

NEGLECT OF PARENTS CAUSES DEATH OF MANY NORTH CAROLINA CHILDREN

Stiff Fine Provided For Parents Failing To Have Children Immunized Against Diphtheria

Medical statistics indicate a 100% increase in diphtheria in North Carolina cases reported through September and October of this year as compared with figures for the same period of last year. These are the months when this disease strikes.

Judging from the current statistics 1947 will be a more severe year for diphtheria than 1946. A great measure of responsibility for this unhappy turn of events can be laid on the parents of North Carolina's young children despite a law enacted by the General Assembly on March 17, 1939, requiring the parents or guardians of all North Carolina children between the ages of six months and five years to have their children immunized against diphtheria or pay a fine of \$50 or be imprisoned for 30 days. Further leniency was allowed to have the immunization completed by the physician of their choice or by a County Health Officer at no charge.

Since parents are either unaware of this statute or are disregarding it one of the State's largest hospitals has reported a definite increase in the number of children who are admitted with diphtheria. Last year through lack of proper parental care many children unnecessarily died from this disease. Had they been taken by their parents to a doctor or clinic for "shots" at the age of six months they would be alive and well today. Doctors cannot urge too strongly that two or preferably three shots be given every child at intervals of at least six weeks with a booster dose from one to two years later. One does not always protect.

In addition to the shots a Schick test should be done three months after the shots and every year thereafter. These tests should also be performed on any child who has had diphtheria for unless they are protected the disease may strike again. The physician or health officer can give a combined shot which will protect also against whooping cough and lockjaw.

In cities where most of the children have been protected against diphtheria the disease has almost disappeared and no children succumb from it. Since almost every mother has been told of these shots only three reasons can account for the fact that so many ignore the advice and refuse the precautions.

They may be afraid of the shots; they may be careless and forgetful; or they may not know that shots are available to every child in health departments, well baby clinics and hospitals whether the parents can pay or not.

Diphtheria first shows up as a sore throat, running nose, perhaps hoarseness, croup and difficulty in breathing. A child promptly taken to a clinic or doctor when he shows these symptoms can be given diphtheria serum and quickly cured although some of the younger children may develop choking attacks and may need a silver tube placed in their throats so that they can breathe while the serum is curing them. Every mother must be sure to take her baby to a medical man as soon as any of these symptoms appear. She should not put off the doctor's visit on the grounds that the baby just had a "cold" or the croup. Unless the child has serum promptly he will gradually lose his strength and it may be too late to save him when he does come to the doctor's attention.

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Courses In Ceramics To Be Given At WCTC

Two courses in ceramics, modeling, and pottery will be added to the fine arts division of the Western Carolina Teachers college curriculum next year, according to the school's 1948-49 catalogue. In the industrial arts division general metal work and design in metal, and general electricity, electrical appliances, and problems in electricity have been added. It was pointed out, however, that these courses will not be taught until equipment can be procured. Other changes to be made include: One year of modern language (excluding elementary) will be required of all students majoring or minoring in English, mathematics, or social science. Journalism and dramatics will be taught one quarter only, for English majors and minors who plan to teach. These courses are being offered to prepare future English teachers for the work it is expected they will have to do on school publications and plays. All freshmen who do not pass the English proficiency test will be required to take sub-college English — and if they don't pass the test after taking the course, they must take it again. Three hours' credit will be given students who play in the orchestra and the band, and who meet the requirements of their instructors.

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SOIL CONSERVATION IS VALUABLE ASSET, DECLARES BANKER

Soil is not listed as an item under a bank's inventory, but every banker knows that it is as much an asset to their business as if it were capital stock, says G. C. Hunter, executive vice-president of the Peoples Bank of Roxboro and chairman of the Agriculture Committee of the North Carolina Bankers Association.

"History shows that nations built by soil mining economy always fade when the soil is exhausted," Mr. Hunter said, "and no civilization is stronger than the food it eats."

Fifty million acres of this nation's most productive land has already been destroyed by erosion and an additional fifty million acres are threatened, he said. Almost one-third of our soil has been washed down the slopes into streams and into the ocean. Unless conservation measures are taken, we may live to see the day when it will be hard to produce enough food to feed the people in the United States, he declared.

