

The Social Worker

(This is the seventh in a series of articles on The Department of Social Services in Perquimans County. Today's article will explain the role of the Social Worker in helping people in our county with many problems.) Please note that the Department of Public Welfare is now called The Department of Social Services effective 7-1-69 as a result of recent legislative action.

The Perquimans County Department of Social Services has 3 social workers on the staff. Have you ever wondered just what the duties of a social worker are? Of course, you know in a general way that a social worker is a member of the staff of your county department of social services and that she or he seeks to help people with various problems.

The social worker, by use of the knowledge and skills of professional training, seeks to help people help themselves. He does not sit down and prescribe a cure for all their social ills but they work together in trying to find the answer to their problems. In many cases the social worker must be a motivator. Many of his clients are so down and out emotionally due to their dire circumstances that motivation is their primary need.

The social worker's constructive purpose may take many forms, depending on the need of the person who seeks help. Whether the person be aged, disabled, orphaned, unemployed or delinquent, the social worker assumes that there is an explanation for the difficulty in which the person finds himself which will lead to understanding and a plan for help.

One of the social worker's aims is to help strengthen the life of a family so that its members can live useful, satisfying lives. How a community lives depends largely on how its families live. Healthy family life teaches democratic living, sharing of opportunities, respect for others' rights, self-respect, tolerance, and happiness.

To be a social worker, one must like and understand people, and be able to inspire confidence in those needing help. The social worker's skill in helping troubled people, of pinpointing their problems and then helping them find a good solution to their problems takes professional training. One of the skills caseworkers use is interviewing. By far the most extensive and the most important information comes to the caseworker through the interview. The first interview enables the caseworker and the applicant to get acquainted. A frank, thoughtful discussion of the problem at hand is encouraged.

Social work is a profession that seeks to help persons find the solution to many problems. The social worker's real goal is being of service or maintaining an attitude of helpfulness in all client

contacts. Being of service is a constant thing. It is a practical philosophy of living woven into careful judgment and evaluation of the real needs of people. It is an attitude which reaches out to all, and which is ever present.

Social workers are trained for discovering the broad range of human ills and helping each individual to decide what remedies among those available would be best for him. Many of the remedies for their problems cannot be met from just the social services program available. Therefore, a social worker must be well acquainted with other resources available in the community and state that may be of assistance. By referral to other agencies and organizations many of the answers to many of the problems can be found.

Not all people who come to the social workers are troubled; not all need financial assistance. Social service encompasses a wide field of services. Perhaps the person who needs help wants to adopt a baby. The caseworker will help him for each of the 100 county departments of social services in North Carolina is an adoption agency. A caseworker counsels with aged persons who need advice and help in deciding whether boarding home or other group care is appropriate for them. The caseworker helps in placing children in foster homes, in working with children who have behavior problems. They work with clients in trying to help them become self-sufficient by discussing available employment opportunities or training programs that will provide them with the skills necessary for securing an adequate job. They discuss family planning with them with the skills necessary for securing an adequate job. They discuss family planning with them and refer them to family planning clinics that may help them even further in controlling the number of children they desire. And they help in securing financial assistance for the needy. All these and other services are a vital part of social services.

Yes, the key person in the social services program is the social worker. It is the social worker who explains these services to the people who need them and who sees that the appropriate service is provided. Social workers have entered the social services field because of an earnest desire to help people. It is the alert interest of the social worker and his informed resourcefulness in helping to find the answers to the problems he and the client discover that make his place in the social services program one of importance.

CHAMBER

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tion of the historical society. This will be discussed at greater length during the Chamber's July meeting, a meeting which will also feature a discussion on the subject of zoning. The group spoke about our newest industry — Coastal Veneers, headed by two young men from Weldon who know the business and like the county. They have one little problem. They need paper and will pay a good price for the good wood they can get.
Chamber Manager, Frank Roberts, had high praise for the outstanding cooperation he has always received from those with whom he has worked within the chamber and particularly Lester Simpson, president when he came to work at the Chamber and Bill Cox, current president, both valuable men to the chamber — both with the interest of Perquimans County at heart.

