

Crippled Children Present a Problem For State, Says Board

Three Clinics In Cities East of Greensboro and a Vocational Home Needed to Care For the 600 Physical Defectives, Asserts the Bureau of Child Welfare.

(By Associated Press.)
Raleigh, Dec. 16.—Clinics established in three cities east of Greensboro and a convalescent vocational home

are necessary to care adequately for more than 600 crippled children in North Carolina, according to an announcement tonight by the bureau of child welfare of the state board of charities and public welfare.

The figures on crippled children are the result of a state-wide census which has been conducted by the bureau and the rehabilitation office of the department of public instruction. The results made public are not complete as only 72 counties have reported.

"For these hundreds of unfortunate children the bureau of child welfare will seek to secure adequate treatment," it was stated, "since in many cases much can be done to improve the condition of the cripple. The bureau is particularly anxious to arrange for provision for the 141 children between the ages of 14 and 18 years who are above the age limit of admission to the State Orthopedic hospital at Gaston, and too young to be eligible for help from the department of rehabilitation."

The Orthopedic hospital, it was stated, has not been able to care for children between these ages because of insufficient appropriations.

"Four hundred and eighty-two crippled children below the age of 14 have been reported," officials said. "This number includes both white and colored. For the white child, aid is provided in the Orthopedic hospital, but often a child must wait a long time before being admitted to the clinic, even though its case may be urgent. Many of the children have to stay months."

"It is hoped by officials of the

child welfare bureau that the coming general assembly will increase the capacity of the Orthopedic hospital so that these 141 white cases will not be forced to wait several years for treatment.

"No provision is made in the state for crippled negro children. However, investigations made by the bureau in several negro hospitals show these institutions willing to make low rates for treatment. But even then, with railroad fares and surgeons' fees, the cost is practically prohibitive for the general run of negroes."

"In this connection, the bureau suggests to the generous of both races that here is an opportunity for service which is sorely needed. It is stated that charity beds in several hospitals could be kept filled for a number of years with the cases of crippled negro children which have been reported to the bureau to date.

"Returns from the cripple census indicated that 122 of the 623 children reported are subnormal mentally. Officials think that another 50 should be added. Probable causes of the children's disabilities have been grouped under several heads.

"Infantile paralysis claims 150. One hundred and forty-eight are congenital cripples. Under the head of disease, which includes measles, scarlet fever and others, 75 were found. Twenty with club feet are recorded. Thirty-two children have tubercular joints. Accidents are responsible for 78 cripples. Other cases were listed as miscellaneous, including those with twisted hands and bow legs.

"Combined with other cases reported to the department of rehabilitation, the results of cripple census week total approximately 1,200 cases, children and adults. Georgia found by a partial census 4,000 cases. Ohio in 1921 took a census and found less than North Carolina has up to date, although the population is twice as large as that of this state," it was said.

Two things stand out conspicuously as needed before the bureau can begin to care adequately for the cripple children, according to Miss Emeth Tuttle, who had charge of the child welfare department's part in the census.

"These two things," she continued, "are clinics at strategic points and a convalescent vocational home. Clinics established at probably three places east of Greensboro at the points of a large triangle would save a great deal of expense to parents and would reduce the number of children needlessly taking the long trip to Gaston."

"A well advertised clinic would

bring in for examination not only children so far reported but others within perhaps a radius of 100 miles. In addition, the parent would have an opportunity to meet the surgeon and to see his attitude toward the children. They would lose fear of the hospital, which so many of them now have and would gladly take advantage of the opportunity to have their children treated.

"A convalescent vocational home is a necessity if the Orthopedic hospital is to make its best return to the state. A crippled child even when it has received treatment is often far from normal in his contact with other children. To take a child who has come originally from a two-room cabin, where it was treated either as a pet, or a pest, put in a hospital for six months, where it receives expert care and attention, and then return him to the same hopeless environment is scarcely fair," she said.

At a recent meeting of civic and fraternal representatives in Raleigh in response to a call by Roger Moore, Wilmington, the child welfare work in the state was discussed and a plan of action was adopted. It was proposed at this conference that the civic and fraternal organizations throughout the state act as their agents in their respective localities to establish the necessary clinics.

"The organizations undertaking this program are the Rotary, Kiwanis club, Masons, Red Men, Odd Fellows, Knights of Pythias, Junior Order, B. P. O. E., legislative council of Women's clubs."

