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National Health Insurance?

It can't be denied that the physical well-being of the majority of our population suffers because of inability to pay for medical care. Then again, there is a large segment of our population which seeks and receives medical care whether they are able to pay for it or not.

If the national health insurance plan which President Truman proposes, works in actuality the way it does on paper, doctors would receive pay for treating those who otherwise would have been charity patients, and no individual would suffer or die before his time because he felt he could not afford medical attention.

Under the national health insurance plan, the worker would have a portion of his salary deducted for health insurance, the employer also paying a part of the assessment. Then in case of need of medical treatment, the patient would go to the doctor, receive a prescription perhaps, and go to the drugist to get the prescription filled.

Not only would the doctor receive the fee set by the government for the treatment of a patient, but the drugist would also be governed as to how much he could charge for filling the prescription.

Leading opponents of the national health insurance plan are the doctors themselves, members of the American Medical Association, who object violently to the program as a whole, but specifically object to the portion of the program which stipulates that each doctor will have a panel of patients, these patients having chosen him as their doctor. Information disseminated by the medical profession states that once a person has chosen a doctor, he cannot change physicians, and that the doctor must accept the patients who choose him whether he wants to treat them or not.

Oscar R. Ewing, Federal Security Administrator, under whose jurisdiction administration of the health program would fall, states however, that the proposed law "should give explicit guarantees to insured persons their right to make a free choice of physician, dentist, hospital, etc., and to make a change in that choice."

He continues further "the law should give equally explicit guarantees to the members of the professions who provide services, including the right to participate in the plan or not, to act individually or in groups, to accept or reject patients who choose them, to retain control of professional aspects of professional service."

Ewing contends that administration of the health insurance plan, if linked with the existing system of old-age insurance, could be carried out with a minimum of administrative personnel.

Doctors, who declare that this plan degrades one of the world's highest and most respected professions, claim that reports which will have to be filled out, the numerous new government offices which will have to be opened throughout the country will mean that in five years "political medicine" would have at least a million more persons on the government payroll.

The American Medical Association cites New Zealand as an example where socialized medicine has become a government burden. The expense there amounts 40 per cent of all revenues collected by the government and deficit finance has been resorted to in an attempt to furnish the benefits promised.

Nationalization of medicine has been in effect in England for eleven months. Dental service estimated by the government to cost \$28 million has cost instead \$160 million and fitting of eye glasses, estimated to cost \$8 million has cost \$30 million.

Government control of medical treatment strikes at the bedrock of free enterprise and our economic system. While on one hand it is true that all of our people, not just the few who can afford it, should have adequate medical care, should we enter into a program which could eventually mean the sacrifice of free enterprise principles?

The examples of Great Britain and New Zealand leave us apprehensive to say the least. Dr. V. K. Hart, the member of North Carolina Medical Society, has proposed a schedule of fees which would be charged by all physicians in the state, ranging from treatment of a stye, \$5, to correction of a curvature of the spine \$150. Under his plan, normal delivery of a child and immediate post-natal care would cost \$50.

With innovations such as this, proposed and advocated by the medical professions, the national health insurance program would become unnecessary as long as our present public health departments continue and improve their programs.

Lost—A Great Citizen

North Carolina has lost one of her most honored sons.

With a brilliant political career still ahead of him, Joseph Melville Broughton, United States senator and former governor of our state, was claimed by death Sunday morning in the nation's capital.

Well-known in every corner of the state, from the coast to the mountains and from Virginia to South Carolina, he was admired and respected even by his most fierce political opponents.

His visits to the Carteret coast were not infrequent—he holds the distinction of being the only governor ever to visit Cedar Island.

As wartime governor of North Carolina, from 1941 to 1945, he won respect of fellow southern governors and of the nation's high office holders. His advance to the United States Senate was only natural, a fitting tribute from the people he had served so well and in return an honor to us that we could be represented by so distinguished a figure.

Thus has passed another Tar Heel great. We can only hope that in coming generations there will be others like him.

Just Plaster 'Em Anywhere

Handbills and posters pasted to the sidewalks are a disgrace to the town.