Perquimans Students On COA Dean's List

Dean's List students are those who maintain a B average while taking a full academic load. Six students made straight A's during the spring semester at COA. Mrs. Gail Taft Midgett, of Elizabeth City, should be considered the top student academically, since she made all A's while taking the heaviest load. Other students who made all A's are Arnold Dewane Frutiger, of South Mills, N. C.; Betty Phelps, of Roper, N. C.; Nancy Pritchard, of Elizabeth City, N. C.; Claudia Skiles, of Plymouth, N. C.; and Linda Winslow of Winfall, N. C. The students listed below all made the Dean's List for the spring semester.

From Hertford, Timothy G. Baker, Marjorie K. Banks, Anna Martha Chesson, Pamela Dennis Cox, Kay Stallings Dail, Larry R. Godfrey, Lela Mae Long, Thomas Julian Long, Dorothy Gayle McDonald, William W. Perry, Jacqueline L. Simpson and Leslie Paul Smith, Jr.

July 4th Weekend Could Bring Death To 23 Persons

Too much independence on the highways over the long Independence Day weekend could bring death to at least 23 persons in more than a thousand traffic accidents on North Carolina's streets and highways, cautions the N.C. State Motor Club. The official count of the holiday highway toll runs from 6 p.m. Thursday, July 3, through midnight Sunday, July 6, a 78-hour period. The July Fourth casualty list for a 102-hour period last year came to 26 killed and 771 injured in 1,472 accidents. Eleven of the deaths were recorded on Thursday the Fourth.

Leading driver violations reported were: speeding, 353; drove left of center, 198; failed to yield right-of-way, 171; failed to see movement safe, 134; and following too closely, 109. "Since the Fourth falls on Friday this year to make it an extended weekend, there will be a tremendous upsurge in traffic, especially to and from vacation areas," said Thomas B. Watkins, president of the motor club and the National Automobile Association.

"The State Highway Patrol has done a remarkable job in holding traffic deaths to about eighty less than this time last year. Let's not spoil their good work with an outbreak of careless driving and a rash of highway accidents. Remember, no one can 'bring 'em back alive' except you and the other drivers on our highways. Do your part in making this a safe and sane Fourth."



STEP AHEAD ... with floor care know-how.

Shinning, well-kept floors are a pleasant welcome mat for household visitors... and with floor-care know-how, your floors can always be company ready! Amway Corporation, Ada, Michigan suggests the use of a wax remover, surface sealer and floor wax to help maintain floor beauty. The secret of a beautiful, long-wearing floor is cleanliness. A quality wax finish protective certainly does help... only until too many wax coatings build up. Then, all floor finishes should be removed down to the bare surface.

Removing floor wax is too often a messy job involving back-breaking work — which is why it's usually postponed. Wax remover, such as that available from Amway, completes the job quickly, easily and economically, too. It's also an efficient cleaner for bare floors and is recommended as the initial step to using surface sealer and floor wax for the first application.

A place to watch for wax build-up is the back entrance to the kitchen, right inside the doorway where traffic and tracked-in mud is heaviest. When this area remains dark despite scrubbing or additional coats of wax, it's time to remove the accumulated wax and start again.

When selecting a floor wax, it's wise to choose one which is self-polishing and buffable. Amway's floor wax is such a combination... it goes on easily as a self-polishing wax that dries quickly to a high gloss which can be renewed just by buffing. Using such a combination bridges the gap between water-based, self-polishing finishes and heavy-duty paste waxes, with the advantages of both and the drawbacks of neither.

Self-polishing finishes dry to a high gloss but are not "water-proof" so they tend to water-spot and dull floors when scrubbed or mopped, making it necessary to re-wax the entire floor. Paste wax, on the other hand, eliminates this problem by being buffable... but it's not easy to apply and must be buffed or hand-rubbed. Paste wax tends to be expensive and has floor finishes limitations.

