

Births Show Slight Decrease In North Carolina In 1938

Raleigh—The total number of births in North Carolina during 1938 was 80,603, as compared 80,644 in 1937, a decrease of 41, while deaths in 1938 numbered 33,765, which was a decrease of 335 under the preceding year, figures just released by the State Board of Health's Division of Vital Statistics, of which Dr. R. T. Stimpson is the Director, reveal. Of the 335 drop in the total number of deaths, 204 are accounted for in the decreased number of persons meeting death by accident, it was pointed out. Deaths from what are termed preventable accidents in 1938 totaled 1,429, as compared with 1,633 in 1937.

"I am highly gratified," commented Dr. Carl V. Reynolds, State Health Officer, "at the fact that North Carolina's death rate dropped from 9.8 in 1937 to 9.6 last year, which was considerable under the national death rate of 11.2, according to the latest available federal figures, while our birth rate—22.8 in 1938—was noticeably in excess of the national rate of 17.0. Our death rate has dropped from 10.3 to 9.6 in the past biennium. Our birth rate was 22.1 in 1936, 23.1 in 1937 and 22.8 last year, which shows that, while we are achieving steady decrease in the number of deaths, we are holding our own in the number of births. North Carolina, at least is not helping to make of the South 'Economic Problem No. 1' in the matter of its fine showing in vital statistics."

Births in 1938, it is shown in Dr. Stimpson's figures, exceeded deaths by 46,838.

"But there are always those things which place a fly in the

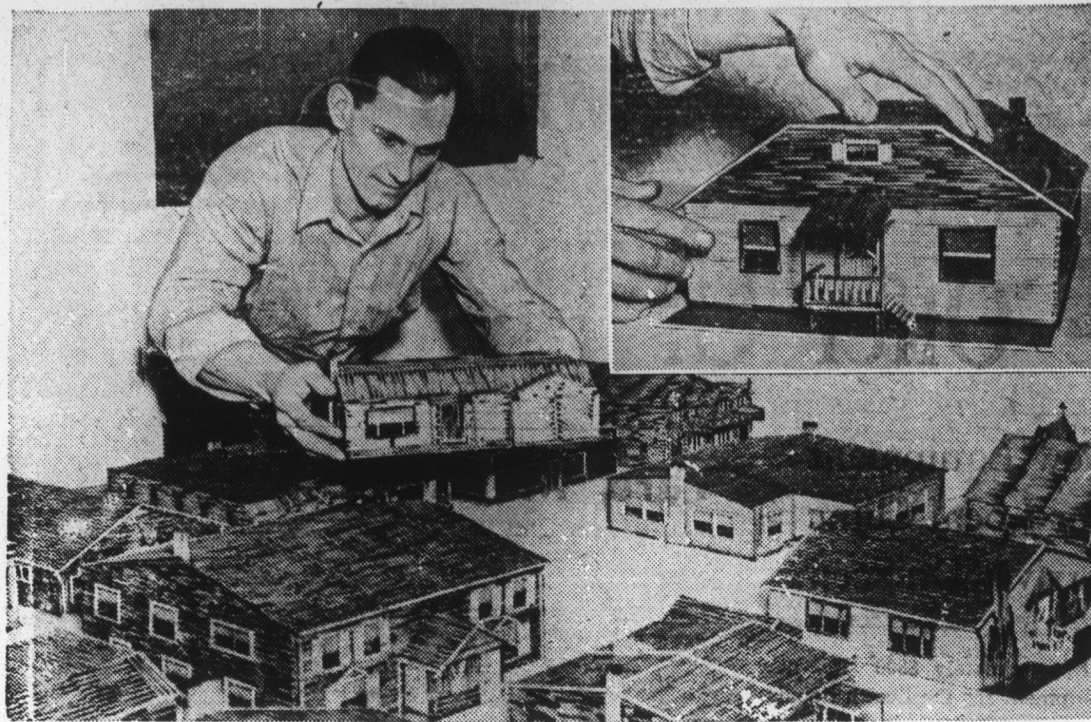
ointment," said Dr. Reynolds. "During 1938, there were 180 deaths from diphtheria, which could have been prevented, an increase of 14 over the 1937 total of 166. There is, of course, but one sure way of stamping out diphtheria, and that is by requiring parents to give their children that sure protection which is provided by inoculation during the first year of their existence.

"I regret also to note the increase in the number of deaths from pneumonia last year," Dr. Reynolds continued. "The 1938 total was 2,739, as compared with 2,553, an increase of 186. Science now has provided a cure, which is effective in at least fifty per cent of the cases, for certain types of pneumonia, provided the disease is typed in time and the proper serum administered. At least half the deaths that occur in North Carolina from this disease every year could be prevented at a cost to the State of about \$33.33 apiece, provided we were enabled to make this serum in our Laboratory of Hygiene. This is one of the objectives I have in mind," the State Health Officer declared.