Posters plastered to sides of buildings and on billboards are bad enough, but when town sidewalks are littered with signs, that's too much.

We may as well take paper cups and other types of trash and glue it to the sidewalk if pasting of signs there is going to be permitted.

If Beaufort has an ordinance against such advertising, it ought to be enforced, and if it doesn't, such an ordinance ought to be enacted.

PULSE FEELER



HERE and THERE
With F. C. SALISBURY, Morehead City

The Coast and Geologic Survey some time past made suggestions for the changes of names of creeks, bays and sounds in Carteret county along the eastern shore. Now they propose the following official name spelling for waters in the western part of the county:

Halowee canal, 2 1/2 miles long, from the head of Clubfoot creek to the head of Harlowee creek and providing a waterway from the Neuse river to Newport river. Not Clubfoot canal or Old Inland waterway.

Haystack marshes—Marshy island in Newport river a mile northeast of Morehead City, between the channel of the inter-coastal waterway and Crab Point (thoroughfare, not Newport marshes).

Sanders creek—Tidal inlet on the north side of Bogue Sound two miles west of Broad creek. No Sanders creek.

Sikes branch—Two miles long, south and east to the head of Sanders Creek. Not Saunders creek or West Prong. Saunders creek flows south into the sound near the settlement of Ocean.

With the consent of the board of commissioners of Carteret and Craven counties, C. P. Hancock of Cherry Point is seeking action of the general assembly for an enabling act to create a zoning district in the Cherry Point area. Portions of the area would lie within the two counties.

The area starting at the southeast corner of the Cherry Point Marine Air base would touch the north boundary of the town of Newport, following the A. & E. C. railroad and highway 70 to a point one mile north of the west prong of Sloucm creek.

The zoning commission, to consist of five members, two each to be appointed by the commissioners of Carteret and Craven counties and one by the commanding officer of the Marine Air base. They would have the same power as to zoning as are given zoning commissions. Citizens would have the right of appeal from decisions of the zoning commission to the board of commissioners in their respective county depending upon the location of the property.

Friends of Bill Trotman, Winston-Salem, who had planned to produce the symphonic drama "Blackbeard" at Camp Morehead last summer, but



on account of the polio condition was prevented from giving the play, will be pleased to know that this drama was presented in Winston-Salem on February 18-19 and received very glowing press notices. The entire script was written by Trotman who is only 18 years old. He acted as counselor at Camp Morehead for several seasons.

D. W. Freshwater who operates the Carteret Supply Company in Morehead City was the first depositor of the First Citizens Bank & Trust company to make use of the drive in deposit service that this bank opened to the public last week. The drive way on the east side of the bank building has been made a one-way drive. Entrance is made from Evans street or from 9th street in the rear of the bank building. The bank is signing up depositors for the use of the outside deposit chute to be used when the bank is closed. A charge will be made for this service.

Members of St. Luke's Baptist church, colored, are building a parsonage on the property to the south of the church building. Material for this structure to a large extent was salvaged from the Sunday School building of the First Baptist church when torn down to make way for the new two-story modern Sunday School and recreation center.

The senate body of the State Legislature passed a measure last week authorizing acquisition of land in New Bern for the restoration of Tryon's palace. The measure previously had been passed by the house and becomes law upon ratification.

Thirty years ago this month the officers and men of the Naval Air station at Camp Glenn were being shipped out to Norfolk. This was the first action on the part of the government to abandon this post but it was not until about 1928 that the station was closed and the camp turned back to the state for encampment use of the State Guards.

Representative H. S. Gibbs from this county has introduced a bill in the present State Legislature which would create a bird sanc-

tuary in Morehead City and vicinity. The measure will receive the attention of the committee on wildlife resources.

Open house held on Friday and Saturday nights by the newly organized American Legion club was attended by a large number of members of the Legion and service men of this section. Much interest is being shown in this new club which has been formed to maintain a central meeting place where the members can gather for social intercourse. The club rooms have been made very attractive with suitable furnishings. From time to time special programs will be rendered for the entertainment of the members. Membership in the club is open to all members of American Legion Post 46.

