

Sterilization This Year May Reach New High

Raleigh, Aug. 2.—If eugenic sterilizations for the last six months of 1938 keep pace with those reported up to June 30, this year bids fair to surpass 1935, when feeble-minded and mentally diseased persons in North Carolina undergoing operation reached a nine-year high of 173.

Reports reaching R. Eugene Brown, secretary of the N. C. Eugenics Board, showed 102 operations performed for the first half 1938, 26 under the total for the entire twelve-month period of 1937.

All but five of the 128 sterilizations undergone by the feeble-minded and mentally diseased of the state last year were consent cases in which the parents, guardian, or next of kin of the patient gave written consent to the procedure.

Members of the state board as it is at present constituted are Mrs. W. T. Bost, commissioner of public welfare; Dr. Carl V. Reynolds, secretary to the State Board of Health; Dr. J. W. Ashby, superintendent of the State Hospital in Raleigh; Harry McMullan, attorney general, and Dr. F. M. Register, superintendent of the Caswell Training School at Kinston.

From 1929 through 1937, a total of 518 sterilizations have been performed, 246 of the number having been persons between the ages of 10 to 19, and 174 being 20 to 29 years old. The total is divided 86 males and 432 females.

294 of the 9-year total of 518 cases were inmates of a state institution, 194 being private cases, while 30 have been inmates of a county institution at the time of the operation.

Ninety eight of the total have been epileptic, 118 insane persons, while the majority of the cases have been feeble-minded with 392 listed in this class up to the first of the year.

North Carolina first went into the practice of sterilization of its mental defectives in 1929, following part of the procedure of other states, some of which adopted the practice as far back as 1909. In February 1933, the 1929 act was held unconstitutional by the state Supreme Court.

While the 1919 General Assembly passed an act intended to serve as a sterilization measure, so far as can be ascertained no operations were performed under its provisions.

The state board is now operating under the act of the 1933 legislature as amended during the two succeeding sessions, with right of appeal to the courts established under the new procedure.

Under the N. C. law it is the duty of the Superintendents of Public Welfare and the heads of public Charitable and penal institutions to petition the Eugenics Board for sterilization of any mentally diseased, epileptic, or feeble-minded persons when in the opinion of such official, it is to the best interest of the mental, moral, or physical improvement of the patient.

It is for the public good. The patient would be likely to procreate a child having the same

mental deficiency. When requested in writing by the guardian, parent or next of kin of the patient to have the operation performed.

Complete medical and social histories of the patient are required to be filed with the Eugenics Board before hearing is held on the case.

Whenever possible in the North Carolina procedure, and it has been true in the vast majority of the operations to date, desexing of the patient is avoided since modern methods of preventing procreation without removal of any organ or glands of the body is the practice followed.

Health Crown Again Goes To An Ouisley

Raleigh, Aug. 2.—For the second consecutive year, the crown of the North Carolina 4-H King of Health has been placed on the head of an Ouisley.

This year, Clifford, strapping 16 year old youngster of Harnett County, won the coveted award at the annual 4-H Short Course held at State College last week. Last year, his brother, H. C., was crowned at the healthiest club boy in the State at the same event.

Fifth child in a family of seven boys, Clifford is a member of the Buies Creek 4-H Club, having joined three years ago. For his project work, he is specializing in cotton and calves.

Queen of Health this year is Ruth King, 16 year old treddell County club girl. She has been a member of the Central Club in her county four years and is taking clothing as her major project. She is the second child in a family of two boys and four girls, and is president of her Service Club.

Both the King and Queen of Health were crowned at an elaborate pageant last Thursday. Taking main part in the celebration were club members of Wake, Johnston, Durham, and Harnett Counties.

This year's Short Course was attended by 850 farm boys and girls from 93 counties, delegates coming from as far west as Cherokee and Swain Counties and as far east as Dare County.

During the week they took active part in a balanced program of recreation and education. Demonstrations, classroom work, tours, playlets, popular lectures, and other features filled each delegate's time.

Farmers Apply More Lime To Their Soil

A million tons more agricultural lime were applied to farm lands in the East Central Region in 1936 and 1937 than during the previous seven years.

Increasing their limings as a soil-building practice under the agricultural conservation program, farmers applied 1,000,000 tons of ground lime stone during the first two years of the program, said E. Y. Floyd, AAA executive officer at State College. During the 1929-1935 period 600,000 tons were applied.

The tonnage used in the region has not yet been calculated by individual States, he continued, but preliminary reports indicate that Tar Heel farmers increased their limings more than growers in the other States.

Just the same, North Carolina farmers need to apply much more lime to their acid soils to improve their productivity, and Floyd is urging them to make every effort to carry out all the practices to meet their soil-building goal so they can qualify for the full amount of their agricultural conservation payments. Applying lime and phosphate are among the recommended practices.

