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3. Pay registration fee, \$2.50.
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5. Buy ticket for banquet, dance, luncheons. (Any registered member may buy a banquet, dance or other meal ticket for one visitor.)

COST OF TICKETS:

Banquet and Dance	\$4.50
Banquet Only	4.00
Dance Only	1.00
Nutrition Section Luncheon	2.25
Nurses' Section Luncheon	2.25
Secretarial and Statistical Section Luncheon	2.25

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memory, and many history books, including the history book used in the Charlotte schools and throughout North Carolina, still repeat Dr. Phillips' erroneous statement.

Dr. Archibald Henderson of Chapel Hill, one of North Carolina's most renowned citizens, has been a staunch defender of the Mecklenburg Declaration. His historical research on this subject proves beyond any doubt the authenticity of the Declaration. Within the past year his papers have been collected and published in one volume, entitled "Cradle of Liberty", by the Mecklenburg Historical Association. A copy of this volume was given to every U. S. Congressman and Senator and the Mecklenburg Declaration was read before these august bodies. When Dr. Henderson was introduced to the Senate, he was given a rousing ovation—the bearer of the truth was rewarded. Requests for the book have come from universities and libraries from New England to California. Those who still doubt the Mecklenburg Declaration now have readily available the true facts for their enlightenment.

James A. Stenhouse, President
Mecklenburg Historical Association
March 14, 1956

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SECTION LUNCHEONS

NURSING SECTION

Friday, June 1, 1956
12:30 P.M.—Chelsea Number 2

Annual Business Session

NUTRITION SECTION

Friday, June 1, 1956
12:30 P.M.—Chinese Room

SECRETARIAL AND STATISTICAL SECTION

Friday, June 1, 1956
12:30 P.M.—Kuester Room

Address: Mr. Stanhope Lineberry, Chief Plant Security,
Douglas Aircraft, Charlotte Division, Charlotte, N. C.

AWARDS

The North Carolina Public Health Association grants three basic awards each year:

1. THE REYNOLDS AWARD

Limited to an individual for outstanding contributions to public health in North Carolina during the past year, for meritorious service above and beyond the call of duty.

2. THE RANKIN AWARD

For an individual in recognition of outstanding contribution to public health in North Carolina over a period of several years.

3. THE MERIT AWARD

For outstanding contributions or activities during the past year for a local health department or group.

Nominations are stimulated by any and all public health workers who become aware of outstanding contributions or activities and submitted in one of two forms:

1. A formal nomination with substantiating data and information giving as complete a picture as possible.
2. A simple nomination requesting the committee to investigate and provide substantiating data.

JOINT SECTION MEETING

LABORATORY AND HEALTH OFFICERS SECTION

Friday, June 1, 1956

3:00 P.M.—Chelsea Number 2

C. D. DEMAREE and WILLIAM HAPPER, M.D., *Co-Chairmen*

Laboratory Diagnosis of Viral and Rickettsial Diseases—Morris Schaeffer, M.D., Director, Communicable Disease Center of Viral & Rickettsial Diseases, Montgomery, Ala.

Discussion—Edward C. Curnen, M.D., Professor of Pediatrics, University of North Carolina School of Medicine, Chief of Pediatric Service, Memorial Hospital, Chapel Hill, N. C.

Psittacosis in North Carolina—Jacob Koomen, Jr., M.D., Acting Chief, Communicable Disease Control Section, N. C. State Board of Health, Raleigh, N. C.

Local Health Department Psittacosis Problems—Elizabeth M. C. Corkey, M.D., M.P.H., Mecklenburg County Health Department, Charlotte, N. C.

Cryoscopic Determinations for the Presence of Added Water in Milk—Lynn Maddrey, Ph.D., Assistant Director, State Laboratory of Hygiene, Raleigh, N. C.

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LABORATORY SECTION

Thursday, May 31, 1956

2:00 P.M.—Chinese Room

C. C. DEMAREE, *Chairman*

More Important Aspects of the Significance of Leukocyte Counts in Milk—Marvin L. Speck Ph.D., Professor of Dairy Bacteriology, North Carolina State College, Raleigh, N. C.

