

Rise In N. C. Juvenile Delinquency

Chapel Hill, May 2.—Juvenile delinquency in North Carolina increased 18.6 per cent during the 30-month period following the United States' entry into the World War II, as compared with the 30-month period immediately preceding the war, according to North Carolina juvenile Court records compiled and tabulated by Dr. Wiley B. Sanders, associate professor of social work at the University of North Carolina.

Dr. Sanders is tabulating records collected by the State Board of Public Welfare as a part of a continuation study of two previous studies that have gone before.

North Carolina has compiled and tabulated juvenile court records over a 25-year period, and Dr. Sanders says that he believes this State's collection of such figures the most complete in the country.

Delinquency hearings for white children showed an increase of 41 per cent in the 30 months following the beginning of the war over the previous 30 months, while those for Negro children decreased during the same period by 2.3 per cent.

White girls showed the highest rate of increase, 46 per cent. White boys showed an increase of 39.9 per cent; Negro girls' cases increased 14.9 per cent, while Negro boys' cases decreased by 5.3 per cent.

The greatest increase in juvenile delinquency, Dr. Sanders' tabulations show, occurred in the city juvenile courts where the rate went up 39.1 per cent as compared with the county juvenile courts where the increase was only 16.3 per cent.

High Point City Juvenile Court showed the highest increase, 42.4 per cent; Wilmington next with 41.4 per cent increase; then Greensboro, 36.2 per cent. The juvenile and domestic relations court in Charlotte and Mecklenburg County showed an increase in delinquency cases of 7.2 per cent, while the domestic relations court in Asheville and Buncombe county showed a decrease of 2.2 per cent in Juvenile delinquency.

Most significant decrease showed by the figures is in the Rocky Mount Juvenile Court where the decrease in delinquency after the war's start was 21.9 per cent, chiefly in cases involving Negro boys, where the decrease was 40.8 per cent.

Dr. Sanders' tabulations are the result of a comprehensive survey of the State's 107 juvenile courts, 100 of which are county courts and seven of which are city courts. Officials from each court pass along statistical information on each case to the State Board of Public Welfare and to Dr. Sanders.

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Spring Suggestions For Livestock Men

H. Bruce Butler, assistant Wake County farm agent, has offered timely spring suggestions to livestock farmers in his section of the state which he feels will facilitate production in the face of low feed supplies.

At the outset he observes that the alfalfa crop is now ready for its first cutting of the season and says that the best quality and greatest quantity of hay will result if the field is cut before 10 per cent of it is in bloom.

Growers are encouraged to observe alfalfa plants to see if there is evidence of "plant hunger" due to fertilizer deficiency. Six hundred to 800 pounds of 2-12-12 fertilizer with boron should be used on each acre immediately after the first cutting.

On land where alfalfa will be planted next fall, three tons of dolomitic limestone (in Wake and adjacent counties) should be spread three months before fall seeding. Eight to 10 tons of manure per acre is also recommended and lespedeza or some other legume should be disced into the land before seeding alfalfa.

Newly seeded permanent pastures should be free of grazing until plants are at least six inches high. Limited grazing the first year is a profitable practice. Some of the most desirable pasture plants will die if close grazing is permitted. One acre of abundant pasture should be provided for every farm animal to be grazed.

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