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RETURNS TO STATES

Marine Sergeant Major William Lee Pennington, husband of Mrs. Jennie Belle Pennington, of 207 Walter street, has returned to the states following long overseas service.

Sgt. Major Pennington is a member of the First Marine Division and served at Peleliu and Pagan. He was 30 months in the South Pacific.

Prior to entering the corps he was engaged in farming.

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State Health Officer Issues Warning

RALEIGH — Dr. Carl V. Reynolds, State Health Officer, has issued a warning to hunters against tularemia, or "rabbit fever," of which in excess of thirty cases a year are diagnosed positively at the State Laboratory of Hygiene. Don't be foolish, but do be careful," is Dr. Reynolds' advice, not only to hunters but also to those preparing rabbit meat for the table.

Explaining how to be declared that rabbits should be prepared without the use of rubber gloves, or some other adequate protection against contact and possible infection. He also advised a special cutting rabbit meat that has not been thoroughly cooked as thorough cooking insures sterilization.

Hunters, the health officer said "should shoot only at running rabbits, as these are more likely to be infected with tularemia. As indications of the presence of the disease in rabbits," he added, "the whitish spots on the internal organs, such meat should be destroyed and no attempt made to eat it."

Tularemia, he further pointed out, is characterized in humans by an itchy sore, a pustule, or ulcer at the site of infection, followed rapidly by inflammatory swelling of the regional lymph glands.

When the patient recovers, it is a slow process, extending over a period of months.

FOR STRESSERS HUMAN SIDE OF NEW MEDICAL CARE PLAN

By Clarence Fox, Chairman State Commission on Hospital and Medical Care

Our first article outlined, North Carolina's pressing needs for more and better hospital and medical care, while the second summarized the six main remedies which the State Commission of leading doctors and laymen is recommending to the people and to the coming General Assembly.

The preceding articles revealed some appalling statistics about North Carolina's rank among the states in various health matters. 45th in number of doctors, 42nd in number of hospitals, 31st in maternal and 20th in infant deaths, and 27th of the very bottom in draft rejections for physical reasons.

Now let's look at the other side — the human side, which is always the first consideration when you are one of your loved ones are ill. Let us consider a few cases of the sick and needy, whether it was for want of money, facilities, care, or what not, and then try to put ourselves in their places.

Standing in the hazy dawn in the old home farm where I was reared, a cousin pointed to the grave of a fine woman who had been a childless, complication, and said to me: "Her doctor told me he could cure her, but he had to be paid in advance. Her doctor said he would make a doctor's bill, but she couldn't pay it, and she died." I had never called in time, but she and her husband were poor and not wanting to make a doctor's bill, they couldn't pay, and she died.

Starting home from my office recently, a man going blind asked me to read the bus sign for him. I'm going to see an oculist for cataracts, but he says might have been easily checked when it started a few years ago, he said. "I had a family who needed every cent I made, and I put it off reading the sign."

Some time ago, a man who had attacks of appendicitis, and was having a third attack, which might have been fatal, because he had not had money enough for an operation.

A member of our 1944 Congress, a sick Negro on one of my farms, and found out it would cost \$100 for the doctor's visit for him — \$1 for the visit and 50 cents a mile each way, for the 14 miles the doctor would have to travel. This, of course, an extreme example, but a doctor's visit on my old home farm would now cost \$100.

Such are four revealing incidents from my own experience, and almost every reader familiar with the mounting masses of our people, could add his own illustrations in terms of poignant tragedy and illness.

The broad plan proposed for our State would be a guarantee to these sick and needy, but there is abundant evidence that better hospital and medical care is needed by the great masses of our people, a program our lowest income group can afford.

In a 1943 survey of the health problems in North Carolina, it was indicated that 80 per cent of the American people had no health insurance, which had to all that extent, is the way of medical care in a normal year like 1943-44.

The present program which was outlined in last week's article, would be of tremendous service and benefit to the great middle class, which is the foundation of our state, and even to the wealthy. It is a program, in short, for all the people of the State.

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Wounded Third Time

Mrs. Eldred Patterson has been notified by the War Department that her husband, Pfc. Eldred Patterson, has been wounded for the third time. He was slightly wounded on July 15th in his leg, and was seriously wounded on Sept. 18th, also in his leg, and then returned to duty on Oct. 9th. Then she received a telegram stating he was slightly wounded on Nov. 13th. Further details were not given. He is the son of Mrs. Della and the late William Patterson.

Pfc. Patterson has been in service since Sept. 11, 1942, and served overseas since May, 1944. His wife and daughter are making their home with his mother on route two while he is in service.

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