

State Aid For Public Libraries

The 1941 General Assembly declared the establishment and maintenance of public libraries an integral part of the educational program of a great state.

Public library service in North Carolina has been very uneven; the income of no county has been sufficient for books, trained service and the extension of facilities to all the people. Every section needs additional money. The State Aid Fund shall supplement local funds and thus stabilize public libraries.

The North Carolina Library Commission Board was charged by the 1941 General Assembly with the administration of a Public Library Service Fund of \$100,000 a year to improve, stimulate, increase and equalize public library service throughout all sections of the state.

At a meeting on March 31, 1941, the Library Commission Board accordingly adopted plans for allocation of the fund, taking into consideration local needs, area and population to be served, local interest and other factors.

Whereas, the improvement and increase of public library service rests upon local and state participation, the city and county appropriations or the amounts voted for public library purposes shall be equal to, or equitably increase over such funds allocated or voted for library service during the year 1940-41.

Library service depends upon the ability, the training, the experience and the wide knowledge of the librarian. It is recommended that in regions and counties participating in the State Aid program, the extension service be directed by a library school trained librarian.

A unified administration of public library service, within counties

or regions to supply books to all the people is advised.

Allocation of State Aid Funds shall be made in quarterly allotments beginning July 1, 1941, or as soon thereafter as a plan for library operation and plan of expenditure according to these principles has been filed with the North Carolina Library Commission Board and given formal approval. Early application for State Aid Funds is desirable.

The existing authority of the local governing library board remains unchanged. At the end of each year a detailed report of accomplishment shall be submitted to the Library Commission Board.

The Library Commission staff is always ready to give advice and aid to public libraries.

Between-Meal Milk Is Part Of Defense

Raleigh. — "Between-meals" milk drinks for industrial workers is the latest thing in speeding up National Defense, John A. Arey, Extension Director, reported recently. Government and office workers are also becoming between-meal consumers of milk.

Arey said that the National Dairy Council has found 83 plants, employing 115,230 workers, which are serving milk to employees in mid-morning or mid afternoon, or both. These include manufacturers of clothing, shoes, hosiery, textile, paper products, rubber products, pharmaceuticals, furniture, china, glassware, paints, varnish, food tobacco, and various metal goods.

"Health is essential to effective National Defense," Arey declared, "and from the standpoint of nutrition and diet, milk is the most important single food. Milk, butter, cheese, ice cream, cream and other dairy products comprise about 25 percent of the 1,500 pounds of food consumed each year by the average American."

The extension director said that the National Dairy Council had learned from plant executives that between-meals drinking of milk causes employees to work with greater ease, thereby increasing their output and earning power; they perform their tasks with more accuracy and less strain; there are fewer absences due to illness, consequently a higher level of plant production and less loss of pay to the worker; factory morale is improved; accidents due to fatigue and unsteady nerves are fewer; and the workers are in better physical trim at the end of the day. The army is attempting to give every soldier in training camps at least one-half pint of fresh milk daily. "The Army recognizes, Arey said, "that milk is the most nearly perfect food."

Farmers in North Carolina last year produced their largest Irish potato crop since 1937, reports the State Department of Agriculture.



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Many Youths Accident Victims

North Carolina lost fourteen of its future citizens last month when four girls and ten boys under 16 years of age met untimely deaths under the wheels of trucks and automobiles. It was reported this week by the Highway Safety Division.

Five of these boys and girls were on foot, three were on bicycles, one was on a school bus, and five were in automobiles.

Last month's youthful traffic victims in North Carolina included:

Two boys riding a bicycle on the highway at night without a light.

A 14 year old boy, weaving and zig-zagging in traffic on his bicycle. One five year old child who fell out of a car when she leaned on the door handle and the door flew open.

A seven year old boy who ran into the path of a truck.

A three year old girl who was playing on the highway.

An 11 year old boy who was taking a driving lesson from a 16 year old boy and stepped on the gas instead of the brake when the car started to run off the road.

