

N. Y. Medical Leader Warns Costly U. S. Health Plan Not Needed

The President of the Medical Society of the State of New York Dr. William L. Wheeler, Jr., urged Congress to defeat the King Anderson bill on the grounds that it is not needed, especially in New York State. Furthermore, he said, the bill, if enacted, would involve "tremendous and unwarranted" costs to the tax-paying public. The measure would provide limited medical care for the aged through Social Security.

In testimony before the House Ways and Means Committee, Dr. Wheeler pointed out that the number of persons 65 or older covered by voluntary health insurance in New York State is approximately 1,200,000. He added: "Since there has been a tremendous growth in the number of aged covered by both old-line basic plans and the new type 'Pool' plans and 'Guaranteed Insurance' plans, and the trend is growing very rapidly towards continuing employees under health insurance plans after retirement, it is highly probable that within a very short period of time all persons sixty-five or over who wish to be covered by health insurance will be covered through the voluntary system, making it unnecessary for the enactment of a gigantic governmental plan."

Referring to the Metcalf-McCloskey act, which implements the Kerr-Mills Law in New York State, Dr. Wheeler noted that, under this legislation, total payments for medical assistance to old people from the start of the program in April, 1961 to June, 1963, came to \$201,841,000.

Commenting on other aspects of the medical assistance to the aged program under the Metcalf-McCloskey Act, Dr. Wheeler noted

that 115,000 different persons were helped between April, 1961, and June, 1963 and that this represents 1 out of every 15 persons 65 or over in New York State.



W. L. Wheeler, Jr., M.D.

Attacking the proposed King-Anderson bill as too costly as well as unwarranted, Dr. Wheeler warned that if this legislation were enacted, it would mean using the Administration's own calculations—an increase of \$841,800,000 in Social Security taxes in 1965, causing the total Social Security tax bill to the people of New York State to rise that year to \$3,288,900,000. In addition, there would be an increase of \$28,300,000 in general taxes, Dr. Wheeler contended.

"Insurance actuaries, however, believe that the King-Anderson bill would cost at least twice the Administration's estimate", Dr. Wheeler declared, adding: "In all likelihood, therefore, New York's share of the tax load would be even more staggering."

In concluding his testimony, Dr. Wheeler requested that the committee use every means at its command to encourage the further development of the remarkable progress made by the voluntary insurance plans, through such measures as income tax credits.

HAPPENINGS of Local Interest

Mr. and Mrs. Paul Stettenbenz and daughter, Karen are scheduled to receive the gifts offered by local merchants in the First Baby Derby conducted in Wellsville annually. The couple originally named winner of the derby declined the gifts, and the merchants, decided unanimously this week to present them to the Stettenbenz family. Karen was born January 2. The mother is the former Carolyn Cornell, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Robert Cornell. Governor Rockefeller has announced the reappointment of William B. Harrison of Alfred to a second nine-year term as member and chairman of the Advisory Council of the State University Agricultural and Technical Institute at Alfred. Other members of the council include: Herald Ford, Andover; John J. Haggerty of Buffalo; Pat S. Lester and Montgomery E. Mitchell of Wellsville; Mrs. John J. Mahoney of Rochester; Ferd Shear, Belmont; Sherman B. Shults, Hornell; and Richard Wiles, Syracuse.

Ten members of the Andover Home Demonstration Unit met at the Grange Hall Wednesday for Lesson II on "20th Century Foods" presented by Mrs. Edith Wallace and Mrs. Lelia Livermore.

The members of the Entre Nous Club were guests at the home of Mrs. Lynn Trowbridge W. Greenwood St., Thursday evening. A 7:30 dessert bridge was served followed by cards. Mrs. Alvin Hoover and Mrs. F. G. Crawford were presented the honors.

Fire blamed on a short-circuit of electric carrier lines early Tuesday destroyed a two-story farmhouse on Jersey Hill, dispossessing Mr. and Mrs. Leonard Kelley and their seven children. Firemen said a southwest gale caused power lines leading to the Kelley home to rub together and short-circuit.

The wires set fire to the siding on the house at about 3:45 a. m. Neighbors and firemen from three companies, Angelica, Canaseroga

and Belmont, saved the Kelley's downstairs furniture. They also prevented flames from reaching a nearby grain storage shed and farm equipment building. The Kelleys moved in overnight with their neighbors, the Clarence Renwand family.

