

# Babies Being Born At Enlarged Rate, Gains Offset War Losses

Raleigh, February 18.—The law of compensation is at work, as it ever has been and ever will be. While thousands are dying on land and sea, and in the air, the doors to this mortal existence are crowded. Births are occurring in unprecedented numbers. In North Carolina alone 90,056 babies were born in 1942, the greatest number ever to be recorded in a single year. With each new soul comes an added responsibility. We must feed and clothe our own armies; we must minister to the needs of our allies, but we dare not forget the obligation we owe those who, not because of their own choice, but because of the "will of the flesh," are pouring into the world—first to constitute a responsibility, then to take our places in a world that will be as unlike that which we knew in childhood as the tropics are unlike the polar regions.

What are we doing for these little ones? We can take comfort even in a partial answer to this question. In the first place, our infant mortality rate here in North Carolina last year was the lowest on record. In 1941 there were 5,073 deaths among infants under a year old, with a rate of 59.4 per one thousand live births. In 1942 the total was only 4,281, in spite of the marked increase in the number of births, and the infant mortality rate dropped to 47.5 for the entire year, throughout which there was a sustained downward trend. Can we hold this gain? That is the all-important question.

We have in North Carolina 308 maternity and infancy clinics, operated under the supervision of trained public health personnel. These are located at strategic points throughout the State. Undoubtedly, the gratifying decrease in our infant mortality rate is partly attributed to work done in and in connection with these clinics. But these cannot be expected to bear the entire responsibility for infant care. It must be shared by the home—parents must assume the duties that are incumbent upon them. How can they do their part? First, by enlightening themselves and then by putting what they have learned into practice.

For example, it is important that every child be immunized against every disease for which

a preventive has been discovered. In fulfilling this responsibility, the parent must seek the advice of the family physician. For those who are unable to pay, the doors of the 308 clinics above referred to stand open.

Not only was the infant mortality rate in North Carolina last year the lowest on record, but the same was true of the general death rate, which was 8.1. There also was a sharp decline in the total number of deaths, which was only 29,613, as compared with 32,154, during the preceding year.

Note the two extremes that marked North Carolina's vital statistics for 1942—the greatest number of births on record, and the lowest death rate. It is interesting to note that there were 60,443 more births than deaths recorded.

During the year there were only 21 deaths from typhoid fever, a disease which, during the War With Spain in 1898, claimed more victims than did Spanish bullets, while the total number of deaths from influenza, which wrought such havoc during the First World War, was only 296, as compared with 902 in 1941.

