

Marion County Health Work is Well Into Fifth Year

RESULTS TELL FOR REAL GOOD

Maternal Death Rate as Well as Infant Mortality Cut

With the work of the Marion county child health demonstration, parented by the Commonwealth fund of New York, well into its fifth and last year, a resume of its accomplishments—at least so far as statistics tell them—has been prepared from the office of Dr. Estella Ford Warner, director since last fall.

While the work of the demonstration is probably known to most people through its progress among the school children of the county, figures on the infant death rate and the maternal death rate reveal the effect the health work has had in another channel. In the first four years of the demonstration's services, infant deaths in the county have been reduced by nine per 1000. In 1924, the first year, the infant death rate was 54.7 per 1000 of live births, or one in 18. The next year, deaths numbered one in 19. In 1926, one in 21, and last year one in 27.

Maternal Death Rate Down
The maternal death rate was decreased in one year from 7.6 in 1927 to 2.2 in 1928. Findings among the maternal cases in which some educational work was done show that in the county at large the deaths in 1927 were 7.6 per 1000, but in instances where the mother was under prenatal nursing supervision, with medical care and where a nurse or doctor were in attendance at delivery, with the nurse continuing in service for a period of 10 days, not a single death resulted.

Other figures on the point of birth, show that the death rate is highest under one month, with 24.3 for the county at large. In cases where the mother was under prenatal supervision and had care for 10 days following delivery, the one-month infant death rate was but 20 per 1000 live births. Still births in the county at large numbered 45.7 for the one-year period, while among the mothers under doctor's and nurse's care, there were no still births.

The point of the foregoing figures, Dr. Warner points out while granting that educational service is not the only factor in the reduction of infant and mother mortality, is that the program to educate the expectant mother to the value of good nursing, medical supervision and how to care for herself has had a remarkable influence on both infant and maternal death rates.

Thyroid Treatment Helps
Findings on the physical examinations which have been conducted among the school children present some interesting figures and some that give cause for reflection on the school activity, both from a curricular and extra-curricular standpoint. The examinations show that in the two groups under which thyroid conditions are classified, adolescent and diseased, there is a decrease in the adolescent type between the ages of nine and 13, while in the age group of from 13 and over there is an increase of the diseased type. In the adolescent type, the decrease is from 37.2 to 28.6 of the total examinations, while in the other type the increase is from 10.7 to 14.7 of the total examination.

Heart conditions in the two age groups, nine to 13 and 13 and over, show that there are more in the older group, with an almost alarming increase from 1.8 in the younger to 5.5 in the older. Underweight, too, is a more marked defect in the high school group than in the elementary pupils. The general body weight of elementary children has shown an improvement, with a decrease of 28.5 to 19.8.

Starting as it may seem, the rural school children show a greater percentage of underweight than do those of the city, with 17.5 the figure for the former and 15.7 for the city group.

Dr. Warner's theory of the physical showings made in the school examinations, where even under a health program the pull is uphill, is substantially borne out in the figures themselves. She believes the poor showing among the pupils can be attributed to the "unhealthy" hours of study, to the undue stress on social life, in and out of school, to the heavier studies at school and the still heavier extra-curricular program—all of which fall to allow time for good rest and wholesome foods.

Eye Defects Cut
Some results of health program, more encouraging than the thyroid and heart condition findings, show a decrease in the visual defect of from eight to five in the age groups; in diseased tonsils of from 35.9 to 33.6; and in dental care from 42.2 to 38.6.

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WOMAN'S CLUB HAS INTERESTING MEET

INDEPENDENCE, Mar. 9.—(Special)—The Woman's club held its regular meeting Tuesday in the clubhouse. After the business meeting, at which the president, Mrs. George Carbray, presided, an interesting program was enjoyed.

Judge B. F. Swope told how bills are presented and passed upon by the state legislature. Camp fire girls representing different groups gave short talks on their work. Those who took part were Laveta Bullock, Ruth Raymond, Ione Moore, Hazel Rash and Caroline Bristline, and Miss Marian Bartram their guardian. Clarence Quattris played three numbers on the violin accompanied by Midge Hewitt.

Mrs. Joe Rodgers was a guest for the afternoon. The soup kitchen has ceased operations having served the children in the training school for about 15 weeks. The Independence Jersey calf club was reorganized this week with Mrs. Hugh Hanna as leader. The Parent Teachers association will meet next Tuesday in the training school. The little play "The Budget Ghost" will be put on by pupils of the home economics class, of which Mrs. Alfred Geyer is teacher.

Mrs. Carrie Smiley and daughter Ernestine made a trip to Eugene for the week-end to visit Mrs. Smiley's niece, Mrs. Willis Small. Mr. and Mrs. C. J. Moyer and son Sunday in Falls City at the home of Mrs. Moyer's mother, Mrs. Jennie Cobb. Herbert Rueff made a business trip to Portland Wednesday.

They played games after which they were served ice cream and cake. Alfred Cook who formerly lived in Independence, visited here Wednesday.

March 18 is the date set for the operetta "Windmills of Holland" for which the training school children have been practicing.

PUPILS ASSIST IN SCHOOLHOUSE CARE

RICKEY, Mar. 9.—(Special)—County Superintendent Fulker-son visited the Rickey school a few days ago. She was well pleased with the interest the children are taking in the care of the new school house.

Several pieces of playground apparatus have been erected recently. Dr. Brunk of the child health demonstration conducted a dental clinic at the school house Monday.

