

HEALTH AND HYGIENE

E. R. Hardin, Health Officer. Robeson county with its enormous area, vast resources, and three races of people is almost an empire in itself. In 1922, 1647 children were born in Robeson county. In 1923 there were 564 deaths from all causes in Robeson county. The same year there were 203 deaths in children under five years old (excluding still births); and 136 deaths in children under 1 year old exclusive of still births. Thus we see that the infant mortality is high and constitutes a very large percentage of the total death rate. This is due largely to a lack of knowledge on the part of many of our people, of even the elementary requirements of the pregnant mother, and the young baby. In other words, they need a broad general knowledge of how to take care of the pregnant mothers and young babies, especially the artificially fed babies. How are the parents, for instance, who employ the 150 ignorant midwives in the county, to obtain the knowledge? Certainly not through the midwives. The midwives have done nothing to reduce the maternal and infant mortality in all the hundreds of years they have been operating, so we need ex-

pect little help from that direction. The solution of the problem, as other countries have fully demonstrated, is the education of the women, so that they will employ trained physicians to attend them during the period of pregnancy and child birth; and to supervise the care and feeding of their young babies in the homes. This is a big program, and one which will require personal contact and teaching by a competent nurse. To do this successfully, she must visit individual homes and see hundreds of mothers and babies. She must also by advice and persuasion bring many of these mothers and babies under the supervision of a physician, in public conferences and clinics. This physician will give general advice and instructions as to how the pregnant mother should care for herself; and the other mothers should care for their babies. He will advise them to consult their family physician when in his judgment it is necessary. These conferences will serve to place many pregnant mothers with complications who are in the hands of midwives, under the care of physicians. They will also bring many babies, who are victims of the evil influences of midwives, and neighboring grannies, under competent medical jurisdiction. This is the aim of

Maternal and Infant Hygiene, a work that is sorely needed in Robeson county. It will take a nurse to put on this program, and she will have to devote here entire time to this work. The State and Federal Government will contribute about 60 per cent of the funds necessary to establish this work, in any county in North Carolina. The individual county is asked to appropriate only \$1250.00 to establish Maternal and Infant Hygiene work in the county. In conclusion, the purpose of this work is to educate parents in the essentials of Maternal and Infant Hygiene, to supervise the work of midwives, and eliminate the most ignorant and incompetent among them; and to save the lives of many babies and mothers, that die from preventable diseases. In view of the high up in infant mortality in North Carolina, can any county afford to pass this opportunity to render a great humanitarian service to such important part of its citizenship?

LOOKING AT THE MANSFIELD BASEBALL CLUB.

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E. E. Schafer, a jeweler of Statesville, has brought suit for \$30,000 against Rev. O. W. Aderholdt, former pastor of St. John's Lutheran church of Statesville, charging alienation of the affections of his wife, who is organist of the church. Aderholdt resigned as pastor some weeks ago. He gave bond in the sum of \$22,500 and said he was going to Hensersville, where his wife and children were visiting relatives. Mrs. R. J. Loevlace of Edgecombe county was elected president of the farm women's convention in Raleigh last week.

Another Fight On Klan Is Planned

Features of Louisiana Anti-Klan Law May Be Embodied in Bill—Session May Extend Beyond 20-Day Limit.

SENTIMENT AGAINST GRADY

Raleigh—Another fight on the Klan is being planned for the special session by Representative W. H. S. Burgwyn, of Northampton county, who said today he will introduce a bill embodying the features of the Louisiana anti-klan act. The Louisiana law prohibits the mask and requires registration of membership, provisions similar to those contained in the bill which passed the House of the 1923 general assembly but met defeat in the senate. "I have written for a copy of the Louisiana law and as soon as I receive it I expect to prepare a bill for introduction in the special session," Representative Burgwyn said. "The governor of Louisiana said at New York that the anti-klan bill had killed the organization. Fight in Legislature. The house and senate fought over the Klan for several days at the 1923 session of the North Carolina legislature. The house passed an unamending bill, the senate killed it and offered a substitute and the house killed the substitute. Defeat of the anti-klan bill in the last session was attributed by Mr. Burgwyn to Klan membership and a hostile feeling between the house and senate. Asked how many Klansmen he thinks are members of the state legislature, he estimated the number at twenty. Since the 1923 fight Judge Henry A. Grady, grand dragon of the Klan, has made a move to gain prestige for his organization by coming out into the open as its official spokesman, thereby giving it a responsible head, and by putting North Carolina Klansmen on record in opposition to the mask. Mr. Burgwyn has heard of considerable sentiment for the impeachment of Judge Grady because of his leadership of the Klan. "A democratic leader said to me that he was apprehensive that a republican member of the house might introduce a resolution for the impeachment of Judge Grady," he declared. "I told him he should also be apprehensive about democratic members who are extremely hostile to the idea of the grand dragon of the Klan sitting on the superior court bench." The only charge that can be made against Judge Grady is his Klan connections and Mr. Burgwyn, who has

great admiration for the manner in which the jurist has conducted himself on the bench, doubts that he could be impeached because of that. Nevertheless, he has found the sentiment. May Be Long Session. If the program of legislation suggested for the special session by various members of the general assembly is really undertaken the twenty-days-with-pay will be insufficient. Besides the anti-klan and the anti-lynch bill, the specific purposes for which the session has been called, various members of the general assembly have indicated the enactment of legislation for farm tenancy relief, bus fare control, unmasking the Klan, and provide for an additional bond issue of \$35,000,000 for roads, and on top of that an expected mass of local bills. Governor Morrison has sought to

discourage special legislation and Revenue Commissioner R. A. Dougherty, experienced and influential in legislative halls, thinks the session will stick pretty close to the business for which it was called. If the effort to pass the post bill without a referendum is carried out that will precipitate a fight to occupy the time and attention of the legislators for several days. Although some legislators are advocating a new road bond issue the chances are that it will be passed over to the regular session as administration and legislative leaders

are not encouraging it. Likewise other proposed legislation that will require time for consideration and enactment may have to wait—Brook Barkley in Charlotte Observer.

Mrs. Bertha M. Singletary and daughter, Miss Katherine, of R. 3, Lumberton, returned home Friday night from Raleigh, where they attended the farm women's convention. They were accompanied home by Misses Hazel and Johnson Campbell of Dover, S. C., who will spend some time at Mrs. Singletary's home.

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