

TELL OF HEALTH CONDITIONS IN MARTIN COUNTY

1929 Report Shows That Martin Had Low Death Rate in Many Diseases

The annual report of the Bureau of Vital Statistics of North Carolina recently released for the year 1929 carries many interesting facts in connection with health conditions, and the birth and death rates for the State as a whole and the several counties.

There were 727 births in the county in 1929 and 645 in 1928, the respective rates being 30.1 and 27.5, an increase of 2.6 per 1,000 inhabitants. The deaths numbered 306 in 1929, a rate of 12.6. In 1928, there were 277 deaths, a rate of 11.6 per 1,000 population. While the birth rate of 1929 increase over that of 1928, the death rate also increased, both rates comparing very favorably with the State average. Auto fatalities are believed to have effected the death rate, while general health conditions, on the other hand, tended to lower the death rate.

There were 333 white births and 394 colored births. Of the 306 deaths in the county in 1929, 147 were colored.

It was learned from the report that doctors attended 278 white births and housewives 55. Of the 394 colored births, doctors attended only 47, leaving 347 for midwives to handle. Sixty-six of the total births were illegitimate, two of the number being among white people. As a result of the large number of births attended by midwives, the infant mortality rate is apparently larger than it would be under more favorable conditions. There were 84 infant deaths, a rate of 115.8. The maternal mortality rate was 6.9 for the year 1929. Surrounding counties also had high rates.

With the exception one county, Halifax, this county had the lowest rate of typhoid deaths of any of the surrounding counties. There were two deaths from typhoid in the county in 1929. The rate in this county 8.2 per 100,000 population. In Beaufort it was 16; in Bertie, 16; Edgemore, 15.9, and Pitt, 9.1.

There were also two deaths in this county from malaria, a rate of 8.2. Beaufort had 8 malaria deaths, a rate of 25.7. The rate in Bertie was 4, Edgemore, 4.5, and Pitt, 1.8. This county also had an unusually low pellagra death rate, while it was as high as 41.8 in Beaufort; 16 in Bertie; 11 in Pitt and 12 in Halifax. The rate here was 8.2 per 100,000 population.

The tuberculosis rate in this county was 78.8 per 100,000 or 19 deaths. Beaufort had 34 deaths, a rate of 109.3 per 100,000 inhabitants. Practically all these deaths were confined to the colored race.

There were four influenza deaths, four cancer deaths and 25 others resulted from cerebral hemorrhage. Eight deaths resulted from whooping cough and none from measles, small pox and scarlet fever.

Considering the fact that Martin has only a part-time health officer, the 1929 health records show that Martin commands a high rank in general health.

Gardner Opposes MacLean Bill In His Message Today

"That portion of the MacLean School Bill that cannot be carried out without a sales tax should be abolished," declared O. Max Gardner in an address to the general assembly in Raleigh at noon today. "I don't intend to set up any revenue measure; that's the legislature's job," the governor also stated.

In all his ramblings about the taxing of stomachs of two and one-half million people, the large stockholder in the R. J. Reynolds Tobacco company did not say one word about the huge profits of that and other tobacco companies only recently reported.

The essence of the address, "Step by step taxes have reached the \$60,000,000 mark, and we can't completely write them off at one time."

In a pleading voice, he told his hearers that he was opposed to any kind of sales tax, and went so far as to say that luxuries are not luxuries. His reference to Jeffersonian principles and Jacksonian ideas, and the Great North State brought applause as the few

farmers who could listened in at their regular farm and home hour and heard their leader turn against them.

In the last analysis," the governor stated, "a sales tax is not paid by the producer, but it is pushed on to property, a system of taxing the weak to relieve the strong. It is the very opposite of the income tax, the fairest tax there is," he continued.

Humorously, Governor Gardner referred to that great football player that lost his sense of direction and ran the wrong way with the ball. And strongly did he say that he would not take the bill himself and run the wrong way. For the little man, the farmer whose back is bent and whose land is only a leap from the auction block, the governor evidently ran the wrong way today.

It was a great speech, one that North Carolina's head has avoided time and again, and one that he wished he never would have to make. In it there is seen another strong blow against the MacLean Bill.

MAKE STUDY OF PARENTS' OCCUPATIONS

Forty-five Percent of Children Are From Rural Communities

COURSE RESTRICTED

More Than Thirty-two Occupations Are Engaged In by Parents of 232 School Children

In making a study of the occupations of parents who have children in the local high school, Principal Wm. R. Watson uncovered many interesting facts, facts that will probably prove beneficial in adopting to so great extent our children to the schools. Of the 34 pupils in the graduating class this year, 12 are the children of farmers. Of the 232 pupils in the high school, 104 or 45 per cent are children of farmers. There are no agricultural courses provided in the local school.