Mrs. D. A. Harris, who is ill with rheumatism at the home of her sister, Mrs. D. Simmons of Salem, is slightly improved.

Mrs. and Mrs. George Edwards were Salem visitors Thursday afternoon.

Mrs. H. Y. Magee of Scott's Mills is spending the week at the home of her son, M. M. Magee.

Mrs. L. D. Dickman, who has been visiting in Portland, returned home Thursday.

Roy Crabb's bicycle was stolen Wednesday night while he was attending a basketball game at the training school.

R. Hoots and son are clearing some more land on the W. J. Culvin farm.

Active Building Season Started As Spring Opens

RICKEY, Mar. 9.—(Special)—With the opening of spring, building activities have begun in earnest. A house has been erected on the LaBranche tracts. Excavation is being done for a house on the Childs' tracts. Dan Miller, who lost his house recently by fire, is rebuilding a W. B. Binegar is building an addition onto his house and Harold McMillen is erecting a modern brooder house.

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Officers reelected were Mrs. L. F. Matthews, president; Mrs. Charles McCarter, vice president; Mrs. V. L. Gibson, treasurer; and Mrs. W. W. Henry, secretary. Mrs. Matthews appointed Mrs. W. N. Crawford, Mrs. James A. French, and Mrs. Walter B. Hunt as program committee for April 3.

A motion was made and carried to buy hymn books for the society; Mrs. S. H. Barker to purchase them with funds drawn from the treasury. After a general discussion on the advisability of having an attendance contest this year, the two youngest members, Mrs. Walter Brog and Mrs. Clarence Merrick were suggested as leaders, the decision to be left to Mrs. Matthews. Mrs. Charles McCarter thanked the members of the society for the plant sent to her when she was ill. A card of thanks was also sent by the G. H. Crawford family.

Miss Dorothy Shepard gave a reading from James Whitcomb Rhy's "Wet Weather Talks" at the conclusion of the business meeting and Mrs. Ralph H. Scott read a community song, "Sing-along" and suggested it be adopted as an opening song for the missionary society's monthly meetings. The meeting was closed by repeating the Mizpah benediction in unison.

During the social hour which followed the losers in the attendance contest, under the leadership of Mrs. J. Fred Purvine, served refreshments. The St. Patrick motif predominated and homemade candies wrapped in green paper were used as favors. Mrs. L. F. Matthews, president of the society was presented with a flowering, potted plant by the losing side as a mark of appreciation for her splendid work during the past year. Mrs. J. Fred Purvine made the address of presentation.

Twenty-two members were present Wednesday. Guests were Mrs. L. M. Purvine of Salem, president of the Ladies Aid of the First Presbyterian church who was the president of the Zena missionary society for several years; Mrs. Alice Judson of Salem; Mrs. E. C. Higgins; Miss Dorothy Shepard; Miss Marjorie Walling; Dolores Brag; Dorothy Wilson; Helen Hunt; Barbara Scott; Wilma Crawford; Helen Kane; Jesse Walling; Harold French; Ellis Walling; Ardon Sheppard; Sammy Joe Barker.

SPRING VALLEY IS CENTER FOR CLUB

SPRING VALLEY, March 9.—The Spring Valley Community club met at the school house Friday night, March 8, for its regular meeting and program. A good crowd was present and a large number of members of neighboring community clubs were there too.

The club decided to make the April meeting its last for this season. Committees were appointed by the president, Vivian Stratton, as follows: entertainment, Beatrice Simkins, Sadie Schubert, Lorine Walling, Irene Windsor and Velma Eberly; refreshment, Frank Windsor, Mrs. Belle Simkins, Mrs. Phillip Damm.

The following program was given in charge of Mrs. Seymour Wilson, Mrs. Frank Matthews and Mrs. Donnel Crawford; recitation, "Oh Watermill" by Doris Windsor, vocal duet given by Miss Golda Martin and Miss Velda Martin.

Recitation, "The Plight of the Camel," by Olive Stratton, a one act play, "Pirates" given by members of the Zena Missionary society, Mrs. Frank Matthews, Miss Dorothy Shepard, Mrs. Donnel Crawford, Mrs. Seymour Wilson, Mrs. Fred Purvine, Mrs. Will Crawford.

Two numbers by a trio: violin, Mrs. Helen Amann; piano, Miss Marian Zinser; saxophone, Miss Margaret Livesley, all of Salem. They gave "Song of India" and "You Tell Me Your Dream."

Recitation by Gladys Crawford. Our solos which were very much appreciated by the audience were "O Sole Mio" and "In a Wee Little Home I Love" were given by Mrs. Robert Wyatt of Salem. Mrs. Wyatt was accompanied at the piano by Mrs. Long.

A two-act comedy "Love and Doughnuts" was given next. Characters were: Oliver Jonathan Jackson, a widower, Frank A. Smith; Jonah Capdell, a simple minded youth, Arthur Durham; Frank Ray, a mischievous youth, Vernon Merrick; Miss Ellen Elder, an elderly maiden, Mrs. W. R. Edwards. Two solos "Bobolink" and "Nothin' But Love" were given by Ralph Scott of Zena, accompanied by Mrs. Seymour Wilson at the piano. "Happy Days and Lonely Nights" was the closing number given by the trio.

After the program everyone went to the basement where a cafeteria lunch was served by the committee, S. S. Wilson, L. F. Matthews and V. A. Stratton.

A vote of thanks was given by the club to those outside the district who have so generously given of their time and talent and an honorary membership was tendered them.

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