He pointed out that in an experiment with an untreated pasture, 46 pounds of beef were produced per year by each acre, and at the end of 5 years only 10 percent of the desirable grasses and legumes remained. But a limed and phosphated pasture produced 128 pounds of beef per acre per year and after 5 years 99 percent of the desirable grasses and legumes were growing luxuriantly.

Urges 'Hands Off' Business Policy

Watertown, N. Y., July 26.—(IPS.)—The depression will be ended only if government keeps its hands off legitimate business. New York's State Assembly Speaker believes.

"Offers of cooperation with business should be made and the offers should be scrupulously adhered to," Speaker Oswald D. Heck declared in a speech here. "Every opportunity should be given to business to get back to work, to reopen the factory and to expand."

Speaker Heck urged that "there be no more fishing expeditions of a rubber neck Paul Pry nature" whereby business men are "subjected to all the inquisitorial refinements of current political busybodies and demagogues."

Family Cow Should Get Balanced Diet

The old family cow has taken a lot of abuse in her time and kept on producing milk for her master, but she can do a much better job when she gets enough of the right things to eat.

A good cow not only cuts down on the household food bill but she contributes much to the health and general well-being of the family, said John A. Arey, extension dairy specialist at State College. She deserves the best of feed and care.

A cow has a huge stomach and a tremendous capacity for converting feed into milk. On full feed, she will use about half the nutrients in her feed to maintain her own body weight. The rest she converts into milk and butterfat.

When her rations are cut down, her milk production falls off, she loses weight, and she goes drier sooner than normal. A cow will often give milk when she really needs to use the full amount of a scant feed supply to supply her own body.

In the course of a year, an average-size farm cow needs 18 bushels of corn, 13 bushels of oats, 600 pounds of cottonseed meal, two tons of hay, and one to two acres of good pasture. The hay should be of good quality, and the pasturage should be a good growth of grasses or legumes. Winter pastures of rye and crimson clover of wheat, barley, oats, and crimson clover are good for supplementing the dry feed.

Three or more different feeds, say 500 pounds of corn meal, 300 pounds of cottonseed meal, and 200 pounds of ground oats or wheat bran will make a good grain ration. Give a cow all the roughage she will eat and allow three quarts of grain per day for each gallon of milk she gives.

Noted Authority To Speak At Farm Week

One of the nation's foremost authorities on farm life and rural population, Dr. O. E. Baker, of the U. S. Department of Agriculture, will be one of the chief speakers at Farm and Home Week at State College, August 1-5.

He will appear on the joint program for men and women Wednesday and Thursday morning, said J. W. Goodman, assistant director of the State College extension service and secretary of the convention.

"To Rescue for Human Society the Native Values of Rural Life," will be the subject of Dr. Baker's address Wednesday, and the next day he will discuss, "The Drive for Farm Youth and Wealth to the Cities." One of the great pains on farm wealth, he has found, is caused by rural people moving to towns and cities.

At the joint session Tuesday morning, Lynn Ramsay Edminister, of the Department of State, will discuss trade agreements with other countries so as to facilitate imports of commodities this country needs to increase United States exports of surplus agricultural industrial products.

"Other countries cannot buy more from us unless we buy more from them," Goodman explained, and the trade agreements that Mr. Edminister will discuss are of vital importance to Southern agriculture.

Dean I. O. Schaub, director of the extension service, has announced that, at the request of men and women who attended Farm and Home week last year, the evening programs must be kept free from speechmaking and reserved for band music, group singing, and other recreation and entertainment.

An exception is being made for Thursday evening, however, at which time Gov. and Mrs. Clyde R. Hoey will address a joint assembly of men and women in Riddick Stadium, weather permitting.

R. H. Barringer of Balls Creek, Catawba County, wanted a fish pond so he contracted with the County terracing unit to build him one. The water is led into the pond through a trough and the land around is terraced so that a minimum of silt can pollute the water.

Plonk School Closes Term

Annual Play Bill Scheduled For Saturday Evening.

With its twelfth and closing recital, the Plonk School of Creative Arts of Asheville, formerly the Southern Workshop, closes its thirteenth summer session on Monday morning.

This evening, the advanced students present a program of dramatic readings, and on Saturday evening, the school gives its annual summer dramatic performance, two plays by Ibsen, "The Birthright" and "The Concert." Two recitals of Bible readings feature Sunday's program.

This school, "something new in education," teaches speech, music, drama and living. Miss Laura Plonk is director of the school, and Miss Lillian Plonk is assistant director, both former residents of Kings Mountain.

In a miscellaneous program by school graduates last Saturday evening, Miss Mary Foust Plonk, also recent graduate of Boston Conservatory of Music, gave a number of piano solos.

Other recitals included dramatic readings by Miss Florence Lutz and Wilbur K. Morgan, members of the faculty, and the Dalcroze Eurythmics demonstration in the ball room of Asheville's George Vanderbilt Hotel. The annual summer dinner dance for students, faculty, and former students of the school was held on Friday evening July 29.

