

Hearing Case
January 28, 1969

1. [REDACTED] - (W) - Haywood County

Social information: Age [REDACTED] Married. Five children. Pregnant.
Psychological November 6, 1968. WAIS quotients: Verbal 61;
performance 69; full scale 75.

Both Mrs. [REDACTED] and her husband are mentally retarded. She has had [REDACTED] pregnancies before the present one, but only [REDACTED] live births. Her oldest child is in the training school and the younger children have been placed in foster care as the care they received was very poor.

Mr. [REDACTED] has just been released from Broughton Hospital where he was placed after serving a prison term, and the couple has had to make any arrangements they can for living conditions. They have not been receiving public assistance since the children were placed in foster care. One child died in 19[REDACTED] and authorities believe the child's death was attributed to deliberate exposure. Another child is being treated at Duke Hospital for an esophageal defect attributed to ingestion of lye or caustics at an early age which is believed to probably have come from deliberate action on the part of the parents. Following Mr. [REDACTED] incarceration, Mrs. [REDACTED] became promiscuous, and the children were removed by the court for neglect after they had been carried around in an open truck for several days in very cold weather. It is almost impossible for Mrs. [REDACTED] to find a landlord who will rent to her.

When it became evident that Mrs. [REDACTED] was pregnant again as the result of her promiscuousness, it was decided to petition for sterilization since she had been supplied with birth control medication for three years but was incapable of following the instructions for taking the medication. Mrs. [REDACTED] feels that unless she has children she cannot receive public assistance, and for this reason has refused to sign the consent. Mr. [REDACTED] has gone along with her. Because of the demonstrated inability of Mrs. [REDACTED] to care for her family, even with a public assistance grant and the help of a caseworker, has made the Director of Public Welfare, the Health Department, and the community feel that she does not need additional children to care for. For this reason sterilization is now being requested through the Eugenics Board.

Diagnosis: Feeble-minded

Operation will be performed by

1. [REDACTED] - (N) - Rutherford County

Social information: Age 18. Single. Psychological January 22, 1960.
Vineland Social Maturity Scale age equivalent 3 years, SQ 31.

This girl lives with her parents in a getto area of Forest City. Housekeeping standards are poor as the mother is suffering from [REDACTED] and the father, who is a day laborer, is often away from home ad odd hours. Both parents and siblings seem to love Miss [REDACTED] and are defensive of her, but the mother's illness and the father's working hours make constant supervision impossible. She can only follow a simple single order and cannot be trusted to use the stove or hot water. The community accepted Miss [REDACTED] fairly well until she began to take off her clothes in public. She pulls up her dress and dances on the porch. The parents fear that with this desire to show herself in public, it will result in her being taken advantage of by some unscrupulous male. Since they cannot offer adequate supervissn, they are petitioning for sterilization since Miss [REDACTED] cannot care for her own needs and could never care for a child.

Diagnosis: Feebleminded Operation: Dr. Joe Don Hughes
Consent: Signed by [REDACTED] the father

2. [REDACTED] - (I) - Robeson County

Social information: Age [REDACTED] Married. Seven children. Psychological February 16, 1968. WAIS quotients: Verbal 42; performance 44; full scale IQ 45.

Mrs. [REDACTED] has had [REDACTED] children in eight years of marriage. She was fifteen when she became pregnant, and her parents gave their consent to her marriage. The husband is [REDACTED] years older than Mrs. [REDACTED], and their relationship is not good. There are frequent quarrels, and the husband has a very poor attitude toward his wife. The older children do not respect their mother's attempt to discipline, and her methods frequently border on abuse. Her husband says she uses profanity toward the children and expresses the hope that they will die. Mr. [REDACTED] works ten hours four days a week and Mrs. [REDACTED] has full responsibility for the home and children. She is amazingly good at housework but seems unable to care for or supervise her children. After the sixth child, the husband sought advice from the Health Department about birth control, but Mrs. [REDACTED] was unable to follow through. Mr. [REDACTED] has never felt responsible for family planning. Now that the seventh child has arrived, he feels sterilization should be done. This will at least relieve the steady drain of frequent pregnancies on Mrs. [REDACTED] strength and free her to care as best she can for the children already born to her. The Juvenile Court has already become involved, and both the staffs of the Juvenile Court and the Welfare Department will give casework service to this multiproblem family.

