

Services Rendered by District Health Department

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ALL THIRTY-NINE PERSONS aboard the freighter *Lake Sapor*, including the wife and son of the skipper, were saved after the ship struck a reef during a violent storm near Iwo Jima. Some of the crew members climb aboard the rescue ship *Colgate Victory*, which picked them up and brought them safely to Los Angeles. (International Soundphoto)

is done in the district laboratory in Waynesville, only figures for the district as a whole are given. In Transylvania county, specimens are usually sent by private physicians to the Asheville or Raleigh state laboratories since they are closer as to mail service.

The following record with the exception of Transylvania is the total for the district: Water analyses, 68; Milk analyses, 201; Typhoid, blood cultures, 1; Typhoid, urine cultures, 1; Typhoid, Widal, 5; Diphtheria cultures, 97; Blood tests, 5,642; Malaria, 4; Gonorrhea smears, 116; Gonorrhea cultures,

18; Sputums for Tuberculosis, 97; Deecs for Intestinal parasites, 114; Urinalyses, 226; Darkfields, 37; Blood counts, 181.

STAFF

In addition to Haywood county the district health department comprises, Jackson, Swain, Macon, Transylvania counties and the Cherokee Reservation. Members of the staff in addition to Dr. Mary Michal, acting health officer are the following: Mrs. Alma Kee McCracken, supervising public health nurse, of district, Mrs. Ruby Bowles Bryson, senior public health nurse,

Haywood county; Mrs. Elaine Terrell Gill, public health nurse assistant, Haywood county.

Lina Haynes Padgett, Junior public health nurse, Jackson county; Doris Willet Hicks, senior public health nurse, Swain county; Mary P. Ollifer, senior public health nurse, Cherokee Reservation; Josephine Dixon Gaines, senior public health nurse, Macon county; Jessie Alexander Lollis, senior public health nurse, Transylvania county.

R. W. Livingstone, senior sanitarian, Haywood county and Cherokee Reservation; Walter Hart,

senior sanitarian, Transylvania and Macon counties; Chas. B. Thomas, junior sanitarian, Jackson and Swain counties; Elizabeth K. Cuddeback, junior bacteriologist, district health department office; stenographer clerks, Dorothy Whisenhunt, Haywood, Mrs. J. P. McLeod, Transylvania; Juanita Phillips, Jackson; Juanita Meadows, Swain and Edith Sanders Conly, general clerk, Macon.

BOARD OF HEALTH

Members of the district board of health are as follows: chairman, Geo. A. Brown, Jr., Waynesville;

Dr. Mary Michal, secretary, Waynesville; Jennings Bryson, Sylva; A. H. Harris, Brevard; W. E. Baldwin, Franklin; W. L. Kathan, Bryson City; Dr. A. P. Cline, Canton; Dr. H. L. Bacon, Bryson City; Woody Hampton, Sylva, and G. B. Woodward, Franklin.

(Ed. Note—The full report of the district health department with figures given in detail for all the counties in the organization may be found on file at the Haywood county Library and the offices of the district health department in the courthouse.)

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annual report of the department, we are before the public the work accomplished by the staff and the board of health. A brief resume of services rendered and compounded from said Dr. Mary Michal, health director, the following report on the work in Hay-

HOME SERVICE

and home visits protected with pre-partum care, and care in planned Haywood county work was done in missions to nursing stations to nursing to medical confer- visits, 31; Nurs- cases 10; planned visits, 30; and patients 3.

WELLNESS SERVICE

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SCHOOL SERVICE

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VISITATIONS

is carried out to and children, first

to comply with the requirements of the state laws; second to save lives and health. The following schedule is recommended:

At 3 months of age—vaccination for smallpox.

At 6 months of age—begin combined whooping cough and diphtheria and continue for a total of three doses at monthly intervals, OR

At 6 months of age — plain whooping cough in 4 doses at weekly intervals, AND

At 9 months of age—plain diphtheria toxoid for 2 or 3 doses at monthly intervals.

At 2 or 2½ years of age—booster doses of combined or of each of the toxoids, diphtheria and whooping cough.

At 5 years of age—another booster of the toxoids and repeat the smallpox.

The record in Haywood county of the foregoing was as follows: Smallpox vaccinations, 897; diphtheria, totals, 976; under one year, 66; one to 4 years, 232; five years and over, 678; whooping cough,

517; typhoid fever, 4637; influenza, 2002; tetanus, 3.

SCHOOL HEALTH SERVICE

To insure the physical stamina that the child needs to make use of the schooling offered him, to reduce the high number, 10 per cent for the state—of children failing their grade each year, the defects found by the careful inspection by the public health nurses and examination by the Health officer are called to the parents' attention and corrections urged.

The record for this work in Haywood county was: visits to schools by nurses, 242; inspections by nurses, 1978; medical examinations, 1080; Nursing visits, 199; Referrals to physicians, 597; defects corrected, totaled 395; teeth, 130; tonsils, 138; eyes, 127; eye clinics, attendance 68; glasses fitted, 13; operations recommended, 9; referrals to physicians, 6.

CRIPPLED CHILDREN'S SERVICE

These cases are referred to our Orthopedic clinic, held at Biltmore Hospital the 2nd and 4th Saturdays of each month. Record as follows: clinic visits, 35; nursing visits, 20; admissions to hospital, 6.

COMMUNICABLE DISEASES

The following figures show how well diseases for which vaccinations are given are being controlled: diphtheria cases, 9; scarlet fever, 22; whooping cough, 10; Poliomyelitis cases, 3; measles, 0; tuberculosis cases, Field nursing visits, 225; office nursing visits, 4; X-rays, 16; fluoroscopes, 12; tuberculin tests, 120. Admissions to sanatorium, Venereal diseases, Syphilis cases, 34; referred to medical center, 34; treatments, 265; Gonorrhea cases, 28; treatments, 60.

MORBIDITY SERVICE

The question often arises in a person's mind as to whether or not they should visit a physician. Examinations are done to determine their condition and advice given. The record: Clinic visits, 89; Nursing visits, 51.

SANITATION

The following services are obviously most important if the population is to be protected against contaminated food and water: In? spections made of food establishments, 305; Health certificates issued, 722; Inspection of schools, 42; Water supplies improved, 8; Inspections of milk plants, 178; Septic tanks installed, 77; Privies built, 7; Sewer connections, 20; Visits to private premises, 307; Complaints investigated, 38.

VITAL STATISTICS

Haywood county: Population, 38,850 (estimated as of July 1, 1946 as reported by the North Carolina Public Health service); Live births, 1,062; Still births, 29; Deaths under one year, 46; Deaths under one month, 36; total deaths, 257; Diphtheria deaths, 2; Tuberculosis deaths, 0.

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