

Hoke County celebrates a healthier place to live

This is Health Week in Hoke County and around the state. The Health Department is striving to help the local residents by offering services in health education, nutrition, environmental health, nursing, dental health and medical laboratory work. Most services are offered on a weekly basis and blood pressure checks, diabetic education, nutritional advice, school health and venereal disease control are offered daily.

In celebration of health week, the Hoke County Health Department held an open house Tuesday.

Bobby Rogers, Hoke County Health Director, has been featured on the local radio station with tips for better health.

Also, other health department staff members have done radio spots and will continue to do so the rest of the week.

Some of the radio commercials give information on child safety, pregnancy, nutrition, cancer and high blood pressure.

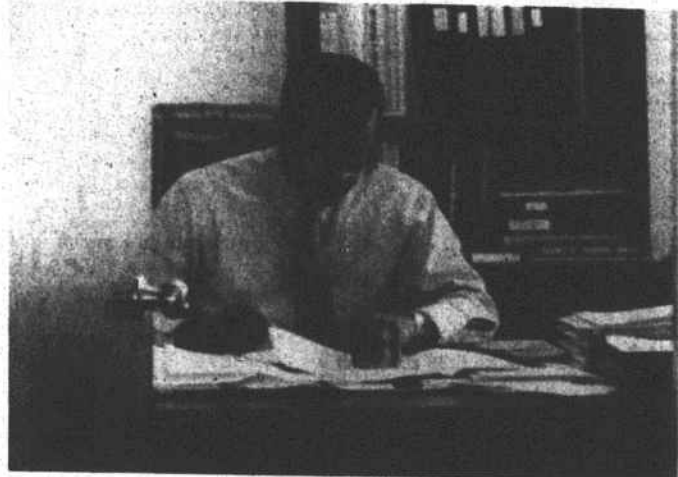
This is the week to explore what is offered by the health department.

For information and appointments call 875-3717.



Hurry, Mommie

This little one was waiting patiently and amusing herself by wandering around in the main lobby of the Hoke County Health Department looking at new people. Her mother was keeping an eye on her while waiting to be seen by a doctor. Some of the services offered by the health department may be the reason why this child is so healthy today.



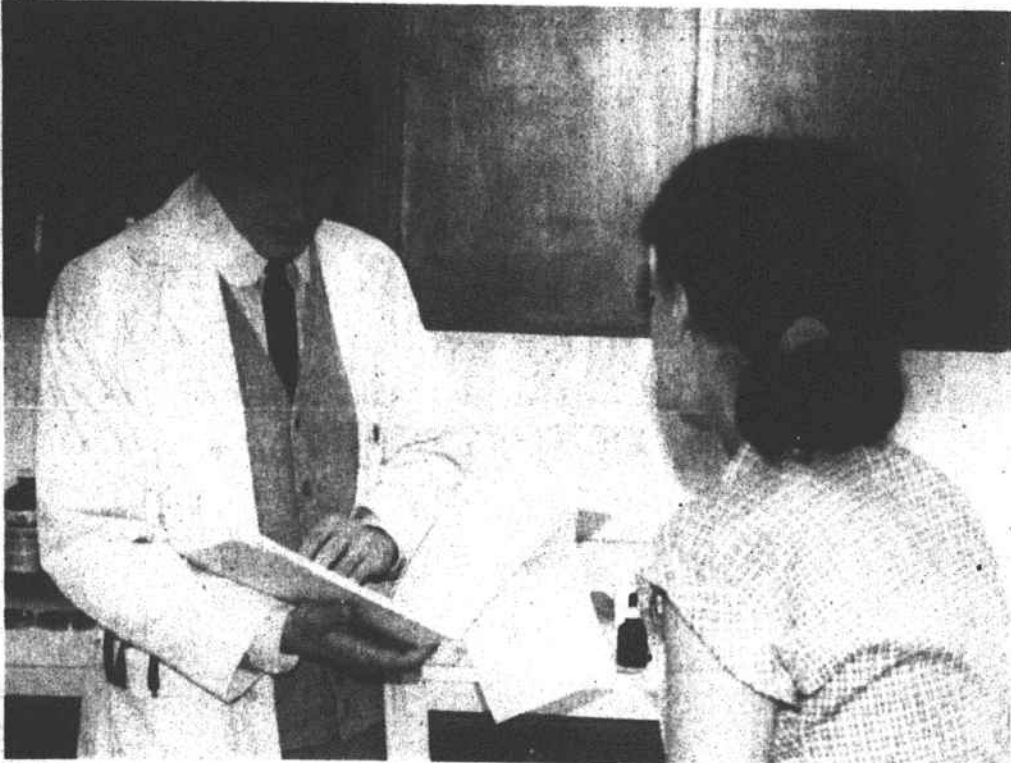
Hard at work

Hoke County Health Director, Bobby E. Rogers, works diligently in his office on the mounds of paperwork that flow his way. Rogers, who took over the job recently, was with the Robeson County Health Department before coming to Hoke.