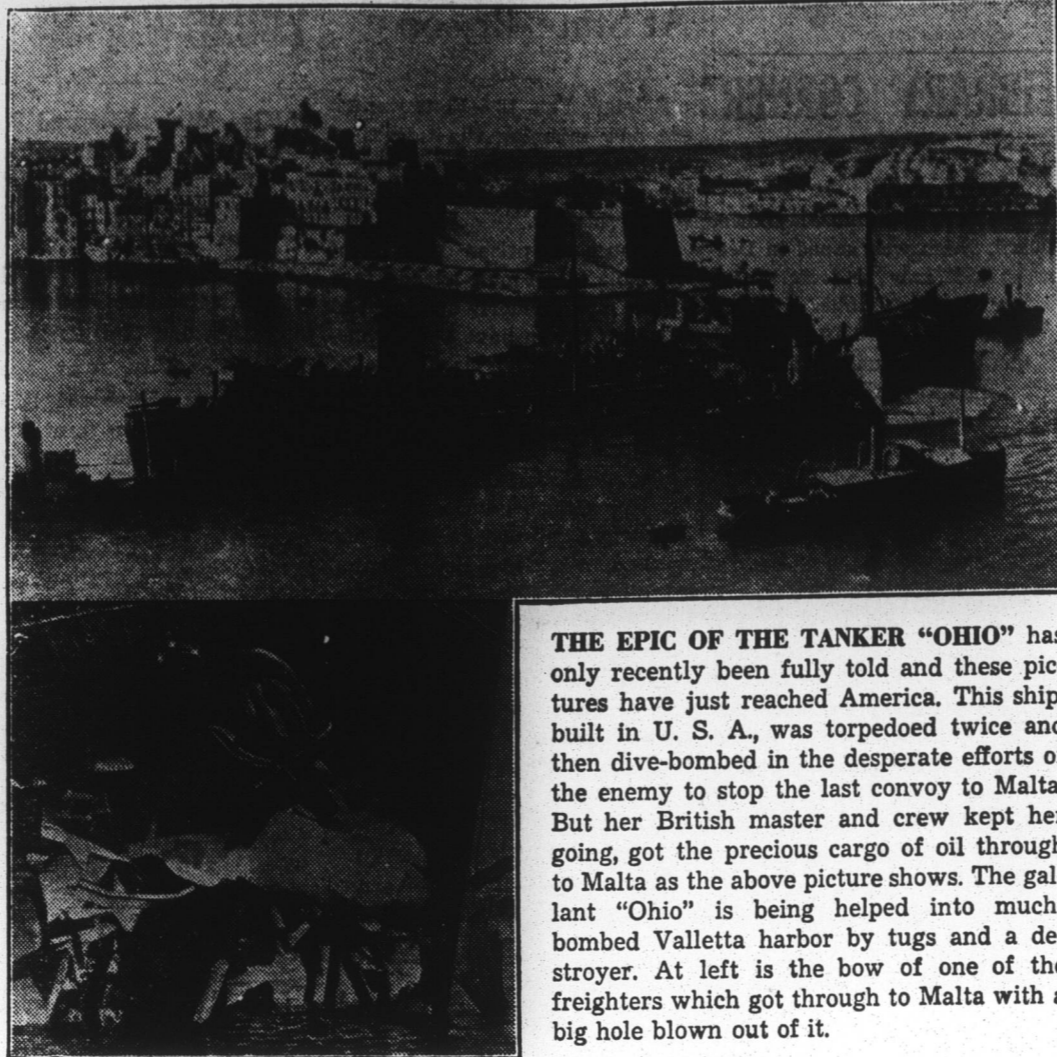
There was also an appreciable reduction in the number of deaths from tuberculosis in all forms, the 1942 total having been only 1,578 for the entire State, as compared with 1,769 in 1941, the rate having fallen in a single year from 48.8 to 43 per 100,000 persons. There was a sustained decline in the number of pneumonia deaths, which last year totaled only 1,677, as compared with 1,896 in 1941, bringing the rate down from 52.3 to 45.8 per 100,000 inhabitants.

We have considered the low record in infant mortality achieved in 1942—that is, deaths among children under one year of age. Coupled with this, there was also a sharp decline in deaths from diarrhea and enteritis among children under two years of age, the 1942 total having been only 464, as compared with 692 the preceding year, bringing the rate from 19.1 to 12.6 in twelve months.

Appreciable decreases were recorded in the number of both suicides and homicides, while the number of deaths from what are termed preventable accidents was only 1,513, as compared with 1,862 in 1941. This total was materially affected by the downward trend in traffic deaths, which has been noticeable since rationing began and since the speed limit has been reduced.

Deaths attributed to air transportation accidents, however, in-

## Hard Hit But Gets There



THE EPIC OF THE TANKER "OHIO" has only recently been fully told and these pictures have just reached America. This ship, built in U. S. A., was torpedoed twice and then dive-bombed in the desperate efforts of the enemy to stop the last convoy to Malta. But her British master and crew kept her going, got the precious cargo of oil through to Malta as the above picture shows. The gallant "Ohio" is being helped into much-bombed Valletta harbor by tugs and a destroyer. At left is the bow of one of the freighters which got through to Malta with a big hole blown out of it.

creased from 2 to 104; from accidental burns, from 213 to 220; and from traumatism by firearms, from 74 to 91, while the number of persons accidentally drowned increased from 143 to 182. It is needless to discuss the causes of the above effects, as these have not been analyzed.