An Occurrence of Sulphur Bacteria in a Municipal Water System—Daniel K. Owen, B.S., M.S., Bacteriologist, Corinna S. Sutton, B.A., M.P.H., Bacteriologist; Marshall Staton, B.C.E., M.S.S.E., Sanitary Engineer, North Carolina State Board of Health, Raleigh, N. C.

Cerebrospinal Fluid—Dorothy G. McGhee, B.A.M.T. (A.S. C.P.), Chief Medical Technician, Rex Hospital, Raleigh, N. C.

Tuberculosis Research and Its Diagnostic Aspects—H. Mac Vandiviere, Bacteriologist, Director of Laboratories and Research, Gravelly Sanatorium, Chapel Hill, N. C.

Business

VENEREAL DISEASE CONTROL SECTION

Thursday, May 31, 1956

2:00 P.M.—Parlor A

GERALD T. MOORE, *Chairman*

Current Status of the Venereal Disease Program—Warfield Garson, M.D., Chief Venereal Disease Control Section, State Board of Health, Raleigh, N. C.

Private Physician Reporting—(Panel Discussion)—Warren M. McFague, Venereal Disease Investigator, Wilmington, N. C.
Louis Hine, Venereal Disease Investigator, Raleigh, N. C.

Survey Trends—Edward H. Furcron, Health Program Representative, State Board of Health, Raleigh, N. C.

Newer Approaches to Gonorrhea Problem—Maurice Folb, Public Health Investigator, Winston-Salem, N. C.

Venereal Disease Problems Around Military Areas—David Hammond, Venereal Disease Epidemiologist, Jacksonville, N. C.

Informal Discussion of Field Problems—District Epidemiologist and P&C Directors

SECTION MEETINGS

SANITARIANS' SECTION

Thursday, May 31, 1956

2:00 P.M.—Chelsea Number 1

R. W. BROWN, *Chairman*

Where Are We Going in Sanitation?

I A LOOK INTO THE PAST: Humorous Experiences of Four Pioneer Sanitarians:

B. L. Jessup, Senior Sanitarian, Stokes County Health Department

W. C. Stallings, Senior Sanitarian, Cleveland County Health Department

E. B. Roach, Senior Sanitarian, Charlotte Health Department

M. M. Melvin, Executive Vice-President, North Carolina Association of Quality Restaurants.

What Sanitarians Have Accomplished Through the Years—

E. A. Branch, D.D.S., Director, Oral Hygiene Division, North Carolina State Board of Health.

II THE PRESENT, OUR PROGRESS AND PROBLEMS:

*In Our Health Organization—*C. C. Applewhite, M.D., Local Health Division, North Carolina State Board of Health, Raleigh, N. C.

*In Economic Conditions—*W. M. Pate, Chief, Environmental Hygiene Section, Pitt County Health Department, Greenville, N. C.

*In Sanitation Education and Enforcement—*Edward G. Kilpatrick, Senior Sanitarian, Cleveland County Health Department, Shelby, N. C.

*In Public Institutions and Private Housing—*W. M. Haislip, Senior Public Health Engineer, Charlotte Health Department

*In Milk and Food Sanitation—*E. S. Edwards, Senior Sanitarian, Halifax County Health Department

*In Water, Sewerage, and Industrial Wastes—*W. E. Long, Jr., Chief Pollution Control Section, N. C. State Stream Sanitation Committee, Raleigh, N. C.

*In Fringe Area Development—*Herman Dunn, Senior Sanitarian, Cumberland County Health Department, Fayetteville, N. C.

III A LOOK INTO THE FUTURE

C. A. Abele, Director, Public Health Research, The Diversey Corporation, Chicago, Ill.

Friday, June 1, 1956

2:00 P.M.—Chelsea Number 1

ROBERT W. BROWN, *Chairman*

Annual Business Meeting

SECTION MEETINGS

SECRETARIAL AND STATISTICAL SECTION

Thursday, May 31, 1956

2:00 P.M.—Chelsea Number 2

MRS. BETTY I. NEAL, *Chairman*

Welcome: Mrs. Clara R. Smith, City Health Department, Charlotte, N. C.

