

NURSING SHORTAGE
THREAT TO HEALTH

Courses in Home Nursing Being Conducted by Red Cross to Relieve Situation

The "Rose of No Man's Land" is making a return appearance.

She is the Red Cross nurse who captured the imagination and respect of the entire nation, as well as Tin Pan Alley, back in 1917 and '18. By the end of 1941 more than 10,000 of them will be on duty with Army and Navy.

But at this point a problem arises. Red Cross officials say that military absorption of young trained nurses places a burden on the nation's resources of nurses and is an alarming threat to the health of the civilian population.

Officials of the Red Cross and the Federal agencies entrusted with the health of the nation declare there is a rapidly growing need for thousands of additional nurses—and this despite a higher registration in nursing schools than ever before.

So acute is the situation, especially under the stress of national emergency, the Government has appropriated more than \$1,000,000 to assist accredited schools in training nurses for military and civilian jobs.

Today's career nurse on duty with the Army and Navy is a member of the Red Cross First Reserve, the official source from which the nation draws its nurses in time of emergency. On these rolls are some 20,000 young unmarried American women, trained in their job and physically fit.

Behind the First Reserve are some 28,000 nurses who are members of the Red Cross Second Reserve. They are, in effect, the "home guard," many of whom are veterans of the last war and those who because of their marital status or age are ineligible for duty with the armed forces.

In time of war theirs is a task of aiding public health officers—Federal, state and local—to ward off the grim specters of epidemic and other mass health problems that weaken a country at war. They stand ready to serve in time of natural catastrophe or to meet the man-made chaos of sabotage.

While nursing groups throughout the United States bend every effort to fill gaps in their ranks, the Red Cross has undertaken to train 100,000 women as volunteer Nurse's Aids. Dove-tailed into the Civilian Defense program this army of volunteers is being schooled in a thorough course of 80 hours qualifying them to give intelligent assistance under the direction of registered nurses.

To safeguard the health of America's families, the Red Cross has launched a program to teach 500,000 women—yes, and even men—the fundamentals of Home Nursing. It is the Red Cross' answer to the problem of mounting health hazards and the shortage of civilian nurses which may at any time obligate the woman or man of the house to assist in caring for the sick.

BONNER WANTS SHIP
NAMED VIRGINIA DARE

Congressman Herbert C. Bonner has had a conference with Rear Admiral Emory S. Land, chairman of the United States Marine Corps, urging him to name the first ship launched at Wilmington, North Carolina the Virginia Dare in honor of the first English speaking white child born in America. Congressman Bonner has also written to Admiral Land:

"Naturally, all North Carolina is interested in the construction of merchant ships for National Defense at Wilmington, North Carolina. I desired to suggest that the first ship launched at Wilmington be named The Virginia Dare, honoring the name of the first English child born on American soil. I feel sure that such recognition as this would quicken the imagination of not only North Carolinians, but all Americans.

"Virginia Dare was born in the year 1587 at Fort Raleigh, the site of Sir Walter Raleigh's Colony. The history and disappearance of the colony has been portrayed for the past five years in Paul Green's musical drama, The Lost Colony, at the Waterside Theatre on Roanoke Island, the site of Fort Raleigh, and has attracted thousands and thousands of visitors from every state in the Union, and from foreign countries.

"President Roosevelt visited Roanoke Island and spoke at the opening performance of the drama in 1937. He said, 'We do not know the fate of Virginia Dare or the Lost Colony. We do know, however, that the story of America is largely a record of that spirit of adventure.'

"The ship named The Virginia Dare, having been built on the North Carolina coast, would return to England, bringing back home the spirit of those early adventurous colonists, as well as the spirit of America."

Plow-Up
British farmers are being asked to plow up another 2,000,000 acres of hitherto uncultivated land, including golf courses, to help meet food needs.

To avoid bodily collisions, sailors on Uncle Sams Navy ascend ladders on the starboard (right) side of the vessel and descend on the port, or left side.

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Many who wouldn't touch a nickel that belonged to someone else flaunt all law and order when behind a steering wheel, with the callousness of experienced criminals.

The serious part of this curious behavior is that bad manners make bad driving, and bad driving makes accidents and death.

So mend your manners and become a good citizen even when driving. It may save your life.

CARE TODAY ★ HERE TOMORROW

ANCIENT BATH
CHURCH NEAR
HYDE RESTORED

Pastor Noe Has Done a Good Job Rebuilding This Old Landmark in Beaufort

Many North Carolinians interested in the preservation of historic spots and the restoration of historic buildings joined diocesan leaders recently in the Restoration Pilgrimage to St. Thomas church, Bath, "Cathedral of the Episcopal Diocese of East Carolina," on which the major part of restoration work has just been completed as the first phases of general restoration designed to convert the oldest town in North Carolina into "A Waterfront Williamsburg."