An appropriation of \$130,000 to continue a survey of the Genesee River Basin was included in the budget presented to Congress Monday by President Johnson. An appropriation of \$150,000 already had been approved from the previous national budget. The proposals for the 1965 budget also include \$27 million for continuation of work on Kinzua Dam and \$75,000 for planning of a project at Salamanca.

A pony had to be destroyed early Tuesday after being struck by a tractor-trailer in Rt. 17, Elm Valley. State police shot the animal, owned by Donald Weber, R. D. 2, after it was hit by a

vehicle operated by Victor E. Parr of Olean. Mr. Parr said he was driving east when the pony ran in front of his truck about 3:40 a. m.

Cast tryouts for "The Playboy of the Western World", spring production of the Nancy Howe Players, will be held January 28, 29 and 30 in the Nancy Howe Auditorium. Director Paul Lester said the 7:30 p. m. tryouts are

open to all interested persons.

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Rinso Blue Detergent 10c off label giant pkg. **59c**
Cookies Nabisco Oreo Creme or Choc. Chip pkg. **39c**

Hunt's Calif. Tomato Juice ... 46 Oz. Can **29c**
Rose Croix Bartlett Pears ... 2 No. 2 1/2 Cans **69c**
Allsweet Margarine ... 1/2 lb. print ... 2 Lb. Pkg. **49c**
Hudson Facial Tissues ... 2 Boxes of 400 **39c**
White Heinz Vinegar ... qt. **29c** Cider qt. **35c**
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Inducted Into Armed Forces

The following registrants of Local Board No. 71, Belmont, N. Y., have been inducted into the Army and left for Ft. Polk, Louisiana, 8 January, 1964.
Donald W. Hall, Belmont
Duane L. Hallett, Whitesville
Blair F. Pritchard, Whitesville
Duane C. Armonson, Hume
Roger C. Coyle, Wellsville
Bernard E. Easterly, Gerry
Bruce C. Easterly, Gerry
Edward J. Fox, Arkport
Clair R. Hulse, Andover
Eiland E. Kambourac, Jr., Wellsville
Edward J. Madden, Wellsville
Clyde F. Tucker, Jr., Belmont
Frederick E. Wormley, Wellsville

News Briefs Of Local Servicemen

Quonset Point, R. I.—Clarence L. Davis, Parachute rigger third class, USN, son of Mr. and Mrs. Leeman C. Davis of Hill St., Andover, N. Y., recently returned to the Naval Air Station, Quonset Point, R. I., after participating in antisubmarine exercises conducted in the Middle East by English, Pakistanian, Iranian, Turkish and U.S. Navy units.
He was aboard the antisubmarine aircraft carrier USS Essex as a member of Helicopter Anti-Submarine Squadron Nine during the Middle East maneuvers.
Ports of call on the cruise included Barcelona, Spain; Augusta Bay, Sicily; the Island of Malta; Jidda, Saudi Arabia; the British Crown Colony of Aden; Karachi, Pakistan; and the Italian port of Naples in the Mediterranean.

Genoa, Italy — Marine Private First Class Gerald Burch, son of Wellman Burch, Andover, N. Y., is serving with Marine Corps Battalion Landing Team 3/2, the amphibious striking force of the Sixth Fleet operating in the Mediterranean.

The landing team is constantly undergoing amphibious warfare training to maintain the team's combat effectiveness.

Dates Claimed

Feb. 1 — Bake Sale benefit Scholarship Fund.

Scout News

The regular monthly Pack Meeting will be held at the Masonic Temple at 7 o'clock, Thursday, January 22nd.

A skit will be presented by Dens 3 and 4.

Home Demonstration

Elm Valley Unit
The Elm Valley Home Demonstration Unit, will meet Tuesday, January 28th at 10:30 A. M. at the home of Mrs. Howard Burdick for Lesson I on "20th Century Food Development" by Leader Janet Perkins. Food prepared during the lesson will be used for lunch and members will share in the expenses.

Notice To Jurors

Notice is hereby given that Trial Jurors summoned for February 3, 1964 will not be required to attend on that date but will attend for service as Jurors February 6, 1964 at 10:00 A. M., at the Court House in Belmont, N. Y.

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