

Mrs. Addor Serves As Moore Chairman For Convention

Postmaster Thomas B. Ashby of Mount Airy, president of the North Carolina Chapter, National Association of Postmasters, has announced that their annual state convention will be held at Carolina Beach, June 12-14.

There are 18 postmasters in Moore County and 90 in the 8th Congressional District, of which Postmaster D. C. Cox of Raeford is district chairman. Mrs. Clyde K. Addor, postmaster at Addor, is chairman for Moore County.

The convention site had to be moved from Fayetteville because of the illness of W. M. Shaw, Fayetteville postmaster and convention chairman until his recent illness. The convention usually draws about 450 of the 941 postmasters in North Carolina.

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Home, Farm Accidents Take 739 Lives In State Last Year, Official Reveals

State Health Board Cites Increase In N. C. Accident Toll

North Carolina's home and farm accident death toll mounted to a new high of 795 during the year 1954, it is revealed by the Accident Prevention Section of the North Carolina State Board of Health.

According to official death records on file with the state health agency, all types of accidents cost the lives of 2,492 North Carolinians in 1954 compared with a total of 2,445 for 1953. In 1954 motor vehicle accident deaths dropped from 1,196 in 1953 to 1,143 while non-motor vehicle accidents rose from the 1953 total of 1,249 to a new high of 1,349.

Dr. Charles M. Cameron, Jr., accident epidemiologist with the State Board of Health, attributed over one half of the total increase in accident deaths to an increased incidence of accidents occurring in the home and on the farm.

739 Lives Lost

"Home and farm accidents took 739 lives in 1953 and in 1954 this figure increased to 795," Tr. Cameron said. "Official records show that one out of every three accident deaths in North Carolina last year took place in the home or on the farm."

He pointed out that accidents are the leading cause of death for persons under 25 years of age in North Carolina, with home accident deaths in pre-school age children causing more deaths than the next five leading causes of death, including motor vehicle accidents.

"Accidents in the home are of importance to the aged in the state also," the public health physician said. "One out of every two home accidents happens to a person over 50 years of age and with the exception of heart and blood vessel diseases and cancer, accidents are the major cause for death and disability among the senior citizens in our state."

State Board of Health estimates show that in 1954 there were a minimum of 79,500 injuries in the home which resulted in temporary disability for at least 24 hours, it was pointed out by the safety official. Of this number an estimated 3,180 sustained some degree of permanent disability, he said.

Needless Deaths

"Home accidents are North Carolina's 'unnoticed' accidents which year after year take a frightening toll of the state's human resources," Dr. Cameron concluded. "State-wide safety activities are excellent, but North Carolina's communities must begin vigorous activities to direct public attention to the needless deaths, disabilities, and economic loss resulting from home and farm mishaps."

Boarding Home Operators Take Part In Meeting

Operators of five Moore County boarding homes for the aged, accompanied by Mrs. Walter B. Cole, county welfare superintendent and Mrs. Mark King, case worker with the welfare department, recently attended a 12-county meeting at Fayetteville to discuss and study boarding home problems.

Attending the session were three operators of homes for white boarders: Mrs. Mamie Gibson of West End, Mrs. Walter Fuquay of Carthage and Mrs. Curtis Williams, operator of the county's largest boarding home which has been opened by Roy McSwain at Robbins. Negro operators attending were Mrs. Lillie Leak of Jackson Springs and Mrs. Queenie Waddell who has just opened a home, licensed to care for five boarders, on West New York Ave., Southern Pines.

Mrs. Cole said that all attending found the meeting most informative and interesting. The Moore County boarding homes were set up under Welfare department supervision when the county commissioners decided to close the county home. Boarders without financial resources pay their monthly bills with funds from welfare department checks, with a large portion of this money coming to the county from State and Federal assistance.

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