The past month was moving time for the two printing establishments of Morehead City. The News-Times moved into their new building near the Tidewater Power plant and the Herald Printing Company on Bridges street opposite the Morehead City Garment company plant. The store space vacated by the Herald Printing Company will be taken over by Dee Gee's shop, following repairs. It is understood that the Standard Net Manufacturing Company which is now located in a building at the Port Terminal will occupy the building vacated by the News-Times.

Good weather the past two months has favored construction work on both the new exchange and office building of the Carolina Telephone & Telegraph building and the Sunday School building of the First Baptist church, both being erected in Morehead City. The first story walls of the Sunday School building are up and the inside framing of the lower floor is under way.

Thoughts for an open mind...

There are individuals who are too firmly grounded in reality to be able to deceive themselves. He who can judge his own traits for their true worth has no delusions of grandeur about himself. To be able to laugh, without malice, at others one must first know how to laugh at himself. Social behavior is not a smoothly running machine, but a succession of conflicts and readjustments between individuals. Rewards are bestowed not only by man but by life itself. Life bountiful and generous pays the wage we have the courage to demand. Friendship is a gift, but also an acquirement.

—Jim Morrill

NEWS FROM NEWPORT

March 6 — Mrs. Ed Griffiths of New Castle, Penn., is visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Lester Garner.

Sam D. Edwards went to Winston-Salem on Tuesday to attend an agricultural meeting. He returned home on Friday.

R. L. Fruit, Wayne Benton, Robert G. Garner and Clarence Millis attended the Southern conference basketball games in Durham on Friday night.

Bobby Mills, of Washington, D. C., is visiting Mrs. Durwood Gowin.

Carl Fruit visited his grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Carl Gaskill, of Beaufort for a few days last week.

Floyd Harness, art student in Raleigh, arrived home Friday to spend the spring holidays with his wife and daughter, Beverly.

Mr. and Mrs. Tom Garner and son, Bruce have gone to Boston, Mass., because of the illness of Mrs. Garner's father.

Mr. and Mrs. Harry Simmons of Raleigh spent the weekend with their parents, Mr. and Mrs. M. L. Simmons.

Mr. and Mrs. S. D. Edwards visited Mr. and Mrs. Robert Montague in Raleigh over the week end. Charles Hill of Wake Forest was home for the week end.

Mr. and Mrs. Claude Garner, Jr., of Jacksonville, spent the week end with his parents.

Nathan Garner of State College spent the week end with his mother, Mrs. Lizzie Garner.

Mr. and Mrs. Glenn Mann of Greensboro visited relatives over the weekend.

Leon Mann, Jr. of Raleigh was home for the weekend.

Mrs. James Cannady and children of Charlotte have been visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. I. S. Hill. Tom Hill of Charlotte also visited Mr. and Mrs. Hill last week.

Mr. and Mrs. Artis Garner and daughter, Diann returned from Wilmington last Tuesday. Diann was in the hospital but is much improved now.

The Senior Circle of the Woman's Society of Christian Service met on Tuesday night at the home of Mrs. J. I. Mizelle. Mrs. Jack Howard, president, presided. Mrs. Staniel Bell led the devotional. It was decided to name the circle the Gertie Howard circle in honor of Mrs. L. N. Howard. Mrs. Mizelle served delicious refreshments of a salad, a square of iced chocolate cake, seafoam candy, mints and punch.

NEWS FROM CAMP GLENN

March 5 — Mr. and Mrs. Bill Caraway of Kingston spent the weekend with Mr. and Mrs. Ashton Bruton. On their return they were accompanied by Mrs. A. W. Dixon, who will spend several days there.

Mr. Albert Dixon of Chocowinity visited at the home of his sister, Mrs. Albin Beacham, Sunday.

Mrs. Loyd Taylor is confined to her sick room.

Both Mrs. Mel Mansfield and Mrs. K. S. Swinson motored to Durham to be with their husbands who are patients in hospitals there. Mr. Mansfield returned with them. Mr. Swinson's stay will have to be long.

