

# Cent Of Children Are Handicapped

Percent of North Carolina children are physically, mentally, or emotionally handicapped. The State Department of Education has reported that the cost of carrying on educational programs for the handicapped is \$450,000.

The director of this program was appointed recently. The Commission recommends for this year a modified program in regular classrooms; special classes; transportation facilities; instruction of home-bound and hospitalized children; clinical services for behavior problems; and improvements in existing residential school programs.

Teachers of these handicapped children should have a minimum of 24 semester hours in a specific area of special education. The teacher training institutions should provide instruction in this field and the state should allot one teacher for every ten children who need special instruction.

"The special problems of exceptional children are learning and ability," the Commission continued. "A program of education for all exceptional children in the day schools of the state must develop over a period of years. The public must be convinced of the need for such a program. For all services, whatever money used is well spent because it constitutes an insurance against future dependency and delinquency."

**Handicapped Schools**  
The State has established nine residential schools for the handicapped. The largest is the State School for the Deaf at Morganton, which has 351 pupils. Instruction for blind and deaf children in North Carolina has been available continuously since 1845. Facilities at these schools are in general satisfactory, the Education Commission said, but each year new needs must be met.

The State Orthopedic Hospital at Gastonia with 95 pupils offers both treatment and education. A big problem at this school was found to be lack of classrooms. Children's beds are rolled into the auditorium.

There are five training schools for delinquent boys and girls. More qualified teachers are needed at these schools.

**269 Patients**  
Caswell Training school at Kingsport has 269 educable patients. These feebleminded children go to school for a half day, but "of all feeble-minded schools, Caswell Training School is most isolated from educational contacts," the Commission said. "The public has not looked upon the wards of state schools for the feebleminded as a part of the community. Such commitment should not deprive them of an educational opportunity if they can profit by it."

The Commission reported that the State now maintains no educational program for the cerebral palsy, epilepsy, needing special care, mentally deficient Negroes, defective delinquents, and young offenders now committed to prison camps. To provide educational services for these groups the Commission recommends that the state establish such services in residential schools as soon as possible.

"A continuing school course

# Hospital At Ahoskie Dedicated



Here is the new Roanoke-Chowan hospital at Ahoskie, N. C., which was dedicated last Sunday. It was built as a community enterprise at a cost of \$450,000. It is said to be the first hospital in North Carolina to be completed with the aid of the Hill-Burton Act which provides federal aid to hospitals. AP Photos.

# Capital Letters

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Some her, old North Carolina has certainly come of age.

**SUNDAY SERMON**—One of the best sermons preached in North Carolina each Sunday is carried on the editorial page of the Greensboro Daily News. For 31 years now Tom Bass, veteran Raleigh correspondent for GDN, has each week taken a news event, an outlandish political issue, or what have you of interest, and developed it into a 1,500-word sermon. Somehow, he can always find a verse of scripture & a springboard for the editorial-sermon.

There isn't room here to quote Sunday's best sermon on the Truman victory, but this is the Biblical verse: "But God has chosen the foolish things of the world to confound the wise; and God hath chosen the weak things of the world to confound the things which are mighty."

# Tends Ranch Chores In Ancient Plane

LANCASTER, Cal. (UP)—Ernest T. Fillingim, 52-year-old Antelope Valley rancher, thinks the air age is here to stay.

Twenty-five years ago he offered to trade his home in Santa Monica for an airplane. Finally he constructed his own plane from a bunch of old parts and an engine which uses only dry cells for its ignition system.

Today Fillingim uses the same plane for shopping trips to the city, chores about his ranch and to commute to his civilian job at the Marine Army base 40 miles away.

His plane's engine, now 29 years old, is as good as ever, Fillingim says. He explains it is the same type Amelia Earhart used in her plane when she learned to fly.

The rancher devised a special wrench so he can turn pipe line irrigation valves off and on without leaving the plane.

He does all the repair work on the plane himself and has installed gadgets so he can start the engine and pull the corks from the wheels without leaving the cockpit.

