

Health Dept. Quarterly Report Is Issued Here

Both progress and problems were noted in the quarterly report by Dr. James T. Googe, Health Director, to the District Board of Health.

A dramatic increase in dental health services has been made possible through the joint efforts of voluntary agencies, the School Health Program, and the District Health Department. Dr. E. E. Lumpkin has been employed for a full time Dental Health Program of education and services in our district. During the first three months, he has inspected the mouths of 1,967 children, referred 1,058 of them to local dentists and has treated 445 children. Treatment by the Public Health Dentist is limited to fillings, extractions, and silver nitrate treatments. The program is limited to the younger school-age children in an effort to save permanent teeth and to help establish a pattern of continuous dental health care. "We know the extension of the dental program from the 20 weeks to a year-round operation will prove a wise investment for our district. We are grateful to those who made it possible," said Dr. Googe.

Two new cases of tuberculosis were found in the annual X-ray survey, both of which were in Ashe County. In addition three lesions which were suspicious of lung tumor were found. Arrangements are being made for further diagnosis, hospitalization, or surgery, as needed.

In addition to the regular teacher nurse screening program, the public health nurses are giving hearing tests and tuberculin skin tests in selected grades in the three counties.

Cooperative efforts of the dairy and food industries with the sanitation division have resulted in an enviable record of modernization and sanitation for our area. Our 200 grade "A" milk producers received a grade of 95% under the U. S. Public Health Service rating. The growing tourist industry demands almost full-time sanitariums' service in maintaining the high sanitation standards of our 450 lodging and eating facilities and in

working with management on plans for new facilities being developed.

Dr. Googe expressed high praise for the well qualified staff in this district, but stated that the department is only about 60% of the number of persons needed to do an adequate program in this district. The nursing staff is woefully lacking, with only 40% of the recommended staff. Mrs. Thomas, public health nurse, says, "It is difficult to realize what a good public health nursing program can do for our communities since it has never been possible to do more than scratch the surface in all areas. Since we are about 40% staffed, we are no doubt 40% efficient."

Dr. Googe hopes to remedy this condition by adding two public health nurses and one secretary to the district staff for 1961-62 and to provide meritorious increases in salary to the faithful staff we have. There is a possibility that additional funds will be made available to the county through an increase in the N. C. Legislative appropriation for local health departments. This appropriation has not been increased during the past ten years. Both the State Board of Health and the N. C. Association of County Commissioners are giving this top priority in their legislative programs. Dr. Googe says, "We must find more funds—state, federal, or local—to increase our staff if we are to provide the public health services needed and expected in our district."

Mrs. Harmon Dies In Florida

Mrs. Jennie Mast Harmon of Dayton, Ohio, died last Thursday in Orlando, Fla., while visiting with her daughter-in-law, Mrs. Kay Harmon.

Mrs. Harmon who visited here recently, was a sister of Mrs. J. N. Mast of Sherwood.

Ribicoff pledges quick aid to Cuban refugees.

DEMOCRAT ADS PAY

Sweetheart Banquet Held Thurs.



TRAINING UNION SWEETHEARTS.—Linda Helms, left front, and Bill Edwards, left back, were chosen as the College Sweethearts, and Carolyn Hargrave and Edward Brown, right as local church Training Union Sweethearts in a recent program at the First Baptist Church in Boone. Ann Herring, "Miss North Carolina of 1961," center back, spoke at the banquet honoring the Sweethearts.

The Sweetheart Banquet of First Baptist Church was held Thursday evening, February 9, at the Boone Elementary School cafeteria, with Ann Herring, "Miss North Carolina," as the featured

speaker, Miss Herring, of Winston-Salem, spoke on the "Elements of Love as Found in I Corinthians 13."

An audience of over two hundred people was present for the supper, to hear Miss Herring, and

watch the crowning of the Training Union Sweethearts.

The Sweethearts for the local unions were Carolyn Hargrave and Edward Brown, while the college department winners were Linda Helms and Bill Edwards.

Robert A. Bailey Gets IRC Position

Philadelphia—Robert A. Bailey has been appointed Director of Special Product Marketing for International Resistance Co., here, it was announced by George D. Butler, Vice President of Marketing.

In disclosing the newly created position, Mr. Butler it is "in recognition of the importance of our concentrated marketing plans in IRC's newer fields of endeavor."

Mr. Bailey will guide the marketing operations of IRC's St. Petersburg, Control Components and Plastic Products Divisions. He will, in addition, be responsible

for marketing of the firm's stepped-up microcircuitry programs as well as for customer-sponsored research and development projects.

