

Health Department

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Through the courtesy of the press we are initiating a column under the above caption for the purpose of conveying information pertaining to the work of the District Health Department comprising the counties of Haywood, Jackson, and Swain, which has recently been organized by the cooperation of the N. C. State Board of Health, the U. S. Public Health Service, and the Indian Service, with the counties of the district. In this introductory article we will make a statement covering the organization and its function and will follow from time to time with a brief article on some timely public health topic.

The annual budget of the District Health Department is \$2,250,000.00; \$5,200,000.00 of which is derived locally, and \$1,950,000.00 from state and outside sources. An itemization of the source of funds making up the budget is as follows:

- The N. C. State Board of Health \$6380.00
- The U. S. Public Health Service 5500.00
- The Indian Service 4500.00
- Haywood County 3700.00
- Jackson County 1350.00
- Swain County 330.00

Personnel provided by the budget includes a district health officer, an assistant district health officer, a supervising public health nurse, an Indian Service nurse, three county nurses, two sanitary engineers, and a clerk-stenographer. The Health District staff and assignments are as follows: Dr. C. N. Sisk, District Health Officer, Dr. W. W. Nesbit, of the U. S. Public Health Service, Assistant Health Officer, Mrs. S. R. Marsteller, Supervising Public Health Nurse and Field Nurse for Haywood County, Miss Lillian Fowler, Field Nurse for Jackson County, Miss Harte Oliver, Field Nurse for Swain County, Miss Willa McDaniel, Indian Service Nurse, Mrs. E. L. Hinton, Sanitary Engineer for Haywood County, Mr. Ben J. Sloan, Sanitary Engineer for Jackson and Swain Counties and Mrs. Caroline Ashton Hyatt, Clerk-stenographer. Offices will be maintained in the court house at Waynesville, Sylva, and Bryson City.

Supervision of the health department is under the jurisdiction of the local board of health in each county. The members of the county board of health are the chairman of the board of county commissioners, the county school superintendent and the mayor of the county seat, as ex-officio members, and two physicians and a dentist selected by them. The health officer is elected by the local board of health however, the outside contributing agencies demand certain qualifications as to training and experience. The selection of other personnel is made by the health officer under prescribed qualification requirements.

Students of public health know that efficient public health work requires especially trained workers, just as it is necessary for one graduating in medicine, to take special training in surgery to become proficient as a surgeon. This is true of public health nursing, consequently the contributing agencies have set forth the following requirements for public health nurses employed in the district:

1. High school graduation.
2. Graduation from an accredited school of nurses connected with a general hospital having a daily average of fifty patients or more, etc.
3. (a) Six weeks instruction in public health nursing, and one year experience under adequate supervision. Or (b) Two years experience under adequate supervision. Or (c) A Public Health Nursing course endorsed by the National Organization for Public Health Nursing.
4. State registration.

A detailed description of the work of a health department would consume too much space. We will say that the public health program is wholly one of disease prevention. The health department does not engage in treatment of diseases which is the work of the private physicians. A brief outline of the health department program would be:

1. Vital Statistics: The collection, tabulation, and study of birth and death reports.
2. Communicable Disease Control: Quarantine and isolation of certain diseases. Vaccination against typhoid fever, smallpox, diphtheria, etc.
3. School Hygiene: The physical examination of all school children with effort to secure correction of defects.
4. Maternal and Infant Welfare: Control of the practice of mid-wifery. Prenatal, postnatal and infant care in co-operation with the physicians.
5. Sanitation: Milk sanitation, food handling, water supplies, excrета disposal, school sanitation, etc.
6. Laboratory: The collection and examination of milk and water samples. The examination of blood and body excretions.

Through the activities of the T. V. A. and the attraction of the Smoky Mountains National Park, industrial and tourist visitation in this section will no doubt exceed the most sanguine expectation. The first prerequisite, to attract industry and visitors is the assurance of reasonable health protection. We cordially invite every organization and individual in the district to join with us in an effort to improve the health conditions of our people and to safeguard the health of those sojourning among us.

Controversies

"Controversies are essential to civilization," said Hi Ho, the sage of Chinatown, "but we civilize more rapidly if we can conduct one controversy at a time instead of trying to settle all questions at once."