**PREFERS DIRT TO WATER**  
CHICAGO (UP)—Charles Cavanaugh, 13 months old, doesn't care much for baths. Police found him sitting naked on the curb at a busy intersection, happily dumping fist fulls of dirt over his head. His mother explained that Charles had ducked out of the house when she left the room to get some soap for his bath.

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# Father, Two Sons Attend College To Learn Farming

KNOXVILLE, Tenn. (UP)—Joseph Frank Oglesby, 49, Clarksville, Tenn., packed up and went along with his two sons to college this fall.

Already the professors are telling the boys their Dad is "quite a stimulating pupil."

When Oglesby decided to enroll at the University of Tennessee with his sons, Joseph, Jr., and Milton, he took the family to Knoxville in a trailer so they would have living quarters.

Mrs. Oglesby does the cooking and "trailer-keeping" while Dad sits in classes as a freshman with 21-year-old Milton. Both are planning a five-year course leading to masters' degrees in agriculture.

Joseph, Jr., 22, helps Dad with his home work occasionally. He is a sophomore, a year ahead of his father and working toward the same degree.

**All Were GI's**  
All three are attending college under the GI bill of rights; they all served in the Navy.

Oglesby, Sr., served during both World Wars. In 1918 he was an aviation fitter. Last time he was an engineering draftsman with the bureau of ordinance.

Joseph, Jr., served as an aircrewman, Milton as a ship's tailor.

Joseph, Sr., shows his boys the way in extra-curricular activities. He acts as the master of ceremonies for a show broadcast by the university's radio station WJZM. Joe, Jr., and Milton make it a family affair by holding down minor roles in the show, "Meetin' at Uncle Willie's."

After they all graduate, the Oglesbys hope to run a farm together in Montgomery County, Tennessee.

which includes ways of identifying handicapped children and determining their educational needs should be begun," the Commission said.

In concluding their recommendations for the handicapped children the members of the Commission stated that all residential schools in which the handicapped now live and others that are provided for them be regarded as parts of the state's educational system. "Insofar as their function is educational," the Commission said, "they should be responsible to and have the benefits of the same educational authority as other schools of the state," and all public and private services for the handicapped should be properly coordinated.

# Comic Book Ban Spreads As Cities Set Up Censorship

CHICAGO (UP)—The American Municipal Association reports that nearly 50 cities have banned the sale of certain comic books.

The books were declared objectionable by various civic groups.

Los Angeles and Terre Haute, Ind., are the first localities to pass ordinances placing the bans in effect. In Los Angeles County, the ordinance prohibits the sale of comic books dealing with murder, forgery, kidnaping, arson or assault with deadly weapons.

County Supervisor Leonard J. Roach of Los Angeles seeks to have the ban adopted by the California Legislature to cover the entire state.

Terre Haute's ordinance bans the sale, display, printing and distribution of undesirable comic books. A 10-member civic board will decide which are undesirable.

**Dealers Co-operate**  
Many other cities are setting up censorship committees. Among the most recent to do so are Omaha, Neb., and East Hartford, Conn. In both cities dealers promised co-operation.

Indianapolis has removed 52 "objectionable" comic books from the market through co-operation with distributors.

In Racine, Wis., comic book dealers are doing their own censoring, in co-operation with city officials and civic groups.

Twenty states have laws forbidding the sale of obscene, indecent, harmful or immoral literature. These statutes could be applied to comic books. In Detroit, the county prosecutor filed that certain comics violated Michigan statutes, and Detroit distributors banned the books from circulation.

**Supreme Court Rules**  
However, the validity of such state laws is being questioned. A recent decision by the U. S. Supreme Court held a New York law unconstitutional. The law prohibited distribution of magazines composed principally of crime news or stories of blood-hed and lust.

In Illinois, lower courts have a case pending in which the city of Chicago has been challenged for interfering with distributors of comic books under a state law.

**MEMORY LAPSES**  
ST. LOUIS (UP)—Police arrested Mendel Hochman, druggist, for selling liquor on Sunday in violation of the state liquor laws. Hochman blandly told the officers: "I was so busy, I completely forgot it was Sunday."



"Bashcomb, there, had the narrowest squeak of any of us—they were going up the aisle when the bride-to-be slipped and broke her leg!"

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