

### PTA Features Open House

Open house was the feature at the Newport PTA meeting Tuesday night. All rooms were open for inspection and parents were invited to consult with the teachers.

Milton Warren presided at the business meeting preceding open house. Ten first grade pupils under the direction of Mrs. Ruby Woodruff, music supervisor, recited a psalm and sang a prayer as the opening devotion.

The secretary's minutes were read and the treasurer's report was presented.

Introduced to the PTA were two new teachers on the school staff. Mrs. Betty Mizelle, who replaced Mrs. Dorothy Heath in fifth grade and Mrs. Meyrl Tyndall, who replaced B. C. Cole, ninth grade. Both new teachers are residents of Newport and graduates of Woman's College, Greensboro.

Mrs. Mary Catherine Millis reported on the progress of the recent Junior Red Cross campaign. Any donations over the quota set by the Junior Red Cross are re-

### Insurance Man Locates Client's Stolen Vehicle

Richmond, Va. (AP) — W. A. Wallace's car was stolen and all week he kept in close touch with his insurance agent. Finally the abandoned car was spotted and a policeman went to check it out. By the time he got there it was gone again—but the cop didn't give up.

He kept checking and finally ran it down, just in time to see a young man jump out and run. A resident of the area came out to check the commotion in front of his house.

It was Wallace's insurance man, J. N. Trice. He promptly advised his client.

tained in the school to purchase first aid supplies.

Bulldozers have been working to clear and level more playground area which now covers three acres. Further work of harrowing and seeding the land will be done Saturday, according to the plans of Dick Lockety, chairman of the PTA land improvement committee.

This week Mrs. John B. Tomlinson re-classified books in the Newport School library.

Mr. Warren announced the membership of the PTA now totals 310.

## 2,249 North Carolinians Inhabit Hospitals for Tubercular Patients



Each dot on the above map represents a North Carolinian hospitalized in the state for tuberculosis as of Sept. 30, 1955.

Raleigh—On Sept. 30, 1955 there were 2,249 North Carolinians being treated in hospitals for tuberculosis.

"These are the cold facts," said Dr. L. E. Williams of Kinston, "but even cold facts have a human story behind them."

Dr. Williams, a member of the Lenoir County Tuberculosis Association and president of the North Carolina Tuberculosis Association, is a leader in the voluntary fight against TB.

The information on the number of hospitalized patients was obtained by the NCTA from four state sanatoriums, five county sanatoriums, and three veteran's administration hospitals.

"Each one of the 2,249 cases are persons who will on the average have to remain in a hospital away from home, family and friends for nine months."

"Each case of TB means a suffering human whose energy is sapped by a chronic, debilitating disease; a person who for a time is forced to give up his chosen work."

**Broken Homes**  
"It means broken homes, men unable to support their families, women who must relinquish the care of their families to others, young people whose hopes for the future may be blasted. It means mental anguish for both the patient and his family, the cost of which cannot be counted."

Dr. Williams said in giving the human side.

"Tuberculosis is indeed a problem today," Dr. Williams stated, "for what other disease do we have so many people hospitalized at one time with an average length of stay of nine months?"

In pointing out the extent that hospitalized patients illustrate the

TB problem, he emphasized that the figure, 2,249, represents only the hospitalized cases in the state and not the total number of cases. There are other patients being treated in the home, some who refused hospitalization even though it was available, some who left the hospital against medical advice, and others who have TB but don't know that they do.

"In addition to its cost in lives and human suffering," Dr. Williams continued, "the cost of tuberculosis in money is an important element in the economic life of the country."

**Whopping Bill**  
He said a very conservative estimate of the TB bill for the entire United States, not including the cost of hospital construction and training of professional personnel, is 600 million dollars.

A rough estimate of the cost of only one case of TB is \$15,000. This estimate includes the cost for medical care, compensation, pensions, relief payments and loss of wages. It does not include the potential loss in future earnings by the patient, according to Dr. Williams.

"Most of the money for the TB bill comes out of the taxpayer's pocket," Dr. Williams said. "The rest is borne by private agencies, individuals, and their families."

"The fight against TB must go on. The fact that an average of over 2,000 new cases of TB were reported annually in North Carolina during the past five years indicates that the chain of tuberculosis infection is not being broken effectively."

"Only by breaking the chain of tuberculosis infection more frequently can an important decline be brought about in the cost of TB—both in terms of human suffering and money," Dr. Williams concluded.

### 5-Year-Old Identifies 'Speaker of the House'

Council Bluffs, Iowa (AP) — Potawatamie County Treasurer Walter Lehman, chatting with a 10-year-old boy and his 5-year-old sister who were in his office with their mother, asked the lad what he wants to be when he grows up.

"I want to go into politics," the boy answered.

"All right," Lehman said. "Let's see how smart you are. Who's speaker of the House?"

The boy's 5-year-old sister piped up before her brother could answer.

"I know. Mother is."

### Lowan in Russia Gives Liquid Gift to Embassy

Ellsworth, Iowa (AP) — Ralph Olsen of Ellsworth, a member of the Iowa farm delegation that visited Russia during the summer, tells how delegation members used a Russian gift to save American taxpayers some money.

The Russians gave each member of the delegation a suitcase full of champagne, but the cost of shipping it home would have been prohibitive, Olsen says.

So the Americans gave it away—to the United States Embassy in Moscow.

### Rescuers Safety Recipe

Norfolk, Va. (AP)—The Coast Guard offers these safety tips for fishermen: Before you depart tell someone where you will fish and what time you will return. Make sure your boat contains an approved life preserver for each person on board, an adequate fire extinguisher, oars and a bailing device.

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Mr. Lundgren, a native of Omaha, was elected President, October 13, succeeding Farrow Newberry, who retired.

As Investment Analyst, Vice President for Investments and a Director, he assisted in making the Society the world's financially strongest in the fraternal field. He ably served as National Secretary the past year.

President Lundgren, ardent fraternalist, has held all local Woodmen Camp offices, is a past president of the Fraternal Investment Association, and a member of the National Fraternal Congress executive committee.

Mr. Sims, a native of Texas, joined the Society in 1922, its field force in 1932. He was later District Manager of Houston and State Manager of Illinois. He returned to Texas as State Manager in 1938.

Because of his excellent ability in enrolling members and promoting fraternal activities, he was promoted to Field Manager in 1946. He has directed many national campaigns, adding thousands of members.

"Dick" Sims was named Vice President in 1951, a Director in 1953, and a National Auditor in 1954.

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