Response: Mrs. Elizabeth Scruggs, Cleveland County Health Department, Shelby, N. C.

Introduction of Speaker: Mrs. Alma B. Shepard, District Health Department, Burnsville, N. C.

"Public Relations"—Mr. George W. Laycock, Administrator, Shelby Hospital, Shelby, N. C.

Business

HEALTH EDUCATION SECTION

Thursday, May 31, 1956

2:00 P.M.—Tryon Room

MISS NETTIE DAY, *Chairman*

Facts We Need to Know as Professional and Voluntary Health Workers—George Simpson, Ph.D., Sociologist, Department of Sociology, University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill, N. C.

How Effective Are Our Efforts in Influencing Changes in Health Behavior—Audie L. Knutson, Ph.D., Chief of Behavioral Studies, Division of General Health Services, Public Health Service, Department of Health, Education and Welfare, Washington, D. C.

Discussion—Led by Dr. Simpson and Dr. Knutson

Intermission

Business

NUTRITION SECTION

Thursday, May 31, 1956

2:00 P.M.—Parlors E & F

MISS GWENDOLYN KRAHNKE, *Chairman*

Nutrition in Chronic Disease—E. J. Lease, Ph.D., Director, Nutrition Department, Clemson College, S. C.

Friday, June 1, 1956

2:00 P.M.—Parlors E & F

MISS GWENDOLYN KRAHNKE, *Chairman*

Exploring New Roads to Better Nutrition—Panel Discussion; Moderator, Winston Osborne, Nutritionist, Guilford County Health Department, Greensboro, N. C.

SECTION MEETINGS

HEALTH OFFICERS' SECTION

Thursday, May 31, 1956

2:00 P.M. Kuester Room

WILLIAM HAPPER, M.D., *Chairman*

RECENT ADVANCES IN MEDICAL CARE; THEIR EFFECTS ON THE COMMUNITY AND UPON THE LOCAL HEALTH DEPARTMENT.

Geriatrics—Wingate M. Johnson, M.D., Professor of Clinical Medicine, Bowman Gray School of Medicine, Winston-Salem, N. C.

Tuberculosis—C. D. Thomas, M.D., Associate Superintendent and Medical Director, Western Carolina Sanatorium, Black Mountain, N. C.

Cardiovascular Diseases—E. Harvey Estes, Jr., M.D., Associate in Medicine (Cardiology), Duke University School of Medicine, Durham, N. C.

Mental Diseases—James W. Murdoch, M.D., Ch.B., General Superintendent, North Carolina Hospitals Board of Control, Raleigh, N. C.

Business

NURSING SECTION

Thursday, May 31, 1956

2:00 P.M.—Ball Room

MRS. BETTY P. KEZIAH, *Chairman*

Health Aspects of Current Public Welfare Programs—Ellen Winston, Ph.D., State Commissioner of Public Welfare, State Department of Public Welfare, Raleigh, N. C.

Discussion—Directed by a Representative of the Nursing Section, State Board of Health.

A Scientific Approach to the Recodification of Public Health Laws—Roddy M. Ligon, Jr., B.S., J.D., Institute of Government, University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill, N. C.

Continued Education in the Sanitation Field—Gilbert L. Kelso, B.A., M.P.H., Associate Professor, Department of Sanitary Engineering, University of North Carolina School of Public Health, Chapel Hill, N. C.
John Andrews, B.S.C.E., Chief, Sanitation Section, Division of Sanitary Engineering, N. C. State Board of Health, Raleigh, N. C.

11:00 A.M. Business Session

FOURTH GENERAL SESSION

Friday, June 1, 1956

Annual Banquet and Dance

Presiding: DR. BERTLYN BOSLEY

7:30 P.M.

Dinner

Music—Gay Nineties Revue

Introduction of Guests

Presentation of Awards—Dr. Edward G. McGavran

10:00 P.M.-1:00 A.M. Dance



GENERAL SESSIONS

BALL ROOM

THIRD GENERAL SESSION

Friday, June 1, 1956

Presiding: DR. EDWARD G. MCGAVRAN
Vice-President, N.C.P.H.A.

9:00 A.M.

