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Baltimore City Health Department
WEEKLY LETTER TO THE MAYOR

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In his WEEKLY LETTER TO THE MAYOR dated October 15, 1971, the Commissioner of Health wrote:

Dear Mayor:

It is with regret that I report to you the retirement on October 16 of Mrs. Anita K. Henson, Supervisor of Public Health Nursing in the Druid Health District. Mrs. Henson, a native Baltimorean, has been a staff member of the City Health Department since July 20, 1940 and a Supervisor of Public Health Nursing since May 3, 1949.

Highly dedicated to her profession and to community service, Mrs. Henson's first assignment was in the Eastern Health District where she worked in Health Department clinics, served as a school nurse and made home visits for a variety of health services.

In 1942 after a year's leave of absence to attend New York University for courses in nursing education, she was assigned to the Druid Health District and for almost 30 years devoted herself to health services in that district. Among her many accomplishments Mrs. Henson helped organize needed child health clinics deciding on their locations and selecting and supervising their staffs. She has played an active part in the District's elementary school health program, the polio, measles, and German measles vaccination drives, the tuberculosis and VD control work and neighborhood health fairs. Always responsive to the needs of the Department and the community she has served on departmental nursing manual committees, organized and participated in in-service education of new staff and in the teaching of student nurses in programs affiliated with Provident Hospital and the University of Maryland and Union Memorial hospitals.

A graduate of Frederick Douglass High School and the Provident Hospital School of Nursing, Mrs. Henson worked as a staff member in the Department of Hospitals in New York City, a post she held for nine years before returning to Baltimore. In pursuing her educational goals Mrs. Henson attended Morgan State College, the University of Maryland, Rutgers University, Columbia University and the Catholic University of America where she was awarded her B.S. in Nursing Education.

Mrs. Henson is an active member of many local and national health and social service groups including the American Nurses' Association, the Supervisory Chapter of the Maryland Nurses Association, the Board of Directors of the Instructive Visiting Nurse Association, the Board of Directors of the Community Chest, the NAACP, the Congress of Racial Equality, the Baltimore Urban League, and is a Chapter Member of Chi Eta Phi, a nurses sorority. Her husband Roland Henson, an employee of the C & P Telephone Company is one of the founders of Bridge House, a facility for recovering alcoholics at 1516 Madison Avenue, a board member of the Baltimore Area Council on Alcoholism and has worked closely with the City Health Department's alcoholism program.

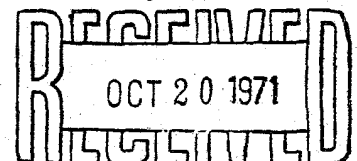
A testimonial banquet honoring Mrs. Henson's many years of service to the Baltimore community will be held November 21 at Martin's West.

Very truly yours,

(Signed) Robert E. Farber, M.D.

Commissioner of Health

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STATISTICAL REPORT FOR THE WEEK ENDING OCTOBER 14, 1971

WEEKLY SUMMARY OF BIRTHS, DEATHS
AND INFANT MORTALITY

	Week Ending October 14, 1971			Week Ending October 15, 1970		
	TOTAL	WHITE	NONWHITE	TOTAL	WHITE	NONWHITE
BIRTHS	N U M B E R					
Total recorded	461	285	176	430	281	149
Residents only	288	122	166	277	134	143
DEATHS						
Total recorded	188	133	55	225	152	73
Residents only	154	104	50	171	103	68
INFANT DEATHS						
Total recorded	2	1	1	9	5	4
Residents only	2	1	1	5	2	3
BIRTHS	CUMULATIVE NUMBER FOR YEAR TO DATE					
Total recorded	17,791	9,908	7,883	18,600	10,829	7,771
Residents only	12,155	4,792	7,363	12,579	5,312	7,267
DEATHS						
Total recorded	9,746	6,449	3,297	10,835	6,985	3,850
Residents only	7,894	4,771	3,123	8,347	5,151	3,196
INFANT DEATHS						
Total recorded	412	175	237	457	229	228
Residents only	328	104	224	322	114	208
	RESIDENT RATES* FOR YEAR TO DATE					
BIRTHS	17.1	12.7	22.0	17.6	13.8	22.0
DEATHS	11.1	12.7	9.3	11.7	13.4	9.7
INFANT MORTALITY	27.0	21.7	30.4	25.6	21.5	28.6

*BIRTH AND DEATH RATES PER 1,000 POPULATION; INFANT MORTALITY RATE PER 1,000 LIVE BIRTHS;
ALL RATES COMPUTED ON AN ANNUAL BASIS

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WEEKLY STATISTICAL REPORT
CASES OF REPORTABLE DISEASES, NON-RESIDENTS EXCLUDED
WEEK ENDING October 14, 1971

DISEASE	CASES			YEAR TO DATE CUMULATIVE NUMBER OF CASES	
	CURRENT WEEK	7 YEAR RANGE*		1971	1970
		HIGH	LOW		
Tuberculosis, active.....	4	21	7	370	393
Syphilis, primary and secondary.....	12	12	1	268	224
Gonococcal infections.....	188	226	36	8,718	8,932
Infectious hepatitis.....	3	8	1	255	228
Meningococcal infections.....	0	0	0	14	12
Meningitis, other.....	0	2	0	54	105
Encephalitis, infectious.....	0	2	0	1	2
Measles.....	0	2	0	15	722
German measles.....	0	4	0	48	196
Mumps.....	3	7	0	295	574
Chickenpox.....	0	3	0	273	428
Diphtheria.....	0	0	0	0	0
Whooping cough.....	0	4	0	11	14
Streptococcal infections.....	5	8	0	214	112
Poliomyelitis (paralytic cases).....	0	0	0	0	0
Typhoid fever.....	0	0	0	0	1
Salmonellosis.....	10	11	0	395	335
Dysentery.....	13	15	2	493	110
Diarrhea and enteritis.....	1	1	0	8	8
Lead poisoning.....	0	1	0	10	20
Influenza.....	0	1	0	2	5
Other reportable diseases.....	21	-	-	942	1,039

MORTALITY BY MAJOR CAUSES, NON-RESIDENTS EXCLUDED

CAUSE OF DEATH	CURRENT WEEK	7 YEAR RANGE*		YEAR TO DATE CUMULATIVE NUMBER OF DEATHS	
		HIGH	LOW	1971	1970
	TOTAL				
All Causes.....	134	200	136	7,394	8,347
Diseases of the heart.....	56	87	53	2,927	3,237
Cancer, all forms.....	32	41	18	1,463	1,554
Cerebral hemorrhage.....	14	16	7	542	566
Diseases of the arteries and veins.....	5	6	2	228	263
Influenza and pneumonia.....	3	6	1	161	190
Diabetes.....	11	13	2	244	276
Cirrhosis of liver.....	4	9	3	239	256
Tuberculosis (all forms).....	0	3	0	59	71
Nephritis.....	0	4	0	35	36
Puerperal causes.....	0	1	0	3	5
Malformations and diseases of early infancy.....	2	17	3	257	237
Suicides.....	0	3	0	65	69
Homicides.....	3	7	2	223	182
Accidents					
Home.....	1	4	1	65	107
Industrial	0	1	0	25	11
Automobile.....	2	5	1	104	95
Other public.....	0	3	0	-	-
Other external causes.....	0	-	-		
Other specified causes.....	21	-	-		

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* THE HIGH AND LOW FIGURES SHOWN ARE DERIVED FROM THE NUMBER OF CASES AND DEATHS FOR THE COMPARABLE WEEK FOR THE PERIOD 1964-1970