

### Policyholders Set A Health Record In '45

The health record among life insurance policyholders on the home front was exceedingly good last year, the death-rate among civilian owners of policies being lower than both 1944 and pre-war days, it was reported today by the Institute of Life Insurance.

"Preliminary reports indicate that the over-all policyholder death-rate may prove to be the lowest on record except for 1942," the Institute said. "This is a remarkable tribute to the care the American people have taken in the face of wartime work pressure and the acute doctor shortage."

Heart disease continued in the lead as the major cause of death, accounting for 30% of civilian policyholder deaths, although the rate was not much changed from that of 1944. The current deathrate from diseases of the heart and arteries is 6% above that for pre-war 1941. Cancer, second in importance, accounted for 15% of civilian deaths and showed an increase over both 1944 and 1941.

Offsetting the increase in deaths from heart disease and cancer, there have been improvements in other directions, with sharp reductions in some cases. Deaths from the major children's diseases have dropped materially from last year and are about one-third below pre-war. The tuberculosis death rate is 7% under 1944 and 12% under 1941, contrary to past wartime trends. The death-rate for influenza and pneumonia this year is nearly one-third below last year and 1940, although an epidemic of respiratory cases, not yet serious, was reported at year-end.

One especially disconcerting change of the year is that involving automobile accidents, the death-rate from which has sharply increased since lifting of gasoline rationing and the resumption of unlimited driving.

With an average driver at the wheel and traveling over a dry road, it takes a car going 45 miles an hour four times as long to stop as one going only 20 miles an hour, according to the National Safety Council.

### Horse Riders Now Licensed In Chicago

Chicago.—This city has gone automobile operators' licenses one better. To canter on a horse through one of the city's woodland trails, according to a new ordinance, one must now have a license—not only for himself but for his mount.

The ruling, which goes into effect on June 30, is designed to prevent capricious capers a la equestrienne. According to the language, it will protect "defenseless hikers and pedestrians" by charging each rider 50 cents a year for a license and holding revocation over his head unless both her and dobbie stay within the tenets of considerate horsemanship.

Dobbin himself carries a \$5 license, which is good only for one year, whereas the rider's license is good for three years. The ordinance further stipulates that a man with a license must be on a horse with a license.

### Crime Week Gains Support Of States

First steps towards a national observance of Crime Prevention week topped developments among the states this week as Connecticut took the lead in this direction and legislatures generally tackled problems of the postwar era.

With other states already indicating interest, Connecticut had outlined tentative plans for the first Crime Prevention Week ever observed in the United States. Dates had not yet been announced, but the objective was to enlist churches, schools, local governments, medical authorities, courts, and police departments in as wide an observance as possible.

A related objective was to make the plan a model for what William D. Barnes, of Bloomfield, executive secretary of the Connecticut Prison association, and other leaders hope ultimately will be a national Crime Prevention week.

### FILM STAR ON BELATED HONEYMOON



WHILE ENJOYING their belated honeymoon in the East, Mr. and Mrs. Hyatt Dehn posed for this picture at a New York night club. The bride is better known to radio and screen audiences as Ginny Simms. The groom is a socially-prominent advertising executive. (International)

### Tragedy Victim?



MISSING nearly a week from her mother's home in Saratoga Springs, N. Y., Louise de Chants (above), 20, was believed by authorities to have met death with a yellow bobby-sock their only clue, police were inclined to identify as hers the nude and headless torso of a young woman, which—minus both arms and one leg—was found seven miles from that city. (International)

### You Don't Hear Yourself As You Sound To Others

When you talk you don't hear yourself as others hear you.

The reason for this is that your own voice reaches your ears not only by air, but also through sound conduction by the bones of the head. If you want to hear your voice as others hear it, make a recording of your speech and play it. This method is used in many colleges in voice training and in teaching diction.

Speech of deafened persons with poor bone conduction is usually shrill and high, for they must shout to hear themselves. On the other hand, deafened persons with good bone conduction sometimes speak so low that they are hard to understand. They hear themselves well, although speaking almost in a whisper.

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### Ration Books Not To Be Replaced

Raleigh.—Recent announcements that sugar ration books will henceforth be issued for all of North Carolina by the OPA district office in Raleigh does not mean that present holders of books will get a new one, Theodore S. Johnson, Director of the Office of Price Administration said today.

Johnson said the announcements simply indicated that returning service people, who have never had ration books, or families having new babies, may apply for sugar ration books by obtaining an application blank at the local board and sending it to the Raleigh Office properly filled out. The same procedure should be followed to replace lost or mutilated books, Johnson said.

A lot of people, he added, thought that new books were being issued to all persons. This is not true.

### Life Insurance Up 40 Billion In War

Life insurance ownership in the United States increased to a new record total of \$154,600,000,000 during 1945, up \$40,000,000,000 or 35% since the outbreak of World War II. Holgar J. Johnson, president of the Institute of Life Insurance, declared in reviewing the year's activities of the life insurance business. This represents an increase of almost \$1,000 of life insurance protection per family during the war years, bringing the family average in the U.S.A. to \$4,500. There are now 71,000,000 policyholders in the country, an average of two to every family.

"Once again life insurance has demonstrated its strength and stability in the face of national upheavals, just as it did in the tragic depression of the '30s and during every war, depression or other crisis over the past century," Mr. Johnson said. "During 1945, as during the entire war, life insurance has increased its social-economic services to the people and today stands stronger and gives greater protection than ever before."

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Walter Bryan Coats, 4-H club boy from Johnston County, has been awarded a \$200 scholarship as one of four national winners in the Field Crops Contest. The yield of cotton per acre in North Carolina was 254 pounds in 1930 and 454 pounds in 1944. More cotton on fewer acres at a cheaper cost per pound.

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### Load Limits To Be Returned to Roads

That load limits allowed for North Carolina Motor Vehicles will be lowered to their pre-war levels beginning February 1st was indicated today in an announcement of the Carolina Motor Club, which stated new license requirements.

Quoting from instructions sent out by the North Carolina Department of Motor Vehicles, W. H. Carstarphen, manager of the club's Williamston office, said that beginning February 1st gross allowable weights would be restored from 42,000 to 40,000 pounds for tractor and semi-trailer combinations, and from 52,000 to 50,000 pounds for "four axle," or "tandem on trailer" combinations of hauling vehicles. Branch offices of the club handling license sales have been instructed to license vehicles only within the new weight limits after the first of next month. This rule will apply regardless of the weight shown on the 1946 registration card sent to vehicle owners by the State Department of Motor Vehicles, explained Mr. Carstarphen.

The lowering of allowable load limits actually constitutes a return to statute provisions, which were overruled some time ago by a proclamation of the Governor. Using his wartime powers, the Governor revised the allowed weights upward to facilitate emergency transportation. The proclamation is repealed as of February 1st.

"In effect, the return to statute weight limits lessens the weight of load that a vehicle may legally carry by one ton," said Carstarphen.

The motor club explained that vehicles licensed in 1945 may continue until February 1st with the loads allowed.

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