Altogether, last year's vital statistics are highly gratifying and show that our people are generally healthy. In this connection, attention is called to the fact that the number of deaths from pellagra, a nutritional disease, dropped from 139 to 110. Throughout the State, more attention has been paid to nutrition than ever before.

Nutrition is a very important subject at this time and the ill-effects of malnutrition cannot be over-emphasized, especially in view of increased rationing and prospective food shortages. We must learn to utilize advantageously those food-stuffs which are available and, if necessary, to change some of our food habits, to accommodate the necessities of the times. This can be done—even to our advantage—if we know how.

All the gains we have made can easily be swept away, if we relax our efforts. Even as "eternal vigilance is the price of liberty"—so it is the price of health.

The fact that we made and held gains throughout the first calendar year of our participation as a belligerent in the global war, which now seems to be fast moving to a bloody climax, is encouraging. But we must not

lose sight of what we actually fighting for—the preservation of the United States of America—its way of life—and the health of its people. Though we win brilliant successes on a dozen battlefronts overseas and lose our fight on the home front, we will have lost this war.

On the other hand, we must not lose sight of the fact that if we fail in our duty toward those of other lands with whom our men are fighting, we will have failed in our duty to ourselves. Disease knows no national or continental boundaries. Most of us recall, all too vividly, how, in 1918, what was then known as Spanish Influenza leaped across the seas with lightning rapidity—and scourged us. We recall how the platforms of our railroad stations were piled with caskets of those who had gone down under this scourge—how it attacked the men in our armed camps, here and overseas, and those who remained around the home fires.

We have no influenza epidemic at the present time—in fact, no epidemic of any kind. But this does not mean we are immune. It simply means that, so far, we have been fortunate. Furthermore, it means that we are reaping the fruits of preventive medicine.

### Legal Notice

#### SALE OF VALUABLE FARM LAND

Under and by virtue of the authority conferred upon me under an order of sale made on this the 8th day of February, 1943, by the Clerk of the Superior Court of Person County in a special proceeding in said court entitled "F. H. Carver et al. versus Raymond Monday et al.", I will on

SATURDAY, MARCH 13, 1943,

at twelve (12) o'clock noon at the courthouse door in Roxboro sell at public auction to the highest bidder for cash, the following described tract of land:

Lying and being in Olive Hill Township and containing 46 acres, more or less, the same being bounded on the North by lands of the J. M. Brower estate and lands of F. D. Long, on the East by lands of F. H. Carver, on the South by lands of J. C. Wagstaff and on the West by lands of the estate of J. M. Brower, said lands being known as the dower tract of Mrs. Bell Monday.

This being a judicial sale same will be held for ten days for upset bid and high bidder at the sale will be required to deposit ten per cent of bid price as evidence of good faith.

This the 8th day of February, R. P. BURNS, Commissioner Feb. 11-18-25-Mar. 4.

### Legal Notice

IN THE SUPERIOR COURT NORTH CAROLINA, PERSON COUNTY

#### NOTICE

The Board of Commissioners of Roxboro,

- vs. -

Aubrey Barnett and wife, Emma Barnett.

The defendants, Aubrey Barnett, will take notice that an action entitled as above has been commenced against them in the Superior Court of Person County, North Carolina, and that the purpose of said action is to enforce the tax lien against the real property listed in the name of Aubrey Barnett upon the tax books of the City of Roxboro.

And the defendants, Aubrey Barnett and Emma Barnett, will take notice that they are required to appear at the office of the Clerk of the Superior Court of Person County, North Carolina, and answer or demur to the complaint in said action within twenty days after the last publication of his notice, or the plaintiff will apply to the court for the relief demanded in said complaint.

This February 1, 1943. SUE C. BRADSHAW, Clerk Superior Court. Feb. 4-11-18-25

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"Fantasia" is showing Thursday and Friday at the Dolly Madison.

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