

Decrease Shown In State's Births First Six Months

Deaths, Too, Are Under Six Months' Period For 1937

The present slump in North Carolina births continued in June, when the total was 287 less than for the corresponding month in 1937, according to the report issued by Dr. R. T. Stimpson, director of the State Board of Health's Division of Vital Statistics. The 399 gain reported for January and February was more than wiped out during the succeeding four months. With half the year gone, the number of births for 1938, so far, is 320 below the corresponding period a year ago. Decreases were reported for March, April, May and June.

Deaths so far this year stand at 57 under the corresponding six months in 1937, while there was an increase of 241 in June, when the number of deaths among infants under a year old was 812, as compared with 491 in June, 1937. Deaths from enteritis and diarrhea among children under the age of 2 numbered 232, against 193 a year ago. Tuberculosis deaths dropped from 160 to 149 for the month, while there was a gain of one in cancer deaths, the total for June, 1938, being 165. Deaths from preventable accidents stood at 119, the same figure as was reported for June a year ago.

Suicides numbered ten more than in June, 1938, with 37 reported last month, while homicides dropped from 27 to 18. Automobile accidents claimed 66 lives, against 62 in June a year ago, while deaths from railroad accidents jumped from 10 to 16. There were 11 fewer deaths from drowning. Through June, there were 39,659 births in North Carolina, as compared with 39,979 a year ago. Deaths totaled 17,541, against 17,598 the same period in 1937, Dr. Stimpson's figures show.

SNOW HILL NEWS

Miss Eunice Harrel is spending this week at Burgess with Miss Dorothy Whedbee.

Mr. and Mrs. J. T. Benton spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. A. J. Brothers, at St. Brides, Va.

Seth Perry, of Okisko, spent Saturday with Mr. and Mrs. W. M. Matthews.

Mr. and Mrs. Moody Harrell, Carolyn Dean Harrell and Mrs. J. H. Harrell visited Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Mercer, near Elizabeth City, Sunday afternoon.

Guests in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Harrell Sunday were Mr. and Mrs. Marvin Benton and son, John Marvin, of Old Neck; Mr. and Mrs. Richard Barclift, Carolyn Jane Barclift, Norman Wentworth, Alton and G. J. Barclift, Miss Annie Marie Barclift, of Nixonton, Mr. and Mrs. Earl Hollowell and son, John Earl, of Route Three.

Mr. and Mrs. Jesse Harrell, Miss Eunice Harrell, Mr. and Mrs. D. M. Cartwright spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. Mason Sawyer, at Old Neck.

Miss Lucille Cartwright was the week-end guest of Mr. and Mrs. Mason Sawyer, at Old Neck.

Mr. and Mrs. J. L. Harrell, Sr., of Norfolk, Va., visited friends and relatives here during the week-end.

Mr. and Mrs. Darius White and two daughters, Doris Lee and Marguerite, of Greenville, spent Sunday and Monday here with Mr. and Mrs. W. M. Matthews.

Mr. and Mrs. Martin Spruill, Mr. and Mrs. Melvin Keeter and James Spruill, of Drivers, Va., and Duke Fevers, of Portsmouth, Va., were guests on Sunday of Mrs. C. M. Umphlett.

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WHO KNOWS?

1. Does the U. S. produce lemons?
2. Where will the All-Star game be played in 1939?
3. What nation leads in the production of potatoes?
4. What state was the first to grant suffrage to women?
5. Where are the Yellowstone Falls?
6. Who wrote "Alice in Wonderland"?
7. Do boys or girls live longer in the United States?
8. When did the United States take its first census?
9. What is "Tegart's Wall"?
10. What are "cosmic rays"?

THE ANSWERS

1. Yes; California's crop exceeds domestic consumption.
2. Yankee Stadium, New York.
3. Germany.
4. Wyoming.
5. In Montana.
6. Charles L. Dodgson, whose pen name was Lewis Carroll.
7. Girls, by about four years.
8. In 1790.
9. An electrified barbed wire fence on the Palestine-Syrian border.
10. The scientists are trying to find out.

