

**THE MOUNTAIN COUNTIES LEAD.**

**Have Highest Birth Rate and Lowest Death Rate Says Report of State Board of Health — Lack of Negro Population Cause For Low Death Rate in Mountain Section.**

(State Board of Health Bulletin.)  
From figures contained in the 1915-1916 Biennial Report of the State Board of Health, which is just from the press, the mountain counties of the State are far outstripping the piedmont and eastern counties in the number of births per year per 1,000 population. McDowell County, with the high rate of 58.6, leads the State, while Clay and Yancey follow with a rate of 49.6 for Clay and 48.4 for Yancey. Following are Macon

with a rate of 45.4; Alexander, 40.7; Wilkes, 40.4; Avery, Caldwell and Watauga, each with a rate of 39.7, while there are many other mountain counties that surpass the average birth rate of the State.

The only eastern counties that are admitted into this class are Greene, with a birth rate of 43.5; Martin, 41.9; Warren, 41.8; Bladen and Tyrrell, each 41.3, and Gates 39.8. No piedmont counties are quite so prosperous as far as increase in population is concerned.

The counties having the lowest birth rates are Camden, with the low rate of 18.8; Madison, 22.7; Durham, 24.7; Almanace, 25.9; Mecklenburg, 26.4; Craven, 27.7; Moore, 28.2; Guilford, 28.4 and Alleghany, 28.6.

The mountain counties come in also for the lowest death rates. Swain leads with a rate of 7.0, while Avery, Mitchell and Watauga follow with 8.0. The counties having the next lowest death rates are Caldwell, 8.2; Cherokee, 8.4; Yancey, 8.6; Graham and Union, 9.2; Jackson, 9.3; Pamlico, 9.4; Brunswick, 9.5; Alleghany, 9.6; Stokes, 9.7; Ashe and Rutherford, 9.9.

The exceptionally low death rate of these counties, as explained in the report, in comparison with other counties of the state is easily accounted for in that all these counties, with the exception of Union, Pamlico and Brunswick, have less than 15 per cent colored population and it is a well-known rule in

health work that as the colored population increases, the death rate increases, and vice versa.

**ANNOUNCEMENTS.**

**For Mayor**

I hereby announce myself a candidate for the office of mayor of the city of Gastonia, subject to the action of the voters at the approaching municipal election in May. If elected I will devote my entire time to the duties of this office.  
V. E. LONG.

**For Mayor**

I hereby announce myself a can-

didate for the office of mayor of the city of Gastonia subject to the action of the voters at the election to be held in May.  
A. E. WOLTZ.

**For Mayor.**

I hereby announce myself a candidate for the office of mayor of the city of Gastonia subject to the action of the voters at the election to be held in May.  
A. M. DIXON.

**FOR ALDERMEN:**

We hereby announce ourselves as candidates for election as aldermen from our respective wards, subject to the action of the voters of the city of Gastonia at the election to be

held in May.  
Ward 1—B. F. S. AUSTIN.  
Ward 2—S. M. MORRIS.  
Ward 3—A. B. ELLIOTT.  
Ward 4—T. M. McENTIRE.  
Ward 5—J. M. SLOAN.  
Ward 6—W. F. KINCAID.  
Ward 7—R. C. PATRICK.

**DON'T LET YOUR SUBSCRIPTION TO THE GAZETTE EXPIRE. LOOK AT THE DATE ON YOUR LABEL AND SEND US YOUR RE-NEWAL BEFORE YOUR TIME EXPIRES. ALL SUBSCRIPTIONS ARE STOPPED WHEN OUT UNLESS RE-NEWED.**

# City-Wide Baptist Evangelistic Campaign



E. V. LAMB.

The evangelistic campaign in the three Baptist churches of Gastonia will begin Sunday morning, March 11th. The campaign will be conducted by the evangelistic force of the Baptist Home Mission Board of Atlanta, Ga. There will be an evangelist and singer at each church during the entire campaign which will last through the 25th. Mr. Lamb and Mr. Wolslagel at the First Church, Mr. Hickerson and Mr. Gardner East Church, and Mr. McMannaway and Mr. Schofield at Loray. All of these men have had considerable experience in evangelistic work with the Home Mission Board of Atlanta except Mr. Gardner who has been directing church music for some time.

This will be one of the greatest evangelistic efforts that has ever been made in Gastonia and much good with great and lasting results are expected. The Board, by which the campaign will be conducted, has 28 evangelists employed. There were 26,705 baptisms from the meetings conducted by them last year and 27,714 additions to the churches.

The public is invited to attend all the services. There will be preaching at 11 and 7:30 in all three churches on Sunday, March 11th. At 3:30 of that day there will be a special service at the First church. During the meetings, except Sunday, there will be preaching at each of the churches at night, and a service at the First church each day at 9:30.



J. P. SCHOFIELD.



C. F. GARDNER.



MR. HICKERSON.



E. L. WOLSLAGEL.



REV. J. E. McMANNAWAY.

## Begins Sunday, March 11 1917