

Record Number State Handicapped Children And Adults Receive Benefits

A record number of 3,457 handicapped children and 801 handicapped adults received help from the N. C. Society for Crippled Children and Adults during the past year, Executive Director Albin discloses in the annual report released today.

The assistance afforded twice as many persons than ever before in one year — with a total expenditure of \$98,570, of which \$55,899 was made by the 45 county chapters and \$42,671 by the state office, the report shows. The services were for children and adults handicapped by polio, congenital deformities, amputations, speech defects, cerebral palsy and crippling conditions due to accidents.

"It is significant," Albin states in the report, "that the Easter Seal Society operates at the local level entirely without any paid staff members. All services are provided by volunteers."

Seventy-three per cent of the funds with which the society operates come from thousands of \$1 contributors who purchase Easter Seals. This totally non-pressure and voluntary 1955 campaign opens March 10 with the mailing of hundreds of thousands of Easter Seals. Headed this year by W. E. Debnam, prominent radio commentator and news analyst, the drive ends Easter Sunday, April 10. Over 90 per cent of the funds raised "will remain, as they always have, in N. C. to help our crippled children

and adults," the annual report declares. Fifty-five per cent of the funds will stay in the county in which they are raised and 45 per cent will go to the state office to further the objectives of the state and local affiliates.

The executive director estimates "there are approximately 130,000 handicapped children and adults in North Carolina. Some splendid services are being provided by the state and federal supported agencies and other organizations. The Easter Seal society is interested in the development of a rehabilitation program with the possibility of developing this service in conjunction with one of the medical centers in North Carolina."

In addition, Albin will recommend to the state board of directors of the Easter Seal Society the establishment of a state-wide mobile therapy unit which will meet needs of handicapped persons in rural areas. Therapy would be taken to the handicapped, rather than to far-removed centers for treatment.

The annual report also states that emphasis will be placed upon recruitment and training of much needed rehabilitation personnel in such fields as physical therapy, occupational therapy, speech therapy and social services as well as special education.

Working closely with health and welfare agencies, local county Easter Seal Societies determine actual needs of the individual cases before any expenditures are made. Of the \$55,899 expended last year, \$14,023 went to purchase aids and appliances such as wheel chairs, artificial limbs and braces; \$17,269 for physical, occupational and speech therapy, hospitalization, X-rays, medication and surgery; \$6,989 for homebound instruction, and special classes, tuition, and workshops for professional personnel; \$4,713 for transportation of handicapped persons to hospitals, clinics and schools; \$3,444 for camperships to the Easter Seal Crippled Children's Camp and at Camp Sky Ranch, \$3,738 for scholarships to teachers and grants to hospitals and other centers providing care and treatment programs for crippled children.

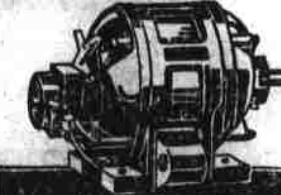
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Negro Children at Fayetteville. The society's annual report also shows that \$2,705 was expended during the year from the Daisy Alice Ward Fund, leaving a balance of \$9,468. Not a part of the state society's assets but in the custody of its director, the fund was named for an Edenton resident who was severely burned. It was established by a 1961 legislative act from unexpended contributions received as a result of a radio appeal made by the 1955 Easter Seal Chairman, W. E. Debnam, to help defray the expense of her hospital care. The statutory purpose of the fund is for "the immediate needs of any child, regardless of race, who needs emergency treatment over and beyond that available by the ordinary welfare provisions of the law and the ability of the parents of the family of such child to provide." Expenditures are limited to such care and medication as special nursing, blood plasma, and special medication for children severely burned or injured in an accident. The fund is not used for hospital bills or doctors' fees.

With 90 per cent of the proceeds of Easter Seals remaining in the state, the other 10 per cent goes to national headquarters for education, treatment, education, and the furtherance of the overall aims of all chapter units and a national research program. The research aim is developing measures for prevention of physical and mental disabilities or improved methods for their treatment, including preparation of the physically handicapped to enable them to take a normal place in society.

The objectives of Easter Seal Societies include activities which improve the health, welfare, education, rehabilitation, employment, and recreational facilities and opportunities for crippled and adults, regardless of race, creed or color; cooperation with all private and public agencies in services for crippled and handicapped; establishment and operation of projects rendering direct services to the handicapped.

That statement was made this week by Major W. B. Lentz of the State Highway Patrol to speak the Motor Vehicles Department's year-around program for traffic courtesy.

"A traffic accident," Major Lentz said, "is pretty generally a result of a negative action — of not heeding the law, of not driving defensively, of not adhering to simple good manners. There is no way of estimating how many lives might be saved every year by the exercise of a little consideration, tolerance and patience, but the number probably would be staggering."

