

## Declining Death Rate Holds Own

### Births In State 712 Over Number September Last Year

The year's declining death rate in North Carolina held its own during September, with the total number 6,246 deaths, as compared with 2,539 the corresponding month in 1936, as shown by the report of the Division of Vital Statistics, State Board of Health.

Births in September, this year, registered a gain of 712 over the same month in 1936, with a total throughout the State of 6,936, as compared with 6,224 a year ago.

Infant mortality showed a sharp decline for the month, the report revealed, the total number of deaths among children under one year being 387, as compared with 441 in September, 1936, while maternal deaths dropped in numbers from 40 to 25.

There were 14 deaths last month from typhoid fever in the State, as compared with 12 the corresponding month in 1936, while whooping cough deaths jumped from 1 to 15 and diphtheria deaths were the same for the two months, 16.

Tuberculosis showed a decline this September, the total being 128, as compared with 155 in last year's September, while cancer deaths increased from 131 to 158. Syphilis was on the increase, with 41, compared with 32 a year ago.

Pellagra was up. Deaths from that disease in September, 1937, totaled 104, as compared with 89 the corresponding month in 1936, but diarrhea among children under 2 years old claimed only 79 victims, as compared with 134 last year.

Homicides showed an increase, the September total this year being 43. Last September it was 31. There were 22 September suicides this year. Last year the total for the month was 23, one less in 1937.

### Hobbsville Negroes Figure In Wreck

Three young Hobbsville Negroes, alleged to be under the influence of liquor, drove their dilapidated coupe into the concrete side coping of the Warwick Swamp bridge at the Gates County line Sunday morning, and were variously crushed up as a result. The victims were Early and Miles Walton, brothers, and Joe Wilson. The first two were sewed up and otherwise patched, by Dr. Blanchard, and were afterward told they would be expected to report at Gatesville in answer to charges of drunken driving and intoxication preferred by Corporal George Dail.

Wilson, who was found covered with blood lying along the roadway two miles from the scene of the accident, was taken by Dail to the Gatesville jail and locked up for being drunk. The car was utterly destroyed.

### Funeral Thursday For Mrs. James Broughton

Friends will be interested to know that funeral services were held last Thursday afternoon in Norfolk, Va., for Mrs. James M. Broughton, who died Wednesday. Mrs. Broughton was 81 years old and was a sister of the late L. F. Ziegler, of Edenton, and F. H. Ziegler, of Elizabeth City. Mr. and Mrs. H. S. Ziegler attended the funeral.

### GLIDEN

Mrs. Ada Ward, of Hobbsville, spent the week-end with her sister-in-law, Mrs. Marina Winslow.

A. D. Ward and E. G. Blanchard, accompanied by W. O. Spivey, of Hobbsville, attended the farmers' meeting in Winston-Salem last week. They also visited Mr. Ward's daughter, Florence, who is a senior at High Point College.

Mrs. L. N. Humphlett was taken to Lakeview Hospital, Suffolk, Va., on Thursday for treatment. Her daughter, Mrs. O. M. Blanchard, is with her.

Mrs. Clinton Stallings is seriously ill of double pneumonia.

Mr. and Mrs. Dewey Berryman and children spent Sunday afternoon as guests of Mr. and Mrs. A. D. Ward.

Mr. and Mrs. Roy Winslow and daughter, Mary Anne, and Miss Lorrinda Ward attended the show in Hertford Saturday evening.

Mrs. George Walker and children, of Sunbury, spent the week-end with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. S. V. White.

Mr. and Mrs. L. N. White and Mrs. S. W. White spent Wednesday in Suffolk, Va.

Marvin Gray, of Hobbsville, visited his cousins, James Roy and Fred Winslow, during the week-end.

Mrs. C. A. White spent Tuesday afternoon with Mrs. A. D. Ward.

Mr. and Mrs. K. R. Winslow and daughter, Kathryn, and Lester Smith spent Saturday in Norfolk, Va.

Mr. and Mrs. Curtis Chappell and A. D. Ward, Jr., were supper guests of Mr. and Mrs. C. T. Rogerson, near Belvidere, Sunday evening.

Mr. and Mrs. B. H. Brown and family, of Sunbury, were recent guests of his sister, Mrs. A. D. Ward, and Mr. Ward.