BETHEL NEWS

Mr. and Mrs. W. D. Perry and son, Dewey, Jr., and Mrs. W. C. Perry spent Friday with Mr. and Mrs. Graham Moore, near Elizabeth City.

Miss Genevieve Standin, of Norfolk, Va., spent the week-end with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. R. F. Standin.

Mrs. C. T. Phillips and daughters, Marjorie and Madeline, spent several days in Norfolk, Va., last week. While there Marjorie had her tonsils removed and is now getting along nicely.

J. W. Gatling, of Norfolk, Va., spent the week-end with his mother, Mrs. Maggie C. Broughton.

Miss Corrie Lee Ward spent Sunday with Miss Eloise Keaton, near Hertford.

Mrs. Joe Woodley, of Creswell, spent Thursday here with relatives.

Claude Chappell spent Sunday in Norfolk and at Ocean View, Va.

Miss Sadie Standin returned home Saturday from Norfolk, Va., after a week's visit with relatives and friends.

Mrs. W. J. Farmer spent Sunday in Norfolk, Va., with her sister, Mrs. Louis Myers.

Mr. and Mrs. E. J. Proctor and children spent Sunday in the home of Mr. and Mrs. L. C. Butt, at New Hope.

C. T. Phillips and son, Clarence, spent Sunday in Norfolk, Va., with relatives.

WOODLAND W. M. S. MEETS

The Woman's Missionary Society of Woodland Church met with Mrs. Kermit Benton for the regular monthly meeting. Mrs. Eddie Harrell was assistant hostess.

Mrs. D. M. Cartwright, spiritual life leader, had charge of the devotional, with Mrs. Cartwright and Mrs. Eddie Harrell taking part in the program.

Mrs. Jack Benton, president, then presided over the business session, after which Mrs. Henry Cartwright, program chairman, gave a program, the main topic of which was "Bringing Christ to Korea." Taking part in the program were Mrs. Odell Cartwright, Mrs. Moody Harrell and Mrs. Kermit Benton.

During the social hour ice cream and cake were served by the hostess.

Those present were: Mesdames Henry Cartwright, Vernon Winslow, Meador Harrell, Mary A. Keaton, Elmer Wood, D. M. Cartwright, Kermit Benton, Ralph Harrell, Moody Harrell, Eddie Harrell, Jack Benton, Odell Cartwright, Ashby Jordan, Matthews, Carson Jordan, Annie George Jordan, Will Everett, W. M. Lane and Z. D. White.

WOODVILLE W. M. S. MEETS

The regular monthly meeting of the Woman's Missionary Society of the Woodville Baptist Church was held at the church on Tuesday afternoon.

In the absence of the president, the meeting was conducted by Miss Beulah Bogue. A very interesting program was rendered with Mrs. Rupert Stanton, Mrs. Ralph Mercer, Mrs. J. C. Wilson, Mrs. M. R. Griffin and Miss Beulah Bogue taking part. Mrs. J. C. Wilson dismissed the meeting.

Those present were: Mrs. A. L. Godfrey, Mrs. A. R. Cooke, Miss Beulah Bogue, Mrs. H. G. Swayne, Mrs. G. W. Gregory, Mrs. Mary Bray, Mrs. J. C. Wilson, Mrs. Rupert Stanton, Mrs. Ralph Mercer, Mrs. Edward Gregory, Mrs. M. R. Griffin, Mrs. Ackiss Gregory, Mrs. Walter Deal, Misses Attie Bray and Maxine Griffin.

Ha-Ha Wall—Sunken Fence

A ha-ha wall is a sunken fence which is not noticeable until it is reached. In the early Nineteenth century Humphrey Repton, the English landscape designer, urged against anything which might suggest man's interference with the scene. As a result the ha-ha was introduced to keep sheep and cattle within limits.

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