 13 cents, less than a gallon of gas; street repair, six cents; the price of a pound loaf of bread; for parks and recreation 52 cents, the price of a pound of steak; health department 5 cents, the price of a soft drink; payment on debt 15 cents, the price of a pack of cigarettes; other city activities, including pensions and schools, 27 cents, less than a movie ticket."

The total is \$1.96 a month for all the civil services in Mayor Beals' city. How many other municipalities can use such yardsticks so favorably?

There should be interesting action in some 6,000 city and village halls when the NCTC women begin comparing Mayor Beals' political brass tacks to their own community situations.

President Is Not Decided Upon Course

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United States Lines' ships to Panamanian registry would be legal, the President, however, said other questions were being discussed to benefit not only the laid-off crews but the ships themselves. He said he would discuss with maritime labor leaders during the day the prospects of working out with the Maritime Commission a project to give training under commissioned officers to officers and seamen thrown out of work. They would be paid by the government during such training.

Mr. Roosevelt said he also was considering use of the 25 to 35 American-flag ships taken out of the North Atlantic trade in fetching materials the government is purchasing under a \$10,000,000 appropriation for a reserve of strategic war supplies.

In this connection, he referred to the agreement with Great Britain to exchange American cotton for British rubber and tin. American ships now idle may be used to bring the rubber and tin back from the East Indies, while the British ships carry American cotton back to the British Isles.

Weighs Fliers



Capt. Charles L. Leedham

A new scientific apparatus is being used by the United States army to determine whether a prospective flier is likely to go to pieces emotionally in an emergency while piloting a plane at 350 m.p.h. or more, it was reported by Capt. Charles L. Leedham, of the Army School of Aviation Medicine in Hollywood, Fla. The machine tests control of blood stream by the nervous system. (Central Press)

Methodists' Conference Is Dissolved

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ference convened and the following officers were elected: T. M. Grant, of Greenville, secretary; F. W. Paschall, of Burlington; W. H. Brown, of Jackson Springs, and Dr. E. L. Hillman, of New Bern, assistants. Rev. W. C. Wilson, of Nashville, was named statistical secretary, and Rev. B. H. Houston, of Morehead City, assistant.

McDonald Group Is Seen As Backer of Broughton

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of their own choice. Instead they plan to operate as a cohesive unit in support of the one man they believe will come nearest to moving in their direction.

Still Around



Vladimir Hruban

Undaunted by disappearance of his country, Vladimir Hruban, former Czechoslovakian minister to the United States, continues duties in Washington as though nothing had happened. This is his latest picture. U. S. does not recognize German conquest of Czechoslovakia.

Wife Preservers



Finger marks on wallpaper may be removed by rubbing gently with a clean, soft eraser. Remove as soon as you discover such marks, and you will save energy and wallpaper.

Are You Capable of Driving Auto?

By LOGAN CLENDENING, M. D.

TESTS to determine whether an owner is capable of driving an automobile are applied in a very careless and incomplete way. Automobiles have now taken rank as more dangerous than pneumonia on the American continent, yet our states and municipalities take no particular care to rule out the unfit among drivers, and regard with cynical

Dr. Clendening will answer questions of general interest only, and then only through his column.

complacency the rules which could be enforced to forbid dangerous drivers from jeopardizing the lives of their fellow citizens.

A complete examination of applicants for a driver's license should have three parts—physical condition, mental condition and vision. The last is the most important.

There are several aspects of vision which must be considered: The *psychologic aspect*, which includes the synthesis of visual sensation into perception and its modification by bad judgment, bad attitude and mental disease. This is common enough. The habitual accident creator is defective in some way on the psychologic side, and excuses made for him are used off the record because his trouble is too deep to be corrected by good intentions.

Easily Corrected

Disorders of refraction of the eye. These can easily be corrected. A refractive error does not necessarily give any symptoms, so a routine examination of drivers is necessary to detect them.

Disorders of the retinal function. This is a new field, created by the automobile. It includes glare sensitivity. The capacity of the eye to function at night is of extreme importance. Seventy per cent of automobile accidents occur between 6 P. M. and 6 A. M.

A machine, appropriately named the glarometer, has been invented and is used in several cities to test applicants for driving licenses. It consists of a box into which the patient looks and reads letters printed on a screen, but illuminated with a 300-watt lamp. The glare is cut down and the letters changed every ten seconds until almost complete darkness is reached.

Third Unfit to Drive

In making a large series of tests, almost a third of the applicants were so glare sensitive that they were graded 10 on a basis of 100. That means that we must face the startling fact that a third of the people driving automobiles are physically unable to drive safely at night.

The problem of color vision does not appear to be serious. Only about five per cent of people are color blind at all, and these have trained

themselves so that they recognize a difference in red and green lights. Only 12 out of 1,000 color-blind persons had a record of going through a red light. This figure is given out by the investigating department of a large city. I am told that three completely color-blind persons have been given awards for safe driving. This is contrary to views heretofore expressed in this column, and I am happy to make the correction.

QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS

Mrs. G. B.: "Can an overactive thyroid be cured without an operation? Can it cause indigestion, dizziness and visual troubles?"

Answer: There is hardly any subject in medicine that requires more judgment than the decision about the treatment of a case of this kind. Undoubtedly such cases get well without operation, but if the condition is allowed to go on too long, there may be heart damage and eye damage. Certainly the decision and management must be left to the family physician. The symptoms mentioned can all be caused by overactive thyroid.

D. D.: "What effect has coffee on a nervous person? Does it affect the heart in any way?"

Answer—The fundamental effect of coffee is to increase the circulation of the blood. By driving more blood through the brain it causes wakefulness; by driving more blood through the heart it improves the condition of the heart muscle. Nervousness is a vague term, and it is not easy to decide whether coffee produces nervousness. In that people are more wakeful it probably does.

F. B.: "What causes ulcers of the intestines? Can they be treated and how? And if they are not treated, what will be the result?"

Answer: An ulcer in the intestine is just the same as an ulcer any place else in the body. An ulcer is a solution of continuity in the mucous membrane. The causes are (1) chemical. For instance, if you burn yourself with acid on the skin, an ulcer will result. (2) Physical. If you get a grain of sand in your eye, it will eventually result in an ulcer. (3) Infection. A germ may light on a mucous membrane surface and cause ulcer. Ulcer in the intestine is more likely to be infectious than of any other kind. All ulcers tend to heal. Ulcers of the intestines, if left alone, and if on a bland diet, will also heal.

EDITOR'S NOTE: Dr. Clendening has seven pamphlets which can be obtained by readers. Each pamphlet sells for 10 cents. For any one pamphlet desired, send 10 cents in coin, and a self-addressed envelope stamped with a three-cent stamp, to Dr. Logan Clendening, in care of this paper. The pamphlets are: "Three Weeks' Reducing Diet," "Indigestion and Constipation," "Reducing and Gaining," "Infant Feeding," "Instructions for the Treatment of Diabetes," "Feminine Hygiene" and "The Care of the Hair and Skin."

choice of any other particular group. They look on him as a true independent upon whom they can center their efforts without fear of entanglements with other cliques. They frankly do not think of Broughton as being a fellow liberal in complete accord with their own views; but they do see him as the candidate who comes the nearest to their viewpoint and who, at the same time, has even a remote chance of being nominated.

Washington Hears Tide Is Now Against Hitler

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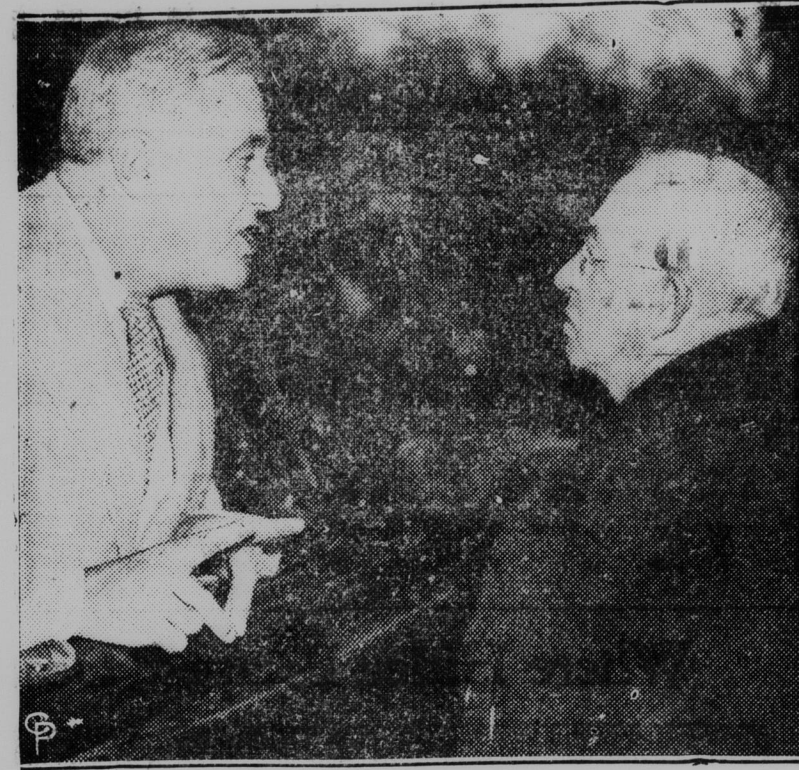
nately," thus enabling the White House to act as an intelligent intermediary between the Allies and Germany. He said that it's a puzzle to him to see how our president can act as much of a peacemaker until he knows exactly what the row's about. The nub of it is that the Colorado solon wants the situation so developed as to permit F. D. to figure in a pacificatory role as soon

Nazi Aide at Soviet Fete



Hans Thomsen, Nazi Charge d'Affaires in Washington, arrives with his wife at the State Embassy to help observe the 22d anniversary of the October Revolution. Leading diplomats and U. S. officials shied away from the sumptuous fete. Caviar and vodka went begging.