TEN-MINUTE CAPSULES OF THE SCIENTIFIC PROCESS IN NORTH CAROLINA

Studies of Nutrition and Growth in Wayne and Greene Counties—Elizabeth Corkey, M.D., M.P.H.*, Assistant Health Officer, Charlotte-Mecklenburg County Health Department, Charlotte, N. C.

S. B. McPheeters, M.D., Wayne County Health Officer, Goldsboro, N. C.

A. Hughes Bryan, M.D., Professor of Public Health Nutrition, University of North Carolina School of Public Health, Chapel Hill, N. C.

Tuberculin Testing Among School Children in Alamance County—William L. Norville, M.D., M.P.H.*, Alamance County Health Officer, Burlington, N. C.

Sidney Chipman, M.D., M.P.H., Professor of Maternal and Child Health, University of North Carolina School of Public Health, Chapel Hill, N. C.

Edward C. Curnen, M.D., Professor of Pediatrics, University of North Carolina School of Medicine, Chapel Hill, N. C.

Rheumatic Fever Pilot Studies in Alamance County—Edward P. Benbow, Jr., M.D., Greensboro, N. C.

Poison Control Centers for Accident Control and Research—Charles M. Cameron, Jr., M.D., M.P.H., Associate Professor, Public Health Administration, University of North Carolina School of Public Health, Chapel Hill, N. C.

A Study of Safety as a Community Health Problem—H. C. Whims, M.D., Randolph County Health Officer, Asheboro, N. C.

The Current Status of Public Health Maternity Programs in North Carolina—James F. Donnelly, M.D., Obstetrical Consultant, N. C. State Board of Health, Raleigh, N. C.

Home Nursing in a Medical Care Program—Ann Barentine, Director, Public Health Nursing, Charlotte-Mecklenburg Health Department, Charlotte, N. C.

Community Organization for Health in Orange County—Joseph H. Huff, A.B., M.S.P.H.*, Health Education Consultant, N. C. Heart Association, Chapel Hill, N. C.

Eunice N. Tyler, Ph.B., M.P.H., Ph.D., Professor of Public Health Education, University of North Carolina School of Public Health, Chapel Hill, N. C.

*To make presentation

GENERAL SESSIONS

BALL ROOM

FIRST GENERAL SESSION

Thursday, May 31, 1956

Presiding: DR. BERTLYN BOSLEY
President, N.C.P.H.A.

9:30 A.M.-12:15 P.M.

Invocation: Dr. E. A. Beatty, Davidson College,
Davidson, N. C.

Welcome: Philip Van Every, Mayor of Charlotte

Response and Presidential Address: Dr. Bertlyn Bosley

THE SCIENTIFIC PROCESS IN PUBLIC HEALTH: COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT FOR HEALTH

*The Sociological Basis for Community Development for
Health*—Dr. Gordon Blackwell, Department Research
and Social Science, University of North Carolina,
Chapel Hill, N. C.

*Community Development for Health from the Point of
View of Labor*—Leonard Woodcock, Vice-President,
United Auto Workers, Congress Industrial Organiza-
tion, Detroit, Michigan

*Community Development for Health from the Point
of View of Industry*—N. H. Collisson, Vice-President,
Ecusta Paper Corporation, Pisgah Forest, N. C.

*The Agricultural Aspects of Community Development
for Health*—Dr. Horace Hamilton, Department of
Rural Sociology, N. C. State College, Raleigh, N. C.

SECOND GENERAL SESSION

Thursday, May 31, 1956

Presiding: DR. BERTLYN BOSLEY
"The Scientific Process in Public Health"

8:00 P.M.

Population Changes and Health—Dr. Robert D. Grove,
National Office of Vital Statistics, Washington, D. C.

*An Epidemiological Approach to Prevention of Traffic Acci-
dent Injuries*—Dr. John O. Moore, Automotive Crash
Injury Research, Cornell University Medical College,
New York

Rabies in North Carolina—Dr. Martin Hines, Chief, Veterin-
ary Public Health Section, State Board of Health,
Raleigh, N. C.

