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N. C. Neglects Sick Children

Facilities Lacking For The Care Of State's Psychotic Youngsters

There are about 50 seriously ill children in Mecklenburg County who are receiving no care. If they had measles or tuberculosis or heart disease, they could be hospitalized. But there is no institution, public or private, in North Carolina, which can admit them.

Their illness is not physical, but mental. These 50—the exact number can be nothing but an informed guess—are psychotic children.

They are 16 years of age or younger. They are not simply "disturbed." They are not "feeble-minded." They are insane. They remain in their homes—often the same homes which contributed to their mental derangement—without care.

Mecklenburg is not alone in the problem, of course. The number of psychotic children in North Carolina is estimated at several hundred by mental health officials.

Many of them remain undiscovered. But they are being discovered in numbers sufficient to alarm the doctors and welfare workers who, almost alone, know or care about them.

These are children who have crossed the line from the real world into a world of their own making. At a very few, very expensive institutions in the United States, such children are being re-habilitated.

But not in North Carolina. NO ROOM AT CASWELL. They cannot be accepted at Caswell Training School for the feeble-minded at Kinston. The state mental hospital at Morganton has accepted a few, but it is not equipped to do so and doesn't like to. It takes an average of one year to get even adults admitted to Morganton.

The University of North Carolina psychiatric center will admit some children for diagnostic purposes only. There is no inpatient treatment. The story is the same at Duke University. Institutions like Charlotte's Alexander Home have accepted some emotionally disturbed children. But not psychotic children.

A fledgling proposal to establish a psychotic children's center at Camp Butler isn't even to the planning stage. Officials hope there will someday be a hospital at Butler which can treat 25 children at once—a number so small as to be hardly worth mentioning.

No private institution in the state can accept the children. Hardly any of their families can afford private treatment. No welfare agency can afford continuing treatment, either. The children must simply grow up and wait, and then they can be sent to Morganton. By then, in many cases, it will be too late to do anything for them.

FEW ARE INTERESTED. The few people in North Carolina who know the story of our psychotic children can't get anybody else interested in them.

Here is what the authorities say: Dr. Marshall Fisher, head of Charlotte's Mental Health Clinic: "There is no place for these children to go. Except in some cases, where we have been able to place them in out-of-state hospitals, they are just staying home. We care for them."

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IKE PASSES RECOVERY MILESTONES

National Defense Field Is Reviewed

RECOVERING President Eisenhower takes a look today at how things are going in the national defense field after passing a few more important milestones toward recovery over the weekend.

The meeting — Eisenhower's fourth at the hospital with administration leaders — is part of the program of steadily increasing official activity the doctors are permitting. Sessions with other key government men are scheduled for next in the week.

MEET WITH IKE Wilson and Radford were meeting with the President in the wake of these encouraging new developments in his convalescence from a Sept. 24 heart attack.

1. For the first time since he entered the hospital, Eisenhower on Saturday was out of bed and sat in an easy chair for 15 minutes. Yesterday he was in the chair for 30 minutes — and he got a report there on the new floods ravaging the Northeastern states, and on the federal government's relief activities. Attendants lifted the President from his bed and back again.

Through his chief aide Sherman Adams, Eisenhower later sent word to the stricken areas that all necessary steps will be taken under the disaster relief laws to provide help for the flood victims.

NOT TAKEN The President's physicians announced that daily cardiograms — tracing heart repair progress — no longer will be taken because of the steady improvement in his condition. That decision came 24 hours after Friday's cardiogram showed that Eisenhower's heart performance had "stabilized at a satisfactory level" — an apparently better than the doctors had expected.

From now on cardiograms will be taken "at less frequent intervals," the hospital said. There was none Saturday, and one yesterday showed the situation "stable and unchanged from his previous record."

3. Col. Thomas W. Mattiely, an Army heart specialist who flew here from Washington a few hours after Eisenhower's attack, is returning to his post at Walter Reed Hospital in the capital. A medical bulletin from the hospital late yesterday carried out the chief executive continuing to "progress satisfactorily without complications."

The doctor also reported that the President's bed again was rolled out onto an open terrace near his eighth-floor room, and that he got 40 minutes of sunshine and fresh air. Mrs. Eisenhower sat with him on the sun deck.

For his earlier session in an easy chair, Eisenhower decked himself out in gay bow tie — red with blue polka dots — snapped into place around the collar of yellow pajamas. The somewhat garish ties with pajamas reflect a jovial mood and always get a laugh from the President's visitors.

In line with the slow and easy recovery program charted by his physicians, Eisenhower is being permitted a few more privileges. The President's medical staff is holding more conferences with government officials, for example.

By JULIAN SCHEER Charlotte News Staff Writer A 91-year-old tale of Confederate adventure and intrigue made it unlawful for any person not on official business to park his automobile within 400 feet of a fire department vehicle. Nor is he permissible for any person to travel closer than 400 feet behind a fire apparatus which is responding to a fire alarm, Chief Whitney explained.

Either offense is a misdemeanor.