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SUNDAY SCHOOL FOLK TO MEET HERE SOON

Greensboro Township Sunday School Institute Will Start January 21.

Following a meeting some days ago of the pastors and Sunday school superintendents of this city, the Greensboro Township Sunday School Institute for the workers of all denominations in the city, will be held in the West Market Street Methodist church on Sunday, Monday and Tuesday, January 21, 22 and 23, 1923.

That is the statement issued by the office secretary of the North Carolina Sunday School association, in Raleigh. The hours for the sessions on the days mentioned will be from 2 until 5 o'clock each afternoon, and from 7:30 until 9:30 o'clock in the evenings.

The publicity committee for the institute is composed of F. L. Atkinson, township president; P. D. Kerner, township secretary and B. T. Baynes, county president. The Sunday schools over the township, as well as the schools of the city will be urged to send large delegations. It is expected by those in charge of the arrangements that practically every Sunday school in the township will be represented.

Principal speakers for the institute will be Dr. Marion L. Taylor, consulting secretary International Sunday school association, Chicago; D. W. Sims, general superintendent of the North Carolina Sunday School association; and Miss Daisy Magee, children's division superintendent of the North Carolina Sunday School association. All of these speakers are outstanding figures in the Sunday school world and have had broad experience and training.

Beside the outside speakers there will be a number of local people taking part in the program.

GOLDSBORO SOCIAL NEWS.

Mrs. E. E. Eustler Bridge Hostess. New Bern Lady Is Honored.

(Special to Daily News.)
Goldsboro, Dec. 16.—L. M. Michaux has returned from a visit in Greensboro.

Mrs. Raynor, nee Miss Mattie Parker, of Wilmington, Del., is visiting her father, W. C. Parker.

Mrs. C. E. Wilkins entertained informally at tea Monday afternoon in honor of her guests, Misses Helen Gay, of Worcester, Mass., and Elizabeth Bowles, of Statesville.

Mrs. E. M. Land has gone to New York city to visit her sister, Mrs. Franklin Riker, and also to attend a musical recital given by Mrs. Riker.

Miss Elizabeth Kelly, president of the North Carolina Teachers association, was in this city this week and made a talk before the Parent-Teacher association Tuesday evening at the home of Mrs. O. P. Rawlins, of the Professional Woman's club.

Mrs. E. E. Eustler gave a delightful bridge party Monday afternoon complimentary to Mrs. Frank Hyman, of New Bern. The invited guests were Mesdames E. B. Miller, W. E. Stroud, Lionel Well, Rosalie Exum, W. H. Smith, A. Oettinger, H. M. Humphrey, George Dewey, Cedric Edgerton, Thos. D. F. Parker, W. L. Rawlins and William Thompson.

Miss Blanche Holt, of Holly Springs, was the wash and

her sister, Mrs. A. V. Bobbitt, Thomas McShea is visiting friends in Greensboro.

Mrs. Edward Michaux, Miss Mary Dorch and Sam Emory spent Saturday in Raleigh.

Mrs. George Dewey was hostess at her lovely home on East Walnut street Saturday afternoon honoring Mrs. Frank Hyman, of New Bern, an attractive visitor. Tables were arranged for bridge and the decorations were in red and green suggestive of the near approach of Xmas.

At the conclusion of the game refreshments were served, consisting of creamed chicken, Waldorf salad, sweet pickles, hot biscuit and coffee. Those enjoying Mrs. Dewey's hospitality were Mesdames Hyman, Eastlinger, Hines, Oettinger, Wial, Joseph, H. M. Humphrey, E. M. Land, E. Dewey and William Spoor, A. W. Falkner, S. Scott, D. H. Bland, Robert Powell, J. N. Johnston, and Misses G. Wial and Rachel Borden.

Miss Ethel Hatch, of Wilmington, and J. R. Hatch on George street, J. J. Hatch on George street.

Mrs. Eugene Hines entertained Wednesday evening at four tables of bridge in honor of her guest, Mrs. Frank Hyman, of New Bern. After

the games a salad course was served. Mrs. R. Powell was hostess this week to the Bridge club. There were several guests present in addition to the club members and the occasion was much enjoyed.

Mrs. W. R. Crawford is visiting relatives in Raleigh.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Borden are visiting their daughter, Mrs. Robert Harris, in Winston-Salem.

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