For keeping your floors looking their best, Amway Corporation offers these floor-care know-how suggestions:

1. Strip down non-porous (pure vinyl and rubber tiles) floors frequently. The more coatings of wax allowed to accumulate, the more difficult they will be to remove later.
2. Porous (linoleum, asphalt tile, cork, wood, etc.) floors should NOT BE STRIPPED AS OFTEN as several coats of wax may be necessary to fill the pores again and build up a new finish. Or use a diluted wax remover solution for more frequent light strippings.
3. To keep the color true in light colored floors, stripping should be more frequent than on dark floors.
4. Always thoroughly rinse the floor with water after using wax remover or detergent before applying floor wax. Such residues may become gummy and will not produce a shine.
5. Frequent, light, cold-water moppings, followed with a light buffing, will keep a waxed floor looking new-penny-bright without applying many coats of wax.
6. Be sure ALL old floor wax is removed before applying the new. Gummy, dull spots will result if partially removed softened wax is left on the floor and new wax applied over it.
7. When removing old floor wax, use very hot water, mixing with the wax remover according to directions. If there are many coatings of wax to remove, let the solution stand 10 minutes, apply more and let it soak through.
8. Floors maintained by electric buffing need not be stripped as often because the wax is constantly re-distributed over the floor by the buffing action and kept to a minimum thickness. Check places a buffer cannot reach, especially corners, for wax accumulation.
9. NEVER mop wax remover and water solution on wood floors because the water seeping into the crevices may cause warping. Instead, sponge remover solution on wood floor sparingly — then sponge lightly with clear water and dry with a cloth.
10. True cork floors should be heavily and frequently waxed. This will darken the color somewhat, but one dirt penetrates the wax coating and is ground into the floor surface, it's almost impossible to remove.

Two Register At University In Chapel Hill

Douglas M. Haskett, son of Mr. and Mrs. Ray Haskett, and Walter G. Edwards, Jr., of Hertford, N.C., son of Mr. and Mrs. Walter G. Edwards, Hertford, N.C., have just completed a day-long pre-registration session at the University of North Carolina here. Entering students are encouraged to participate in pre-registration prior to their coming to the University in the fall, 1969 pre-registration dates are as follows: June 11, 14, 18, 21, 25, and 28; July 9, 12, 19, 26, and 30; and August 2.

During pre-registration, students take placement tests, prepare their course of study, and familiarize themselves with the campus. It is co-sponsored by the Office of Undergraduate Admissions and the General College.

The University of North Carolina is the nation's first state university, chartered in 1795. The cornerstone of Old East, the University's oldest building and now a national shrine, was laid in 1793.

The University is composed of 14 colleges and schools and more than 70 departments. The student body enrollment is expected to exceed 16,000 in the fall—2400 of these are freshmen and 900 are transfer students. There are nearly 1500 faculty members.



Greenhorn
Harriet—Would you refuse to go out with a man who had made just one mistake?
Mabel—Sure! Who wants a map with as little experience as that?

Wrong Advice
"If it hadn't been for your confounded advice, I wouldn't have lost every dollar I had."
"You can't say that," returned his broker. "I told you to use your own judgment."
"Well hang it, that's what I did."

A Task Unfinished
"Aw, gee, pop. Do we really have to move next week?"
"Well, everything's arranged son. Why?"
"Well, there's a new kid on this block and I haven't licked him yet."

They Meant It
Insurance Man: Ever had any accidents?
Westerner: Nope. Got a couple of rattlesnake bites though.
Insurance Man: Great Scott man! Don't you call those accidents?
Westerner: No sir. They bit me on purpose.

An Early Start
Drafts: "Goodbye, dear. Look after the home well, and if you need money while I'm gone, just go to the bank."
Wife: "Yes, dear. What time does the bank open this morning?"

God's Helper
The teacher was giving the primary class a talk on flowers. "Now, children," she said, "who can tell me what makes the flower spring from the seed?"
"God does it," answered one little girl, "but fertilizer helps."

