

### Health Department Reports Results Of Examinations

Dr. B. B. McGuire, District Health Officer, announces the results of the physical examinations conducted this school year through December, 1949. His report follows:

589 white children of the first and third grade and repeaters in all the grades of certain schools have been examined. 333 colored children were also examined which is a total of 1822. Invitations are sent, in advance of the school physician's coming, to all the parents asking that they be present for the examinations. 377 parents of the white children were present or 38% and 144 colored parents of a total of 333 examinations were present or 43%. In a good health program 80% of the parents should be present.

"One hundred white children or 10% are retarded, or failed to pass one or more grades. 90 colored children or 27% are retarded. 167 or 16% white and 12% of the colored have seriously diseased temporary teeth. 15% of the white and 8% of the colored have seriously diseased permanent teeth, which are 6 year molars in most instances. 6% white and 2% colored have abscessed teeth.

"21% of the white and 3% of the colored have had tonsils and adenoids removed. Approximately 12% white and 12% of the colored have very much enlarged or seriously infected tonsils and adenoids, the removal of which the school physician strongly recommends.

Of the white children 28 or 3% have definite or very suspicious heart disease, while 21 or 6% of the colored have Small Pox scars. From these figures we may learn certain new facts and gain confirmation of previous contentions in other instances.

(1) Colored parents seem more interested in their children's health as indicated by the greater per cent of parents present.

(2) Far more colored children repeat grades.

(3) Colored children have better teeth than white. Why, we don't know. Possibly they have less gummy candy to eat that sticks to the teeth.

(4) Far more colored children have heart disease.

(5) A far higher number of white have had their tonsils and adenoids removed.

(6) 13 or 14 per cent of our school children do not have Small Pox scars.

They can not legally be in school without the scar. Some have been vaccinated but had no "take." Far too many children have never been vaccinated at all.

"A most pleasant observation is that your children whose tonsils and adenoids have been removed have cleaner throats than at any place I have worked for some years.

Without taking into account: (1) variations in height and weight (which has little or no meaning to me anyhow). (2) Possible defective vision (3) Possible defective hearing, the following Perquimans children show no defects:

"Winfall school: first grade, Thomas Stanton, Carson Spivey, Carroll McDonald; third grade, Patricia White; Hertford Grammar, first grade, Linda Earle Bass, Carlyle Woodard; third grade, John Winslow, Gloria Stallings.

"Galatia School, fourth grade, Joe Harrell.

These children and their parents have our heartiest congratulations. Many other children have only slight defects such as small cavities in the temporary teeth, unclean teeth and scalp."

### Crop, Seed Meeting To Attract Over 500

More than 500 persons are expected to gather on the State College campus in Raleigh Thursday and Friday, January 26-27, for the annual State Seed Exposition and meetings of the State Crop Improvement Association, Foundation Seed Producers, Inc., and State 100 Bushel Corn Club.

Principal speaker will be L. F. Graber of Madison, Wis., agronomist of the Wisconsin College of Agriculture and president of the American Society of Agronomy. He will discuss "Foundation Seed Stock Production, Distribution, and Certification."

Junior farmers of the State will participate in the 14th annual Future Farmers of America crops contest and the 4-H Club corn speaking contest. Competition in the crops contest will be open to the first and second high-scoring teams from each of the 44 FFA federations. Competing in the speaking event will be 4-H members who produced 100 or more per acre on their 1949 corn projects.

Attending the annual "corn champions" banquet, sponsored by the Foundation Seed Producers, will be the FFA, 4-H member, adult farmer, and veteran trainee producing the highest corn yields in each county, together with their supervisors. Prizes will be awarded to 1949 corn contest winners, including Dwight Williams of Haywood County, mountain and State



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winner; Dale Gainey of Wayne County, Coastal Plain winner; and Charlie Barbee of Stanly County, Piedmont winner.

Several hundred new members will be included into the 100 Bushel Corn Club, of which F. L. Albritton of Lenoir County is president.

In the Seed Exposition, ribbons and cash prizes will be offered to Crop Improvement Association members for the best exhibits of seed and crops.

### More People Inquire About North Carolina

Inquiries from 23,989 people in every state in the Union, the District of Columbia, and 68 foreign countries and territories were serviced by the State Advertising Division of the Department of Conservation and Development during the six months period ended December 31. This was 1,646 more than handled during the same period in 1948, according to the semi-annual report of the State Advertising Director Charles Parker.

One inquiry was received from Czechoslovakia, 2 from Poland and 3 from Finland, but none of the other countries behind the Iron Curtain were heard from.

On the other hand, subjects of nations in the British Empire showed increasing interest in North Carolina both as a place to visit and in which to settle. Canada led the list with 456 inquiries; England was next with 129; the Island of Malta sent six inquiries. Australia was heard from 87 times and New Zealand 44. From the Philippines 168 inquiries

### Important That Tests Of Soil Are Made By Farmers

Soil testing is the only means by which farmers can determine the lime needs and other plant food needs of their soil, says C. W. Overman, County Agent. Liming fields without a soil test is haphazard and often time results in unnecessary expense.

"This is the season of the year when farmers have time to take soil samples of their fields, send them in to the State Department of Agriculture for analysis, get back the reports and apply the lime needed," says Mr. Overman. "Dolomitic lime is usually recommended by the Soil Testing Laboratory because it contains approximately one-half calcium oxide and one-half magnesium oxide and we find that magnesium is needed on a large percentage of our soil. Shell lime contains calcium oxide only.

"Soil containers and field history sheets may be obtained free of charge at your County Agent's office, from your Vocational Agricultural teacher or from Soil Conservationist. The only cost to the farmer is the small amount of postage necessary for mailing the samples. On the back of the field history sheets is complete instructions for taking soil samples, also anyone of your agricultural agencies will be glad to explain the proper method of taking samples."

"A summary of the soil tests made

from Chowan County soils during the period July 1, 1947 to June 30, 1948, showed that 30% of these soils were low to very low in calcium, 17% low to very low in potash. On the other hand, 70% of the soils were medium to high in calcium, 83% were medium to high in magnesium, 72% were medium to high in phosphorous and 35% were medium to high in potash. These figures indicate that quite a number of fields show a need for lime, yet not all of them by any means. In general we are running low in potash and this element particularly needs to be increased for cotton and peanuts."

Dolomitic lime should be applied at least 60 days or more before the crop is planted, the sooner the better. Overman urges farmers to utilize some of their time during this slack period in taking soil samples and having their soil analyzed so that they will not be liming and fertilizing in the dark.

### Deaths On Highways Cause Terrible Loss

Highway deaths, injuries and property damage cost North Carolina approximately \$74,000,000 during 1949, the Department of Motor Vehicles has estimated.

The estimate was based on a formula worked out from the National Safety Council's publication, "Accident Facts," which places the cost per death at approximately \$88,000.

The unofficial total of killed in highway accidents in 1949 was 842. The \$88,000 figure takes into consideration that a proportionate number of injuries and accidents occur for each death.

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