For the third consecutive year the North Carolina Bankers Association is sponsoring a statewide Soil Conservation speaking contest. This contest will be open to all white high school students in the State.

J. Frank Doggett, in charge of Soil Conservation for the State College Extension Service, says this is the first year the contest has been open to high school students in every county. Any high school student, boy or girl, rural or urban, may enter, Mr. Doggett said.

The subject of the speech will be "Soil Conservation and Its Relation to the Economy of North Carolina"; however, a practice more important in the contestants community may be substituted for the words "Soil Conservation". Each student must write his or her speech, but may receive help from anyone or any source, Mr. Doggett said.

EAST LAPORTE NEWS

Miss Erma Barnes spent the week-end in Canton, visiting Mr. and Mrs. Johnnie Belcher.

Friends of Thomas Wike will be sorry to learn that he is a patient in Aston Park hospital in Asheville. He has been ill for the past two weeks.

Miss Katherine Hamilton of Waynesville spent the week-end with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. P. H. Hamilton.

Mr. and Mrs. Claude Parker, Mr. and Mrs. John Wike, Mrs. Thomas Wike and Bill Wike spent the day in Asheville, Sunday, with Thomas Wike at Aston Park hospital.

Mr. and Mrs. Jack Cole of Pickens, S. C. visited Mr. and Mrs. Jim Ed Norton, Saturday. Mr. and Mrs. Felix Hooper and

Chapel Program Presented By Mrs. Lee's Room

On last Friday afternoon at the regular weekly chapel program Mrs. Norma Lee's room was in charge. They presented two short plays. The first, "The Three Matches", was on fire prevention. The second, "I Pledge Allegiance", was a patriotic play. The splendid acting of the children and the different costumes showed that much effort had been put forth by Mrs. Lee in preparing for this program.

two children have built a new home and moved back to this community. They have been residing at Cullowhee for the past few months.

MARKETING with Marjorie

No matter how delicious a Thanksgiving dinner is, or how much everybody eats, there always seems to be a lot left. That's all to the good these days... especially if you know how to stretch your left-overs. And here's how:

GLAMORIZE YOUR GOBBLER!

Turkey rates cheers when it reappears in this glamorous get-up: Melt 3 tbsps. fat, stir in 3 tbsps. flour, 1 tsp. salt and 1 tsp. dry mustard. Gradually add 2 cups milk. Cook over low heat, stirring constantly till smooth. Add to 1 slightly beaten egg. Place 2 cups sliced turkey in bottom of 2-qt. casserole. Add 1 cup of A&P's modestly-priced IONA STRING BEANS. Top with sauce and 1 cup grated cheese. Bake in hot oven, 400° F., about 20 minutes or till cheese is melted and brown. Serves 4 to 6.



GIVE 'EM THE BIRD... SOI

Say "aloha" to your Thanksgiving turkey in true Hawaiian fashion by serving slices of white meat and broiled pineapples on buttered MARVEL CRACKED WHEAT BREAD. This oven-fresh bread from the A&P is not only good, but good for you, so enjoy it soon... and often!

DRESS UP THAT DRESSING!

To turn left-over poultry dressing into a real blessing, cube it and sauté a cup (more or less) with 1 medium onion (sliced) in fat until lightly browned. Add a #2 can of thrifty IONA TOMATOES from the A&P, and heat.

ADD SAUCE TO YOUR SALADI

Want to make the remains of Thursday's cranberry sauce into a delicious dressing for Sunday's salad? Simply whip 1/2 cup thoroughly chilled evaporated milk, add 1 cup cranberry sauce and blend well. Extra good with salad made like this: Dissolve 1 pkg. orange gelatin in 1 1/2 cups boiling water; add 1 tsp. of salt, a dash of cayenne, 1 tsp. of celery salt and 2 tbsps. of ANN PAGE VINEGAR — the pure cider vinegar sold only at the A&P. Cool till partially thickened; add 1 tbsps. grated onion and 1 cup grated raw carrot. Turn into 4 individual molds and chill.

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