And a five year old boy who started across the street without looking.

Traffic victims in the state during the first three months of this year included 11 boys and girls from 10 to 14 years of age, 12 children from five to nine years old, and six children under five years of age. 15 of the 29 were on foot and six were in bicycles.

I urgently plead with North Carolina motorists to be unusually alert and cautious when they see children ahead of them on foot or on bicycles, and I plead with North Carolina parents to do everything in their power to make their children safety-conscious and careful," said Ronald Hocutt, director of the Highway Safety Division.

We must stop this slaughter of the innocents.

Food Requirements Are Shown By Guide

A balanced home-grown food supply is one of the aims of the Food and Feed for Family Living campaign being conducted in North Carolina in 1941. The N. C. State College Extension Service, which is organizing this campaign with the support of Gov. J. M. Broughton and the active participation of other agricultural agencies, has prepared a guide to show the daily and annual food requirements for individuals and families.

In order to have a diet that will keep a person in good health and strong, each individual should eat every day: One quart of milk, if a child, and one pint a day, if an adult; five servings of fruits and vegetables, which should include one serving of leafy, green or yellow vegetable, one of tomatoes or citrus fruits, and one of potatoes; two servings of protein foods, such as meat, eggs, fish, poultry, cheese, dried beans, or peas; and two servings of whole grains as cereal or bread.

To provide an adequate year round diet, the Food Guide shows that there should be produced on the farm annually for each person in the family at least: 73 gallons of milk; 26 pounds of butter; 53 lbs. (dressed weight) of beef or veal; 76 pounds (dressed weight) of pork and lard; 31 pounds (dressed weight) of poultry; 30 dozen eggs; 22 pounds of lamb, fish and game; 4 bushels of sweet or Irish potatoes; 160 pounds of green and yellow vegetables; 20 pounds of dried beans and peas, and nuts; 2 bushels of tomatoes; 160 pounds of other vegetables, such as beets, onions and parsnips; 160 pounds of fruits; 3 gallons of syrup or honey; 2 bushels of corn for meal and grits; and 2 bushels of wheat for flour and cereal.

The Guide also calls for the purchase of at least 40 pounds of sugar annually for each member of the family. This is to be used on the table and for canning.

Since the Anson County terracing unit started operations in 1934, 608 miles of terraces have been constructed as well as farm roads, outlet channels, and drainage ditches.

Interest in the improvement of their poultry flocks continues to grow among Richmond County farmers, says N. L. Hendrix, assistant farm agent of the N. C. State College Extension Service.

Marimba Players In Concert At First Presbyterian



The Place Marimba Players, consisting of Mr. and Mrs. Lester C. Place of Spring City, Penn., will present a sacred concert in the First Presbyterian Church, Friday, April 19, 8 p. m.

The program will consist of familiar hymns and gospel songs played on the marimba, xylophone, bells and chimes. The latter instrument

is considered an antique since it has not been manufactured for over twenty five years.

Mr. and Mrs. Place have appeared in many churches and states between Florida and the New England states and also the central states.

There will be no admission charge to attend this sacred concert but a free-will offering will be received.

GOD BLESS THE FARMER

(By H. L. Belk)

He gets but little pay,
Tho he labors long at honest toil,
He feeds us all,
On this earthly ball.

God makes the corn and meadows grow,

He takes note of all men sows;
That man gathers, reaps and mows;
He who feeds and clothes us all.

God sends the sunshine and the rain
If the farmer does his part,
He reaps a bountiful crop—
Man that has the will to work.

When to town he goes
Some silly mutt you know,
Points a finger of scorn,
Because his clothes are tattered torn.

When this man of toil
Plows his last row,
Then turns up his toes
We hope to Heaven he goes.

Results of experiments at Purdue University indicate that codliver oil should be removed from the feed 16 to 18 days before chickens are marketed to eliminate all traces of the oil taste.

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