SCHEDULE OF ALL EVENTS

WEDNESDAY, MAY 30, 1956

7:00 P.M.-10:00 P.M. Registration, Hotel Charlotte,
Lobby

THURSDAY, MAY 31, 1956

8:30 A.M.-5:00 P.M. Registration

9:30 A.M. First General Session
Ball Room

12:30 P.M. Executive Committee Luncheon
Parlor C

2:00 P.M.-5:00 P.M. Section Meetings

8:00 P.M. Second General Session
Ball Room

FRIDAY, JUNE 1, 1956

8:30 A.M.-5:00 P.M. Registration

9:00 A.M. Third General Session
Ball Room

11:00 A.M. Business Session

12:30 P.M. Luncheon Meetings:
Nurses—Chelsea Number 2
Nutritionists—Chinese Room
Secretaries—Kuester Room

2:00 P.M.-5:30 P.M. Special Meeting,
State Board of Health
Parlor D

2:00 P.M. Sanitarians' Section
Chelsea Number 1

2:00 P.M. Nutritionists Section
Parlors E & F

3:00 P.M. Joint Session, Health Officers'
and Laboratory Sections
Chelsea Number 2

7:30 P.M. Banquet and Fourth General
Session
Ball Room

10:00 P.M. Dancing
Ball Room

Program

of the

45th Annual Session

**NORTH CAROLINA
PUBLIC HEALTH
ASSOCIATION**

May 31-June 1, 1956

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T H E M E :

**The Scientific Process
In Public Health**

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**HEADQUARTERS :
HOTEL CHARLOTTE
Charlotte, N. C.**

MECKLENBURG DECLARATION OF INDEPENDENCE

May 20, 1775

Mecklenburg County takes justifiable pride in its illustrious history and the men who made this heritage possible are not forgotten. Mecklenburg was a hotbed of freedom-loving men, who demanded liberty above all things.

In Charlotte the tide of the Revolution turned. When Lord Cornwallis and the British Troops came marching up Trade Street Hill, they were met with such a fiery and determined resistance that Cornwallis called Mecklenburg a "Hornet's Nest" and "the most rebellious County in America." After Mecklenburg, the British never again were victorious.

Mecklenburg is also proud of the fact that this was the birthplace of two Presidents of the United States—James K. Polk and Andrew Jackson—but Mecklenburg's greatest claim to fame is the Mecklenburg Declaration of Independence.

Mecklenburg was the cradle of liberty in America, and the date of the Declaration, May 20, 1775, is proudly displayed on our State Flag and Seal. The men of Mecklenburg declared themselves free and independent of Great Britain more than a year before the Continental Congress declared independence in Philadelphia. However inconsistent they were with the prevalent views of 1775, the Mecklenburg Declaration shows that the North Carolina frontiersmen were more logical and more realistic than were their hesitating representatives in the Continental Congress. In this year Congress was asking Britain for more liberal Colonial rights and accordingly the Mecklenburg Declaration was hushed as being rash and premature when it arrived in Philadelphia.

It was not until 1819 that it came into national prominence. In this year there was a debate in the Congress between Massachusetts and Virginia as to which had started the ball of the Revolution rolling. North Carolina's representatives came forward with their case for the Mecklenburg Declaration, and the debate was settled in favor of North Carolina. Thomas Jefferson was not in accord, however, for it was thus revealed that he had evidently copied parts of the National Declaration of Independence from Mecklenburg's.

Unfortunately this great event has been clouded by controversy over its authenticity. The only argument the doubters have is that the original Declaration is no longer in existence. The manuscript which went to Philadelphia has never been found, and the minutes of the meeting on May 20 were destroyed when the home of John McKnitt Alexander was burned in April, 1800. However, Mr. Alexander had made a copy directly from the records and his testimony to this appears in his handwriting on the copy. This authentic copy is now in the Archives of the Library at the University of North Carolina. In 1831 the State published a pamphlet containing all of the affidavits by participants and eye-witnesses to the Signing of the Declaration. These men of high character, leaders in the County, including one minister and ten ruling elders of the Presbyterian Church, swore that this copy by Alexander was a true narrative of the transactions of the meeting on May 19 and 20, 1775.

Many well-meaning historians have been misled by an article written by Dr. Charles Phillips in 1853 in which he erroneously stated that Alexander's copy was made from

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