

## Red Cross Offers Atomic War Aids

Latest information on how to give emergency care to atomic casualties is provided in new supplementary training in American Red Cross first aid and home nursing, the organization has announced.

New teaching material for the courses, prepared in cooperation with the federal Civil Defense Administration, has been released to Red Cross chapters throughout the country in the form of supplements to the standard first aid and Home Nursing textbooks. It is designed to bring the standard courses up to date.

Release of the supplementary text material is the latest Red Cross step in its effort to train millions of persons in first aid and hundreds of thousands in Home Nursing and as nurses' aides, as part of the nation's Civil Defense program. Two million copies of the first aid and one million of the Home Nursing supplements are being distributed initially.

The new first aid material, which will add four hours to the standard 18-hour course, outlines the injuries which would follow an atom bomb attack and the best methods of giving them emergency care.

It points out that burns and wounds would be the most common injuries. Contrary to popular belief, radiation damage would be comparatively minor.

Of extreme importance, the text says, is the order in which large numbers of casualties are treated. Severe hemorrhage, asphyxia, or serious breathing difficulty, and deep shock require immediate life-saving attention in that order. The common-sense reminder to remove the injured from hazardous areas immediately is added.

Both the first aid and Home Nursing supplements stress the importance of self-help in the confusion like-

ly to follow any large-scale attack. Adequate family training will do much to lessen it.

Persons trained in Home Nursing also will help fill the gap caused by the draining off of large numbers of professional medical and nursing people to disaster areas. They can also be helpful in preparing their families against the dangers of infection, exposure, communicable diseases, and other by-products of large-scale attack and in caring for evacuees.

With the new training material available, Red Cross chapters are redoubling their efforts, begun last summer at government request, to train large numbers of persons in these safety and health courses.

Among the first groups to be trained are school children, industrial workers, police, firemen, and government workers. In Beaumont, Texas, a thousand legionnaires are taking the first aid course. In Chicago public schools, 100,000 children will receive first aid instruction. In Los Angeles every high school pupil will receive first aid training this year.

One Red Cross area headquarters reported that six times as many first aid textbooks were shipped to chapters in December 1950 as were shipped in the same month in 1949. A North Carolina chapter stated that it had trained three times as many first aid instructors in a recent five-week period as it had all last year.

Red Cross officials pointed out that public understanding of the need for protective training is the chief requirement for getting the job done. At the onset of World War II, the Red Cross trained more than 3½ million in first aid in a single year. Last year 400,000 persons received First Aid Certificates.

Information in the first aid supplement is being disseminated through chapter first aid instructor meetings, and eventually will reach all chapters having first aid instructors.

Being tired too often causes people to be often broke.

## Boy Scouts Reach An All Time High

Recording a gain of 215,707 members in 1950, or an 8.4 per cent increase, the Boy Scouts of America reached its all-time highest membership peak last December 31 with 2,795,222 boys and adult leaders enrolled, it is announced by Dr. Arthur A. Schuck, Chief Scout Executive.

The boy membership reached the two million mark for the first time. There are 2,071,649 boys enrolled, a gain of 147,673 during the year. Cub Scouts, a program for boys 8, 9 and 10 years of age number 828,344, a gain of 61,709 or eight per cent. Membership in Boy Scout Troops is 1,121,720, a gain of 57,914 or 5.4 per cent. This membership includes 827,132 Boy Scouts 11, 12 and 13 years of age and the 294,588 Explorers in the troops who are 14 years of age and over. Explorers in the Explorer Units come to 121,585, a gain of 28,050 or 30 per cent.

Dr. Schuck announced that there are now 723,573 adult leaders in the movement, a gain of 68,034 leaders over the preceding year or 10.4 per cent.

On December 31 there were 78,716 units, a gain of 5,651 over the previous year. There are now 22,908 Cub Scout Units, 46,722 Boy Scout Units and 9,086 Explorer Units. Since its founding, February 8, 1910, the Boy Scouts of America has ended each year with a higher membership, Dr. Schuck said.

## Proposed Auto Tax Unfair To Motorists

Motorists of the Carolinas would be called upon to pay approximately \$86,000,000 in Federal automotive taxes annually under proposals presented to Congress February 5th by secretary of the Treasury Snyder, Miss Goldie Layton, Manager of Edenton Branch Office of the Carolina Motor Club, says.

North Carolina motorists would pay approximately \$58,000,000.00 under the proposed tax increases, while South Carolina motorists would have their taxes increased to an estimated \$28,000,000.

This would virtually double the amount paid to the Federal government in auto excise taxes during 1949, last year for which figures are available. This tremendous proposed boost in federal auto taxes brought a prompt response from the American Automobile Association, which pointed out that motor vehicle owners are being asked to foot more than 40 per cent of the entire increase in excise tax schedules.

Specifically Secretary Snyder recommended that the excise tax on new cars—which is passed to the purchaser in the form of higher car prices—be raised from seven per cent to 20 per cent and that federal gasoline tax be raised from 1½ cents per gallon to three cents a gallon.

The rate of increase proposed for new cars is higher than any other major increase recommended by the Treasury Department. Raising the rate from seven per cent to 20 per cent would be an increase of 187 per cent, virtually tripling the existing tax schedule. The proposed gas tax increase is 100 per cent.

By way of contract, the proposal to increase the tax on liquor is \$3.00 per gallon, an increase of only 33 1/3 per cent and on cigarettes only 43 per cent.

## Freezing Food Good Practice To Follow

Raising and preserving food is always a sound farm practice, particularly so in an emergency such as we now face, says Nita Orr, frozen food specialist for the State College Extension Service.

The facilities for freezing and stor-

ing North Carolina-grown food right here in the State can prove invaluable to Tar Heel citizens if the food and the facilities are handled properly, says Miss Orr. However, she adds, the general public needs—and is eager to receive—more information on food freezing.

"Frozen food locker plants, for example, have been misjudged by some people as a place to hoard meat," asserts the specialist. "A locker is for the purpose of providing a better living, not for hoarding. The hoarder in an emergency such as we have now is a very poor citizen and a worthless patron. He always gets cheated in economy and in quality."

On the other hand, intelligent management of food and facilities is not to be confused with hoarding. Planning the family food supply a year in advance, freezing the things that lend themselves best to freezing, canning (such as tomatoes), storing root crops, planning the use of fresh foods—these things show wisdom and foresight in normal as well as other times.

Temperature greatly affects the quality of frozen foods, says Miss Orr. Zero degrees is the recommended temperature for storing frozen foods. Those kept at a higher temperature lose quality. Some people have the mistaken idea that if the package is not soft it is all right. The locker plant patron in North Carolina is protected by law on that score, but there is no regulation regarding temperature of cabinets in retail outlets for commercially packed frozen foods or for home freezers. Temperatures in these cabinets should be checked by the owners.

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The Board of County Commissioners of Perquimans County will meet as the Board of Equalization and Review in the Court House on Monday, March 19, 1951, at 10 o'clock A. M., for the purpose of hearing complaints and the equalization of property values, and said Board will adjourn from day to day until this work is completed.

# J. W. WARD

Clerk to the Board, Perquimans County