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Doctors Under Bureaucrats

According to an AP dispatch from London, "Britain's national health service—the world's biggest experiment in socialized medicine—is undergoing a strain." That strain, in the view of Health Minister Bevan, results from the fact that "too many are demanding too much." In other words, people are working on the theory that they may as well visit the doctor whether they are sick or not, because "free" medical service is coming to them. This situation has reached so extreme a point that Mr. Bevan issued a public statement in which he said: "Don't let us become a nation of hypochondriacs. I ask the public to use their doctors wisely and only when they really need them."

It is also evident that the cost of providing allegedly "free" health service for all is approaching a critical point. The government's original forecast was that the bill would run to 150,000,000 pounds a year. But the actual cost, according to the British Medical Association, will exceed 250,000,000 pounds.

The most important thing, of course, is just what Britain's socialistic experiment is doing to the standards of medical care. And here, too, some significant and authoritative information is available. Lord Horder, physician in ordinary to the royal family, has this to say: "Medicine in Britain has become a branch of the civil service. We are no longer medical experts; we sit and sign forms. We have no time to diagnose our patients' diseases; but pass them on to other persons and in-situation, knowing full well that they cannot dispense the health benefits which may or may not be needed."

So there is the latest example of socialized medicine—overworked doctors, soaring costs, poorer treatment, and bureaucracy rampant. Shall the United States follow that sorry example? There are definite statements that an all-out effort will be made to force Congress to take this step along the socialization route.

MORE ABOUT SCHOOL NEWS

sanitary facilities at some of the schools and what few suggestions he had made were in the process of being taken care of.

The county health nurses spent two days last week at the Raeford Graded school. They were well pleased with the physical conditions of the pupils.

A March of Dimes barbecue was held at the Mildouson school last night. A bountiful meal was served to all who attended and the Police Fund was helped considerably. Community chairman Pete Canaday, was very much pleased with the affair.

Mrs. Harriet Ray Evans has been substituting at Rockfish part of

the time since Miss Parnell resigned.

Principal J. W. Turlington of the Raeford Graded school, reports that a fire drill was held yesterday and that the building was completely cleared in 60 seconds. This is a record that will be hard to beat.

Upchurch School News

A state Colored dentist is at the Upchurch school this week and will be in some of the other Colored schools for the next two weeks. A dentist for the white schools is scheduled to be in Hoke County later in the spring.

Two graduates of the Upchurch High school, John C. Kelley and Thomas Burke of A & T College, Greensboro, N. C., are doing their practice teaching at Upchurch at the present time. The school is glad to welcome its graduates back for this type of work.

The Upchurch High school glee club broadcasted over the facilities of Fayetteville station WFLV last week. Their program was enjoyed by all who heard it.

The Southeastern District No. 2 basketball tournament was held at the Upchurch school on January 19-20. Eight schools participated. Oak Ridge girls and Red Springs boys were first place winners. Upchurch boys took second place. Officials of the tournament deemed it a great success.

Practically all work in the new lunchroom at Upchurch has been completed. Plans now call for the opening of the lunchroom on February 1.

Principal A. S. Gaston of the Upchurch school was called yesterday to the bedside of his wife, who has been very ill since before the holidays.

The Upchurch school wishes to thank Mrs. Marion Gatlin for a nice gift of magazines to the school library.



MARCEL DUPRE

Organ Recital At Flora Macdonald Monday, January 31

Wide spread interest has been created by the announcement of the coming organ recital by Marcel Dupre, French organist of international fame, in the Flora Macdonald college auditorium on Monday evening, January 31, at 8:15.

No organist of this generation has won so many honors as Dupre. At the age of 12 he was appointed organist of the Church of St. Vincent in Rouen, his native city. At nineteen, he won the first prize in counter-point; at twenty-three, the first prize in organ while pupil of Guilmant, Widor, and Vierne. At twenty-eight he won the highest prize offered by the French Government, the coveted GRAND PRIX DE ROME, with a cantata for mixed voices and orchestra, entitled "Psyche". During the past fifteen years, Dupre has been appointed to the highest organ post in France—Head of the Organ at the Paris Conservatoire, the Ecole Normale de Musique, the American Fountainebleau Conservatory, and upon the great Widor's death, was appointed organist of the famous St. Sulpice Cathedral in Paris.

Every Sunday and on religious holidays, Dupre plays to thousands of organ lovers who come to hear him play on one of the world's greatest and most famous organs. No living organ master has ever gained such popularity as has Dupre in America.

This phenomenal organist has promised to include one of his wonderful improvisations in his programs at Flora Macdonald, and at the close of the program, Mr. Dupre will give an improvisation on a theme which will be handed him just before he goes on stage. At his New York debut in the Wanamaker Auditorium in 1921, he amazed and dumbfounded musicians, critics, and public alike, by improvising an entire symphony of four movements, upon themes submitted to him by six prominent organists only five minutes before the recital. H. T. Finck, veteran music critic of the New York Evening Post, described this feat as a "musical miracle", saying "it was one of the most enjoyable half hours I have spent in forty years of critical experience."

No lover of music should miss the opportunity of hearing the man who has left behind him only enthusiastic praise wherever he has played. It will be remembered that Marcel Dupre played the musical program at the wedding of the former King of England, the Duke of Windsor. His recital at Flora Macdonald will be his last appearance in America before returning to Paris.

State Newsmen Plan Meeting

The 24th annual North Carolina Newspaper Institute will open at Chapel Hill tonight. Drew Pearson, Washington columnist and radio commentator, will address the opening session.

The institute is sponsored by the North Carolina Press association with the co-operation of North Carolina and Duke universities.