Death Toll Goes To 30 In Flood-hit Northeast

Damage To Reach Millions



Flood Waters Almost Cover Marooned Cars On Main St. in Danbury, Conn. (AP)

Fair President To Get Tough With Gyppers

Southern States Fair President Dr. J. S. Dorton declared today he would close down any concession which does not treat patrons honestly at next year's fair.

The remark was prompted by several letters to the editor in the Charlotte News from people who complained they were short-changed or treated discourteously on the midway at the fair held here earlier this month.

"With 250,000 people on the grounds," Dr. Dorton said, "there are bound to be some complaints. But I just wish those people would complain before they leave the fair. We could clear it up right then."

COME TO OFFICE He urged fair-goers with complaints to bring them to the office first, and if any concession is not satisfied, they could come to the State Fair now going on in Raleigh.

"We could cut out any gypping that's going on immediately if people would cooperate," he said. "We will clear up complaints on the spot, and if any concession is dishonest or discourteous we will just close it up."

Dr. Dorton added, "We are trying to run the cleanest and best fairs in the country in the Southern States Fair, State Fair and Cleveland County Fair. All we need is the cooperation of the people in pointing out any wrongs where they are not being treated properly."

POINT CLEAR. Ala. — Kenneth Wetherby was interviewed as the chief executive for 16 states gathered here for the Southern Governors Conference, opening of Democratic in 1956. And he picked Adlai Stevenson to win the presidency if President Eisenhower doesn't run again.

The three-day conference will discuss problems of highway construction, water conservation and development, and industrial development. But whether the question of segregation will be injected into the meeting remains to be seen.

Alabama's Gov. James E. Folsom was host to the conference. Other governors to attend are from Arkansas, Delaware, Florida, Georgia, Kentucky, Louisiana, Maryland, Mississippi, North Carolina, Oklahoma, South Carolina, Tennessee, Texas, Virginia and West Virginia.

Evening Prayer Our Father, help us to take the bitter with the sweet. May we not forget all the good things with which Thou dost so bountifully bless us. When visited by trouble, forbid that we should forget Thy assurance that Thou wilt be with us. By faith, courage, and patience may we possess our souls. In His name. Amen.

Police Investigating Fire At Boar's Head Restaurant

SIX YEARS AGO, RESTAURANT HAD FIRE CAUSED BY BOMB

Today's Boar's Head fire recalled a 1949 bombing of the E. Morehead St. restaurant.

At 7:08 a.m. on April 19, 1949 firemen answered a call for a fire at the Boar's Head.

Records at City Police headquarters show that police investigation disclosed that a hand grenade-type of white phosphorus incendiary bomb had been tossed through a ventilator into the attic.

The fire burned in through the attic to the kitchen and other portions of the building.

Police records also show that on June 15, 1949, three men were tried in Mecklenburg Superior Court in connection with the Boar's Head fire. Two were convicted and went to prison; the third was found not guilty.

Wetherby said Stevenson was the strongest potential Democratic candidate in Kentucky, Gov. Averell Harriman of New York is second choice, well ahead of Tennessee's Sen. Estes Jeffers, he said.

HOISTING GEAR However, there is much heavy equipment on board and next week hoisting gear will be rigged on the pier to raise the heavy materials. A landing deck gear was seen yesterday by Cpl. Marx who used the usual diving helmet and other diving gear while Cpl. Legge aided him from a small boat.

The plan is to take the 200-foot vessel apart in search of the gold and the sword. Already Cpl. Marx has been offered considerable sums of money for the sword if he finds it.

Diving is a 10-year hobby with the Capt. Lejeune Special Services soldier. He searched off Cape Hatteras for two years looking for the Union warship "Monitor" and found her last July 18.

Man Who Shot Wife Dies In Auto Crash

ANDERSON, S. C. (AP) — An Anderson truck driver shot and killed his wife here late last night and a few minutes later he and another motorist were killed in a head-on automobile collision, Sheriff Clint McClain reported today.

The death of Augustus L. Garvy, 40, his wife, Mrs. Edna Terry Carey, about 40, and Parks McLeod, about 33, of Greenville, a textile machinery salesman.

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Our Weather

Generally fair today, tonight and tomorrow. Scattered light frost tonight. High yesterday—65. Low today—64. High tonight—68. Low this morning—45. Low tonight—32. Sunrise 6:30 a.m.—sunset 5:16 p.m.

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Off North Carolina Coast

Marine Dives For Gen. Lee's Sword

Beach — In fact, one piling went through her wooden hull — in 35 to 40 feet of water. He and Capt. Legge worked from a boat yesterday and Marx went aboard the vessel again. He found cans, cannon balls and in the area around the vessel he found some crockery imbedded in the corral.

Marine Dives For Gen. Lee's Sword

Cpl. Marx and his partner in the unusual adventure, Navy Capt. Robert Legge, have been diving on the Confederate blockade runner "Fannie and Jennie" and, so the story goes, somewhere on the sunken vessel a solid gold, jewel-studded sword of the General's is to be found.

SAGA MAY END Next week the saga may end. Cpl. Marx believes she's that close.