The State of North Carolina has provided means for, and passed laws, making it compulsory to report all births and deaths occurring in the state. For the convenience of interested parties an individual known as Local Registrar has been appointed in each township to receive reports of all births and deaths occurring in the township. The law provides that within four days after the date of each birth there shall be filed with the local registrar of the district in which the birth occurred a certificate of such birth by the physician or midwife in attendance, and in cases where there is no physician or midwife in attendance it shall be the duty of the father or mother of the child, the householder, or owner of the premises, to make the birth report.

The purpose of registering a birth is to prove the child's age, and citizenship his right to go to school, his right to go to work to inherit property, to marry, to hold office, to obtain passports for foreign travel, and to prove his mother's right to a pension if she is a widow. If there is any doubt about whether the birth of a child has been registered, an inquiry may be sent to the State Board of Health at Raleigh where no records are filed. If the birth report has not been received, the board will furnish a blank to be filled out and returned. A stillborn child shall be registered as a birth and also as a death, and a separate certificate of both birth and death shall be filed with the local registrar.

The body of any person whose death occurs shall not be buried or removed from a registration district nor held more than seventy-two hours after death unless a permit for burial or removal has been properly issued by the local registrar. A local registrar cannot issue a removal or burial permit until a medical certificate has been made and signed by the physician in charge showing the cause of death, etc. It is the duty of the undertaker or person acting as such to secure a burial permit from the local registrar. In case there has been no physician treating the deceased the local registrar shall inform the local health officer and refer the case to him for investigation and certification, or the local registrar may be authorized to make a certificate from the statement of relatives of the facts. If the registrar has reason to believe that the death has been due to unlawful act or neglect, he shall refer the case to the coroner for investigation and certification.

The local registrars in Haywood County are, as follows:

- TOWNS**
- Canton, Miss Mabel Moffitt, Canton, N. C.
 - Clyde, Miss Willie Robinson, Clyde, N. C.
 - Waynesville, Mrs. G. C. Davis, Waynesville, N. C.
- TOWNSHIPS**
- Beaverdam, Miss Mabel Moffitt, Canton, R. 2.
 - Catalonche, Jarvis L. Palmer, Catalonche.
 - Cecil, L. F. Justice, Canton, R. 2.
 - Clyde, C. W. Moody, Clyde.
 - Crabtree, Miss Belle McCracken, Crabtree.
 - East Fork, L. A. Pless, Cruse.
 - Fines Creek, Mrs. T. W. Rogers, Crabtree, R. 1.
 - Ivy Hill, Mrs. J. A. Campbell, Dellwood.
 - Iron Duff, T. J. Davis, Waynesville, R. 2.
 - Jonathan's Creek, Mrs. Jimmie Boyd, Wayneville R. 2.
 - Pigeon, Paul Hyatt, Canton, R. 2.
 - Waynesville, Mrs. G. C. Davis, Waynesville.
 - White, Oak, Mrs. J. C. Clark, Cove Creek.

Democratic Party Is \$537,514.35 In Red, Report Says

"Modern conditions require great expenditures by political parties in order to present their policies to the public," said Honorable James A. Farley.

James W. Gerard, the former Ambassador, chairman of the Finance committee of the National Democratic Party says:

"For instance the radio alone has added much to our expenses. In the Roosevelt campaign we spent well over \$340,000.00 for radio alone. Even after a campaign has been closed expenses go on; the party organization must be maintained, elections to fill vacancies in Congress attended to and the public kept informed of the party's policies. The Democratic party maintains headquarters in Washington and New York and between elections these are busy places."

At present the Democratic party has a deficit of \$537,514.65.

"Do you expect any difficulty in raising money to meet this deficit?" Mr. Gerard was asked.

"No," said he, "my only difficulty will be to get to the Democratic supporters in this country the fact that we need money. I am relying on the plain people who voted for Roosevelt to furnish this money in contributions of ten, five, two and even contributions of one dollar will be welcome. I do not think that they will fail us. Twenty-two million, five hundred thousand people voted for President Roosevelt in 1932 and the poll of the Literary Digest shows that the number of the President's supporters has increased rather than decreased."

I appeal to Roosevelt's supporters to send contributions to me at Hotel Biltmore, New York City. Acknowledgments will be sent.

IMPROVED UNIFORM INTERNATIONAL SUNDAY SCHOOL Lesson

By REV. P. H. FITZWATER, D. D., Minister of the First Baptist Church, Nashville, Tenn., and Editor of the Bible Echo, N. Y.

