

PUBLIC HEALTH PLAN ACCEPTED

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and Macon county will receive its part of the dental services, depending upon the school population under thirteen years of age. Such a dental officer will conduct mouth health program under the direction and supervision of the Division of Oral Hygiene of the North Carolina State Board of Health, and correct, insofar as possible, the dental defects of indigent school children under thirteen years of age.

The district health officer will be elected by the county boards of health as is now provided by law, with the understanding that he will assume all of the duties as full-time health officer and quarantine officer, exclusive of those duties now prescribed for the county physician. The work of the county physician pertaining to medical relief in the county home, county jail, and indigent county charges, shall be provided by the county commissioners as heretofore, leaving the full-time district health officer and the assistant district health officer free to devote their entire time to the public health duties, and not engage in the private practice of medicine or in medical relief.

In order to promote understanding in public health measures of an inter-county nature, it is recommended that an executive committee be created by the election of one member from each county board of health in the district to serve on such an executive committee with the state health officer, or his official representative, as an ex-officio member of this committee.

It is further understood that the selection of the district health officer shall be made on the basis of qualifications and efficiency, and shall be a person approved by the North Carolina State Board of Health. The matter of the selection of the subordinate personnel shall be in the hands of the district health officer. Such selection of personnel shall be made on the basis of qualifications and efficiency.

The State Board of Health recommends that the district health officer assume responsibility for the proper discharge of the public health activities in this area, and that he be clothed with sufficient authority to employ competent personnel.

The district health department will conduct a public health program in the several counties in conformity with the public health practices and services approved by the North Carolina State Board of Health, which include the following:

1. School health supervision, including physical examination of school children for defects.
2. Immunization service will be offered by the district health department, providing for the control of smallpox, diphtheria, and typhoid fever.
3. The perfection of an organization for the correction of physical defects, such physical defects to be corrected by competent physicians of the district.
4. The department will conduct an organized program to reduce maternal and infant deaths.
5. An adequate venereal disease and tuberculosis program will be carried out, with the cooperation of the local medical profession.
6. The district health department will conduct an educational and supervisory program, which will go far toward correcting environmental sanitation, with particular emphasis on safe excreta disposal, malaria control, providing a pure and wholesome water supply, a pure milk supply, and pure food within each county in the district.
7. The department will conduct epidemiological investigations and institute adequate, intelligent, and effective measures for the prevention of the spread of communicable diseases.

The public health nurses on the staff will visit homes of school children who are absent because of communicable diseases and in whom physical defects may be found, take such steps as may be necessary to prevent the spread of disease, and encourage the correction of physical defects. The nurses will also visit homes in the interest of expectant mothers in parental care, encouraging physical examinations, and securing the ser-

vices of regular licensed physicians for the period of confinement.

The district health department will supervise midwives, instructing them in elementary hygiene, and enjoin them from engaging in such practices for which they are not qualified, and which, in turn, are dangerous procedures, often resulting in the death of the mother or infant.

Radio has proved a powerful influence in setting all sorts of people to thinking of social and political questions, to which they never gave attention before. It is bringing religion into many homes whose people, for one reason or another, seldom go to church. Then the music, the household talks for the home-makers, the entertaining features for the children, the farm market news and all the other several participating agencies shall be paid to the local district health department in twelve equal monthly installments, and that the State Board of Health will hold the local boards of health and the district health officers responsible for the proper accounting of funds made available for health service in this area.

The proposed personnel for this four-county district health department will consist of a full-time district health officer, an assistant district health officer, a dentist, a supervisory nurse, one public health nurse in each county, one sanitary inspector in each county, two clerks, and a laboratory technician.

The cost of providing such a public health program for Macon county will be \$1,500 per annum. The North Carolina State Board of Health will contribute \$1,200, and the Tennessee Valley Authority or the United States Public Health Service \$2,500.

This proposed public health service will be entered into as a part of a five-year program. It is most necessary that it be instituted as early as possible in order for the counties in the proposed district to receive the maximum benefit through funds from the United States Public Health Service and the Tennessee Valley Authority. It is of the utmost importance that this health district be established at this particular time because of the creation of the national park and the thousands of tourists which will frequent this region and spend thousands of dollars in the counties. These people demand public health protection, and if the several counties are to be benefited, they must adequately safeguard not only the health of their citizens, but also that of their visitors.

The Tennessee Valley Authority is anxious to have public health service established in all areas in which they have enterprises, and with the development of adequate health service, we might rightfully assume that other industries, either by the Tennessee Valley Authority, or outside interests, may be established.

The North Carolina State Board of Health respectfully requests the appropriating body in Macon county to take immediate action on this proposal and set up sufficient funds to insure this service, beginning as of July 1, 1935; it being understood that it will be necessary to continue this appropriation from year to year over the five-year period.

Since the North Carolina State Board of Health can in no way guarantee funds from the United States Public Health Service or the Tennessee Valley Authority for the entire five-year period, it is understood that if these agencies have

PUBLIC SCHOOL FACULTY NAMED

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- Miss Maybur Henson.
- Slagle—J. J. Mann, Miss Ruth Slagle, Miss Amanda Slagle, Miss Blanche Cabe.
- Allison-Watts—Mrs. Lovicia Justice Moses, Miss Jessie Hurst.
- Rainbow Springs — Miss Eva Smith, Miss Beryl Morgan.
- White Oak—Miss Mattie Brendle.
- Aquone—Miss Nora Leach.
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- Beecher—Miss Pauline Fouts.
- Kyle—Miss Rebecca Meadows, Miss Alice Slagle.
- Camp Branch—Mrs. Fleeta G. Mason.
- Oak Dale—Miss Nora Moody, Miss Elizabeth Meadows.
- Burningtown—Miss Jessie Ramsey, Miss Lola Ramsey.
- Morgans—Miss Nell Byrd.
- Oak Grove—E. R. White, Miss May McCoy, Miss Veva Howard.
- Cowee—Mrs. Margaret Ramsey, Mrs. Annie S. Neill.
- Liberty—Miss Ruth Byrd, Mrs. Selma Dalton.
- Harmony—Mrs. Marie Roper.
- Rose Creek—Miss Lolita Dean.
- Chapel—R. B. Watts (One or two other vacancies to be filled). Mrs. Emma Lillian England.

not the funds with which to participate in this area, the health service will be carried on on a reduced program, except insofar as local appropriations may be increased to keep up the health service in the district.

Ray Named

Elected Town Attorney by Board of Aldermen

J. Frank Ray, former town attorney who became mayor and then quit that job to become Macon county's representative in the legislature, was again elected town attorney by the new board of aldermen last Friday night. The job carries a retainer of \$10 a month, plus fees for special work.

The board reelected Dr. H. T. Horsley as health officer and Will Hall as town plumber.

An order was passed providing for an electric street light on Harrison avenue in front of Trimont Inn.

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