

## NORTH CAROLINA IS OBSERVING HOSPITAL WEEK

Durham, April 30.—North Carolina's 122 general hospitals will roll out the welcome mat to the public during North Carolina Hospital Week, May 9 to 15.

Reid Holmes, newly-installed president of the North Carolina Hospital Association, today announced plans for the special observance, which he said will be the most extensive in the state's history.

"The public is cordially invited to visit the general hospitals in North Carolina during this week," Holmes said. "The latch-string will be out and we hope that every citizen who can will pay his local hospital a call, and learn first-hand about the life-saving work which it is doing."

Holmes said the theme of North Carolina Hospital Week this year will be "Serve Your Hospital—It Serves You." He pointed out that North Carolina hospitals today are taking care of more patients than ever before. Practically all hospitals in the state are crowded, he said, and many are short of nurses, technicians, and other personnel.

"The reason the hospitals are so crowded," Holmes explained, "is not that there are more sick people than there used to be, but because the average citizen today can afford medical care, despite the higher rates, whereas 10 years ago, he could not. The widespread growth of prepaid hospital coverage has been a big factor in this development, as has the general education of the public to the benefits of modern hospitalization and care. More and more the people have come to realize that hospital is a center of community health—not just a last resort in cases of serious illness or accident."

Holmes appealed for stronger support of hospitals by the public. "There are many ways in which the people can help our hospitals to render better service," he said. "For example, by paying hospital bills promptly, and by practicing good manners when visiting hospital patients. These may seem like very insignificant things, but actually they are extremely important."

Many special activities at the state and local levels have been planned during North Carolina Hos-

## HOSPITAL WEEK POSTER



Here is the official poster for this year's observance of North Carolina Hospital Week (May 9-15). The bright-eyed "pin-up" girl who pays tribute to the maternity record of North Carolina Hospitals is Mary Katherine Davenport, 10-months-old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. R. B. Davenport, of Durham. Several thousand prints of this poster will be distributed throughout the state.

pital Week, to acquaint the public with the work hospitals are doing and the problems which they face, Holmes said.

Governor Kerr Scott has officially designated the week, and called on all North Carolinians to observe it in accordance with the state's number one need—Good Health.

### PLAN HOME-COMING DAY AT HANKINS ON MAY 15

Home-coming day will be observed at Pinhook church at Hankins on Sunday, May 15, it was announced yesterday by T. H. Hall, president. The service will begin at 10 a. m., and continue through the day. The public is invited to attend and to bring a basket of lunch.

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### Home Demonstration Club Schedule

McDowell county 4-H clubs will hold monthly meetings during the week of May 2-6, Miss Jean Steele, county home demonstration agent, announced this week.

The schedule of Home Demonstration club meetings was announced by Miss Jean Steele as follows:

Bethlehem: Thursday, May 12, lodge hall, two o'clock.

White Pine: Thursday, May 12, home of Mrs. Virgil Wilkerson, 7:30 o'clock.

West Marion: Friday, May 13, home of Mrs. Earl Young, 7:30 p. m.

Turkey Cove: Monday, May 16, home of Mrs. Arthur Baucom, two o'clock.

Nebo: Tuesday, May 17, home of Mrs. James Parks.

Cherry Springs: Wednesday, May 18, community building, two o'clock.

Glenwood: Thursday, May 19, two o'clock (place to be announced).

Pleasant Gardens: Thursday, May 19, home of Mrs. J. C. Rabb, 7:30 p. m.

Greenlee: Friday, May 20, home of Mrs. Harold Dysart, 7:30 p. m.

Dysartville: Friday, May 20, two o'clock (place to be announced later).

Chapel Hill: Tuesday, May 20, club house, two o'clock.

North Cove: Wednesday, school building, two o'clock.

Old Fort: Thursday, home of Mrs. W. J. Proctor, two o'clock.

### PIEDMONT SCOUT BOARD TO MEET IN SHELBY

Shelby, May 12—The Executive Board of the Piedmont Council, Boy Scouts of America, administering the Boy Scout program in the counties of Alexander, Burke, Caldwell, Catawba, Cleveland, Gaston, Iredell, Lincoln, McDowell, Polk and Rutherford will hold a dinner meeting here at the Educational Building of the Ascension Lutheran church on Tuesday night, May 17, at 7:15 o'clock. Plans for the summer and further plans for the 40th Crusade of the Boy Scouts of America to "Strengthen the Arm of Liberty" will be the special feature of the meeting.

### COFFEE-TEA

Americans are drinking more and more coffee and less and less tea, according to the Commerce Department, which reports that the 38-year trend was reaffirmed by a rise in the per-person consumption of coffee to 19.04 pounds in 1948. Average consumption of tea has dropped steadily since 1911, when it was 1.04 pounds per person, to slightly over a half pound last year.

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