Chancellor Robert B. House will introduce Pearson. Frank A. Daniels, general manager of the Raleigh News and Observer and president of the state association, will preside.

Morning and afternoon sessions Friday will be held at the University, and the banquet session Friday night will be at Duke university.

Raleigh Roundup

By Eula Nixon Greenwood

PRESIDENT . . . He may deny it but C. A. Edwards of Hookerton, in Greene County, is all set to become the new president of the North Carolina Farm Bureau Federation when this 75,000-member agricultural organization holds its annual meeting in Asheville early next month. A veteran legislator and one of the leaders in the Farm Bureau for many years, Edwards will succeed Cap Eagles of Macesfield, according to reliable information reaching this column.

THE JOHNSON FAMILY . . . Everybody around Raleigh is asking questions about "that job" Charles Johnson, former State Treasurer, has been expected to take. Last summer and fall the talk was that he was considering three or four positions. The Bank of Charlotte, it is understood, held a place open for him several months, and then finally took the man who handled his publicity in his bid for governor. For weeks now, newspapermen have been awaiting the announcement of "that job", but so far nothing has materialized.

As for Cousin Robert Grady, the feeling here is that his days with the Utilities Commission are numbered, definitely. Neither of these members of the Johnson family went to the Scott inauguration ceremonies. They preferred to sit at a little table in the Capital Drug Store here at the corner of Salisbury and Hillsboro streets and listen, in silence, to it over the radio.

BAISE OUT . . . Vance Baise, chief engineer with the State Highway and Public Works Commission, received a letter from Kerr Scott late last fall asking him to give up his position. Also receiving a letter of this type was Charles Flack, clerk of the Utilities Commission. Flack cleared out of Raleigh as the new Governor marched in. Baise decided to hang around a while, but now he finds it best to move along. This he will do sometime this week. Will Rogers, assistant, is looked on as the man most likely to succeed him. That's the way it looks from here.

IN AND OUT . . . You can put this down: Mrs. Sue Ferguson of Alexander County will not be re-appointed to the State Board of Education. There has been some fast political footwork here, but she's out. When Mrs. Ferguson became a Presidential elector, she automatically vacated her position on the board. Scott will not do anything to place her back on the board.

However, don't count Alexander out of the State political picture, for W. P. Hedrick, tobacco marketing specialist with the N. C. Agri-

culture Department, is one of the wheels in the Scott organization. He paid Scott's filing fee and was for him, all out, when almost everybody else here in Raleigh, and elsewhere, was afraid to mention his name in a gubernatorial breath. Now, if a referendum is not forthcoming—this corner thinks it is as dead as last week—Hedrick is the man being regarded as the next head of the ABC board. He is one of the original Scott-for-Governor men. Carl Williamson, former Raleigh postmaster and a political power until a heart ailment slowed him down, will confine his activities to farming when he leaves the ABC post. He succeeded Robert Grady Johnson of Pender County when Johnson went with the Utilities Commission. Johnson succeeded Cutler Moore, Clyde R. Hoey righthander from Lumberton.

FROM N. C. . . . Two of the leaders in book sales, "Tomorrow Will Be Better" and "Roanoke Hundred", have their authors living right here in North Carolina. They are, respectively Betty Smith of Chapel Hill and Inklis Fletcher of Edenton.

NEXT MONDAY . . . The man who cries when it rains and snows and shows his uppers when the sun shines will bring an end to these peculiar habits as of the close of day next Monday. At that time, Sandy Graham, chairman of the State Highway and Public Works Commission for 'four years, will pack his bag and baggage and move back to his Hillsboro law practice with DuMont Eskridge, native of Jonesville in Yadkin County.

He can leave with the firm knowledge that he has been—if the amount of work done on North Carolina roads is any criterion—the best highway chairman in the history of the State.

SUCCESSOR . . . Gov. Scott likes to pull surprises, and he may come up with one when he names a man to succeed Graham. Milker George Coble is still in the running, but not as much so as a few weeks ago. Capus Waynick may be drafted for the position. When he became Scott's campaign manager, he said he was not interested in a State job and would not accept one. That's why the word "drafted" is used here. If Scott has not been able to decide on a man by this week-end, Dr. Henry Jordan of Saxapahaw will be called in. A hint was thrown out last Saturday that a man who hasn't been considered at all by outsiders is definitely being considered by the governor.

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Choosing Leaf Variety Is Big Problem For Grower

"What tobacco variety shall I plant?" is a question which many North Carolina farmers are asking themselves nowadays. Their problem is complicated by many factors—differences in soil, cultivation and cropping methods, and disease infestation on the land. There is added trouble, even, in the very fact that so many different varieties are now available to growers.

For the puzzled grower, Dr. W. G. Woltz of the North Carolina Agricultural Experiment Station has some timely advice: If you don't know which variety to use, see your county agent. This statement applies particularly to growers who have disease problems.

The disease problem has been especially troublesome to some growers, the tobacco research scientists point out. Wilt-resistant varieties have been planted on shank-infested land, and vice versa. Unaware of their error, growers have sometimes blamed their crop failures on the variety planted.

According to Colwell and Woltz, varieties are now available which are resistant to one of the following diseases: black shank, Granville wilt, or black root rot. However, there is no commercial variety at present which carries high resistance to Fusarium wilt or the root knot organism.

In general, Oxford 1 and some of the Vesta strains are recommended for shank-infested soil. The exact choice depends on several factors. For areas in which wilt is prevalent, the grower has

but one choice—Oxford 26; and for soils infested with black rot, Yellow Special and 400 are the best varieties to use.

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