The Rt. Rev. Thomas C. Darst of Wilmington, bishop of the diocese who has this oldest church building of North Carolina as his only direct charge, conducted the pilgrimage service. Judge John Darden of Plymouth made the chief address. Luncheon was served after the program. Directing advance arrangements were the Rev. Walter R. Noe of Wilmington, diocesan executive secretary, and his brother, the Rev. A. C. D. Noe, vicar of the Bath parish.

For two years restoration work has been underway on St. Thomas church, at cost of approximately \$20,000. The brick structure, erected in 1734, has been restored carefully to its original appearance, with the advice of expert architects.

Despite the belief of many engineers and architects that the church walls could not be straightened from their six-inch outward sag without being torn down and rebuilt, this was successfully accomplished by R. D. Davis of Bath.

The chancel, pulpit and pews have been restored on the interior of the church, with the pulpit at its original place on the side of the building. Wooden floors have been removed from above the original large square tiles with their unique designs of flowers, dragon heads and other decorations. The wooden vestry room, only 100 years old, was discarded, and the bell will be replaced in its first position, at the front of the church. This bell is perhaps the oldest one still in use in any church of America. It was presented to the parish by Queen Anne of England.

One of the epitaphs on the grave-stones was used by Edna Ferber in her novel, "Show Boat." It reads: "Here lies the Body of Mrs. Margaret Palmer, wife of Robert Palmer, Esq., one of His Majesty's Council and Surveyor General of the Lands of this Province Who departed this life Oct. 19, 1765. Aged 44 years. After labouring ten of them under the severest Bodily Afflictions brought on by change of climate and tho' She went to her native land received no relief but returned and bore them with uncommon Resolution and Resignation to the last."

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One book is extant from the first library of North Carolina, started in Bath about 1699 by the Rev. Thomas Bray, founder and secretary of the Society for the Propagation of the Gospel. It is hoped to establish a memorial library as a continuation of this early one. Among other restoration plans at Bath, "as memorials to the faith and courage of the colonists there," are the planting of a Colonial garden, erection of a wall fence from ancient ballast stones about the church yard and restoration of the old homes.

The Marsh Home
Almost finished is the restoration of an old house, almost two centuries old, on a lot adjoining the church. This will be used as the parish rectory. An option is held by the church on the old Marsh home, built in 1744. Its English brick chimney is 17 feet wide and four feet thick, with windows in it that opened on closets. The structure is one of the earliest Colonial capitols of North Carolina, the General Assembly having met there.

Because of its educational and religious significance in the early days, it is hoped eventually to make Bath a religious center for all denominations and faiths. A mammoth outdoor temple is planned on the water-front. Old forts in the section may also be restored in the future. There are remains of one of the first forts ever built in North Carolina, constructed in the early part of the 18th century as a protection for the town during the Indian massacres. The first road and first ferry in the province are said to have led from Bath to New Bern, following an old trail of the Core Indians. Its route will be marked.

Teach's Last Voyage
Also pointed out are the remains of the home and ships of Edward Teach or Thatch—"Blackbeard" the pirate. After a period of pretended reform, during which he is said to have married his 13th wife, the pirate returned to piracy and was finally captured near Ocracoke Inlet in 1718 by Lieut Robert May-

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SUGAR

The American housewife has little cause to worry over a possible shortage of sugar next year because of war conditions, reports the U. S. Commerce Department.

Not oaks alone are trees, nor roses flowers; Much humble wealth makes rich this world of ours. —Leigh Hunt.

nard of the British Navy. His head was cut off and fastened to the bowsprit of a boat which sailed up to Bath Town where there was general rejoicing. Originally, the Indian town of Pamlico, the town was settled by white men around 1690 and incorporated in 1705. St. Thomas parish was organized with a vestry in 1701. The Assembly met there in 1744 and 1752. Along with restoration work, the Messrs. Noe and others are working diligently on historical research and they are finding many items of interest about the region. Among the governors who lived at Bath were Burington, Cary, Daniel, Hyde, Ashe and Johnson. The first free school in the Colony, one for Negroes and Indians, was opened at Bath in 1720. President George Washington is believed to have passed by the town in 1791. Many remains of fine old homes and plantations may be found in the area for a radius of 30 miles, Bath having been in "the center of a vast Colonial empire."

RECKLESS DRIVER IS
FINED \$100 AND COST

Columbia Boy Draws Heavy Fine in Hyde Court

Jesse Cooper, young Columbia barber, charged with reckless driving and driving an automobile after his driving permit had been revoked, plead guilty to both charges in Hyde County Recorder's court Monday morning and was fined \$100 and the cost of the court and had his license revoked for one

year.

Ed Davis, Scranton Negro, charged with larceny, was found not guilty.

Geo. Calvin Sawyer, young Fairfield man, charged with assaulting Clay Williams of the same community, was found not guilty.

Preston Brown, Maryland hunter, charged with having a concealed weapon, failed to appear at court. Judgment nisi fa capias and continued.

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