

Health Meeting Held In Local Club Room

Leader Discusses Health Needs In Address Tuesday

Dr. Maynard Fletcher Suggests Committee Make County Survey

Dr. Maynard Fletcher, vice chairman of the northeastern region for the North Carolina Good Health Association, in an address before the Woman's Club and representative citizens from various parts of the county briefly discussed the health needs, reviewed existing conditions and predicted that North Carolina would launch and support a program that would rank this state along with others at the top in hospital and medical care facilities.

"When we started our road program a quarter century ago, some said we were too poor to build. We built one of the greatest road systems in the country and we paid for it," Dr. Fletcher said, making personal references at times to point out the shameful conditions and to plead with the approximately 50 hearers to get busy and help do something to relieve those conditions.

Introduced by J. C. Manning, superintendent of schools, Dr. Fletcher briefly reviewed the movement to meet North Carolina's No. 1 need—good health. "It was started back in 1943 and fortunately by the president-elect and three past presidents of the North Carolina Medical Society who went to J. M. Broughton, then governor of the State, and said that something should be done about health conditions in North Carolina.

"The governor appointed a 50-member committee with Dr. Clarence Poe as chairman. The committee was charged with the task of making a health survey and instructed to report its findings to the 1945 Legislature. The committee made an exhaustive survey. It went into other states and checked conditions there, and experts were invited to this state to assist the survey.

"Many startling facts and figures were uncovered by the committee since 1934," Dr. Fletcher said, explaining that he is taking part in the movement now because he had seen with his own eyes many of the conditions revealed by the committee.

"Forty-one states have more hospital beds per thousand population than North Carolina.

"Thirty-four counties in this State have no hospital beds at all, and thirteen of those counties are in this region.

"Forty-two percent of our hospital beds are in six large urban areas, Winston-Salem, Greensboro, Asheville, Charlotte, Durham and Raleigh.

"Forty-four states have more doctors per 100,000 population than North Carolina. We have only one doctor for each 3,600 persons in the rural areas, and one Negro doctor for each 6,900 Negroes.

"Seventy-three percent of our people live in rural areas but have only 31 percent of the physicians.

"North Carolina is 41st in medical care."
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Worker On French Leave From Farm

An earnest worker on the farm and making his home with the John D. Lilley family near here for about ten days, Claude Branch, about 23 years old, took French leave early last Tuesday night, allegedly carrying with him an overcoat and other wearing apparel belonging to members of the family. Accompanied by his wife and one-year-old daughter, the young man moved by taxi to Elizabeth City, but no report on his activities there had been received here late Thursday.

Coming here from Shelby some weeks ago, the young man was employed in construction work until he decided to go to the Lilley farm where he planned to cultivate a crop next year.

Collect \$420 In Fines On Monday In County Court

Next Session of Tribunal To Be Held Monday, December 30

Impressed by the maiming and slaughter of human beings when he visited a wreck on the Robersonville-Stokes Highway last Sunday evening, Judge J. Calvin Smith frowned down on drunken driving when he took the bench in the county recorder's court last Monday. Jail and road sentences were meted out and fines ranging up to \$150 were imposed in drunken driving cases.

Fines amounting to \$420 were collected during the session which lasted until 1:00 o'clock Monday afternoon and which was attended by a goodly number of spectators from nearly every section of the county.

The uncertain trend many modern youth are unfortunately traveling during the session when three young men, their ages ranging from 21 to 26 years, appeared as witnesses and defendant in a case charging drunken driving. It was brought out that the three men, supplied with two quarts of liquor, were entertaining three girls whose ages ranged from 14 to 17 years. Their car was wrecked and most of them were hurt. No evidence was offered on the stand, but reports maintain that the teen-age girls were drinking along with the men.

Proceedings:
Drunken in Williamston's bus station, Johnnie White, of Bertie County, was sentenced to serve 30 days on the roads. When arrested, White had an ice pick on his person.

