

U.N. Aids Thailand's Health Campaign



Yaws—a crippling and disfiguring disease, mostly contracted in childhood has been for years the scourge of Thailand. In order to tackle the problem in a countrywide basis the Thai government recently called for United Nations' aid. A joint group of experts of UNICEF and the U.N. World Health Organization was rushed to Thailand to train local personnel and provide the necessary medical supplies. Here, a UNICEF/WHO Public Health Nurse leads a group of children to an open air clinic in the region of Hatchburi.

Charlotte Resident Buried Here Monday

CHARLOTTE.—Claude Raymond Prince of 1000 North Bevard street died suddenly about 3:30 a. m. Sunday morning.

Mr. Prince was born in Cross Key, S. C., on February 22, 1893, the son of Carl and Ada Willard Prince. He later moved to Clinton, S. C., and from there to Bessemer City. He had been a resident of Charlotte for six months.

He was a member of the Charlotte Merchants Patrol and the Baptist church in Clinton, S. C. Surviving are his wife, Mrs. Iva Lue Smith Prince of Charlotte, three sons, Roy Claude of the Army; Clarence A. and Jack P. of Charlotte; two daughters, Mrs. Margaret Owens of Norfolk, Va., and Mrs. Pauline Hershberger of Charlotte; one brother, one half-sister, two half-brothers; and four grand-children.

Funeral services were held Monday at 3 o'clock at the First Baptist church in Bessemer City with the Rev. Fred Forrester officiating. Burial was in the Mountain Rest cemetery in Kings Mountain.

Mr. Prince was twice married. His first wife was Mrs. Elmer Crouch Prince, who died 20 years ago.

Active pallbearers were Lt. J. D. Fulton, Sgt. J. S. Turner, E. E. Carter, J. L. Holly, P. F. Burns, and C. D. Christopher, all members of the Merchants Patrol.

Self-Employed Persons Covered Now Under Social Security Law

Many self-employed businessmen are not aware of their compulsory coverage in the old-age and survivors insurance system provided by the changes in the social security law, effective January 1, 1951.

Miss Margaret Lowder, manager of the Gastonia Social Security Administration office reports that almost half of the businessmen she questions do not know of the tax liability they incurred all through 1951. The tax liability for 1951 becomes due and payable in the first quarter of 1952, and each year thereafter.

An equal number of self-employed failed to realize their self-employment earnings after 1950 were building toward old-age and survivors insurance protection for themselves and their families.

Miss Lowder pointed out that the small businessman now has the same protection against loss of income due to retirement or death as wage earners have had since 1940. She summarized the self-employed person's status under social security as follows:

1. Generally speaking, coverage of the self-employed person is compulsory under the old-age and survivors insurance section of the Social Security Act, if net earnings amount to \$400 or more a year.
2. Old-age and survivors insurance provides very definite protection in terms of a base for financial security to the self-employed person and his family. Monthly benefits range from \$20 to \$150, depending upon wage earnings and the pattern of the insured's family at the time benefits become available.
3. The self-employed person must have a social security account number to identify the earnings to be posted in his insurance account.
4. If you have never had a social security card, fill out an application for one, on hand at any post office, and send it to the Gastonia Social Security Office.

If you have lost your card, you should ask for a copy. You should have only one social security number in your lifetime.

Self-employment earnings must be properly reported each year to secure credit towards this insurance. They are reported by the individual on a special section of his individual income tax form. 1951 earnings will be reported on the income tax form due by March 15, 1952. A self-employed person cannot report himself on the quarterly social security for 941 used for reporting employees' wages. He makes one yearly report and pays his tax in full at that time. The tax is 2 1/4 percent of taxable self-employment earnings. Only the first \$3,600 of earnings is taxable.

The 1951 tax will be between \$9 and \$81, depending on the amount of net earnings from self-employment. Payment is compulsory, so it would be a good idea to budget for the amount due, it was pointed out.

Miss Lowder reminded that detailed information about this program of old-age and survivors insurance is available without charge at the Gastonia Social Security office in the postoffice building.

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Scrap books were started at the third meeting, the Brownie Promise and song were printed in the books, officers listed, also the Brownie troop members with their leaders and troop committees. At the fourth meeting pictures were pasted in the books showing places visited during vacation. Flo and Jane of Scout Headquarters visited the troop at their fifth meeting and taught new games, folk songs and dances.