Lesson for June 10
JESUS ON THE CROSS

LESSON TEXT—MATTHEW 27:15-34.
GOLDEN TEXT—Looking unto Jesus the author and finisher of our faith, who for the joy that was set before him endured the cross, despising the shame, and is set down at the right hand of the throne of God, Hebrews 12:2.

PRIMARY TOPIC—Jesus dying for us.
JUNIOR TOPIC—Jesus giving His life for us.
INTERMEDIATE AND SENIOR TOPIC—Jesus suffering on the cross.
YOUNG PEOPLE AND ADULT TOPIC—Calvary.

In a real sense the grand climax of the six months' lessons is reached in this one. It is not a matter of learning the lessons taught by a great teacher, or imitating the examples of a great, good man, but of apprehending the atonement made by the world's Redeemer. He was made to be sin for us that we might be made the righteousness of God in him (1 Cor. 5:21).

I. The Place of Crucifixion (vv. 27, 31, 33).

They led him away to Gethsemane, a hill north of Jerusalem, resembling a skull. He was crucified without the gate (Heb. 13:12). At first he was compelled to bear his own cross (John 19:17), but when physical weakness made it impossible for him to continue, they compelled Simon the Cyrenean to bear it for him (v. 32).

II. Gambling for the Clothes of the Lord (vv. 35, 36).

It was the custom for the soldiers who had charge of the crucifixion to receive the garments of the one crucified. We have here a fulfillment of Psalm 22:18, "They parted my garments among them, and cast lots upon my vesture." What sacrifice for them to gamble for his seamless robe under the very cross where he was dying. If they had but eyes to see they could have beheld a robe of righteousness—being provided in his death to cover their sinful nakedness.

III. The Accusation (v. 37).

It was customary to place over the victim on the cross his name and crime. This superscription was placed over Jesus by Pilate to vex the Jews. He was their king in absolute truth. They had long looked for him, and now when he had come, this is the kind of treatment they gave him. Though they rejected him and placed a crown of thorns upon his head, the throne of his father David is his by right of the unfulfilling covenant of God to David (1 Sam. 7:8-10).

IV. Two Malefactors Crucified With Him (v. 38).

We are not told who they were. Perhaps they belonged to the land of Parthians. This again was a fulfillment of the Scriptures, "He was numbered with the transgressors" (Isa. 53:12).

V. The Dying Saviour Reviled (vv. 39-41).

He was reviled by the passers-by, the chief priests, the scribes, the elders and the very malefactors who were crucified with him. In their mockery they unwittingly spoke great truths.

1. "He saved others, himself he cannot save" (v. 42). This jest was meant to show the absurdity of Jesus' claims, but it demonstrated them and showed the reason for his suffering. He could not save himself and others so he chose to give himself to save others.

2. "If he be the king of Israel let him now come down from the cross" (v. 42). His refusal to abandon the cross established his rightful claims. The devil offered him the kingdoms of the world if he would escape the cross (Matt. 4:8-10). The very fact that he did not abandon the cross proves that he was what he claimed to be, for it was unto the cross that he came.

3. "He trusted in God; let him deliver him now, if he will have him" (v. 43). His refusal to abandon the cross was to the full delight and satisfaction of God. His obedience unto death was the sacrifice which met God's full approval.

VI. The Death of Christ (vv. 45-56).

Who is sufficient to comment upon this tragedy. Let us contemplate it in adoration and wonder. So shocking was this crime that nature threw around the Son of God a shroud that the goddess company could not gaze upon him. Darkness was upon the land at noonday. This darkness was the outer sign of that which hung over the Lord. He became sin for the world and the world's sin hid God's face from him. God forsake him, turned from him who had taken the sinner's place. God was dealing with sin on the innocent substitute. When the price of sin was paid he cried out with a loud voice showing that he still had vitality; that his death was not from exhaustion but by his sovereign will. He yielded up his spirit to God.