Charged with speeding past Robersonville's grammar school at about 50 miles an hour, Mayo Briley was sentenced to jail for five days, fined \$25 and taxed with the cost. His license to operate a motor vehicle was revoked for ninety days.

McDonald Dixon, young Whiteaker white man, was adjudged guilty of drunken driving, and was fined \$50, taxed with the cost and had his driver's license revoked for one year. Dixon admitted that he had had three drinks of liquor, but maintained that his ability to operate a motor vehicle was not impaired when he wrecked his car and injured several persons, including two or three teen-age girls, near Oak City on the night of Nov. 23. Said to have considered appealing his case to the higher court, the young fellow brought the wrath of Judge Smith down upon himself when he asked for possession of what was left of two quarts of liquor. "I ought to put you on the county roads," Judge Smith replied in answer to the defendant's claim to the liquor. Jailer Roy Peel was directed to pour the liquor into the gutter.

Charged with drunken driving, John Nicholson was sentenced to jail for two days, fined \$125, required to pay the cost and had his operator's license revoked for one year.

David Gurkin and Ernest Godard, charged with reckless driving, were adjudged not guilty.

Booked for a simple assault on his wife, Roosevelt Hassell was fined \$20 and taxed with the costs.

John H. Rogers, colored man
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Fire Wrecks Home Thursday Morning

Starting in a Christmas tree, fire badly damaged the home of Mr. and Mrs. (Slim) Davis on North Houghton Street Thursday morning at 8:45 o'clock. Many of the furnishings and several pieces of furniture were also badly damaged.

The tree, its branches burned away, was equipped with electric lights and the exact origin of the fire was not immediately determined. The heated bulbs broke, giving off reports similar to those of a shot gun. Neighbors rushed to the home and helped hold the fire under control until fire fighting equipment reached there.

No estimate on the loss could be had immediately, but it will approximate \$1,000 or \$1,500, according to unofficial reports.

THIS WAS A 1946 AUTOMOBILE



JUMBLED JUNK is all that remains of a new 1946 car after it smashed into a concrete abutment in Queens, N. Y., taking the life of Elizabeth Long, 23, and critically injuring Marie Tracy, 23, and Alvin Telishia. The dead girl's body is under a cushion in foreground. (International)

Healthy Diet Is Not Always Found In Food Quantity

Question Is Whether Meals Offer Right Quality Of Food

At a time when families are making plans for huge holiday dinners, it may seem out of place to warn against anemia and poor nutrition. But a meal of six courses is no guarantee of a healthy diet. In this country, where food is relatively plentiful, the question of nutrition is usually one of the kind of food eaten and whether or not it can be absorbed by the body, rather than mon among children, too.

Anemia is a condition in which the blood is deficient in quality or quantity. There are several kinds of anemia. Most people have heard of pernicious anemia, a chronic disease which is dangerous and frequently fatal. It occurs chiefly in middle life and is caused by inability of the body to absorb the food eaten. However, some forms of anemia are common among children, too.

Anemia among children is often caused by the absence from the diet of the iron, protein and vitamins the body needs to build good red blood. All these materials can be obtained in the well balanced normal diet. Such a diet also prevents other nutritional diseases and keeps the body in good operating condition.

Parents should always know what their children are eating. If schools provide hot lunches, children should take full advantage of them. If children do not have a hot lunch, particular care should be taken to make up the lack by careful meal planning in the home.

Especially good sources of iron are red meat, liver, kidneys, heart, egg yolk, green leafy vegetables, whole grain cereals and breads, molasses and dried apricots and raisins. Add milk and other fruits and vegetables, and the diet will contain all the necessary materials to maintain good health and prevent anemia.

The onset of anemia is usually slow and insidious. It may begin
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County Teachers Resign Positions

At least three teachers in the schools of this county are quitting the profession this week. It was learned today from the office of the superintendent of schools. None of the teachers announced plans for the future, and as far as it could be learned only one of the three positions made vacant has been filled.