Mr. Bailey, who has been the firm's Industrial Sales Manager, joined the company in 1959.

For the first 11 months of 1960, tobacco exports totaled 450.4 million pounds, up 10.4 per cent from the same period a year earlier.

More than 85 per cent of the food produced today undergoes some processing prior to its consumption.

Mrs. Joe Mast Dies In Oregon

Mrs. Joe Mast of Myrtle Point, Oregon, died at her home there February 9th.

Reared in Watauga county, Mrs. Mast was a sister of Mrs. A. N. Mast of Vilas, and Mrs. John Isaacs of Mabel.

In November of 1960, U. S. exports of unmanufactured tobacco amounted to 84.4 million pounds, an increase of 89.6 per cent over November, 1959. The value was \$62.5 million, compared with \$37.3 million the year before.

REA Officials At Dallas Meet

C. E. Viverette, Manager of the Blue Ridge Electric Membership Corporation, is this week attending the 19th annual meeting of the National Rural Electric Cooperative Association in Dallas, Texas. Mr. Viverette is currently serving as a member of the power and generation committee of the national organization. He is accompanied by the president of the cooperative, A. B. Hurt, and directors of the organization from Watauga County, Clyde Perry, S. Collis Greene, and Bert Mast. Other Blue Ridge Electric personnel attending includes Herman Anderson, director of power use and member relations, Hugh Crigler, Ashe District Manager, and Mrs. Percy Deverick, staff assistant.

Some 7,000 delegates are expected to be in attendance at the national meeting from more than 900 rural electric cooperatives all over the United States. There will be more than 125 exhibits by manufacturers of electrical appliances, line materials, heavy work equipment, and office machines and equipment. Principal speakers at the meeting will be Segator Ernest Gruening of Alaska, Senator Milton R. Young of North Dakota, Senator Ralph W. Yarboro of Texas, Representative Frank Smith of Mississippi, Dr. Raymond Mack of Northwestern University, Howard Pyle, Former Governor of Arizona and currently serving as President of the National Safety Council, and Clyde Ellis, General Manager of the Association.

The group from Blue Ridge Electric will return home on Thursday following the close of the four day meeting.

KENNEDY ON BUDGET

President Kennedy has told Democratic leaders he will ask Congress for additional revenue to match any new spending requests that could be blamed for unbalancing the Eisenhower budget.

Kennedy was represented as being determined to make it clear that if there is a deficit in the year beginning July 1, the preceding Republican Administration will have to take its share of the blame.

Lions Club Is Entertained By Members High School Band

The Lions Club of Boone, in their February 7 meeting, were entertained by a group of young instrumentalists from the Appalachian Junior High School Band. The group consisted of soloists and ensembles under the direction of George W. Kirsten, Jr., band director.

The evening's program opened with a flute trio playing the "Mosquito Dance" by Laidow and performed by Cassandra Pritchett, Mackie Hagaman, and Sara Lou Hagaman.

A coronet trio played "The Three Cadets" by Harris. Ruth Anne Williams, Preston Hughes, and James Laxton comprised this group, with Mrs. A. W. Laxton playing the piano accompaniment.

A sousaphone solo played by David Norris, entitled "Gavotte" by William Bell, was next on the program, with Ruth Anne Williams, president of the Junior Band, accompanying.

Murry Hawkinson, a third grade student in the Appalachian Elementary School, played a cornet solo, "Winema," by Williams. Murry was accompanied by his mother, Mrs. W. A. Hawkinson.

An all eight grade group, James Bingham, Carol Congleton, Kathryn Kelley, and Carole Lee Critcher, performed in a B^b clarinet quartet playing "Minuetto" by Schmidt.

The final ensemble was a brass quartet consisting of two cornets, a baritone, and a trombone. This group played two old songs, "Loves Old Sweet Song" by Molloy and "Sweet and Low" by Barby. The performers in this group were Judy Rayfield, cornet; Wade Coffey, baritone; Paul Bagley, trombone; and George Kirsten, III, cornet. George, a college student and the son of the director, filled in for an ill student of the Junior High School.

The presiding officers of the Lions Club, Mr. Conrad Yates, complimented the group, as did Rev. Parker, program chairman. The members expressed to individuals their pleasure in hearing the young instrumentalists perform.

Baseball pitchers say that milk strengthens the fingernails, and helps them to throw the "finger-ball," a version of the "knuckleball."

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