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N. C. Birth On Upward Trend

RALEIGH — The upward trend in North Carolina births, which has gained momentum with the progress of World War No. 2, continued unabated in January 1942, the second month of America's actual participation in hostilities. Last month, according to official figures compiled by the State Board of Health's Division of Vital Statistics, there were 7,162 babies born in this State, as compared with 6,971 in January, 1941, a gain of 1,891 or a 15 per cent for this one month.

Birth for the calendar year of 1941 totaled 85,066, which was 4,050 in excess of the number reported in 1940. Only two months, January and November, showed a decline under the previous year. During the remaining ten months, substantial gains were reported. A decline in deaths has accompanied the sustained gain in births.

Lower Infant Mortality. An encouraging feature of the January 1942 report, the first issued during the present calendar year, was the decline reflected in the infant mortality rate, which dropped from 48.7 in January a year ago to 46.7 last month, a decrease of eight points while the downward trend in the maternal death rate continued. Although there were 7,162 live births reported in the State last month, there were only 36 maternal deaths, as compared with 32 during the corresponding month a year ago, the monthly rate having dropped from 6.5 to 4.2. There were no deaths from puerperal septicemia. Four such deaths occurred in January 1941 and 15 during last year, but this figure was decidedly lower than the 1940 total, which was 117. This marked decline is attributed by physicians to new methods of treatment, which has proved highly successful.

Trends Closely Watched. While vital statistics for a month a year or even two or three years, cannot be taken as absolute, it is pointed out by public health officials, yet these reflect trends, and during the war period these trends are being studied closely for danger signals.

As yet there have been no signs of any epidemics in North Carolina, but careful plans to prevent these are under consideration by the State Board of Health and, in due time these will be officially announced.

Last month reflected a sustained downward trend in the number of pneumonia deaths, with a total of 225, as compared with 262 the corresponding month a year ago, while suicide dropped from 18 in January 1941, to 14 last month.

The January 1942 homicide toll in North Carolina was 21, against 20 during January 1941 while there were 7 fatalities resulting from airplane accidents, as compared with none in January 1941, and only 12 for the entire year. There were 11 in 1940.

Six persons were drowned in North Carolina last month, against 2 in January 1941. The number of influenza deaths dropped from 147 in January, 1941, to 48 in Jan. 1942.

National agricultural leaders are pointing out that some of the natural sweets, such as honey and cane sorghum, can be used effectively as a sugar substitute in the average family diet.

The average American uses 22 pounds of soap annually, as compared with 17 to 18 by the Briton, 19 by the Italian, 15 by the German, and 18 to 21 by the Belgian, Frenchman, and Hollander.

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NEGRO NEWS

(By Jessie G. Coats)

Corp. Coleman Ripps is on a furlough from a camp in Mississippi. He is visiting his mother on Cassier street.

Mr. John Kibbler is visiting his mother on South Battleground Road. He works as a boys leader at the Lethibrom center in Charlotte.

Miss Frankie Jackson of 177 North Junior College, Concord, N. C., is visiting her mother on Cassier street.

The Mitchem brothers were in town for the week-end. Mr. and Mrs. James Morgan and little son of Winston-Salem are spending sometime here visiting relatives and friends.

Mrs. H. P. Tribble of 200 W. King street is all at this writing. Miss Mavis Mitchem of Washington D. C. was a recent visitor at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Ney Mitchem's.

Mrs. Bright Gidney Lominick of Beasemen Ct. died at her home March 2. The Rev. D. C. Skeen officiated at the funeral which was conducted at the Methodist Church. She is survived by her husband, Mr. John Lominick, father, Mr. Julius

Gidney, one daughter, Miss Clara Crawford and a little son, Leslie. Mr. and Mrs. H. Gidney, Miss M. L. Gidney, Mr. C. E. Fowlkes, Mrs. M. Hargrave and Miss J. M. Hayes are taking the First Aid Defense Course, given in Gastonia last week and this week.

Mrs. Mabel Armstrong Hooper, of the Lincoln Academy community suffered a sudden attack of illness recently.

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