

### STATE HEALTH OFFICER ISSUES STATEMENT ON CAUSE OF DELAY IN FORWARDING BIRTH RECORDS

Dr. Reynolds Says Delays Caused by Applicant, Not Health Office

Raleigh—Dr. Carl V. Reynolds, State Health Officer, has issued a statement designed to clarify the necessary requirements for securing delayed birth certificates, and the procedure that must be followed in order to secure certified copies of birth records already on file at the State Board of Health.

Dr. Reynolds statement follows: "In view of criticisms that have reached the State Board of Health from some applicants for delayed birth certificates who have experienced delays which they termed unreasonable, I take this opportunity to say that, upon personal investigation, I have found that the fault in practically every such case rested with the applicant and not in this Department.

**Delayed Birth Certificates**  
"The term 'delayed birth certificate' is applied to cases where the person was born before October 1, 1913, or those who, although they were born since that time, have failed to have their births recorded.

"Under the provisions of the Vital Statistics Act as amended by the 1941 Legislature, applications for delayed birth certificates should be sent, in each instance, to the Register of Deeds of the county in which the birth occurred, and not to the

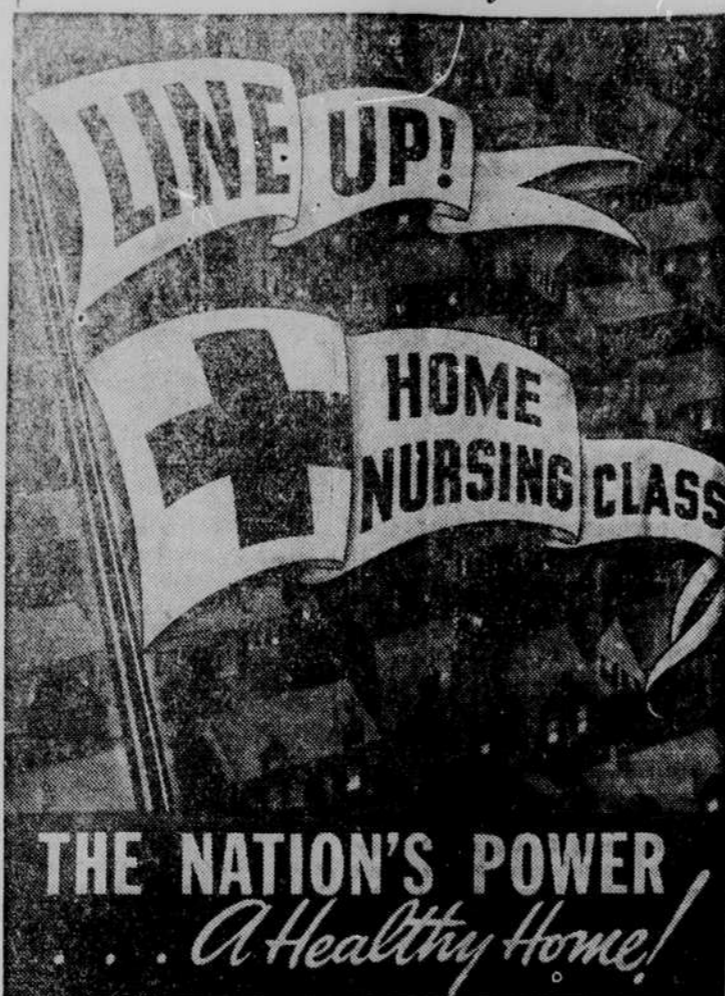
State Board of Health. When such applications are sent to the wrong place, as thousands have been, this additional correspondence and consequent delay, which results in unjust criticism.

"In order to secure a delayed birth certificate, you must send your application, together with fifty cents, to the Register of Deeds of the county in which you were born. He will then send you a notice advising you what information it is necessary for you to furnish, and when you have furnished this information, he will execute a certificate and record it. Now, if you desire a certified copy for personal use and will send him the fee prescribed by him, the Register of Deeds will provide you with said certified copy, or you can secure it from the State Board of Health in Raleigh for fifty cents, which must be enclosed with your request.