Diagnosis: Feebleminded Operation: Drs. Hobart Meyer, Ernest Brown
Consent: Signed by the husband, [REDACTED] or Jack Mohr.

3. [REDACTED] - (N) - Beaufort County

Social information: Age 13. Single. Psychological June 30, 1966.
Binet MA 2-6: IQ less than 30.

This girl lives with her mother, who is supported through the AFDC program, and four siblings. Her father was a heavy drinker and an erratic worker before his death in [REDACTED]. Since that time the income has been public assistance and from the men friend of the mother. [REDACTED] is said to be able to do small household chores if given enough time and to be able to bathe herself under the same conditions. She is enrolled in a trainable class at school and seems to enjoy this. She has [REDACTED] for which she wears glasses, and her speech is difficult. She cannot [REDACTED] when she is excited. The community is a danger to [REDACTED] as there are two dance halls across the street which are crowded with men both day and night. [REDACTED] is quite friendly with these men and any one who passes. Most of the people in the neighborhood know she is retarded and can be easily persuaded to any thing. Since she began menstruating at age ten, and is now fully developed, the mother, the family physician, and the caseworker feel that sterilization is needed to protect her from the possibility of pregnancy. She can never care for her own needs nor those of any child born to her.

Diagnosis: Feeble-minded
Operation will be performed by Dr. Joshua Tayloe
Consent signed by the mother, [REDACTED]

4. [REDACTED] - (I) - Robeson County

Social information: Age 24. Single. [REDACTED] children. Pregnant.
Psychological December 3, 1968. WAIS quotients: Verbal 55;
performance 55; full scale 53.

Miss [REDACTED] is pregnant for the third [REDACTED]. She gave her [REDACTED] child away but has kept [REDACTED]. When Miss [REDACTED] lives alone, she was unable to give this child proper care. Now that she has moved back with her parents the child has improved somewhat. The home is in fairly good physical condition, but sanitation measures are low with toilet facilities on the outside and a hand pump provides water. There are several retarded children in the family who have had their problems accepted with an attitude of resignation. Miss [REDACTED] has worked as a domestic and a day laborer on the farm. She cannot perform very adequately and part of her problem in this area is felt by her mother to be due to a physical malfunction of her hands. While Miss [REDACTED] seems very pleasant and easy to communicate with, she has never had a lasting relationship with any one of the opposite sex. The fathers of her children were rather casual acquaintances. When the subject of sex is discussed, she becomes embarrassed and giggles. Both Miss [REDACTED] and her family understand the implications of sterilization, and she herself has asked for this. It is not expected to have any adverse effect on her adjustment.

Diagnosis: Feeble-minded Operation: Dr. Ernest Brown
Consent: Signed by [REDACTED], mother

5. [REDACTED] - (N) - New Hanover County

Social information: Age 14. Single. Psychological June 11, 1968.
WISC quotients: Verbal 57; performance 53; full scale 51.

This fourteen year old girl is one of [REDACTED] children, [REDACTED] of whom are retarded. She was placed in training school because of failure to go to school and has just been placed on conditional release. While in the training school, she was taught to perform some domestic cottage duties and was given as much vocational training work as she could manage. She needs to be in special education classes since she cannot read. [REDACTED] lives with her three sisters who are supported by an AFDC grant. The oldest sister who seems capable is payee as the mother is not in the home. Housekeeping standards are poor, though the size and condition of the housing is adequate. For several years [REDACTED] has been promiscuous and since her return from training school this has been resumed as before. Since [REDACTED] is incapable of caring for her own needs, sterilization will at least prevent children from being born to this inadequate girl. Both the mother and [REDACTED] are in agreement that she needs this protection.

Diagnosis: Feeble-minded Operation: Dr. James B. Lounsbury
Consent: Signed by [REDACTED], mother

6. [REDACTED] - (W) - Murdoch Center (Person County)

Social information: Age [REDACTED]. Single. Psychological October 21, 1965.
WISC quotients: Verbal 55; performance 64; full scale 55.

