

### N. C. Has Highest Birth Rate in Union

North Carolina Leads Entire United States With Highest Birth Rate and Has One of Lowest Death Rates.

Raleigh, Feb. 22.—North Carolina now leads the entire United States with the highest birth rate in the Union according to statistics for 1920 just compiled by the State Board of Health. At the same time this State has one of the lowest death rates.

Reports during the past year show a total of 83,966 births in the State at a rate of 32.8 per thousand. The deaths totaled for the same period 33,228, a rate of 12.9 per thousand. These figures do not include the stillbirths, which amounted to 4,171 for the year.

During 1920 every six minutes a new life was born into the world; every fifteen minutes another life was snuffed off. That the births are so far in excess of the deaths accounts for the large increase in the population of the State during the last decade as shown by the last census figures, for the State has had little increase by reason of immigration.

A comparison of the past three years shows the following: 1918 total births 76,175 or rate of 30.8, total deaths 42,411 or rate of 17.6; 1919 total births 69,791 or rate of 27.3, and total deaths 30,114 or rate of 12.4. The very high death rate for 1918 was caused by the epidemic of influenza, and this probably also accounts for the lessened rate of both births and deaths during the following year of 1919. In 1920 the birth rate went forward considerably while the death rate shows a difference of only five per hundred thousand.

North Carolina has been exceeded in birth rate heretofore only by Utah, which in 1918 had a rate of 31.9. The rate of the entire United States for the country the same year was 24.4. For the same year the death rate for the same area was 18.2.

#### WATCH YOUR CHILDREN'S TEETH

Cleanliness is next to godliness, but without some outside help mouth cleanliness is next to impossible. Prophylactic treatment of the teeth is like golf—it gives them exercise, and it keeps them out in the open air.

Prophylactic work consists essentially of an orangewood stick with a set of teeth at one end and a skillful young woman at the other. This simple device will prevent many of our dental ills—and bills. An orangewood stick in time saves nine dollars worth of dentist's services.

Gums and teeth should be brushed four times a day with a circular motion something like a buzz-saw, and the spaces between cleaned with floss silk. The mouth should be rinsed with lime-water to dissolve the glue-like mucus which provides a happy home for decay germs.

Soft food is hard on teeth. Crusty bread such as the Italians make is splendid setting-up exercise for teeth and jaws. Pappy, mushy food makes mollycoddles of the bones and muscles of the face and the box where we keep our brains, if we have any left.

Bring up a milk tooth and away it will go. But if it is treated kindly, it will stay until it is pushed out by its successor and hold the reserved seat for it. Otherwise the permanent teeth will come in crooked.

Thumb-sucking, mouth-breathing, premature loss of the baby teeth, and loss of the six-year molars are the most frequent causes of malocclusion. The jaws are out of shape, and the teeth, present and to come. Neither apparatus is impaired with serious results to the department of the interior.

Rubber comforters are ruinous to teeth, present and to come. Neither is the mouth the proper depository for fingers, pencils, money, pins, or odds and ends of juvenile valuables. Far too many children lead a "hand-to-mouth" existence.

The four six-year molars are the first permanent teeth, and they have to do all the work while the baby teeth are being shed. If they are lost through neglect, the jaw grows out of its proper position, and a perfectly good face is ruined.—March Good Housekeeping.

#### FAIRMONT LETS CONTRACT FOR NEW SCHOOL BUILDING

Bonds in Sum of \$100,000 Sold to Build and Furnish School Building With 17 Class Rooms.

The \$100,000.00 Fairmont district school bonds were sold today to Mr. Bruce Craven, of Durham, for par value and accrued interest. Twenty four bids were offered the trustees yesterday at the Bank of Fairmont for bonds and erection of the building. The building contract was given to the Hunter-Anderson Construction Company of Danville, Virginia for \$75,900.00, the contract taking effect

### Uncle John's Job



Members of the board of trustees of the university of North Carolina were elected at a joint session of the General Assembly Thursday. Grant of Davie protested against the fact that so few Republicans are on the board. Senator Varger objected to the less of representation on the part of Robeson. The county had had 3 members and in the report had only one member. He wanted W. D. Townsend named on the board. No changes were made, however, in the committee report.

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Fred J. Cox, Anson. R. A. Doughton, Alleghany county. E. L. Gaither, Davie county. James A. Gray, Forsyth. Charles A. Jones, Lincoln. Julian S. Mann, Hyde county. Haywood Parker, Buncombe. Wiley P. Pearson, Franklin county. A. M. Scales, Greensboro. C. G. Wright, Guilford.

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New Hanover Wants Part of Pender. New Hanover, long celebrated as the smallest county in the State, made vehement, vigorous and at times vitriolic efforts to approximately double its size yesterday afternoon, when the Bellamy bill, subtracting Topsail township from Pender county and adding it to New Hanover, came up before the counties, cities and town committee for consideration.

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