**Subsequent Births**  
"If you were born since October 1, 1913, and your birth was properly registered communicate directly with the State Board of Health in Raleigh, enclosing a fee of fifty cents, and you will receive a certified copy of your birth certificate.

"It is important, at the outset, that you get it clearly fixed in your mind whether or not you want a delayed birth certificate and a certified copy of this, or a certified copy of your birth certificate that is now recorded with the Bureau of Vital Statistics

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"There are two questions for you to settle definitely, if you want a delayed birth certificate. First, were you born prior to October 1, 1913? Secondly, if you were born since that time, was your birth properly recorded with the State Board of Health? If it was not, then you must follow the procedure necessary to secure a delayed birth certificate, just as though you were born prior to the date mentioned.

**Things To Remember**  
"Remember, if you desire a delayed birth certificate, go through your Register of Deeds. If you desire a certified copy of a certificate already registered communicate directly with the Bureau of Vital Statistics of the State Board of Health in Raleigh. In doing the latter, be sure to enclose

a fee of fifty cents and state in your application the exact place and date of your birth and the names of your parents. This will prevent delay occasioned by unnecessary correspondence.

"In order to meet the demands that are being made upon it at this time, the State Board of Health employs twenty-three full-time clerks to perform this service to the public.

**Birth Certificates Necessary**  
"It is necessary that you provide yourself with a certified copy of your birth registration if you are to enlist with the armed forces, or retain or secure employment with firms filling defense orders. However, as a reassurance to you, it can be stated that you need not become alarmed if at first you find it difficult to procure the proper information necessary for securing a birth certificate, or if the rush of applications should cause you a few days delay.

"For your information and reassurance, the following is a quotation from a memorandum sent to Army and Navy contractors and sub-contractors by the War Department: "In the event that the State in which the employee or applicant for employment claims birth is one in which the procedure outlined in the attached manual has been adopted, the employer should require the employee or applicant to obtain a delayed certificate of birth from such State within a reasonable time after the request for data on citizenship has been made by the employer. Pending receipt of such certificate, it is recommended that the employer give temporary employment to such applicant and retain the services of such employee."

"It is hoped that the information outlined in this statement be given careful consideration by every applicant or prospective applicant for a birth certificate, and that each make proper determination as to the class in which he belongs. This done, matters will be greatly simplified; delays will be eliminated, and each applicant will find himself relieved of much unnecessary anxiety.

"It is suggested that those interested preserve this article for future reference. Clip it and pass it on to others after you have familiarized yourself with the procedure outlined."

### Creswell P.-T.A. Meets Thursday Evening

Creswell—The Creswell P.T.A. met Thursday evening in the school auditorium for its regular monthly meeting.

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State Officials Urge That Farmers Cooperate in Giving Information

Raleigh—Information on livestock, acreage, farm machinery and poultry will be gathered from 280,000 farmers this month by the State Department of Agriculture for use in the 1942 Farm Census, "a publication that will be of inestimable value in planning food for defense programs."

Information for the census will be furnished by growers when they list their taxes.

"It is important that farmers furnish information for the census as early as possible in order that the census may be given to the publishers as early as possible," W. T. Garriss, census supervisor, said today. "The value of the census will be greater if it is placed in the hands of farmers and agricultural leaders as soon as possible."

Meanwhile, Governor Broughton and Commissioner of Agriculture W. Kerr Scott have made a joint appeal to farmers for cooperation in facilitating the issuance of the census. Both viewed the publication as a worthwhile contribution to the defense program with relation to agricultural planning.

The Farm Census has been published by the State Department of Agriculture for the past 25 years.

Garriss emphasized that "the information gathered for the census has tremendous value in furnishing growers 'factual munitions' for intelligent agricultural planning."

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