### MERRY HILL

Misses Agnes White, Elizabeth Bowen and Frances White Baker visited Mrs. Pat Baker, in Williamston Thursday.

Mr. and Mrs. G. E. Keeter and daughter, Hazel, and A. E. Bowen, of Windsor, visited Mrs. T. E. Bowen Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Williams and daughter, Shirley, of Edenton; Mr. and Mrs. William Phelps and daughter, Dorine, of Perrytown spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. W. S. Phelps.

Mrs. M. L. Bowen, Misses Ethel and Elizabeth Bowen, Ruth Moager and Frances White made a business trip to Edenton Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. Joe Keeter, Misses Sue Margaret and Josie Belle Keeter and Miss Sue Frances Minton shopped in Windsor Saturday.

The condition of W. R. Smith and Mrs. Mike Smithwick, who have been sick for some time, is greatly improved, and they are on the road to recovery again.

Miss Frances Maness, Miss Irene Maness, of Lewiston, Misses Elenora Harrington and Geneva Harrell spent Saturday in Greenville with a sister of the Misses Maness, who is a student at E. C. T. C.

Mrs. Lizzie Williford, Mr. and Mrs. Clyde Williford, of Harrellsville; Mr. and Mrs. T. B. Williford, of Edenton; Mrs. Vernon Harden and Miss Dorothy Harden, of Windsor, spent Sunday with Mrs. Pattie Williford.

Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Enright, of Chester, Pa., are spending sometime with Mr. and Mrs. S. B. Adams.

Mr. and Mrs. Richard Castelow and Doris Cobb, of Windsor, visited relatives here Sunday.

Paul Smith and Lachlan Hyatt, of Newport News, Va., spent the week-

end with Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Smith.

Mr. and Mrs. Miles White and son, Miles, Junior, of Windsor, spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. Jay White and Mrs. J. W. White.

Rev. W. H. Hollowell and daughter, Esther Wake, of Republican, dined with Mr. and Mrs. Joe White, Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Perry, of Edenton, spent Sunday with Mrs. Sue Britt.

Mrs. Cliff Keeter and children, Shirley and Wayne, returned to their home at Buckroes Beach, Va., Sunday, after visiting relatives here for several weeks.

Mr. and Mrs. Louis Britt and son, of Hertford, spent the week-end with their mother, Mrs. Sue Britt.

Mrs. B. G. Willis spent Monday in Windsor with relatives.

Miss Elizabeth Bowen, of Newport News, Va., spent a few days last week with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. M. L. Bowen.

Mrs. W. S. Phelps spent last week-end in Edenton with her daughter, Mrs. Raymond Williams.

Mrs. Bruce Newby, of Long Beach, Calif., is spending sometime with her brother, G. W. Capehart, and Mrs. Capehart, at Scotch Hall.

Mr. and Mrs. E. J. Pruden and Miss Edith Merle White spent Thursday in Norfolk, Va.

Mrs. Wiley Mizelle, of Windsor, spent Friday with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. C. Cobb.

Mrs. Lena Butterton has been visiting her son, Clyde Butterton, and Mrs. Butterton, at Newport News, Va., for the past two weeks.

Bert Willis spent last week in Norfolk, Va., on business.

Miss Bobby Britt, a student at Chowan College, Murfreesboro, spent the week-end with her mother, Mrs. Sue Britt.

Miss Millie Phelps, of Durham, spent last week-end with her sister, Miss Celia Phelps.

Miss Ruth Moager, of Newport News, Va., spent the week-end with Mr. and Mrs. M. L. Bowen.

Miss Virgie Coward, a student at Chowan College, Murfreesboro, spent the week-end with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. S. V. Coward.

### Colored Gridders Win From Washington 26-0

While Washington High School was experiencing a 6-0 defeat by Edenton High School's football team at Washington Friday afternoon, the colored school from the same town went back home with a 26-0 drubbing at the hands of the Edenton colored school. The game was played on Hicks Field before a fair-sized crowd of fans. The victory was the second of so many games played, the colored boys piling up an 85-0 score against Windsor the week before.

Tomorrow afternoon the local team meets the Providence School of Norfolk, Va., on the home field. A good game is predicted.

### Dan Cupid Does Good Business During Week

Dan Cupid was again doing business in these parts this week, Mrs. Maurice L. Bunch, deputy register of deeds, having issued five marriage licenses. The couples were as follows:

Roman Jetaro and Annie Hudson, white, both of Edenton.

