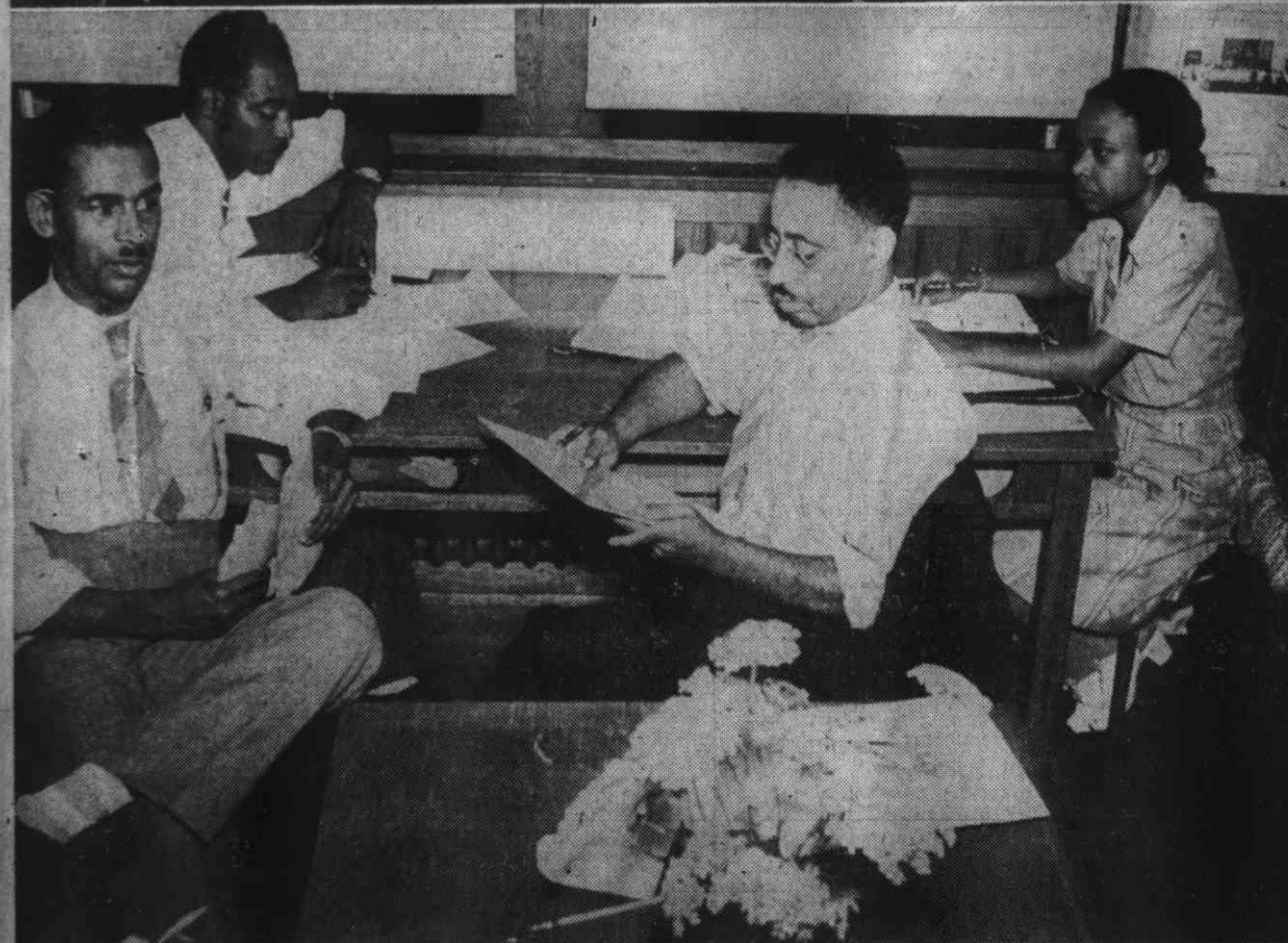


Conference On Child Health Held In Durham Under Direction Of Dr. Walter Hughes, Closed A Most Successful Session July 18; Many Teachers From North Carolina And Other States In Attendance ... Pictures Tell Story



Conference On Child Health Closes A Successful Session

Durham — The Conference on Child Health conducted by the School Health Coordinating Service in cooperation with the North Carolina College for Negroes closed its session Friday, July 18. The attending members of the Conference were forty primary, elementary and high school teachers, and three Jeanes supervisors from the State of North Carolina; and seven members from six other Southern states, composed of three physicians, two health educators, one nurse, and one Jeanes supervisor.

The Conference consisted of various activities relating to health problems. Three hours were given daily to didactic instruction for the purpose of giving to the teachers and members of the conference, ideas in health education; these were supplemented by modern procedures in health service programs, laboratory demonstrations, nutrition demonstrations, field trips, conferences, periods, and committee assignments. Each individual was permitted to work on some special problem; these were based upon individual and community needs and the ability of the individual to undertake measures for the satisfactory solution of the problems involved.

