

Good Health Association Start Program Providing More Medical Facilities

The North Carolina Good Health Association which was recently granted a charter to promote a six-point program designed to provide more hospital facilities and medical care personnel for the state, has opened headquarters at the Snow Building in Durham.

President I. G. Greer of Thomasville, announced plans for the health movement following a meeting of incorporators. The Good Health Association was launched six months ago at a meeting held in Thomasville and attended by more than 300 state leaders.

North Carolina's low position in hospital beds and doctors was stressed by Dr. Greer. "In 1941 North Carolina the 11th largest state and the 5th most rapidly growing, stood in 42nd place, tied with South Carolina, in the number of general hospital beds per thousand population," it was pointed out, "and in a comparable position in the number of doctors."

Incorporators of the Good Health Association will constitute the board of directors. Dr. Greer said. The board will include R. Flake Shaw, Ben Cone, Julian Price and Mrs. Harry Caldwell, Greensboro; Dr. W. M. Cuppridge, George Watts Hill and William B. Umstead, Durham; Irving Carlyle, Winston-Salem; Thomas J. Pearsall and Hyman L. Battle, Rocky Mount; Charles A. Cannon, Concord; Hon. Joseph Daniels, Raleigh; and Dr. Greer.

Dr. Greer stated that county-by-county organization is in process. The State has been divided into 21 districts, grouped for organizational responsibility among the four regional vice presidents. In each district county chairmen and committees are being named. District chairmen include Wilkins P. Norton, Pittsboro; L. F. McLendon, Greensboro; Mrs. P. P. McCain, Sanatorium; Dr. C. W. Armstrong, Salisbury; Harry F. Laffoon, Elkin; James G. K. McClure, Asheville; Holt McPherson, Shelby; and Mrs. Ernest B. Hunter, Charlotte. Announcement of other district chairmen as well as county chairmen will be made shortly.

Objectives of the Good Health Association cover a six-point program: 1. for State assistance in the care of indigent sick; 2. for State assistance in building or enlarging local hospitals and establishing and equipping rural health centers; 3. for a medical-education loan fund to help worthy North Carolina young men and women who pledge themselves to practice in a rural community for four years; 4. for the expansion of the two-year medical school of the University of North Carolina into a standard four-year school with a central teaching hospital; 5. for special study and provision for the medical education of Negroes; and 6. for the promotion of voluntary group insurance plans.

White House To Have Glittering Parties This Year

WASHINGTON — The White House, casting off seven years of wartime accent on informality, will be the scene of 11 glittering social functions this winter.

Opening with two dinners for the diplomatic corps on Nov. 26 and Dec. 3, the social season will be climaxed by the congressional reception on Feb. 18.

Except for Christmas Eve and New Year's Eve, each Tuesday during that period will bring a procession of the Capital's great and near great to the Executive Mansion.

Following the diplomatic dinners — two of them made necessary by the 1,150 persons who now make up the diplomatic corps — President and Mrs. Truman will hold a reception for the judiciary on Dec. 10 and the Cabinet dinner on Dec. 17.

The diplomatic reception on Jan. 7 will take up after the two-week break for the holidays. The next week will bring the dinner to the Chief Justice of the United States, followed on Jan. 21 by the reception to the officials of the Treasury, Post Office, Interior, Agriculture, Commerce, and Labor Departments and federal agencies.

Senate President Kenneth McKellar will be honored at a dinner on Jan. 28, the Army-Navy reception will come one week later, and the dinner for House Speaker Sam Rayburn will follow on Feb. 11.

While there were some formal dinners at the White House during the war, notably those for Queen Wilhelmina of The Netherlands and King George of Greece, the guest lists were small in comparison with prewar days.

The last state dinner was held Jan. 31, 1939, in honor of the speaker of the House.

Girl Tells of 6 Hour Swim as 4 Perish in Lake

Father Heroically Gives Up Life Preserver During Violent Storm.

STURGEON BAY, WIS.—A pretty 19-year-old girl, sole survivor of a Lake Michigan yachting tragedy that took the lives of four persons, tearfully described how her father heroically gave up his life preserver during the storm and how she had struggled to reach shore in a six-hour swim, the Associated Press reports.

"I just had to fight. I didn't want to drown," said Patricia (Patsy) Smith, speaking from a bed in the Door County Memorial hospital. The distance she swam has been estimated variously from 5 to 13 miles.

Patsy's father, Leathern D. Smith, 59, Sturgeon Bay shipbuilder and one-time Republican candidate for the U. S. senate, was one of the four who drowned. The others were Elton Washburn, 45 and Howard Hunt, 29, department heads at Smith's ship yards; and Mary Loomis, 19, of Winnetka, Ill., Patsy's schoolmate.

Patsy said that she was sleeping in the cabin of the 38-foot Half Moon, her father's pleasure craft, when the squall struck. She rushed on deck and found that "breakers were sweeping over the boat."

All except one of the life preservers were washed away and Smith wrapped that around Miss Loomis and told the girls that they should try to make shore alone since it would be impossible for the whole party to do so, Patsy said.

"Dad winked at me and said: 'Patsy, take care of mother,'" she recounted.

With her eyes filled with tears, Patsy related that her father plunged into the water and started swimming. That was the last she saw of him.

Hunt had dived in, attempting to retrieve a life preserver and apparently became exhausted.

"We saw him lift his hand out of the water a short distance away," Patsy said. "He shouted: 'Good luck, everybody.'" Then he was gone.

After her father and Hunt were gone, Patsy and Mary dived in. "Mary kept talking a lot and swallowed a lot of water. I told her to keep quiet and save her breath. I clung to the back of the preserver to push Mary ahead of me."

About midnight the wind was getting worse and Mary was talking so much, I think she was getting hysterical. It was right after that I saw the life preserver floating away after I had let go of it for a few moments. She must have slipped out of it."

Just before Miss Loomis disappeared, Patsy said, she told Patsy: "I can't keep going. You don't know where you're going."

"When I knew I was alone, I was terrified," the girl continued. Patsy declared that she recovered the life preserver and pushed it ahead of herself. She could remember little about the next hour except the "awful blackness."

"The first thing I knew, I struck the rocks," she said, adding that she didn't remember things very clearly after the long hours in the water. She saw something like a stone walk and started crawling toward a cottage.

"I was shouting 'help' and then I must have passed out because I was unconscious when the people found me under a tree," she said.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Hood found her and summoned a physician. She was suffering from shock, exposure and bruises of the arms, legs and back and was given blood plasma.

"Dad was a great guy," she said. "And he was so brave."

Use Light Rays to Carry Phone Messages in War

EVANSTON, ILL. — Telephonic communication by means of rays of invisible (infra-red) light was developed and used in combat by the Germans and Japanese during the war, Northwestern university has disclosed. The reports of the development were made by W. S. Huxford and A. H. Nethercot Jr. of the university's department of physics and were released by the office of scientific research and development. The infra-red equipment was captured in 1944 and 1945 and shipped to Evanston for tests for the army and navy.

In the tests, communication was established between Grosse Pointe lighthouse and various points along the lake shore. To insure secrecy during the war, most of the work was done at night.

In the devices studied, light from an incandescent lamp is focused on a small mirror. Electric pulses corresponding to voice frequencies are amplified by tubes, causing the mirror to vibrate. With the vibration the light beam reflecting to a distant station is changed in intensity. A photo sensitive receiver changes these varying light pulses in intensity and these changes result in the production of audible sound in a telephone. Filters are used to blot out any visible light.

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