

## Cancer Detection Center Again Open

The first fall clinic of the Northeastern North Carolina Cancer Detection Center was held Friday, September 8, at the Elizabeth City Health Center. Since its opening October 21, 1949, the Northeastern North Carolina Cancer Clinic has had a total of 657 examinees. Those examined came from Chowan, Hertford, Currituck, Dare, Tyrrell, Washington, Camden, Perquimans, Gates and Pasquotank counties. All examinations are free. All women 35 or over, all men 40 or over, and all with a symptom or a "Danger Signal" of cancer regardless of age are eligible for the examination.

The Northeastern North Carolina Cancer Clinic Center is the ninth such center to be opened in North Carolina. It is staffed by members of the local Medical Society and by women of the community who volunteer to serve as receptionists and as nurses' aides. It is of interest to note that of the first 6,000 North Carolinians examined throughout the state approximately 300 cancers were found, many in the early stages, meaning that they were curable.

The American Cancer Society has as an objective the education of the public to the point where action will be taken when cancer symptoms manifest themselves. Cancer is known as the most curable of all the highly fatal diseases. However, the curability of cancer varies with the site and the "stage" of the disease and with the promptness with which it is diagnosed and treated. The slogan is "Early Discovery—Early Recovery."

Public support and interest has been very good, according to Mrs. L. Everett Sawyer, Commander of the Pasquotank County Chapter of the American Cancer Society, who is confident that residents of the city and surrounding counties will take advantage of the free examinations made available each Friday afternoon at the Health Center.

Priority appointments will be given upon request to anyone living twenty miles or more from Elizabeth City. Those wishing to come for an examination may address their requests to the Northeastern North Carolina Cancer Center Detection Clinic, Health Center, Elizabeth City North Carolina, giving two clinic dates on which it will be convenient for them to attend.

## Interesting Topic At Health Meeting

At the meeting of the North Carolina Public Health Association at Winston-Salem last week a most interesting addition to the usual program was added. "Public Health Service in North Carolina, What Needs Should it Serve," was discussed by a panel of prominent newspaper editors from the state. A. G. Ivey, Journal and Sentinel, Winston-Salem, N. C.; W. E. Horner, Sanford Herald, Sanford, N. C.; H. W. Kendall, Greensboro Daily News, Greensboro, N. C.; Don Shoemaker, The Asheville Citizen, Asheville, N. C.; participated. Dr. Sylvester, Secretary N. C. Medical Foundation, was moderator.

The cordial relationship between public health officials and the press and radio was stressed as well as the special news of reports concerning public health.

Particular interest was shown in the problem of what is being done to correct physical defects in school children, particularly among the indigent and medically indigent.

Dr. Fred Hubbard, President of the North Carolina Medical Society promised cooperation of the profession in these corrections, provided the Health Department keeps strictly out of the field of practice.

### CIRCLE MEETS

The Mary Long Circle of Bethel Baptist Church met Monday night, September 11, in the home of Mrs. Elliott Layden.

Mrs. William Tarkenton conducted the devotional, followed with prayer by Mrs. Bernard Proctor.

All matters of business were discussed and "Come Thou Almighty King" was sung.

The program entitled "Can You Read" was given with the following members taking part. Mrs. Joe White, Mrs. Irvin Long, Mrs. Wallace Hobbs, Mrs. Charles Ward and Miss Eunice Long. "Sweet Hour of Prayer" was the closing hymn. The meeting was dismissed with all members repeating together the "Lord's Prayer." A Bible quiz was given by the hostess with Mrs. William Tarkenton winning the prize. A delicious sweet course was served by Mrs. Layden.

### CLASS MEETS

The Young People's Class meeting of the Berea Church of Christ was held Friday night, September 8, at the home of William Umphlett.

The meeting opened with the singing of "Give Me Thy Heart" after which Mrs. Horace Miller led in prayer. The scripture was read by the vice-president, Mrs. Levy Dail, which was taken from the first chapter of John. The roll was called and minutes read by the secretary, Mollie Lu Yeates. The lesson was taken from the 18th chapter of Luke.

For the closing hymn they sang "Bringing In the Sheaves." Benediction was by Mrs. George Baker.

## Care in Harvesting Cotton Crop Urged

With one of the shortest cotton crops in the State's history, Tar Heel farmers should be very careful in harvesting and selling their cotton this year, believes David H. Stancil, cotton marketing specialist for the State College Extension Service.

To bring top prices, cotton should be picked clean and picked only when dry. It should be kept dry, and carried to the gin dry.

Many farmers have the idea that gins equipped with driers can handle cotton in any condition. This is not true at all, says Stancil. The driers do wonderful work within certain limits, but if cotton is really wet it often has to be put through the drier twice and then does not come out completely dry.

This slows up ginning and costs money. It also tempts the ginner to run his heat up, which often causes damage to the fiber of the cotton. Farmers will make money every time by keeping their cotton dry.

Already a farmer in the southern part of North Carolina has picked some cotton so trashy that its value, even after going through a modern gin, was reduced \$10 per bale. The fine new gins which have been erected in North Carolina almost perform miracles in cleaning. However, says Stancil, even with all this equipment, ginners cannot possibly turn out a sample as clean from dirty, trashy cotton as from cotton brought to them clean.

At present high prices, a farmer may easily lose \$25 a bale by having his cotton picked trashy. Closer supervision of pickers, with premiums for clean picking, would pay in nearly every case.

"The cotton farmer with low yields and high expenses still has a chance," says Stancil. "If he will see that the cotton he has made is picked clean, kept dry, ginned carefully, and then sold on grade and staple, he may receive more dollars from his cotton than he thought."

## Vets Question Box

Q—I am married and attending college under the GI Bill. Recently we had a child. How may I get a copy of his birth record, to submit to VA for increased subsistence allowances?  
A—Ordinarily, copies of birth records may be obtained by writing the

## Some Farm Ponds Breeders Of Disease

"Make sure that farm ponds do not become reservoirs of livestock diseases during summer dry spells," livestock owners are advised.

An American Foundation for Animal Health bulletin points out that low water levels and contamination of farm ponds may cause much sickness among farm animals and bring heavy losses to the owner.

"Stale pond water may bring about, or intensify, coccidiosis, stomach and nodular worms, mouth sores, algae poisoning and scours," the bulletin says.

"This happens so often that veterinarians sometimes refer to these problems as 'stale pond diseases'."

Another dangerous condition arises when shorelines recede due to lower water levels, Foundation authorities said. Cattle walk in the soft mud, leaving holes and sharp ridges which later harden when exposed to the sun and the air.

"Veterinarians have found that this 'washboard' ground is a serious hazard to the animals' feet," the bulletin said. "It may easily cause cuts and bruises. Germs lurk in stagnant water, thus gaining entrance to cause 'foul foot'."

"Livestock raisers are strongly advised to either fence off ponds or to remove cattle when water levels drop, or when scum on the surface indicates that ponds are becoming stale."

"This simple precaution may save livestock owners a heavy toll of dead and diseased animals."

### ONE MINUTE SPORTS QUIZ

1. Which National League team shut out the Phils in a double-bill this year?
2. When did Sandy Sadler and Willie Pep last meet?
3. For whom does Iry Noren play baseball?

### THE ANSWERS

1. The New York Giants.
2. September 8th.
3. Washington Senators.

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