This [REDACTED] year old girl is a student at Murdoch Center where she was admitted in Junr 19[REDACTED]. Her family is said to have much mental retardation in it, and there is also a history of epilepsy. One brother has been in [REDACTED] Hospital for many years because of this, and [REDACTED] and her youngest sister have been epileptic for many years. Mrs. [REDACTED] moved her family to Person County in 19[REDACTED] after the [REDACTED]. The whole family has a poor record of health, ability to discipline, handle finances, and moral standards. Mrs. [REDACTED] has many times requested placement of all the children through the years but only [REDACTED] and her brother at [REDACTED] have been placed outside the home. The home is located in a predominantly Negro community, and there are and have been many reports of men callers and much partying. The family has left a poor reputation in each community where they have lived. There have been several children born out-of-wedlock to older girls in the family, and even Mrs. [REDACTED] was said to be promiscuous. She now says that she "has stopped all that." While [REDACTED] is at Murdoch Center most of the time, she does visit her family, and it is feared that she will become pregnant during these visits. How long she will remain there is not now known, but the chief concern is for [REDACTED] during vacation periods.

Diagnosis: Feeble-minded
Operation will be performed by Staff Surgeon, Dorothea Dix Hospital
Consent signed by [REDACTED] mother

7. [REDACTED] - (N) - Gaston County

Social information: Age 14. Single. Psychological July 7, 1966.
Binet MA 2-11: IQ 32.

[REDACTED] is a severely retarded girl whose parents are low in intelligence. Her father is [REDACTED], and her mother must assume all responsibility for the family. They live in a low socio-economic neighborhood, and Mrs. [REDACTED] works as a [REDACTED] to meet their needs. Because of this, supervision is not consistently available to [REDACTED]. Even when the mother is in the home, [REDACTED] older brother often fights her. She can perform very few tasks. She must be helped to dress and care for herself and the only housework she can do is help with the washing of simple items of clothing. She comprehends very little of what is said to her and speaks only occasionally. She has a [REDACTED] and a [REDACTED]. She is nervous and uncoordinated and reads very little. The neighborhood is a very rough one and she is frequently picked on by neighborhood children. While there is no known sexual experience, she is so retarded that she would not recognize sexual advances. The mother feels that because she is so retarded that she needs protection of sterilization since the family could not bear the expense or responsibility of any children that she might have. Sterilization will have no affect upon her social adjustment but will relieve somewhat the feeling of her mother that she will be taken advantage of.

Diagnosis: Feeble-minded Operation: Dr. Torben Seear
Consent signed by the mother, [REDACTED]

8. [REDACTED] - (W) - Nash County

Social information: Age 16. Single. Pregnant. Psychological 9-1-66.
IQ 64.

This sixteen year old girl expects her first child in [REDACTED] 19[REDACTED]. She was placed at Caswell Center [REDACTED] 19[REDACTED] and adjusted well there, showing progress in both academic and social training programs, despite her lack of impulse control, general immaturity, and poor judgment. She was permitted to go home on a visit in the spring of 19[REDACTED]. She was then placed in the [REDACTED] as an employee of the [REDACTED]. She lives with her mother and three younger sisters. The mother works at [REDACTED] and earns a minimum income on which to support her family. Mrs. [REDACTED] wants [REDACTED] to care for the younger children while she is working, but [REDACTED] will often go off with girl friends leaving the responsibility to her sister. She resents any restrictions placed upon her behavior and will not accept the supervision of her mother. She sees any rules or restrictions as binding her down and meant to be broken. It is hoped that with the help of the Public Health Nurse and caseworker she will be able to learn some of the simple techniques of child care since she will not be amenable to learning these from her mother. If she reacts to stress as usual, there will be temper tantrums and walking out on the baby. When [REDACTED] was found to be pregnant she seemed to be frightened but not unhappy. She was not upset by the

refusal of the child's father to marry her. She sees sterilization as a relief. Her mother and her doctor feel that because of [REDACTED] inability to provide for herself and children she needs the protection against pregnancy that sterilization will give. [REDACTED], Superintendent at Caswell Center, has also endorsed this plan.