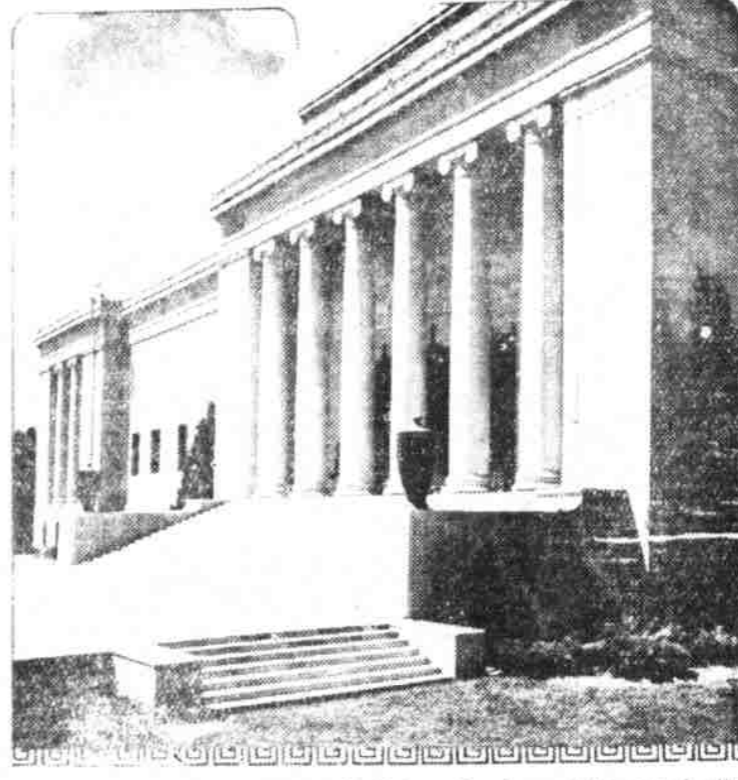
Honorable Way

We need not borrow the tools of Satan to win the victories for Jesus. Any honorable end can be reached in an honorable way. God sets no goal which has to be won by insincerity and indirection.

Where Strength Lies

"I will lift up mine eyes unto the hills." The vision of God unseals the lips of man. Herein lies strength for conflict with the common enemy of the praying world known as wandering thoughts.

Great Editor's Dream Comes True



The dream of the late Col. W. R. Nelson, founder, publisher and editor of the Kansas City Star, was to give to Kansas City a fine art gallery. His dream has been realized, for the William Rockhill Nelson gallery of art has just been dedicated and opened to the public. Colonel Nelson's gifts for the building and exhibits were about \$15,000,000. The collection includes many foreign and American masterpieces. A part of the building houses the Atkins museum, in which is the library of Colonel Nelson.

WOMAN IS MARRIED IN SEERSUCKER TROUSERS

Anything to be different, believes Mrs. Vera Viola Balls Schaefer, Joperson City, Mo., who was attracted in seersucker trousers a sweater and a tam when she took the marriage vows with her husband who was conventionally attired.

MAGGIE HAS VOICE LIFTED

At Stettin, Pa., Maggie Wilson, 11, will be back on her job in the town chair Sunday. When she lost her voice this week her physician sent her for an airplane fly—told the pilot to turn the prop until Maggie's vocal power returned. It did.

Read The Ads

Strawberries for Preserving

Get your Strawberries now as the season will be short this year.

Come early and get them while they last for waiting may mean disappointment.

Raymond Swayngim
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MEMORIAL TREES ARE CHOPPED DOWN

Eight elm trees, planted twenty years ago by the Chattanooga Kiwanis club and dedicated to Hamilton county's war dead, were saved only so passers-by on Roseville, highway, could get an unobstructed view of a cigarette ad billboard.

WIDMAN, 80, HASN'T SLEPT FOR 23 YEARS

At Gogel, Hungary, Mrs. Ella Szal, 80 year-year-old insomnia victim, is reported to have gone without sleep for 23 years. She cannot get sleeping powders because of a weak heart. To relieve the motor-sleepless nights, she changes from one bed to another and walks around a table several times.

Sports for Women

The popular sports of women in England, France, Norway and Italy are: England—field hockey, tennis, net ball (American basketball), swimming, cricket, track, folk dancing and light gymnastics. France—tennis, cycling, hiking, volley ball, basketball, rhythmic exercises and light gymnastics. Norway—skating, skiing, folk dancing, hiking, swimming, canoeing, tennis. Germany—handball, track, baseball and camping. Italy—canoeing, hiking, bicycling, swimming, gymnastics, track and field, volley ball, basketball, tennis and folk dances.

Largest Sperm Whales

The largest sperm whales in the world are caught off the British Columbia coast, and from 50 to 60 per cent of the commercial oil in the world comes from the stations located on the Queen Charlotte Islands.

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