TEENS HEALTH Health and Safety Tips from
The American Medwal Association

Prenatal care is the health supervision the expectant mother receives from her physician during the 40 weeks between conception and the birth of the child, says a health education pamphlet of the Arrerican Medical Associa-

Once pregnancy has been established, the mother-to-be should have a careful physical examination. The doctor will determine the size and shape of the pelvisto know whether normal delivery can be expected. He will try to detect symptoms of any diseases. He may take a blood specimen for such tests as blood cell counts, measurement of hecell counts, measurement of he-moglobin, blood typing — includ-ing the RH factor — and test for syphilis.

During the first six months of pregnancy the doctor probably will want to see the expectant mother once a month. This may be stepped up to twice a month during the seventh and eighth months and possibly to once a week during the ninth month. Gain in weight must be watched carefully. Too much or too little in may indicate trouble.

The best way to prevent complications during pregnancy and labor is to follow the doctor's advice carefully. The doctor will want to be sure that the motherto-be's diet is proper. He may recommend proper exercises to strengthen the muscles used in delivery and to maintain general

All of the family must be brought into the picture to help the expectant mother avoid nervous irritation and unnecessary fatigue. Normal grooming and good body care should be main-tained, including regular bathing schedules. Tub caths should be replaced by showers or sponge baths during the ninth month. Reasonable travel, including short auto trips on smooth roads, usually is permitted by the phy-

Most important of all in pre natal care — see the doctor as soon as pregnancy is suspected, and follow his advice carefully throughout A heavy percentage of the problem births occur in mothers who have had little or no prenatal care from a doctor.

Boyce Weir's Rites Conducted

Final rites for Boyce McLean Weir, 87, of Gastonia, Kings Mountain native, were held Fri-day morning at 11 o'clock from Colonial Chapel of Carothers Funeral Home, interment following in Oakwood cemetery.

Mr. Weir died in a Gastonia hospital at 3:30 Wednesday after-

He was the son of the late Alexander Franklin Weir and Martha Falls Weir. He was married to Ola Whitesides Weir, who died on June 26, 1964

Survivors include a son, Marshall F. Weir. of Gastonia; a daughter, Miss Catherine Weir, Greensboro; a sister, Mrs. Mamie McGill of Kings Mountain; and a grandson, Boyce F. Weir, U. S.

Educated at Rutherford College and Trinity college, he had lived most of his life n Gastona. He worked n the public schools until 1918. In 1925 he went to work at the postoffice, where he remained until retirement in

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