Mrs. Chas. Davenport, third grade teacher in the local schools, tendered her resignation a few days ago. She is to be succeeded by Mrs. Gene Kimball who has substituted for others during the past several years.

Mrs. Raymond Cherry, Jr., and Miss Naomi Brown, teachers in the Bear Grass School, resigned some time ago, the superintendent said.

THE RECORD SPEAKS . . .

Two met sudden death, a third died later, four others were injured and maimed and a property loss of nearly \$3,000 resulted in four highway accidents in this county last week to help record one of the most tragic road accident records in the history of Martin County. While the record is enough to shock a traveling public out of its lethargy, the slaughtering and maiming business is accepted as a matter of course.

The following tabulations offer a comparison of the accident trend: first, by corresponding weeks in this year and last and for each year to the present time.

| 50th Week | | | | |
|------------------------------|-----|---|----------|--|
| Accidents In'd Killed Dam'ge | | | | |
| 1946 4 | 6 | 3 | \$ 2,870 | |
| 1945 5 | 4 | 0 | 1,725 | |
| Comparisons To Date | | | | |
| 1946 123 | 104 | 7 | 26,975 | |
| 1945 85 | 47 | 6 | 17,475 | |

County AMVETS Receive Charter

At the AMVETS (American Veterans of World War II) meeting held Monday night in the Williamston High school auditorium, the state commander, William E. Williams, addressed the group and presented the county chapter with its charter.

Mr. Williams spoke briefly to the group, reporting on some of the highlights of the past activities of the AMVETS and on the National convention held last month in St. Louis. He also stated some of the future aims of the national organization. At the conclusion of his address, George Corey, chapter commander, accepted the charter on behalf on the members of the organization.

During the business session it was decided that the name of the organization will be Martin County AMVETS post No. 26.

In cooperation with other AMVETS posts the chapter decided to adopt a resolution supporting the state good health campaign 100 percent and send this resolution to the governor's office as well as to the county representative immediately. Riss E. Froneberger and Hack Gaylord were appointed to draw up and submit such a resolution.

In closing the meeting, Mr. Corey reminded the group that the AMVETS has no fight with other organizations but only a duty to all Americans, in peace as well as they had in the past war.

The next meeting of the AMVETS will be held the third Monday night in January, the 20th.

Kiwanians Sponsoring Dance Friday Evening

Sponsored by the local Kiwanis Club, a dance will be held in the high school gym Friday night, December 20th. The dance will begin promptly at 9:30 o'clock and the drawing for the Ford car, Bendix washing machine and the Bendix radio will be held at 11 o'clock.

Numerous Holiday Programs Planned By Various Groups

Cantatas and Pageants Will Be Given In Several Churches

With most of the service men home from war and others having returned from manufacturing centers, this community has already entered into the observance of the Christmas period with numerous parties and events which will be climaxed by cantatas, pageants and special services in the various churches the early part of next week.

The local schools are holding just about as many parties as there are rooms, reports from the first in the series Thursday stating that they are being greatly enjoyed by the young people.

A high spot in the Christmas tree programs was reported at the party arrangement for the less fortunate by the Jaycees in the Woman's Club Wednesday evening.

The first in the Sunday School programs was scheduled Thursday evening when the Presbyterians distributed gifts to the members.

From 7:00 to 8:00 Friday night Santa Claus will be at the Baptist Church to give presents to the nursery, beginner and primary age children in the basement. There will be a Christmas tree and a program of singing and stories directed by Mrs. H. P. Mobley will be presented. Parents of these young folk are invited to also attend.

The Sunday School of the local Methodist Church will hold its annual Christmas tree program at the church on Friday evening at 7:00 p. m. Arrangements are being completed to have Santa Claus there to distribute gifts to the children, and a special program is also planned. The public is invited.