Principal Watson, announcing his findings after careful study, offers the following comments:

"The survey shows that 45 per cent of the parents of William-ton High School pupils are farmers; 10 1/2 per cent are merchants; 6 per cent are housekeepers; and 3 per cent are public officials. The remaining parents are occupied in 32 varied lines of work.

"National studies show that children tend to engage in the same kind of work as their parents. If this is true, then we may expect a large number of the pupils of our High School to become farmers or to engage in occupations largely dependent upon farms or farming interests. It follows that an adequate and sane course of study should include some courses that fit for successful farm operation. However, this is not true, for our present course of study is a very restricted classical course.

"It is suggested that parents consider the above facts with a view to determining just what courses should be introduced into the curriculum so as to meet the needs of the pupils and the community.

"In this connection parents are urged to remember that equipment for any course that might be added must be paid for either from county or local tax funds. Also the expense of a teacher for any additional courses must be borne by local tax, unless such teacher is employed as a full time High School teacher."

Margolis Brothers Prepare For Large Easter Trade

The beginning of spring was officially announced last Saturday, but it was this morning that springtime really came, a bright sun breaking through this morning to send the thermometer mercury to 62 degrees before 9 o'clock.

And while spring advances, Margolis Brothers are announcing the latest in spring styles, the store men having prepared for a large Easter trade. "Dress up in Style with Easter Economy," caps their appeal, addressed in the hope to thrifty and careful shoppers in this whole section.

Episcopal Church Notes Of General Interest

The Regular Auxiliary Meeting met Monday at the home of Mrs. K. B. Crawford.

Miss Mae Wood Winslow of Hertford, Diocesan Educational Secretary will address the Auxiliary in the near future on the subject of Indian.

The members will have a cake, pie and chicken salad sale on Saturday, April 4th, beginning at 10:30 A. M. at the store adjoining J. O. Manning. Plans are being formulated to improve the Church yard.

ANSWER BOX

Q. What are the five main causes of absences in the public schools of Martin County?

A. According to reports filed in the county superintendent's office, tenants shifting, sickness, indifference of parents, poverty, and weather conditions are the main factors limiting attendance upon the schools.

Q. What is the average instructional cost per pupil per year in the Martin County schools?

A. \$20.00.

Q. How many practicing dentists are there in Martin County?

A. Two, or one for every 11,700.

Q. Is the number of people to each doctor in Martin County greater or less than the number of people to each doctor in the United States?

A. More. In Martin County there are 2,340 people to every doctor, while in the United States there is one doctor for every 800 people on an average.

Club Women Open Curb Market Here Next Saturday

POULTRYMAN TALKS ABOUT CHICK RAISING

"Money In Poultry" New Jersey Chick Specialist Declared

"There is money in poultry raising," J. G. Cavallo, poultry specialist of New Jersey, told a group of poultry raisers assembled at the Lindsley Ice Company's plant here last Friday evening. "But you have to know how to handle your flocks to make money, and unless you handle them right, there'll be a resulting loss," the specialist added. There were very few at the group meeting, and Mr. Cavallo limited his instruction to general activities connected with poultry raising. Sanitation was pointed out to be one of the most important features in raising chickens, proper feeding coming second. The return from a hen poorly cared for will hardly ever be more than \$1.50 per year, but when properly cared for the same hen will offer a return as high as \$2.50 and sometimes more each year.

"Poultry raisers are asleep in this part of the country," Mr. Cavallo stated. "Only a few days ago, raisers as far away as Ohio were shipping eggs to Norfolk, Va., a distance of many miles, and within a few hours' ride of Eastern Carolina.

The sideline method of handling poultry is a costly business, and the man who feeds his fowls corn is selling that product for about 40 cents per bushel. He had best sell his chickens and corn too, the poultryman advised. The standardization of flocks was advanced as one of the main requisites in starting in the poultry business, and as the business develops standardize further by grading the eggs. Mr. Cavallo stated. In explaining the importance of egg grading, the New Jersey man stated that he had formed a small association with sixteen high school boys that by grading their produce they received from 15 to 20 cents more per dozen above the regular market price. "Here is a splendid opportunity for farmers of this section to make similar profits," Mr. Cavallo believed.

The egg and chicken markets have witnessed unusual and marked changes during the past year or two. Hens are laying the year around as a result of modern methods of caring for them, and size and freshness of eggs are what count most now.