In the lab

A blood check is standard for many patients who visit the health department. Laboratory Technician Agnes Campbell (right) shows just how easy and painless it is these days to take a blood sample. The patient shown here never even flinched when pricked by the instrument used to take the samples.



With the doctor

Duke University Hospital resident Dr. Todd Shapley-Quinn checks over a patient at a recent maternity clinic held at the health department. Clinics for pregnant women are held weekly. The hopes are that

women will use the services offered by the health department and take the advice of the doctors and nurses in order to have healthy children.



Behind the scenes

Teresa Temple updates charts and paperwork on patients who visit the health department. As can be seen by the healthy stack of charts beside Temple, the duties of the clerical staff are seldom complete.



Worthwhile wait

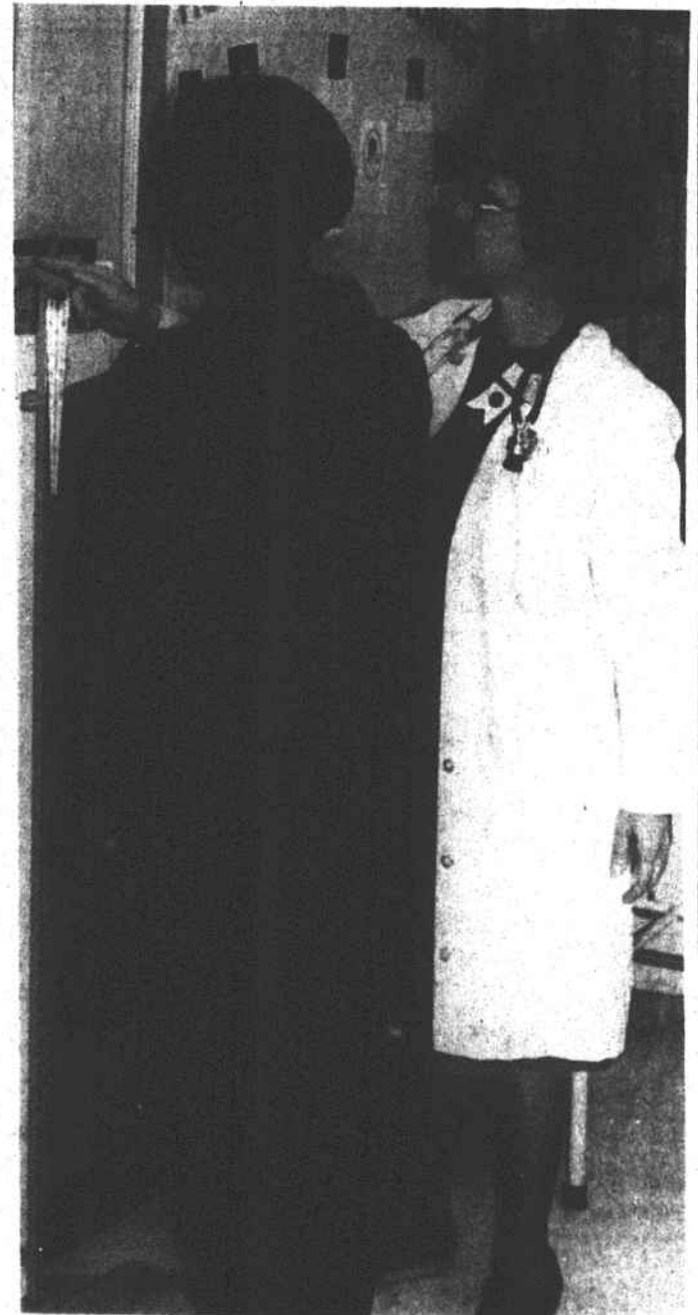
The wait in a doctor's office can be very non-productive and boring, but the maternity clinic waiting room is informative at the health depart-

ment. Videos on nutrition and other aspects of health care may be viewed by patients.



Keeping in touch

Upon entering the health department, one will find a number of bookcases and shelves filled with printed information on many health and health related subjects. This patient is looking over a pamphlet while waiting for a doctor to see her.



Just about right

Pat Sappenfield, a nurse at the health department, checks the weight of a mother-to-be. Many aspects of health care, especially those concerning pregnancy are regularly monitored by the staff of the department.