The Sunday school is also planning a White Christmas gift program to aid the needy, and all members of the school are requested to bring some gift next Sunday morning and place on the altar. Afterwards these gifts will be distributed to some needy families.

Sunday evening at 7:30, the choir will present a Christmas cantata, "Carols of Christmas." The choir is composed of eighteen voices.

The Bethany Pentecostal Church will present a Christmas pageant Sunday evening at 7:30 o'clock near here.

In the Christian Church Sunday evening at 8:00 o'clock, the choir, under the direction of Mrs. W. C. Manning and Mr. Russell T. Roebuck will present "The Star of the East," a cantata written by Louis E. Holcomb and the music by J. S. Fearis. There are eight solos and several anthems among its many parts, the directors pointing out that much time has been spent in preparing for the cantata presentation.

The Church of the Advent Sunday School is holding its annual Christmas tree program next Monday afternoon at 4:00 o'clock.

The Christian Sunday School is holding a series of parties for its pupils. The first was held at the parsonage last Monday evening for the juniors. There was a tree
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Splendid P. T. A. Program Tuesday

Holding the last meeting of the calendar year, members and quite a few special visitors of the local parent-teacher association enjoyed a splendid program in the grammar school auditorium last Tuesday evening.

The first graders presented a Christmas pageant, "The Nativity" and sang several Christmas songs. Under the direction of Miss Hester Jaynes, eighth grade teacher, about fifty girls and boys in the high school glee club rendered several selections.

Following the entertainment program which was witnessed by more than 200 parents and patrons, the organization held a short business meeting with President H. G. Horton presiding.

Open house was held and after visiting the various class rooms, the members were served refreshments in the lunch room.

Spend Three Million In County for Liquor

HEADIN' SOUTH

With the possible exception of the South Pole, Martin County men have traveled to just about every part of the globe from Greenland's icy mountains to the steaming jungles of the South Pacific. And now James Upton, chief petty officer and a Williams-ton boy, is headin' south with the Navy's South Pole expedition.

Volunteering for the cold assignment, Chief Upton is stationed on the U. S. S. Currituck, relatives were advised here a few days ago.

Justice Hassell Hears Ten Cases In Past Few Days

Fines and Costs Amounting To \$96.00 Collected In His Court

Charged with violating various laws, but booked mostly on disorderly conduct counts, ten defendants were carried before Justice John L. Hassell in his court here during the past few days. Fines and costs, amounting to \$96, were collected, and one or two defendants were given road terms.

Proceedings:
Alexander Lippen, a New Yorker, was charged with improper parking on the main street and he was taxed with \$6.50 costs.

Charged with an affray, Fred J. Calloway was fined \$5 and required to pay \$6.50 costs.

William Gorham, charged with disorderly conduct, was required to pay \$8.50 costs.

Fred Highsmith, drunk on a highway, was taxed with \$9.50 costs.

Marcelus Jacobs, construction worker employed on the project which just about wrecked the town's main drag for submarine cables, was fined \$5 and taxed with \$8.50 costs on a disorderly conduct count.

Charged with disorderly conduct, Eli Raynor was sentenced to the roads for thirty days, the court suspending the sentence upon the payment of \$8.50 costs and guaranteed good behavior for one year.

William Jordan and Elliott Jordan, both charged with disorderly conduct, were each fined \$5 and required to pay \$8.50 costs.

Charged with parking on a highway, John Robert Bullock was fined \$5 and taxed with \$6 costs.

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Distilleries In County Wrecked

Raiding in two townships in the county this week, ABC Officer J. H. Roebuck, Deputy Roy Peel and Special Assistant Edmond Early wrecked several distilleries and poured out several hundred gallons of beer and "slops."

Information coming from children who had gone into the woods back of the Bear Grass school, Officers Roebuck and Early found and poured out two hundred gallons of beer about six hundred yards from the school Tuesday afternoon.