The following announcement appears on the program of recitals: The Winter Session of the Plonk School of Creative Arts opens Monday, October 10.

Troop 4 Boy Scouts Make Trip To Mt. Mitchell

Scoutmaster H. C. Wilson and Assistant Scoutmaster O. D. McDaniel took twenty three boys from Troop No. 4 of Kings Mountain on a camping trip to Mount Mitchell last Friday afternoon and returned Sunday afternoon.

Scouts making the trip were: Thomas H. Barnett, Ray Bridges, William P. Bennett, Clarence Dixon, Patrol Leader, Jimmie Ervin, Harold Falls, Billie Gant, Troop Scribe, Harrison Hall, Harry Laughter, Wilson Leedy, Emory Murry, Brooks McAbee, Patrol Leader, Oscar Owens, Clifford Pearson, Eugene Rous, Norman Roper, Patrol Leader, Doyt Rodmon, Boyce Stone, Floyd Smith, Horace Terry, Jerry Wilson, Coy Connor, Jack Scott.

Hord Reunion Next Week

The annual Hord Reunion will be held Wednesday, August 10th, at the usual meeting place, the old homeplace of the late Jesse Hord, which is about 3 miles east of Shelby. All relatives, neighbors and friends are invited to attend and renew old friendships. A picnic lunch will be spread at noon. Everyone is expected to bring well-filled baskets.

The ROUND-UP

By "George"
Clemsonee is the luckiest guy in town — romantically speaking. Enough said.

Interested in improving his tomat crop, C. H. Fries of Salisbury, Route 1, Rowan County, has developed a new tomato variety which promises to be of great value to North Carolina gardeners.

Wilkes farmers report excellent yields of oats and wheat, fine tobacco and the best corn crop in years; but cool nights and abundant rainfall has caused the cotton to be small and grassy.

MAUNEY TWINS NOT TO PLAY TONIGHT

The Mauney Twins, Miles and Ernest, sons of Mr. and Mrs. W. K. Mauney who are in New York with their parents will not play tonight on Major Bowles Radio Program, as it had first been thought. The twins had their preliminary audition Tuesday, and played for Major Bowles Wednesday. It was decided at the last minute, according to a telegram received by W. K. Mauney, Jr., that the pianist had already been selected and a change in the Amateur Hour program could not be changed.

Kings Mountain "fans" of the accomplished musicians will regret to learn the program could not be changed as they had looked forward to hearing "the Twins" over a coast to coast hook-up.

PRESBYTERIAN BIBLE SCHOOL HAS GOOD ATTENDANCE

A total of 106 boys and girls were enrolled for the third day of the Presbyterian Bible School which began Monday morning, according to Miss Sara Kate Ormond, Secretary. The school is divided into four departments. The Presbyterians consider themselves very fortunate in securing the services of two trained Bible School officials, Miss Marion Murphy of the Presbyterian Training School in Richmond, and Mr. Murrell Keith of Columbia Theological Seminary. Mrs. J. C. Nickels is Superintendent of the Bible School, and is well pleased with the attendance and progress at this stage of the school.

Mr. Haywood E. Lynch met at the School Assembly Wednesday morning and made a short talk.

E. Carl Allison of Brevard, Route 3, has a herd of Hereford hogs marked similarly to Hereford beef cattle. A new pasture has been seeded for the hogs.

Daughter Of Dr. Norman Passes Medical Board

Dr. Dorothy Norman, 24, daughter of Dr. J. S. Norman, Gastonia specialist, received notification last Friday that passed the State medical board examinations entitling her to practice medicine in North Carolina. Dr. Norman is officiating this summer as camp physician at Camp Yon Alassee, well known camp for girls at Blowing Rock.

She will report Sept. 7 to New York Infirmary for Women and children in New York City to begin her internship.

Dr. Norman took premedical work receiving her A. B. degree in chemistry from Lehigh College at Hickory and Duke University, Dur-

North Carolina at Chapel Hill and later completed a course at Woman's Medical College in Philadelphia.

Dr. J. S. Norman lived here several years ago and practiced medicine. He specialized in Eye, Ear, Nose and Throat, and for the past 10 or 11 years had been located in Hickory. After the death of J. Sidney Hood in Gastonia, Dr. Norman took over the practice of Dr. Hood, purchasing the equipment from the estate.

SET 1939 WHEAT GOAL

National wheat goal for 1939 has been set at 65,000,000 acres, the minimum provided for in the Agricultural Adjustment Act of 1938. North Carolina will receive 363,117 acres. The allotment contemplates maintaining adequate supplies in this country for domestic consumption, for the usual export trade, and for adequate reserves equal to 30 per cent of a normal year's domestic consumption and exports.

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