

Doctor's Bill Grows Bigger As He Travels

The doctor's bill of the average rural family increases 66 cents for every mile the doctor travels, a survey of 500 rural families in Eastern North Carolina shows.

The survey was conducted under the supervision of C. H. Hamilton, head of the Department of Rural Sociology at N. C. State college.

Mr. Hamilton and his staff found that 27 per cent of the families live 10 miles or more from a doctor, and 20 miles or more from a hospital. Families living at these distances had about the same amount of illness as other families. The survey also showed that they used hospital's and doctors to about the same extent.

But there were two important differences: The isolated families did not and frequently could not get medical service in their homes; and if they did get a doctor to make the trip, the expense was greater.

The cost of getting a doctor in the country varied with the distance the patient lived from town. The average fee for one call at the doctor's office was \$2.80. The average fee for a home call in the day was \$7.12, and for a home call at night, \$9.35.

Mr. Hamilton's survey also showed that the average cost of a home call started at \$2.55 for no distance and increased at the

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rate of 66 cents for each mile the rural family lived from the doctor. At five miles the cost was \$5.85; 10 miles, \$9.25; 15 miles, \$12.45; and 20 miles \$15.75.

As a result of the high cost of home calls, especially at night, there were very few such calls, according to Mr. Hamilton. Also, he said, there is an increasing tendency for doctors to ask patients to come to their offices or to the hospital.

If properly fertilized and managed, Ladino clover pastures remain productive for five years or more after they are established, say scientists of the North Carolina Experiment station.

State College Hints To Farm Homemakers

By RUTH CURRENT (State Home Demonstration Agent)

Winter-weight fabrics that fall stores in increasingly varied lines. The mother who sews for a school-age daughter and who wants most garments washable, even in winter, will find these newer types of flannels and other warm fabrics worth hunting out and examining.

Washable corduroy comes in different weights, including zephyr - light corduroy for dresses, and heavier weights for jackets and coats. The corduroys are quite warm and wear well.

Washable wool-and-cotton flannel is another choice. Also on the market is a washable spun rayon that resembles wool flannel in looks, and provides some warmth. School girls are joining grown-ups in the fashion of matching a jersey cardigan in color with a cotton or other fabric dress.

When shopping for washable fabrics, look for labels or ask the clerk for information about quality. Labels or tags, or fine print on the end of a bolt may give facts on such matters as colorfastness to light and washing and pre-shrinkage treatments that avoid further shrinkage beyond 2 per cent. The purchaser herself may be able to judge whether goods will stretch by pulling it gently lengthwise and crosswise.

If material chosen for school girl's clothes is to be washable, don't forget to have the trim washable too. Or, if a collar or other trim is not washable, see that it is easy to detach with snaps or buttons.

State College Answers Timely Farm Questions

Q. I have heard that it's dangerous to repair a burned-out fuse with a penny. Is this true?

A. Yes. H. M. Ellis, agricultural engineering specialist for the State College Extension service, points out that a fuse is a protective device. When it burns out, that's a warning that the circuit has been overloaded. The blowing of the fuse prevents overheating of hidden wires, when more electricity is being drawn through the wire than it can handle.

Actually, says Mr. Ellis, the replacement of the fuse with a penny continues to overload the circuit. The wires simply become hotter and begin to smolder. They may even char the walls or start a serious fire.

Mr. Ellis insists that the only safe way is to have an extra supply of fuses on hand and store them where they're easy to find.

Q. Is the wild cherry tree poisonous to livestock?

A. State college specialists say the wild cherry is one of the 10 plants in North Carolina most poisonous to livestock. The tree was responsible for the death of several beef cows in one eastern county this summer. Wild cherry bushes along the border of a pasture had been "grazed as high as the animals could reach."

Wild cherry is known by several other names such as black cherry, common chokecherry,

Rail oddities



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Forest In Graham Is Dedicated To Memory Of Author Of 'Trees'

The Joyce Kilmer memorial forest is a 3,840-acre cove in Graham county, deep in the Nantahala National Forest.

The "forest" includes lively Santeeclah creek and surrounding slopes up to the 5,000-foot-high ridge which is the North Carolina-Tennessee state line. Here is an opportunity to observe and enjoy virgin trees as nature grew them.

The area is set apart and dedicated forever to public enjoyment and inspiration, in memory of World War I soldier-poet, Joyce Kilmer. In the heart of this forest amid giant hemlocks and poplars is the bronze plaque honoring the author of "Trees".

Near the entrance are a few facilities for convenience—parking area, drinking fountain, registry shelter with seats, picnic tables, toilets—all very simple and detracting nothing from the prevailing grandeur and silence of the forest.

This masterpiece of nature is an example of the activities of the U. S. Forest Service in recreation, watershed and wildlife management. The purity, clarity and steady flow of the springs and streams record the powers of the forest to husband water and sustain streamflow in this watershed country with an annual rainfall of 100 or more inches.

The many squirrels, coons, birds and occasional deer testify to the splendid habitat preserved for wildlife. The well-built, conservative trails and the discreet picnicking facilities evidence a carefully thought-out policy of recreation development. Timber management is reduced to removal of occasional dangerous or diseased trees.

The giant trees and flashing waters, the flowers, mosses and ferns are something to remember. They inspire thoughts of pioneer days and of former eons back toward the Creation.

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Child Labor In North Carolina Shows Big Decrease

Child labor in North Carolina has shown a sharp decline in the past World War II years, according to the State Board of Public Welfare here recently.

In the six-year period since peak wartime employment (1944), the number of child labor certificates issued has been reduced nearly three-fourths, the figures show. In the year 1944-45, 63,938 child labor certificates were issued while in 1949-50, only 17,735 permits were authorized.

The 100 county departments of public welfare are responsible for the issuing of such

child labor certificates, under regulations set up by the State Department of Labor. According to North Carolina law, children under 18 who wish to work in this state must obtain permits from county departments of public welfare before they may do so.

(Domestic and agricultural workers are not covered under this law and are not required to obtain child labor certificates.)

The figures still reflect such seasonal employment peaks for children as June, when summer work opportunities appear, and December, when Christmas makes many job openings.

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