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Dr. Richardson Announces That Classes for Midwives Are to Be Continued.

The District Health Department will inaugurate the annual training classes for midwives next week, according to an announcement by Dr. William F. Richardson, acting District Health Officer. These classes in the past have been conducted by one of the nurses from the State Board of Health, and have consisted of only one meeting at each point. This year it is planned to hold four meetings at each point where there are midwives who do not qualify at the first meeting, and the instruction is going to be more than thorough than was previously possible. Midwives who desire to practice, too those previously registered, and those registering for the first time, will be required to attend one or more of these classes, and to meet certain other requirements.

March 2, 1944

"Plan To Speed Rate Of Military Draft" reported in this week's newspaper, "(o)fficials of the local selective service board are expecting a sharply accelerated draft rate as a result of the President's order for an immediate review of occupational deferments and a speedy start on making up a 200,000 deficit in army inductions." In related news, "Miss Hodges Enlists in U.S. Cadet Nurses Corps" told that, "Miss Willie Lee Hodges, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Finley Hodges, of Boone Route 2, has enlisted in the U.S. Nurses Cadet Corps. She is now at Shelby Hospital, Shelby, N.C., where she is taking training." The article notes, "Miss Hodges is the first young lady from Watauga County to enlist. She received her education at the Appalachian High School."

June 10, 1937

"Tonsil Clinic at Valle Crucis" was an article in this week's edition which told that, "(t)he Valle Crucis school took the form of a hospital Tuesday, when a tonsil clinic, sponsored by the county health department, was held on the premises." The story reported that, "some twenty operations were performed, Dr. Robert H. King, Dr. H.B. Perry, Dr. W.O. Bingham, and Dr. R.H. Harmon composing the medical staff." Three nurses assisted, including the school's nurse, "Mrs. Glover," who "utilized several of her students during the progress of the clinic."