It was plain from the facts advanced by the poultryman that our farmers are making very little headway in poultry raising, but it was also made plain that they have a splendid opportunity to make the business a profitable one, the raiser must make preparations to combat disease, which is easily possible, the specialist stated. Sanitation, feeding and marketing methods are also necessary, he stated. Booklets on the care of poultry were left with the Lindsley Ice Company here, and they will be distributed upon request.

SINGING CLASS TO COME HERE

Oxford Orphanage Pupils Will Appear in Concert Here April 9th

The Oxford Orphanage singing class will appear here in a concert Thursday, April 9, it was announced this week by officials of the Skewakey Lodge here. The engagement here is one of a series that the orphanage class will fill during the spring tour.

Depression has been far-reaching during the past year or two, but its effect has been even more pronounced in the orphanages, and an earnest appeal is being directed to every one in attend the concert here Thursday evening, April 9.

The class came here last year for the first time in several seasons. At that time an able support was tendered by the people of the community, and it is hoped that they will again come to the aid of the institution and its charges.

Local Highs Open Ball Season Here Today

The local high school baseball team is playing the first game of the season here this afternoon at 3:30 with the Windsor Highs furnishing the opposition. A large attendance is urged.

During the past few weeks, the locals have been practicing every opportunity. Coach W. R. Bouknight stating that the boys have the promise of developing into a fast team.

Next Friday, the local go to Plymouth where they play the high school nine of that place.

J. H. EVERETT DIES AT HOME

Was Prominent Tobacco Man; Funeral Tomorrow Afternoon

J. Haywood Everett, prominent tobaccoist of Robersonville, died at his home there this morning at 2 o'clock of pneumonia. He was taken ill last Wednesday, and by Saturday his condition was considered grave.

Funeral arrangements had not been completed this morning, but services will be held some time tomorrow afternoon.

Mr. Everett was born in Everetts about fifty years ago. After living there a number of years, he moved to Greenville, later engaging in the tobacco business. He operated the Planters' warehouse here year before last, and was a partner with Mr. J. R. Morris at the Central Warehouse in Robersonville last season.

FAKE TELEGRAM SENT IN CONTEST

Lead Individuals to Think They Had Won Camel Contest Prize

Winston-Salem, N. C. March 21st—The appearance of a number of fake telegrams falsely notifying individuals in various sections of the country that they have been awarded one of the prizes offered by the R. J. Reynolds Tobacco Company in the Camel Cigarette contest led officers of the company to issue this statement today.

"We have learned through numerous letters telegrams and newspaper articles that practical jokers in some sections of the country are sending telegrams purporting to come from us notifying individuals that they have won a prize in our \$50,000 Camel Cigarette contest," the statement said.

"We regret the appearance of these hoaxes and wish to assure contestants and the public generally that no prize selections have yet been made. In fact it will be several weeks before the Judges and their staff can possibly make selections.

"Approximately a million answers were received in the contest. Obviously a fair reading of so many letters requires a considerable period of time. Every letter is being given a careful reading. Those with special merit must be studied.

"We want to thank all who entered the contest and to ask them to be patient. Several more weeks must elapse before the judges can render a decision. The names of all winners will be included in our formal announcements just as quickly as the letters can be examined and selections determined."

PROCEEDINGS IN SUPERIOR COURT

D. W. Downs Gets \$3,000 Verdict In Land Suit Case

D. W. Downs was given a verdict of \$3,000 and possession of 130 acres of land in Goose Nest township by a Martin County jury here yesterday afternoon in the case of Diet, Fruit, Corporation against him. The verdict followed a trial lasting more than three days and after a jury deliberation lasting around three hours. The court heard one or two outside causes yesterday, the Downs case concluding local procedure for the day.

The corporation was suing for possession of the particular land under one deed, while the defendant claimed possession under another deed.

This morning the court renewed its work with a new jury, and after continuing the case of Biggs against Roberson, it started work on the Blount and Company against Meador case, a controversy over a piece of land.

Comparatively small crowds are attending the court.

Lewis Brown, Colored, Is Badly Cut In Alfray Here

Lewis Brown, colored, was badly cut about the shoulder following a free-for-all quarrel at the home of Perlie Williams, near the Washington Road rail crossing early last Saturday night. The case has not reached the courts at this time and full particulars leading up to the trouble have not been made public. Williams stated he was not at home when the trouble started, but arrived about the time Brown was sliced.

According to information gained, Lewis Brown struck John Brown, and Theodore Freeman, wielding a sharp razor, attacked Lewis Brown. A large gash was made on the man's shoulder.