At the sixth meeting the troop went on a color and educational tour. Starting at the Methodist church they visited the ball sta-

dium, learned the names of different streets, where the different churches are, visited the high school, depot, went up Railroad Avenue, saw where the lumber plant is located, where the new bus station is under construction, visited the new clinic, library, funeral home and fire station, city hall, on back to the church.

As the autumn leaves were at their peak in color, the different colors were noted.

The seventh meeting was an indoor meeting, Cookies were made at this time. The distress signal was studied at the eighth meeting. At the ninth meeting bed rolls were made; magazines were taken to the hospital at the tenth meeting.

The distress signal and making bed rolls were practiced at the eleventh meeting.

Mrs. Page's Father Dies

Funeral rites for Austell Allen Bettis, 57, father of Mrs. James Page, of Kings Mountain, were conducted Monday afternoon at New Hope Baptist church.

The rites were conducted by the pastor, Rev. John S. Farrar, assisted by Dr. Zeno Wall, Rev. J. W. Suttie, and Rev. J. L. Jenkins. Interment was made in the church cemetery.

Mr. Bettis was the son of the late Erastus and Leola Austell Bettis, a pioneer family of the Earl community. His wife, Mrs. Georgia Hopper Bettis, died April 18, following severe burns received in an accident at home.

Surviving, in addition to Mrs. Page, are seven sons, a daughter, three brothers, and four sisters.

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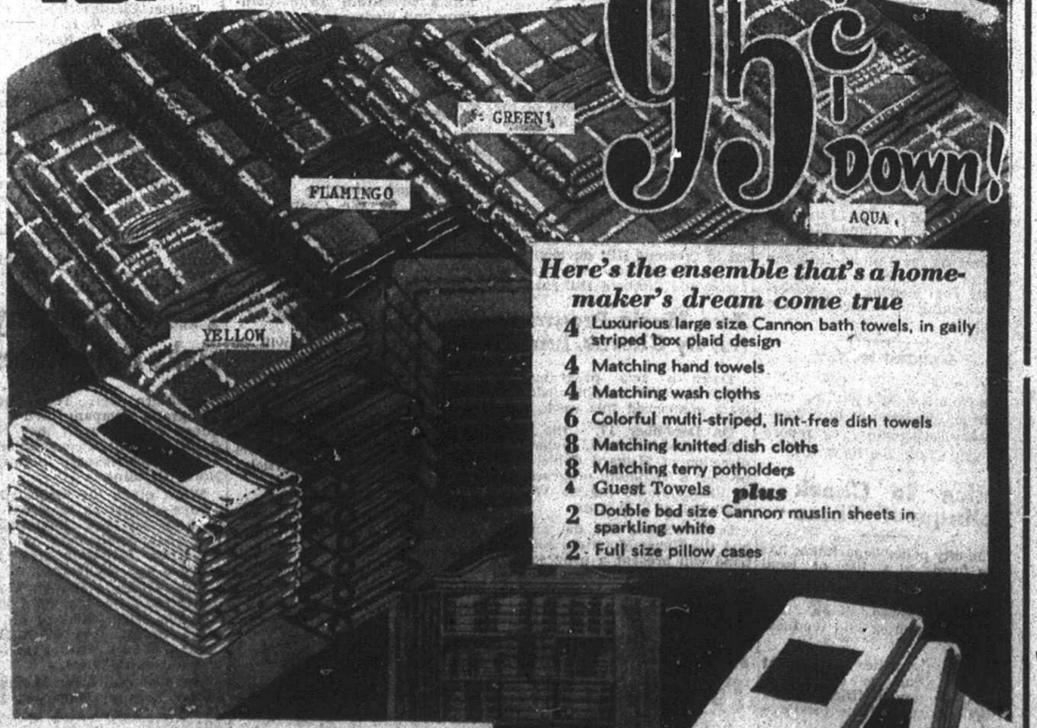
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Brownie Troop 1 of Central Methodist church meet at the church each Monday afternoon at 3 o'clock. The meetings are called to order by Doris Dixon, president. Gloria Dean McCarter, secretary calls the roll and collects the dues. The Brownie promise is repeated, Brownie Smile song sung by troop. Business and activities follow with the meeting closing with the Good-Bye song.

The troop was re-organized in October with two new members and one transfer. Mrs. Holland Dixon is leader, Mrs. Jake Early assistant leader.

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