In The Good Old Days

THIRTY-FIVE YEARS AGO
The Bank of Beaufort declared a 100 per cent dividend.
The Beaufort Civic league was considering buying an oyster shell crusher for the town.

TWENTY-FIVE YEARS AGO
County commissioners heard a proposal to build a road to Sea Level, which would be paid for out of taxes paid by the East Coast Land Co.
An apology on the front page of the paper stated the paper was late in coming out because of the failure of electric current.

TEN YEARS AGO
Eugene Moore was reelected tax collector.
Town commissioners approved request made by Fire Chief Gernhard Holland and Secretary Julius Duncan, that 12 coats and pairs of rubber boots be purchased and placed on the fire truck for the use of the firemen.
Five Years Ago
Beaufort Girl Scouts presented their leader, Mrs. Jack Neal, with a leaders uniform.
County commissioners approved the improvement of the road into the Beaufort airport from route 101.

NEWS FROM BACHELOR

March 4.—Mrs. E. H. Taylor and Mrs. Rodman Taylor were hostesses to the Woman's Society of Christian Service Wednesday afternoon, Feb. 16th. Mrs. Jack Smith, Sr., president, had charge of the meeting with Mrs. H. Taylor reading the devotion. Mrs. T. E. Taylor in charge of the program asked for reports from the various departments, including goods and dates of important meetings in 1949.

The hostesses served a cocktail with whipped cream and delicious homemade cookies during the social hour.

Mr. and Mrs. Bill Taylor and sons, Eddie and Willie, Mrs. Henry Adams, Mrs. J. A. Taylor, Mrs. Shildon Belangia, Mrs. Fred Smith, Mrs. C. H. Smith, Mrs. L. Beeton and Mr. and Mrs. Albert Taylor were in Morehead City and Beaufort Tuesday.

Mrs. Sara Small spent week in Beaufort with her granddaughter, Mrs. George Hunney, Jr.

Mr. and Mrs. Cecil Hancock, New Bern, N. C., spent Sunday, with the J. L. Smith families, Mr. and Mrs. Jimmie Bartow, Mrs. Charles Belangia and grandsons of Newport News, Va., Mrs. Frances, of Bridgetown were week end guests of Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Adams and Dewitt Hooker.

Mrs. Stanley Mann of Newport N. C., spent Thursday with Mrs. J. L. Smith, Sr.

The weekly prayer service with Mrs. John Smith Thursday evening.

OTWAY

March 5 — Mr. Herring of Beaufort was in the community Friday on business.

Miss Helen Gillikin of Portsmouth, spent the week end with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Adren Gillikin.

Mrs. Lionel Gillikin visited her sister, Mrs. Uzzell Lewis Friday.

Mr. and Mrs. George E. Gillikin were the dinner guests of Mr. and Mrs. Dolen Lewis Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Leon Styron and children of Davis visited Mrs. Styron's parents, Mr. and Mrs. E. T. Lawrence over the weekend.

Mr. Tilton Lawrence, who is employed at Charleston, S. C., motored home to spend the weekend with his family.

Miss Lucille Gillikin of Portsmouth, Va. spent the week end with her sister, Miss Betty Gillikin.

Mrs. O. W. Lewis spent the week end at Richmond visiting her son, Mr. Clayton Lewis.

William Lawrence, the son of Mrs. Neta Lawrence, had the misfortune of getting his leg shot, everyone is glad to learn he was discharged from Morehead City hospital Wednesday.

Mr. Cedric Gillikin spent the week end with his mother and sister, Mrs. Lina Gillikin and Beverly Ann.

Mrs. Delance Willis, of North River, called to see her mother, Mrs. O. W. Lewis Wednesday.

Mr. E. S. Lawrence of Norfolk, Va. spent the week end with his family.

Mr. Sylvester Lawrence, Jr., who has been spending several days with his family, returned to his work at Charleston, S. C. Saturday.

Mrs. Johnnie Weatherington of Morehead City is here visiting friends this week.

Mr. Virgil Gillikin of Great Bridge arrived to spend the week end with his wife.

Everyone is hoping for the recovery of Mr. J. L. Lawrence, who is ill in the Morehead City hospital.

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