Major Lentz said that many of the state's annual traffic accidents involving pedestrians are perfect examples of how lack of motor man- ners can be deadly.

"In 1953—the last year for which we have complete figures — 224 pedestrians were killed in traffic in North Carolina. About half of these unfortunate people were using the street or highway unsafely. They were, in other words, being discourteous or disregarding others' rights in the use of the roadway. Add to this figure the number of discourteous drivers also on the highway at the same time and there is nothing surprising in the death toll."

The patrol executive cited National Safety Council figures showing that in practically all traffic accidents either the driver, the pedestrian — or both — was violating a traffic law or a safe practice. The same statistics hold true for the Tar Heel State. And in either case, he said, bad motor manners are involved.

"Motor courtesy is easily acquired," Major Lentz said, "but it can be put into practice only with the exercise of constant attention. The courteous driver is the one who says, 'I'm going to save a life today, by watching my manners behind the wheel.'"

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MARCH OF EVENTS

No Third Major Party On Next Year's Ballot

Fewer Strikes Expected After Unions' Merging

Special to Central Press

WASHINGTON—You can discount the recent talk about the possibility of a third major political party appearing on the ballot in the 1960 presidential election.

It is doubtful that the Republican wing opposed to the Eisenhower administration could muster enough strength to put a presidential candidate in the field despite its Lincoln Day blast at Ike. GOP Chairman Leonard Hall and other regular Republicans also say that dissident members of the party will be back in the field by election day despite their grumbling.

Of course, Democrats would like to see a second Republican group come into the picture. With a split in GOP ranks, their chance of winning back the White House would be enhanced. However, even the most optimistic Democrats are not counting on such a possibility. They feel sure Eisenhower will run for re-election and that the Republicans will close ranks behind him, whatever their disagreements.

UNION UNITY—Look for fewer strikes when members of the American Federation of Labor and the Congress of Industrial Organizations takes effect sometime within a year. That is the word from labor experts who contradict speculation that walkouts will become more frequent because of labor unity and the resultant increase in the power of organized workmen.

These experts point out that many strikes are caused by jurisdictional disputes between unions. The merger will largely do away with such disputes, since there will be far less competition for collective bargaining rights.

However, more important, the experts say that, although the merger will mean larger strike funds, union leaders are likely to scale down their pay-rates demands when they no longer have to "make a record" to keep their workers from thinking they could do better with some other union, or to attract workers who are still unorganized. Thus management will be better able to meet union demands or compromise on them without a strike.

Incidentally, the experts say Walter Reuther is far from through as a powerful labor force despite the fact that George Meany will be the first AFL-CIO president. They point out that Reuther is still president of the powerful auto workers' union, which, merger or not, will be the pacemaker for the pay demands of organized labor.

HOUSING—The government wants to find out just how sound is the continuing boom in the housing industry. Federal men are making surveys to check vacant houses and apartments against home-building activity.

A Commerce department spokesman says there is nothing alarming about the high rate of home construction since there are unfilled housing requirements in virtually every state. However, what is lacking is up to date information on which the expansion can be accurately measured. The last survey of this kind was in 1950.

LAME DUCK PERILS—The perils of a "lame duck" were best exemplified recently in Washington by former Rep. Harold C. Hagen (R), Minnesota, who was defeated for re-election last fall. Hagen was mentioned prominently as a good bet for a high-paying job with the Government Printing office. He was, that is, until it came to the attention of Postmaster General Arthur Summerfield.

It was recalled suddenly that Hagen led an outspoken fight against an increase in postal rates advocated by Summerfield. Hagen no longer is in the running for the job.

Granular Aldrin Properly Applied Will Control Both Rootworm, Thrip

Granular aldrin applied at recommended rates for rootworm is also effective in controlling thrips, says J. R. Doeger, research entomologist at State College.

And the latter point is very important when you consider that in 1954, thrips control was worth as much as \$25 per acre in some cases. When the aldrin is applied just as the plant breaks through the ground, at the rate of two pounds per acre it is possible to control thrips without any additional investment. When treating for thrips exclusively, only one pound of aldrin is required per acre.

Southern corn rootworm is one of the major pest of North Carolina farmers. This soil insect affects both yield and quality. Research conducted during the past two years at the North Carolina Experiment Station in Edgemcomb County near Rocky Mount showed that thrips control resulted in increases of up to 100 pounds per acre in 1953 and from 80 to 170 pounds per acre in 1954.

The experiments were conducted on fields with a yield potential of about 20 bags of peanuts per acre.

North Carolina Becoming Important In Production Of Strategic Material

By BILL WHITLEY
DEFENSE. North Carolina is becoming more and more important in the production of the Nation's strategic defense minerals.