The sponsors of the demonstration are the Rockefeller Founda-

tion and the General Education Board; the service organizations are the State Department of Education and the State Department of Health; the scene of the current activity, known as the North Carolina Conference on Child Health, is the North Carolina College for Negroes at Durham; the faculty and demonstration group is composed of members of the Department of Education and visiting lecturers and consultant; the students are selected teachers and school supervisors from North Carolina counties, where prior health activities have been undertaken by workers of the Coordinated School Health Service, and a number of workers in the related fields of health, education, and community service from other States on fellowship grants in aid.

The program is didactic and practical. Health education and school and community health problems are considered in classes, conference, and special committee groups. Laboratory techniques and their application to personal and public health, field trips for observation of "public health at work," and a demonstration class of malnourished children who spend the whole day under health care and supervision, provide experiences to supplement the health instruction. The required physical examination of the county teachers and the children of the demonstration class are comprehensive and thorough, and the results have a

two fold benefit—the determination of the present health status and the educational value of the findings and their implications.

The inherent principles are: First, that health instruction should be reduced to the least common denominator for easy assimilation by those persons of limited education and experience; secondly, that demonstration should translate words of instruction into evidence of their practical application; and, thirdly, that available health services should reach the ultimate consumers in according with and in proportion to their needs.

Thus North Carolina, with the aid of means and counsel from interested sources, the utilization of its own agencies for constructive public education and health conservation, and the wise procedure of demonstration before adoption, is making further commendable progress in the attainment of better schools and better school children, better teachers, parents, homes, and consequently, better communities and better citizens. Not only North Carolina but the entire South, where much yet needs to be done to remedy unfavorable and unwholesome differentials, may look forward to more assets and less liabilities in the greatest potential resource of the State today who will be the citizens of the Nation—the children of tomorrow.

"No, not yet," replied the other, "but the neighbors all most got her last night."

First photo in upper left shows doctors in the Conference On Child Health, examining children while teachers observe. Many physical defects unknown to parents were discovered in children and advice given as to how they might be corrected.

At the upper right is a scene during a health play in which the children were taught how examinations and treatment are administered. Through the lessons given in this manner, the matter of better health and how to guard against poor health was made more impressive.

Lower left shows several of the attendants at the conference during a study period, at which time various problems on child health were discussed. During the entire conference there was very little time for social activity.

Lower right is a panel discussion on health problems with ministers and teachers of Durham in attendance. These religious and educational leaders were given the advantage of the conference without cost. Much interest was manifested by all those attending.

Deaths From Preventable Accidents Continue To Advance In This State

By Wm. H. Richardson

Raleigh — The number of deaths from preventable accidents in North Carolina continues to gain momentum as the year advances, official figures compiled by the State Board of Health show. Through June there had been 854 such deaths reported to the Bureau of Vital Statistics, as compared with 695 the first half of 1940, representing an increase of 189 for 1941, so far. These do not include suicides and homicides, which are holding their own. During June 35 people in North Carolina took their lives, which was in excess of the number in the corresponding month last

this year to 17,059, which was 27 fewer than died from January year. There was an increase of one in the number of homicides, to June, 1941, total having been 33, as compared with 32 for the corresponding month last year. Accidental drowning last month totaled 27, as against only 18 in June, 1940, while 11 were burned to death, compared with 8 in June, 1940. Last month's total number of deaths from preventable accidents was 145, an increase of 23 over the same month in 1940.

June's 7,493 births brought the total number for the first half of 1941 in North Carolina to 41,937, an increase of 2,115 over the

corresponding period of 1940, while the 2,635 deaths brought the total for the first half of year.

In fact, children did not fare so well in June in other ways. With 419 deaths among babies under a year old, the rate jumped from 50.7 in June, last year, to 55.9 in June this year. Measles took 21 lives, against one in June, 1940, while there were 22 fatal cases of whooping cough, an increase of 11 over last June.

One death from rabies and one from tetanus occurred in North Carolina last month, while appendicitis deaths went from 19 to 29. Maternal deaths, however, showed a decrease of 9, bringing the June rate down to 5.3, as compared with 6.7 last year.

There were three typhoid fever and three malaria victims during the month, while tuberculosis deaths showed an increase. No deaths resulted from endemic typhus fever, undulant fever, smallpox or scarlet fever.

There was a decided drop in cancer deaths in June, the total for the month having been 169, as compared with 206 for June, 1941, while pneumonia deaths fell from 122 in June, last year, to 99 in June, this year, sustaining the downward trend. An

Democracy suffers more from its loudmouthed friends than from its enemies.

will be a delay in further mailing of the questionnaires until the numbers have been assigned to those who registered July

1. No date has been designated for giving the new numbers Army contracting for huge reserve of planes, tanks and guns.

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