Working a greater part of Wednesday in the Free Union section of Jamesville Township, the three officers found three plants. Only part of the operating equipment was found at two of the plants. At one they poured out 150 gallons of molasses beer flavored with bananas and oranges. At the second plant the officers wrecked a 50-gallon capacity oil drum used as a kettle, a cooler and doubler and ten fermenters and poured out about 200 gallons of "slops." The raiders poured out two barrels of cheap beer and wrecked a fifty-gallon capacity fermenter and a ten-gallon capacity doubler. During the Wednesday raids, the officers found a lard stand partly filled with fresh meat, believed to have been part of wto pigs stolen from a farmer there a few days ago.

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Sales For Third Quarter In 1946 Nearly \$200,000

Increase of \$34,575.20 In Sales Over Those Of A Year Ago

Boosted by an income of \$181,380.15 reported for the third quarter of this year, legal store liquor sales went over the three million dollar figure in this county during the period, according to an official audit released a short time ago on the alcoholic beverage control board's operations for the months of July, August and September, 1946. Profits for the eleven years the stores have been in operation climbed to almost three-quarters of a million dollars.

Sales last quarter, falling slightly under \$200,000, were \$34,575.20 greater than they were in the corresponding period, 1945, and \$159,140.80 larger than they were in the corresponding months, eleven years ago. Only in two other periods, those ending in December, 1945, and in March of this year, have sales been larger than those reported for the third quarter in 1946. Unofficial reports indicate that current quarter sales are breaking all records, approximately \$81,000.00 having been spent for legal liquor in the county during the month of November.

Liquor prices advanced, but the increased gross income is traceable not to price increases but mainly to increased consumption. The audit recently released for the third quarter of this year shows that of the \$181,380.15 spent for liquor during the period, \$135,261.11 went to the distillers. Operating expenses were placed at \$5,829.91, leaving a net income of \$41,301.41, including cash discounts on purchases.

As of last September 30, the board had \$75,011.02 in cash and \$50,253.22 in inventories. Liabilities were represented as being \$125,264.24, including \$16,485.68 due distillers, \$5,684.95 in accrued taxes and expenses, \$70,276.33 due the county and store towns, \$20,817.28 reserve for law enforcement, and \$12,900 surplus.

Profits for the quarter were divided as follows: Martin County, \$19,671.93; State of North Carolina, \$15,417.32; Town of Williamston, \$2,647.43; Town of Robersonville, \$1,312.55; Town of Oak City, \$530.59; Town of Jamesville, \$427.09, and reserve for law enforcement, \$1,294.20.

A comparison of profits for the third quarters, 1945 and 1946, follows, by stores:

| | 1945 | 1946 |
|---------------|-------------|-------------|
| Williamston | \$18,246.40 | \$21,899.00 |
| Robersonville | 9,518.76 | 11,107.99 |
| Oak City | 3,567.71 | 4,557.47 |
| Jamesville | 3,112.83 | 3,736.95 |

\$34,445.75 \$41,301.41
Total sales for the two quarters under comparison, follow, by stores:

| | 1945 | 1946 |
|----------|--------------|--------------|
| W'mston | \$ 76,402.20 | \$ 94,016.80 |
| R'ville | 40,738.10 | 49,313.90 |
| Oak City | 15,778.15 | 20,670.10 |
| J'ville | 13,886.50 | 17,379.35 |

\$146,804.95 \$201,380.15

A review of legal liquor sales and profits by quarters, from the
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Farm Home Burns In County Sunday

Its origin unknown, fire destroyed a tenant house occupied by the Jeff Parker family on the L. R. Beach farm between Oak City and Hamilton in Hamilton Township last Sunday afternoon. Few details of the fire could be learned here, but one report stated that the members of the family lost all the furniture and all the clothes except those they were wearing at the time.

The size of the loss or if insurance was carried on the property could not be learned immediately.