

File 202

Avondale High School
Avondale Estates, Georgia
February 10, 1947

After observing several evidences of unhealthful living conditions in our school community, we of the Avondale Colored High School saw the need for immediate action in this area.

The idea of setting up a Health Council seemed the most feasible. An initial meeting was held in November, at which time, a brief statement of needs and plans of action was made. A survey sheet was sent out into the community to determine the exact nature and scope of the problems to be considered. From the compilation of information gathered in the survey, we are now prepared to make certain recommendations to the council, as well as to actually set the Council up. Our recommendations are as follows:

Percentage of Rooms in Average Family Home :

| Housing Facilities: ----- | Number in Room: ----- |
|------------------------------|--------------------------|
| 5%-----8 rooms | 6 to 12 |
| 3%-----4 rooms | 4 to 8 |
| 10%-----6 rooms | 6 to 12 |
| 10%-----2 rooms | 4 to 8 |

75% had no physical examination yearly

75% have no yearly physical care or dental care

50% survey sheets showed midwives still in use

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80% have access to medical doctor

Some families do not know about the facilities at Grady Hospital and the Decatur Clinic.

Gardens:

50% do not have gardens

50% do not have canned products

Water Supply:

75% have wells

15% have no wells

10% have running water

Toilet Facilities:

About 75% of the toilets are dilapidated and 85% are pit toilets.

Poultry:

35% of the people have chickens.

Diseases :

Common diseases in the community are colds, dental caries, vision deficiencies, asthma, malnutrition, heart disease. Pre-adolescent communicable disease-T.B. and immediate school problems;

School lunch room
Adequate water supply
First aid room
Adequate toilet facilities

We are in need of certain necessary materials and are looking to members of the council to direct us in serving our community by securing seeds for gardens, adequate lavatory facilities, better water supply, beautification of homes, etc.

We are therefore inviting you to participate in the setting of the Health Council of the Avondale High School community, at 2:00 P.M. February 10, 1947, at the Avondale High School.

Respectfully yours,

Wm. Hatton, prin.