

### Last Month's Deaths Fewer Than Year Ago, Bureau Of Vital Statistics Reports

Raleigh—There were 373 fewer deaths in North Carolina in February, 1939, than in the corresponding month a year ago, figures just released by the State Board of Health's Division of Vital Statistics, of which Dr. R. T. Stimpson is Director, show. This, added to the 270 drop reported in January, gives a total decrease for the year, through the first two months, of 643. The decrease in the number of births for the same period was 481.

There were 93 deaths reported from preventable accidents last month, as compared with 104 in February, 1938, Dr. Stimpson's report shows, while homicides dropped fifty per cent, the February, 1939, total being only 17, against 34 the same month last year, while suicides dropped from 37 to 25. There were also substantial decreases in deaths from these two causes in January.

Death among children under a year old in North Carolina in February, 1939, as reported to

the State Board of Health, numbered 384, as compared with 419 the corresponding month last year, reducing the rate from 66.8 to 65.8, while there were 38 maternal deaths in February of each year, the rate being slightly higher this year, due to the decrease in the number of births.

Although numerous "epidemics" were reported over the State, through the press, last month, deaths from influenza totaled only 73, as compared with 87 in February, 1938, while deaths from pneumonia dropped from 395 in February, 1938, to 277 last month, an deaths from pulmonary tuberculosis from 156 to 128. There were 19 deaths from pellagra in February tables, showing vital statistics for both years, with comparisons.

Some one has defined a politician as a strange sort of animal that can straddle a fence and still keep one ear on the ground.

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### NC WORLD FAIR ATTENDANTS GET FIELD TRAINING

Raleigh, N. C.—Eight intelligent and personable young Tar Heels who are expected to greet five million visitors to the North Carolina exhibit at the World's Fair will be experts in the subjects of their state. That is the promise of the N. C. World's Fair Commission, which has created the state's exhibit.

Rep. Bill Fenner of Rocky Mount, chairman of the commission, and Coleman Roberts of Charlotte, executive in charge of the exhibit, announced that the four young men and four young women who compose the exhibit personnel will enter a three-weeks training period about April 10 to equip them for their six-months' long job in New York.

