

# County Health Department Serves People

## Annual Report Shows Preventive Measures In Force

The annual report submitted recently by the Haywood County health department by Dr. C. N. ... contains interesting figures regarding health conditions in this county.

**Vital Statistics**  
In compliance with the laws of North Carolina, which provided for appointment of a registrar of births and deaths in each township of the county by the chairman of the board of county commissioners of incorporated towns, by the mayor of the town, records have been kept and turned into the department.

The law also requires that a physician or midwife attending a birth report the birth to the local registrar within five days after the date of the birth.  
The law in turn requires that the registrars furnish the health department with a copy of the records of all births and deaths each month as they occur in order that the health department may have this information for public use.

During the year 1942, there has been a total of 867 births reported by the registrars from the following districts: Beaverdam, 66; Jones Creek, 29; Waynesville, 478; Canton, 158; Fines Creek, 11; Crabtree, 6; East Fork, 14; Cecil, 5; Ivy Hill, 17; Iron Duff, Hazelwood, 23; Pigeon, 37.

Of the total births reported during the year, 250 occurred in the hospital; 444 were male; 423 female; 860 were white; 1 Indian; 865 were born live; 2 were born dead; 842 were attended by physicians and 25 were attended by midwives.

During 1942 the health department received reports of 202 deaths. Of this number 195 were white; 7 colored; 112 males; 90 female; 111 were stillbirths; 12 were one month of age; 8 were one year of age.  
For certain cause of death: 7 from tuberculosis; 80 from heart diseases; 19 from cancer; 10 from burns; 2 from gunshot wounds; and 1 by suicide.

**Communicable Diseases**  
There are 34 diseases, the occurrence of which is required to be reported to the quarantine officer, within 24 hours by the physician in charge or by the parent, guardian or householder in the order of the disease.  
There are 8 of these diseases, namely: diphtheria, German measles, infantile paralysis, meningitis, scarlet fever, septic sore throat, and whooping cough, that

are required to be placed under quarantine for a varying period of time.

There are also three diseases, typhoid fever, smallpox, and chicken pox, that are required to be placarded but not placed under quarantine.

Of the more important communicable diseases reported in Haywood county during the past year, the records show that a total of 28 cases of diphtheria have been reported as follows: Waynesville township, 6; Iron Duff, 3; Beaverdam, 12; Fines Creek, 1; Clyde, 1; East Fork, 5.

There has been a total of nine cases of scarlet fever reported: From Waynesville township, 1; Beaverdam, 2; Pigeon, 1; East Fork, 2, and Clyde, 3.

Among other reportable diseases there has been reported during the year, whooping cough, 85 cases; measles, 174 cases; chicken pox, 10 cases; tuberculosis, 3 cases; diphtheria, 44 cases; gonorrhoea, 13 cases.

There has not been a case of typhoid fever reported during the year 1942.

The health department engages in the administration of vaccines in preventing certain communicable diseases. During 1942 diphtheria vaccinations were given to a total of 2,353 children in schools as follows: Beaverdam, 112; Patton, 67; North Canton, 80; Morning Star, 100; Pennsylvania 124; Bethel, 116; Cecil, 152; Spring Hill, 90; Cruso, 154; East Waynesville, 62; Central Elementary, 21; Allen's Creek, 77; Maggie, 195; Clyde, 82; Saunook, 104; Lake Junaluska, 76; Hazelwood, 70; St. John's, 8; Crabtree, 66; Rock Hill, 51; Fines Creek, 34; Dellwood, 51; Pigeon, colored, 71.

Diphtheria vaccinations given in pre-school clinics were: Crabtree, 20; Lake Junaluska, 7; Hazelwood, 5; Allen's Creek, 6; Central Elementary, 8; Clyde, 10; in health department office, 327.

In distributing the vaccinations according to age, there were 94 children under one year of age, 893 between one and four years of age, and 1,366 children over 5 years of age vaccinated against diphtheria.

Typhoid fever has practically been eliminated from Haywood through improved sanitation and immunization. During the year the health department has inoculated a total of 3,811 individuals, 253 of which were done in the office and the remainder in the schools.

Smallpox has been almost eliminated from North Carolina, although it has been recently reported that several cases have occurred this year in an area in the Eastern part of the state, where people have been congregated at an army project. The health de-

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partment devotes its chief energy to smallpox vaccinations in schools, during the year a total of 1,080 individuals were vaccinated against smallpox. With the exception of 253 all were vaccinated in schools.