For several years, the state has been a leading producer of tungsten. Although it has also been the Nation's top producer of mica, new efforts are being made to open up new mica mines and greatly expand existing ones. Mica, a scarce mineral in this country, is used extensively as insulation in electrical and electronic devices.

EXPLORING. Through the Defense Materials Exploration Administration mica exploration projects in North Carolina costing almost \$600,000 were started in the last three months of 1954.

SOCIAL SECURITY INFORMATION

QUESTION: May an individual draw his monthly social security payments and continue to work?
ANSWER: When an individual has reached the age of 72 and has qualified for social security benefits, he may receive his payments regardless of the amount of his earnings. Any beneficiary under the age of 72 is entitled to his social security checks for all months in the year provided his wages as an employee or his net earnings from self-employment, or a combination of the two, do not exceed \$1200 in the year. If his earnings exceed \$1200 in a year, he loses one month's check for each \$40 that is in excess of \$1200. Under this provision, a beneficiary under age 72 who has net earnings from \$1200.01 to \$1280 would lose one month's check; from \$1280.01 to \$1360, two months' checks; and so on until his earnings reach \$2080.01, or more, when he would lose checks for all 12 months in the year. This

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The Cubs Boy Scouts of America of Troop No. 156 held their Annual Blue and Gold Banquet in the P. W. Moore Elementary School Auditorium. The Auditorium was beautifully decorated with pot flowers and the Cubs B.S.A. insignia.

They had as their guest the following: Mr. O. A. Dupree, Principal of Sampson Training School, Clinton, who gave an inspiring address on Scouting.

Mr. E. O. Robinson, Field Scout Executive, who served as toast master; Mr. David Robinson, Principal of Butler Ave. School, Clinton, Mrs. Edna Wallace, Pack No. 1, Wallace, Den Mothers; Mrs. Mary J. Lowrie, Wallace, Den Mother of Pack No. 2; and Cubs from the two Packs.

Mr. W. Carr, Scout Master Wallace, Rev. Lesly Godwin, Faison. Fifty parents of the Cubs B.S.A. and Scouts attended the Banquet. Little John Best rendered several guitar selections for the occasion. The Banquet was sponsored by Miss A. L. Thompson, Den Mother of Pack No. 156, assisted by Mesdames M. T. Chalmers and Mrs. C. E. Miller.

New H D Club Organized At Potters Hill

A new Home Demonstration Club was organized in the Potters Hill community, Monday March 14, by Mrs. Pauline Johnson and Mrs. Ashe Miller, in the home of Mrs. Kury Tuggen. Ten more members joined at the first meeting, but we hope to keep adding to the list each month.

Officers elected were as follows: President, Mrs. Louise Vorie, Vice President, Mrs. Kirby Thigpen; Sec. Treasurer, Mrs. E. L. Quinn. Project leaders also were appointed. The next meeting will be held at the home of Mrs. E. L. Quinn.

Every one seemed to enjoy our first meeting and we are looking forward to a prosperous Home Demonstration Club at Potters Hill.

Plan Your Corn Production

1. Plant adapted Hybrids or a proven local variety. Hybrids recommended for this area are: Yellow Hybrid, N. C. 27, Dixie 82, Dixie 18, and N. C. 42.

White Hybrids: N. C. 29, N. C. 31, Coker 811, Coker 811, Funk G-785 W, m⁷ Tenn. 29.

2. Fertilize according to soil test recommendations, or use 400 pounds of 5-10-10 or 6-12-12 at planting time.

3. Plant corn 13 to 16 inches apart in 3-1/2 feet rows.

4. Cultivate early and shallow. Lay by when corn is 2-1/2 feet high.

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Is there a task that homemakers dread any more than washing venetian blinds? Probably not, but according to Mamie Waldman, State College extension home management specialist, washing blinds needn't be considered such a chore. And here's how she recommends going about the job.

First of all, dust your blinds weekly with special brushes or with vacuum cleaner equipment. Dusting them regularly won't eliminate that job of washing that has to be done, but it will make the washing easier when the time comes for it.

Wash each slat with a cloth or sponge using warm suds or one of the new "no-rinse" cleaners. Venetian blinds may be placed in a bathtub of suds where the slats and tapes may be scrubbed with a brush.

5. Top dress with 80 to 100 pounds of pure nitrogen per acre. 100 pounds of nitrogen will be supplied by: 388 pounds Ammonium Nitrate, 122 pounds of Anhydrous ammonia, 490 pounds of A N L or Calnitro, 625 pounds of nitrate of Soda, 270 pounds of Nitrogen Solution 4, 476 pounds of Nitrogen Solution 60, and 222 pounds of urea.

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