COOPERATION OF ALL URGED BY THE AGENT

Market Will Be Operated In Roanoke-Dixie Warehouse

SUGGESTIONS ASKED

Curb or Exchange Markets In Other Counties of North Carolina Have Been Successful

Martin county's first curb market for the handling of garden and certain field products will be opened to the public in the Roanoke Warehouse here next Saturday morning, it was announced yesterday by Miss Lora E. Sleeper, the county's home agent. Plans for the opening of a curb market in this county have been underway for some time, and only recently were arrangements completed for the operation of such a market.

The market opening at 8:45 Saturday morning of this week will be operated under rules adopted by the County Council of Home Demonstration Clubs at a meeting held here last month. These rules are very simple, and when followed will have much to do with the successful operation of the market. The rules, as announced by the home agent are as follows:

1. The market shall be known as the Martin County Demonstration market.
2. The slogan shall be "Where town and country meet at the curb market."
3. All sellers on the market shall be from rural communities.
4. No family shall have more than one seller on the market at a time.
5. All families represented by a seller on the market shall have at least one member in the family in an adult home demonstration club. Instruction in grading, standardizing, wrapping etc. will be given through the club meetings.
6. All produce sold on the market shall be made or raised at the home of the seller.
7. The prices shall be fixed by a price fixing committee composed of three women, two from the rural communities and one from town.
8. Any one underselling or overselling the prices as fixed by the committee, on the curb, shall forfeit all privileges of selling.
9. Each seller shall contribute .02 on each dollar sale to the up keep of the market.

Curb markets are in operation in many counties throughout the State, and even in the smaller counties they have met with a marked success. Time and patience on the part of both producer and purchaser are necessary, and a hearty cooperation on the part of everyone is urged. "In Washington county, where the curb market system of selling is operating successfully, merchants, business men and town officials are said to have supported in a very liberal way the undertaking.

Garden products will be placed on sale in the warehouse at 8:45, the market continuing open for only a short time. Local housewives are invited and urged to attend the markets and acquaint themselves with the exchange.

Suggestions for the improvement of the market from both town and country people are invited and will be appreciated. A box will be placed near the market, and any suggestions dropped therein will be given diligent consideration.

PAVING TAX BILL PASSES IN HOUSE

Tax Exemption Bill Made Law When House Passed Measure Yesterday

Approximately \$5,492.99 in paving taxes were lifted from five local churches yesterday when the house of representatives enacted into law a bill exempting the religious organizations from special paving assessments. The bill does not provide for a refund of paving taxes already paid to the town and it is not known whether or not the religious leaders will make a drive for monies already paid.

The bill, passed in the senate a few days ago in the house yesterday, relieves the following churches of the designated amounts, not including interest:

- Presbyterian, \$333.99*
 - Methodist, \$611.17.
 - Episcopal, \$788.53.
 - Baptist, \$699.18.
 - Christian, \$17.36.
- Not complete as costs for paving on Watts Street were not available. The total exemptions, \$4,160.23, mentioned plus interest of \$1,332.76 total \$5,492.99.

NEGRO FARMERS MEET SATURDAY

Will Meet In New Negro School Building; Discuss Best Farming Methods

BY L. J. HAYES

The Negro farmers of this county are to meet in the New School building for Negroes here on Saturday when talks are to be made about the best methods of farming during these hard times. It is evident that methods of the past are not suitable to the demands at present and that there should be a definite understanding as to what steps are best to be taken that the greatest good come to all farmers.

Too, this meeting is set for another purpose—that being the getting together of farmers of this group that a common understanding exist. It is high day that the farmer as a potent factor in the development of things worth while, know himself and proceed to work along a more intelligent plan. Plans for this are to be projected in this conference, and all farmers are urged to come and bring their wives, if possible.

The County Farm agent, Mr. T. B. Brandon is to talk to us about the newer methods of farming, that, during the coming planting periods, we plan to an assured purpose. Too, we are expecting Miss Sleeper, County Club worker, to be present and tell the Negro farm women what might be done to make things better in their realm, and in general.

A prize that will surprise most of you, is to be given to the farmer holding the lucky number. Tickets with numbers will be distributed and a child will handle them when collected. Come at 10:30 sharp and be in your seats to hear the important messages.

I am anxious to have you, in this way christen the new building—for service to all.

ROBBERS ENTER EVERETTS STORE

Steal Many Goods From J. S. Ayers and Co. Sunday Night

Burglars entered the store of J. S. Ayers and Company, Everetts, sometime last Sunday night or early Monday morning and carried away a quantity of merchandise, including shirts, merchandise, flour, shoes, groceries and clothes. The thieves gained an entrance by prizing open the back door.