**Tuberculosis**  
The examinations of 57 individuals have been secured at the Black Mountain Sanatorium and 7 tuberculosis patients have been admitted to the Sanatorium during the past year. The records show 8 deaths in the county from tuberculosis during this year. The nursing service has carried 12 active cases, 6 arrested cases, 25 suspects, 5 childhood types, and 178 contacts. The nurses visit these individuals periodically and advise them in proper living and in active cases, furnish sputum cups.

**Veneral Diseases**  
Veneral disease clinics have been conducted in Canton and Waynesville for the treatment of indigent cases of syphilis and gonorrhoea. A total of 38 syphilitic cases have been treated in Canton and 4 in Waynesville, making a total of 80 having received treatment. Thirty-two new cases have been admitted to the clinics during the year; 26 of whom were white and 6 colored; 20 were male and 20 female; 17 married and 15 single. Sixteen of the cases who

have received treatment in these clinics have received a negative blood test.

A small number of cases of gonorrhoea have been treated at the Waynesville clinic. Since the draftees have been found with syphilis. Of this number 13 have been under treatment at the health department clinics, 6 by private physicians, and 4 live outside the county.

**Pre-School Clinics**  
The health department in co-operation with the Parent Teachers Association conducts clinics near the end of the school term for the purpose of examining children who will enter school for the first time at the next school year. These clinics were held in 19 schools, and a total of 313 children were examined with 159 parents being present with 138 of the children being inoculated for diphtheria and 230 vaccinated for smallpox.

**Schools**  
The health department makes a physical examination of all school children in the first, third and fifth grades each year. It was found that among this number examined, 228 were ten per cent or more underweight; 178 had defective posture; 3 had orthopedic defects; 6 had pediculosis, 6 had scabies; 265 had defective temporary tonsils; 116 had had tonsils removed; 15

children were found with heart condition; and 583 had been vaccinated. The amount of the foregoing work is small due to the fact that during 1941, all schools were examined before the end of the year, and the work shown on report only includes what has been done since the opening of schools last fall.

A survey has been made to find out the percentage or number of children having smallpox vaccination taken in each school in the county. The survey showed that among the 6,554 children in attendance at the time of the survey 5,832, or 87 per cent had been successfully vaccinated against smallpox.

**4-H Club Examinations**  
Examinations were made of 4-H club members in Fines Creek, Crabtree, Canton high, Bethel, Cecil, Cruso, and Beaverdam schools, with a total of 224 club members examined.

**High School Boys Examination**  
At the request of state, school, and health authorities, a complete physical examination was given the junior and senior high school boys in the Waynesville, Crabtree, Clyde, Fines Creek, Canton and Bethel high schools. A total of complete physical examinations being made. They revealed the fol-

lowing:  
Thirteen boys had diseased tonsils; 99 dental defects; 181 flat feet of some degree; 4 bad heart conditions; 1 in a condition of lungs which was reported by examination at Black Mountain; 25 had defective vision; 6 defective hearing; 30 had systolic blood pressure of 150 or higher; 29 had albuminuria; 4 had intestinal parasites; 12 had varicose veins, 52 had pyorrhea; 4 had orthopedic defects; and 3 had phimosis.

**Sanitation**  
During the year there has been one approved individual water supply; 14 septic tanks installed; 27 visits made to private premises; 2 camp sites; 1 to swimming pool; 24 to schools; 9 to public water supplies; 1 to sewage plant; 639 foodhandling establishments; 217 to dairy farms; and 12 to milk plants. The rating of the dairies and the food handling places has previously been announced.

**School Dental Service**  
Due to the shortage of dentists with the Oral Hygiene Department

of the State Board of Health, only 14 weeks of dental service in schools as compared with 20 last year, could be secured. Work in this field during the time included: 1,533 children examined; 898 treated; 522 referred to local dentists; 437 amalgam fillings; 118 cement fillings; 2,968 silver nitrate treatments; 757 teeth extracted; teeth cleaned for 898 children; 53 lectures given on oral hygiene with an attendance of 2,064.

**Maternal and Infant Welfare**  
There have been 39 antepartum cases admitted to nursing service during the year, with 47 visits made. There, also, have been 37 admissions to postpartum service with 64 visits. In addition to this a maternal and infant clinic has been conducted at Cecil, with Dr. J. Frank Pate, of Canton, in charge. There are 6 midwives in the county who have been instructed during the year and given permits for practice; Mrs. Sallie McNabb, Waynesville, route 1, grade A certificate. (Continued from page 2)

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