MILLIONS FAVOR MEDICAL FEES

New York City—A nation-wide survey by the Institute of Public Opinion indicates that at least 25,000,000 persons in the U. S. would be willing to pay as much as \$3 per month for assurance of medical attention and hospitalization. The Institute's inquiry shows that the bulk of the support would come from the upper and middle economic groups.

Matchstick Artist Builds Miniature Village



Jerry Jaros, 25-year-old St. Louis truck driver, spends his spare time building villages of matches, using matches, a razor blade and glue as construction tools. He colors his "homes" by burning the matches to different shades, getting strikingly realistic effects. An average of 1,000 matches are used for each building. Inset shows a one-and-a-half story bungalow, the size of which can be estimated by comparing it with his hands.

May Robson Again In Garfield Film

To a friend who recently asked her: "May, why do you work so hard?", May Robson responded simply: "I enjoy working more than loafing, and I intend to go on working just as long as I can." To movie fans the world over, this is good news.

Recently, "Four Daughters" was taken to the heart of the film-going public. And one of the outstanding scenes was one between John Garfield, a newcomer to the screen from the Broadway stage, and May Robson. Garfield, as a cynical, fatalistic musician, kidded Miss Robson about being the gentle old auntie type, and the way that she set him straight made the scene an endearing one to all who saw it. Garfield's triumph in "Four Daughters" was so great that he was elevated to stardom for his next picture, "They Made Me A Criminal," coming tomorrow and Tuesday to the Dolly Madison theatre. Appearing with him in the picture is none other than May Robson, and the audiences who delighted in their previous

FARM QUESTIONS ANSWERED

Question: What can be done to cure an outbreak of colds in my young chicks—

Answer: Colds are caused by overcrowding, overheating, chilling, bad ventilation, an unbalanced diet or any factor that will devitalize the birds and this cause should be found and corrected before any treatment is given. All advanced cases should be destroyed. Rigid sanitation should be practiced and, as colds are contagious, a germicide should be placed in the drinking water. Do not look for immediate correction as colds respond very slowly to treatment. A system of prevention is better than any possible treatment.

Question: When should lespe-

deza be seeded for a hay crop? Answer: This legume should be sown on small grain in February or March. The Korean variety germinates in about two weeks and care should be taken not to seed too early. The other varieties germinate in from four to five weeks and may be seeded earlier than the Korean. If old seed are used, these should be tested for germination before seeding. All seed should be sown early enough to insure the young

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plants becoming well established before hot, dry weather, but late enough to avoid heavy freezing.

Question: How soon may vegetables plants be set in open fields?

Answer: This depends, first, on the temperature requirements of the different crops. Hardy crops, such as cabbage, collards, kale, lettuce, mustard, onions, spinach, parsley, and the smooth-seeded garden peas may be planted in the open from six to eight weeks before the last killing frost. The tender crops, such as beans, cucumbers, okra, peppers, pumpkins, tomatoes, and sweet corn should not be planted until all danger of frost is over.

COPPER FOR LETTUCE

Spraying lettuce beds with red copper oxide has given excellent control of the "damping off" disease on New Hanover truck farms. Control also has been secured through the use of semisan, but little control was given by a zinc oxide solution. A. J. Janicki reports that his plants would have been almost totally destroyed but for the spraying with red oxide of copper.

WEDDING BELLS



Miss Nancy Bell Fairchild, granddaughter of the telephone inventor, Alexander Graham Bell, was married to Dr. Marson Bates of the Rockefeller foundation in January. The wooden receiver, first used by her grandfather, is shown in contrast to the modern instrument.

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If you are opposed to the North Carolina Legislature taking \$7,000,000 from the Road Tax for other purposes WRITE OR WIRE your State Senator and Representatives in Raleigh TODAY to vote against the proposed bill!

North Carolina needs \$40,000,000 to put its highways in good shape. Why not use the tax collected from Automobile Users for ROAD PURPOSES ONLY?

There are still 50,000 miles of Dirt Roads in North Carolina! Practically every mile of this is used EVERY DAY by YOUR SCHOOL BUSES, YOUR RURAL MAIL CARRIER, YOUR DOCTOR, and YOUR FARMERS — (That is when these dirt roads are passable.) There are Half a Million Farmers in North Carolina living on Dirt Roads! There is a great and crying need for a "Farm-to-Market Program" in North Carolina.

Owners of Automobiles and users of Gasoline are urged to petition their Legislators in Raleigh to vote for the bill FORBIDDING ROAD TAX FUNDS TO BE SPENT FOR ANYTHING EXCEPT GOOD ROADS!

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