Farmer Roosevelt Gets An Ear



Sterling Byrd, an old resident of Hyde Park, N. Y., listens intently as neighbor Franklin D. Roosevelt has his say, probably about crop conditions. The President journeyed from Washington in order to vote in the local elections.

as possible.

On the opposite hand, also over the radio, the same evening, Senator Elmer Thomas of Oklahoma strongly insisted that we shouldn't butt into the European affair under any circumstances.

Plenty of senators and representatives agree with Senator Thomas. Others agree with Senator Johnson. A third faction holds that President Roosevelt shouldn't make any offer of his good offices until the belligerents ask him to. Should they do so, these critics believe he should accept immediately. I'm pretty sure that this element is in a majority over both the others put together.

At all events it's developing into a hot argument.

To my diplomatically unsophisticated mind it seems quite clear that the British (and French) essential war aim is—the elimination of Fuehrer Hitler. It seems to me that they've stated it very plainly. Any number of their leading statesmen are on record to the effect that they're not anti-German; they simply are anti-Adolf. In fact, they like the Germans, but emphatically they object to that Austrian house-painter.

Naturally, while he remains on the job, any would-be peace-maker is certain to have a Dickens of a time negotiating a satisfactory compromise.

Germany Discontented?

Hints reach Washington to the purport that the Fuehrer has lost a deal of popularity at home recently. They come from Allied sources, and perhaps should be accepted a bit skeptically in consequence. Still, they do have an air of some plausibility.

The theory is that the rank and file of the Nazis were greatly displeased at Adolf's hook-up with Stalin. It's understandable. The party was as hostile as anybody to Communism. Adolf himself was until he made that dicker with Moscow. London and Paris learn (or say they do) that his own erstwhile followers numerously resent his association with the Soviet folk. It's asserted that the Fuehrer has had to "purge" a good many of them. Even Herr Goebbels is reported to be at odds with his boss.

It's long been recognized that the old-fashioned militarists are anti-Hitleristic. It's fair to assume that the original "bourgeoisie," which he liquidated, must hate him. Maybe

the masses already are sick of rationing and incidental war hardships. If the Nazis also are going back on him, his position begins to look precarious.

French Army Braces For German Push

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the mechanized division 11,000.) These quarters professed to see an ominous quiet—perhaps the prelude to a German offensive—in the sketchy reports of action on the western front, such as this morning's French communique, which said merely: "Activity of contact units during the night."

The cabinet was understood to have discussed a French reply to the Netherlands-Belgian mediation proposal in a two and a half hour meeting. Although the decision was not disclosed, previous indications in Paris and London pointed to a joint French-British negative response.

Mysterious Defensive Acts Taken

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Residents in the "water line" villages were "moved" after a cabinet meeting, which lasted until early today, the high command ordered removal from martial law areas of all ships undesirable for defense purposes. Ambulance units were ordered on duty at The Hague, presumably as an air raid precaution.

Buses have been requisitioned, and many trains taken out of service, apparently to be prepared to remove the population of areas west of the flood defenses.

The flooding process, which will require some time, is an unusual defensive measure to cut off Amsterdam, Rotterdam, The Hague and other industrial areas from the east.

Although official explanations were lacking, the moves by Belgium and the Netherlands were interpreted as preparation for any eventualities in the European war.

Slight Gain For Cotton

New York, Nov. 10.—(AP)—Cotton futures opened higher in steady points higher. At the close of the first hour, prices were up two to six points. Around noon prices were steady at net advances of one to even points.

Stocks Drop Still Further

New York, Nov. 10.—(AP)—Stock market failed to carry over the gains of the previous day. Around 10 o'clock prices were down about 10 points. Dealings slackened after a decidedly fast opening and some losses were reduced and some were without much activity, and in the fourth hour many issues were again reaching distance of the day's lows.

Some selling was attributed to fears the recently stable European war was about to assume a destructive phase.

American Radiator	100
American Telephone	100
Anacosta	41 5/8
Atlantic Coast Line	23 1/2
Atlantic Refining	23 1/2
Bendix Aviation	31
Bethlehem Steel	31
Chrysler	31
Columbia Gas & Elec Co.	11 1/2
Commercial Solvents	11 1/2
Consolidated Oil Co.	11 1/2
Curtis Wright	10 5/8
DuPont	17 1/2
Electric Power Light	7 3/4
General Electric	30 3/4
General Motors	34 3/4
Liggett & Myers	101
Montgomery Ward & Co.	54 1/2
Reynolds Tobacco	37 1/2
Southern Railway	18 3/4
Standard Oil Co N. J.	47 1/2
U S Steel	69 1/2

AROUND TOWN

Pays Traffic Fine—Mrs. P. L. Hagwood paid \$1 fine into the office of the city clerk for violating traffic rules.

Granted License—John Lee Mullins and Kathaleen Ayseue, both of route 1, Henderson, were granted license to wed at the Vance Registry office yesterday.

STATE Theatre

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