Mr. Ayers, discovering the robbery yesterday morning, could not tell just how many articles had been removed by the burglars, but he missed about a dozen dress shirts, a dozen pair of overalls, a barrel of flour, a few pounds of sugar, several pairs of shoes, two or three suits of clothes and some tobacco and a few groceries valued at more than \$100. One large suit of clothes covered with lint was found on the store floor, indicating that it had been placed in a bag and later removed. A pair of trousers was also found on the floor. At the car house of the Atlantic Coast Line, several hundred yards away, the thieves dropped or threw away two ladies' hats, leading officers to believe that the burglars parked their car in a street just east of the town while they made the raid and carted the goods on their backs down the railroad.

So far there is no clue that warrants an arrest. The robbery is the third that has been reported in Everetts during the past few months, thieves, having entered the store of J. S. Peel and Company only a few days ago.

NEWS OF OAK CITY SCHOOLS

Arbor Day Program Given By Pupils There Last Friday

In observing State Forestry week, the Oak City Schools last Friday prepared an Arbor Day program, sponsored by Misses Adeline Tew and Elizabeth Whichard. The program stressed the importance of plants, trees and birds to the progress and happiness of people.

Mr. Chas. J. Moore, assistant State Game Warden made a short talk, telling about the conservation and development work now being carried on in the State by the department with which he is connected.

Thursday, the 4-H club girls held their meeting. Miss Lora Sleeper, county home agent, had charged, of the meeting and under her supervision each member's weight and height were recorded in an effort to determine the healthiest girl in the group. The name will be announced later, it was stated.

Poplar Point Club Women Hold Meeting Last Week

The women of the Home Demonstration club of Poplar Point held their regular meeting last week at the home of Mrs. Florence Edwards. Owing to many new folks in the neighborhood it was necessary to reorganize at this time. The following women are the club officers for the next year, Mrs. Lena Cassell, president; Mrs. H. B. Hardy, vice president; Miss Mandie Edwards, secretary and Miss Hazel Johnson, news reporter. After the business meeting old garments brought to the meeting were remodeled and suggestions made for restyling by the home agent, Miss Sleeper. The ten women present reported an interesting meeting.—Club Reporter.

LITTLE VETERAN CASH RECEIVED

\$3,000,000.00 Paid In State But Limited Amount Received Here

Money continued to flow into the pockets of World War veterans in North Carolina, but very little is coming to ex-soldiers in this county, according to information received here yesterday. A few checks have been received and cashed by veterans here, but a majority of them was received from an individual bank in St. Paul, Minn.

North Carolina veterans have received more than \$3,000,000 in loans under the new bonus legislation and applications are still being received at the rate of 1,000 a day, J. S. Pittman, manager of the Charlotte office of the U. S. Veterans Bureau said last week.

More than 35,000 applications for loans have been received, he said. Although they are not coming as rapidly as during the first two weeks, there are still plenty to keep the office force busy, he added.

Pittman said that information received at the office indicated the veterans were using their money to a good advantage. Some of them, he explained, paying bills with the loans, while others are using the funds in their business enterprises.

Urges Cooperation in Conservation Work

In an effort to effect a greater cooperation between the State Department of Conservation and Development and the people, and to render the work of the department more valuable to the people, County Game Warden J. W. Hines is urging the people to: Produce More Game and Game Fishes; Safeguard Wild Life and Its Habitat; Establish More Inviolate Wild Life Refuges; Provide More Public Hunting and Fishing Grounds; Develop Public Appreciation of Wild Life; Urge Universal Practice of Clean Sportsmanship; Promote Respect for Rights of Landowners; Encourage Them to Increase Game; Stop Commercialized Slaughter, Illicit Sale, and Wasteful Practices; Extend Wild Life Research; Help Develop State Game Policies; Disseminate Helpful Information to the Public; Cooperate With Other Conservation Agencies—J. W. Hines, County Game Warden.

Jamesville Farmers Will Meet At Cooper School

Farmers of the Jamesville section will meet in the Cooper's schoolhouse Thursday night of this week at 8:00 o'clock, it was announced by Professor W. T. Overby yesterday. Treating sweet potatoes for planting will be discussed, Mr. Overby stated and a goodly number of farmers is expected to attend the meeting.

Sweet potato rot and other diseases have been experienced in parts of the county, and the prevention and control of these diseases will be thoroughly discussed at the meeting, it was stated.

Local School Operetta Next Friday Evening

The first of the series of commencement exercises in the local schools will be held in the high school auditorium next Friday evening at 8:15 when the primary and grammar grade children appear in an operetta, "The Wedding of Daisy and Buttercup."

The children have been thoroughly drilled in their respective parts and a splendid performance is predicted. Parents and patrons of the school are invited to attend.