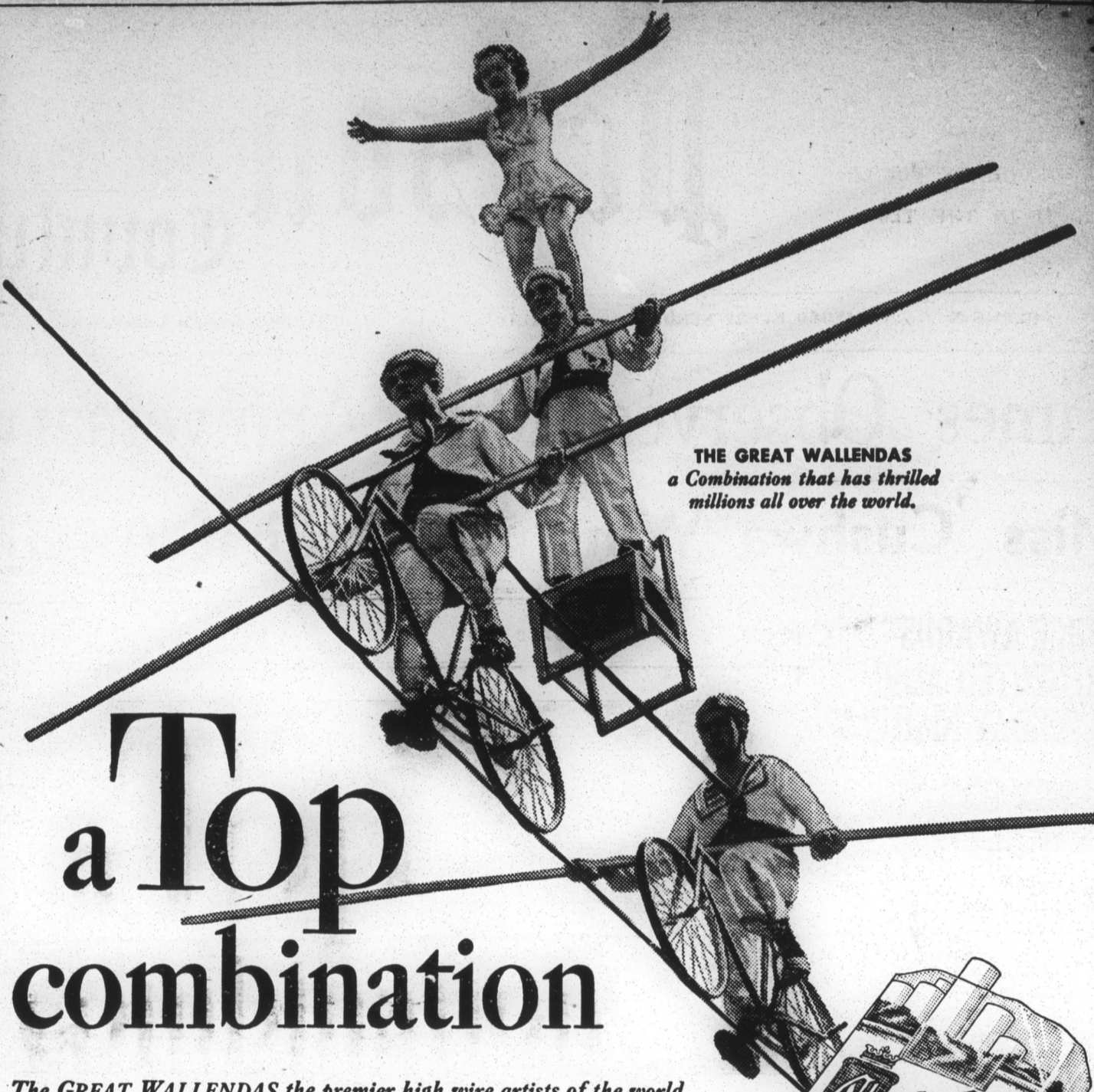
The training will include a two weeks tour of the state when the personnel will acquaint themselves with the various sections, and the attractions and opportunities in each, so that they may intelligently answer the thousands of questions which visitors will put to them. Several hotels and resorts have already invited the World's Fair personnel to study their communities, and other sections will be visited as opportunity exists. The training trip is being made through the courtesy and hospitality of the various communities visited.

Before starting the tour, the personnel selected will have two days of class work to ground them in the type of information to be sought, and they will also study the type of questions most frequently asked in inquiries directed to the state. After the tour, three more days of classwork will review and consolidate the information gained.

Roberts said today that only educated and poised persons would be employed for the staff, and that as a result of the extensive training period he expected the state's representatives to be the most alert, best informed, and hospitable in the fair ground.

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Question: Should any treatment be given sweet potatoe plants before transplanting?

Answer: Where soils are infected with stem rot or wilt organism, the stem and roots of the plants should be dipped in a 20-20-50 Bordeaux mixture or dusted with a mixture composed of 25 percent monohydrated copper sulphate and 75 percent lime just before planting. The scurf infected roots and stems should have a thorough coating of sulphur immediately before transplanting. All treated plants should be set in moist but not water logged soil.

Question: What is the best material for control of leaf spot and scorch in strawberries?

Answer: The best spray at present is a 4-4-50 Bordeaux mixture. The mixture calls for four pounds of copper sulphate (bluestone) and four pounds of chemically hydrated lime to 50 gallons of water. Smaller or larger amounts should be prepared in the same proportions. Dissolve the copper sulphate in one-third of the water, using a wooden earthenware, or copper container. The lime is put in the remaining water and, when the two are prepared, pour the copper sulphate solution into the lime suspension. The two should be stirred constantly while mixing. Start spraying about the time plants resume active growth

and continue until they assume relative dormancy.

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