

School Absence Reasons Given

American children lost an average of 8.4 days from school as a result of illness or injury during the 12 months ending June 30, 1958, according to a new report from the U. S. National Health Survey, Director Joseph R. Norwood of the Census Bureau's office at Charlotte said today.

The Census Bureau conducts the field work for the household interview part of the Health Survey for the U. S. Public Health Service. National Health Survey information is collected from a representative group of local families several times a year by Mrs. Margaret K. White of Charlotte, N. C. This information is combined with that collected in 500 other areas of the country to provide national statistics.

City children lost nine days from school, on the average, as a result of illness or injury during the period covered by the survey. Rural non-farm children lost 7.8 days during this period and farm children lost 7.30 days. However, farm children 15 to 16 years of age lost about ten days from school as compared to 6.5 days lost by urban children of these ages.

Illness or injury resulted in a total of 291.5 million school-less days during the year covered in the survey. A school-less day is defined in the survey as being a day when a child would have been going to school but instead missed the whole of the school day because of an illness or injury.

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IN BASIC TRAINING — Pvt. Charles D. Yelton, son of Mr. and Mrs. G. C. Yelton, and Pvt. Ernest Valentine, son of Mr. and Mrs. D. M. Valentine, are at Fort Jackson, S. C., for eight weeks of basic combat training. Yelton has been assigned to Company A of the 9th Battalion, Second Training Regiment. Valentine has been assigned to Company B of the 8th Battalion, Second Training Regiment. Both Kings Mountain men will receive training in rifle marksmanship under the Army's new Trainfire program. (US Army Photos).

Dress Blues Are Explained

Mr. Average Citizen is fairly well informed about the Marine Corps being America's force-in-readiness, but according to Marine Sergeant C. A. McCullough, local Marine recruiter, much mystery surrounds the famed "Dress Blue" uniform.

"Although attracting attention wherever seen, the Marine Corps Dress uniform doesn't conform to conventional, modern styles because it is steeped in tradition," said Sgt. McCullough.

The sergeant pointed out that the red trouser-stripe, worn only by officers and non-coms, com-

memorates the blood of commissioned and non-commissioned officers who lost their lives in the battle of Chapultepec in the Mexican War of 1848.

He also said the high collar, which looks uncomfortable, but actually isn't, is a holdover from sword fighting days.

"When Marines were fighting hand-to-hand on the decks of sailing vessels," related the sergeant, "the high collar was a hard, heavy leather, padded for comfort, and served to ward off fatal sword thrusts at the jugular vein. It was from this leather collar hat Marines earned the title of 'Leatherneck'.

Sergeant McCullough concluded, "we are proud of the Marine Dress Blues and wouldn't change them for the world."

Census Housing Survey Planned

New information on housing and residential financing will be collected by the Bureau of Census, U. S. Department of Commerce in a survey beginning in the week of October 19, 1959, which will include a sample of land segments of Cleveland-Gaston counties, Director Joseph R. Norwood of the Census Bureau's regional office at Charlotte, N. C., announced today.

The survey is known as the Components of Change and Residential Financing program, abbreviated for convenience to the SCARF program. It will be similar in procedures to the 1956 National Housing Inventory, and will be part of the 1950 Census of Housing.

Objectives of the Components of Change portion of the survey will be to obtain new data on changes in the housing inventory, such as additions due to new construction and conversions, and losses from mergers, demolitions and the like. For the Residential Financing portion, information will be collected on mortgage status, amount of outstanding mortgage debt, and the manner in which acquisition of owner-occupied and rental properties was financed.

The SCARF program will cover a national sample in some 650 counties and a separate sample in 17 Standard Metropolitan Statistical Areas, nine of which were included in the 1956 National Housing Inventory. The eight additional areas are those in which the 1950 population exceeded one million persons.

In the week of October 19, enumerators conducting a canvass will obtain information on components of change in the United States and 17 Standard Metropolitan Statistical Areas that will provide new data for comparison with 1950 and 1956. Beginning in November, questionnaires designed to collect data on the financial aspects of the dwelling units enumerated will be mailed to property owners and mortgage lenders.

Information will be collected by Mrs. Frances C. Hedden.

Final Rites Held For Heafner Child

Final rites for Randy Dean Heafner, two-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. Lee Heafner of Grover, were held Saturday at 4 p. m. from Mullis Chapel Baptist church, interment following in the church cemetery.

The child died of leukemia Wednesday at Bowman Gray hospital in Winston Salem.

Other survivors include a brother, Steve, a sister, Diane, both of home, and the maternal grandmother, Mrs. G. C. Hord, of Grover.

Officiating ministers were Rev. Coleman Watkins, Rev. Cecil Ballard, Rev. N. G. Hardin, and Rev. Henry Bright.

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A one-fourth horsepower motor can do the work of 210 men.

Bar Check
Japanese policemen, noted for their rigid enforcement, arrested five Kyoto peddlers who were flipping coins to see who would pay an 83-cent restaurant check. They were booked for gambling, and spent the night in jail.

Feed supplies in the nation are at record levels.

History Repeats
Daniel Boone killed a bear in Tennessee this hunting season. The hunter is a Nashville businessman. The kill was a medium sized bruin.

Over 93 per cent of North Carolina sheepmen voting in the recent wool referendum voted in favor of promotion payments.

Outfoxed
Hunters in Wales complained that not only did they lose two foxes being chased, but that eight hounds chasing the foxes disappeared.

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