Coastal Veneers; Auto Supply In Harris Shopping Center

Hertford has a new industry, Coastal Veneers, it has opened at the location of the former Hertford Veneers, on Grubb St. in Hertford. The new industry is headed by two young men from Weldon, N. C.

In addition to the opening of Coastal Veneers, a new business is opening Saturday in Harris

Shopping Center. This new business is the Dixie Auto Supply and will be managed by Charles H. Ward. All types of automotive and lawn mower needs will be available.

So with the opening of these two new businesses Perquimans is progressing.

Registration For Summer School Starts At COA

The second term of summer school at the College of The Albemarle will begin July 14, 1969. All students planning to attend are asked to report to the admissions office on July 7, 8, or 9 so that pre-registration forms can be completed. Counselors will be available to consult with students relevant to course work and fees.

Hertford Tops Colerain 4-3

HERTFORD — Hertford and Colerain battled to a standstill for seven innings here Sunday before Hertford pushed over a run in the eighth to register a 4 to 3 Albemarle League victory.

The winning run came when Carl Gerber walked, took second on a wild pitch and scampered home on a hit by Lindsey Bacus. Ray Winslow, Lin Jordan and Bacus had two hits each for Hertford while Leroy Pierce paced Colerain with three hits and Jerry Bunch and Larry Fairless added two each.

Score by innings: R H E
Colerain 200 010 000-3 10 1
Hertford 000 030 01x-4 8 2
Batteries: Willoughby and Davis; Ray Winslow and Don Winslow.

One Minute Sports Quiz

1. Is Bowie Kuhn Baseball's Commissioner-protem?
2. On what week night will pro football be televised next year?
3. Who won the Tiger-Benvenuti fight?

The Answers

1. No, he was recently made Commissioner.
2. Monday night.
3. Dick Tiger, in nontitle fight.

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It's very important to know the time and method of cutting summer flowers, to get the full beauty of cut blooms. Practically all flowers should be cut in early morning while wet with dew. At this time the petals and stems are filled with moisture—thus the flowers are at their maximum freshness. The length of time flowers keep their freshness depends largely on keeping their water-absorbing capacity at its height. When this capacity declines, the flower will die.

There are a number of tricks that will help in this respect. Cut flower stems tend to heal over and close the moisture tubes, so it's a good idea to shorten the stems a half inch every day. This doesn't apply to flowers like poinsettias and oriental poppies, whose stems should be soaked or boiled to keep the juices. Strip the leaves from the part of the stem that is to be submerged for flowers like dahlias, sinias, and marigolds. Crush the stems of chrysanthemums and break off the thorns on the lower part of rose stems to increase water absorption.

The life of cut flowers can also be prolonged by changing the water and washing the vase each day, thus keeping down the growth of bacteria. Never crowd the stems into a vase when arranging your flowers, and don't place your bouquet near a heat outlet, or an oil or gas heater—since the fumes will put the flowers to sleep.

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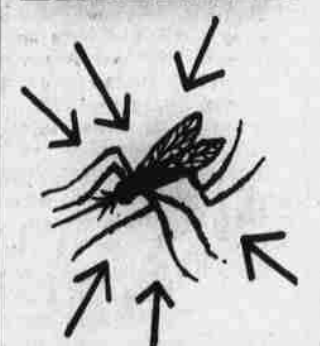
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It has been estimated that if one pair of houseflies started a family in May and every member of each generation lived and bred, the entire face of the globe would be buried a foot deep in flies by September!

Birds, bad weather and other insects keep the crowd down, but there are still enough left over to be a nuisance and danger to man. Bug Spray, available from Amway Corporation, has a 90% kill formula and is safe to use around humans, animals, and food.

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Another feature of Amway's Bug Spray is the scent. Amway has been able to dispense with the familiar insect spray odor, and substitute a more pleasant scent.

Amway suggests that insecticide users not be confused with the term "organic" in relation to safety of insect sprays. Many of the most toxic sprays are "organic" compounds. The safety of a spray depends on the ingredients in the formula, the amount of each ingredient used, and the way it is dispensed.

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