William D. Hall and Mary Holley, colored, both of Merry Hill.

David Granby and Alverta Bonner, colored, both of Chowan County.

William Ed White and Theresa Bland, colored, both of Chowan County.

Joe Watford and Bettie Eason, colored, both of Chowan County.

### "Uncle Bill" Gilliam Dies At Merry Hill

"Uncle Bill" Gilliam, a highly respected old colored man of Merry Hill, died at his home here Friday afternoon, October 22, after an illness of about three weeks. He was a very kind and likeable old man and greatly respected and admired by both white and colored.

He leaves a good wife and several children to mourn their loss. Those living at home are: Armistead, Linwood, Claude and Robert, and they are all highly respected in this community.

"Uncle Bill" was laid to rest at his home on Sunday afternoon, after his funeral had been held at Peterson Chapel Baptist Church.

### Timely Questions On Farm Answered

Question: Can cottonseed meal be used to replace fish meal and meat scrap in the poultry mash?

Answer: Experimental work along this line indicates that cottonseed meal cannot be used to replace all of the animal protein concentrates in the mash, but that it can be replaced not to exceed five percent of the total mash. There is a wide variation in toxicity and feeding value of the cottonseed meals on the market and there is also a deficiency in minerals as compared with meat scraps and fish meal. It would be unwise to make any material change in the mash especially if the birds are in lay.

Question: Is it too late to seed crimson clover, oats, vetch and Austrian Winter Peas?

Answer: No. The best time for seeding clover, vetch and Austrian Winter Peas is between September 15 and October 15 and for oats between October 1 and November 1. The seed bed should be finely pulverized to a depth of three or four inches with very firm soil underneath. This will help prevent freezing out of the crop. Put in the seed with a

grain drill as this method of seeding gives a better stand than broadcasting. In seeding oats use an open furrow drill as this will also prevent excessive freezing.

Question: What is the best method for curing meat on the farm?

Answer: There are many methods of curing meat and most of them are simply variations of two principal methods—the brine cure and the dry salt cure. Common salt is the basis of all meat curing and is used in varying amounts in all methods. Sugar is sometimes added to give a better flavor and also to counteract the action of the salt by keeping the muscles soft, where the salt alone makes them hard. The recommended formulas for both the "brine cure" and the "dry cure" are contained in Extension Folder No. 34 and copies may be had free upon application to the Agricultural Editor at State College.

Question: Can a breeding male be selected for the poultry flock by handling only?

Answer: Yes, but there is always the chance that the best male from a handling standpoint has the poorest breeding qualities. It is always best to study the performance of the parents before selecting a male for

breeding purpose. However, if the bird has to be selected by handling see that it is true to breed so far as feather pattern goes and that he is without any serious defect. The body should be deep in front and equally deep in the center. The head must be distinctly masculine and show good character with well developed secondary sex characters as comb, earlobes, and wattles. Be sure the bird shows high vitality and has good body weight.

To protect his reputation, Peter Sierocki, of Milwaukee contested his wife's divorce suit. She charged that he wore his underwear while taking baths.

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# Cotton Rusts

## BECAUSE IT IS HUNGRY FOR POTASH

COTTON rust is not influenced by weather conditions as much as was generally believed. Southern experiment stations and growers are finding. Even with excessive rainfall, in many sections this year rust damage has been as severe as it was during the dry weather last year. There is only one known way to control cotton rust—USE MORE POTASH. In addition to controlling rust, potash produces larger yields, heavier seed and heavier bolls. It makes more lint per seed, better grade, longer staple, stronger fibers, and a higher percentage of normal fibers. RUSTED COTTON IS HARD TO PICK, and its poor quality causes Southern farmers an annual loss amounting to millions of dollars. Plan now to produce a crop next year that will grow normally to maturity. It can be done by using a fertilizer containing 6 to 10 per cent potash and a nitrogen-potash top-dresser if necessary. Consult your county agent or experiment station about the fertility of your soil. See your fertilizer dealer about the right amounts of potash in your cotton fertilizer. Write us for further information and literature.

# NOTICE!

The Tax Books for 1937 are now in my hands for collection. On taxes paid in October, there will be a discount of 1 per cent; November, one-half of 1 per cent. There will be no discounts for the months of December and January.

On all taxes paid after February 1st, there will be the usual penalty.


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