Diagnosis: Feeble-minded
Operation will be performed by Dr. Margaret Battle
Consent signed by the mother, [REDACTED]

9.. [REDACTED] - (W) - John Umstead Hospital (Forsyth County)

Social information: Age [REDACTED]. Single

Miss [REDACTED] is a patient at John Umstead Hospital for the [REDACTED] time. She was placed at Samarcand Manor because she refused to attend school and then tried a secretarial course at [REDACTED] for a few weeks but gave up because it was too difficult for her. She has little ability to relate to people, and her associates at John Umstead are all men. She has become an increasingly difficult management problem at John Umstead because of her interest in sex and has been known to go to isolated areas around the hospital with both Negro and white men patients. She tells the staff that she has not been able to have intercourse apparently because she was a virgin. She is very friendly with a man from her home neighborhood who is also a patient at John Umstead. Recently on a visit home, Miss [REDACTED] told her mother she was pregnant. Since Miss [REDACTED] is so interested in sexual matters, the mother feels she needs the protection of sterilization. Miss [REDACTED] agrees to the operation. This will at least prevent children being born to this girl who cannot care for them.

Diagnosis: Borderline mental deficiency with a schizoid personality.

Operation will be performed by surgical staff, Dorothea Dix Hospital

Consent signed by patient and her mother, Mrs. [REDACTED]

10. [REDACTED] - (W) - Brunswick County

Social information: Age 20. Single. [REDACTED]. Psychological test May 23, 1967. WAIS quotients: Verbal 65; performance 75; full scale 67.

Miss [REDACTED] has just had her [REDACTED] child. She had toxemia and was critically ill but has now improved. She lives with her parents; her father is and has been disabled for years, and her mother is a simple minded person. Miss [REDACTED] has never been able to learn good habits from her environment for this reason. Her parents love her but their own principles are not high enough to see problems in their daughter's behavior. Miss [REDACTED] has done some [REDACTED], but the mother's description to the psychologist of what she can do has not been verified by home visits by the caseworker. Her housekeeping practices are very poor, and she shows in her person the need for training in grooming habits and personal daintiness. She has been known to be promiscuous for several years before she became pregnant, and she is felt to be lucky to [REDACTED]. Miss [REDACTED] is very willing to have sterilization, and since her mother has been sterilized with no ill effects the parents feel this best for her. The Welfare Department will continue to give service in an effort to make Miss [REDACTED] as self supporting as possible.

Diagnosis: Feebleminded Operation: Dr. J. L. Sampson, Jr.
Consent: Signed by [REDACTED] mother

11. [REDACTED] - (W) - Yadkin County

Social information: Age [REDACTED]. Pregnant. Psychological November 1, 1968. WAIS quotients: Verbal 95; performance 91; full scale 93.

Mrs. [REDACTED] has been a patient at Broughton Hospital [REDACTED] times since [REDACTED] 19[REDACTED]. On the last [REDACTED] admissions she received a diagnosis of Schizophrenic Reaction. She married [REDACTED] shortly after being released from the hospital the [REDACTED] time but only lived with him [REDACTED]. His whereabouts are now unknown. Mrs. [REDACTED] now lives with her parents who have tried to give supervision and protection but are unable to do so adequately. She can do housekeeping duties fairly well but has been employed at a job for [REDACTED] during her entire adult life. She says she knew she did not have to work so she quit this job and has never considered taking another. She gets along fairly well with her parents, although she and her father have frequent quarrels. She feels he has been very controlling during this pregnancy. Mrs. [REDACTED] has a long record of promiscuous behavior. Her father feels she is "oversexed", and she realizes that her behavior is not socially acceptable. When she entered Broughton the [REDACTED] time her parents found a note saying she had had relations with seventeen different boys. She is not sure who is the father of her expected child as she had relations with four different men the week she became pregnant. Mrs. [REDACTED] made her own decision to be sterilized, and her parents agree. She was not accepted in a maternity home and

will have her baby in a local hospital. She says she wants to release the child for adoption, and the Welfare Department will work with her along this plan. The caseworker feels that Mrs. [REDACTED] can accept sterilization better than she can accept another pregnancy.

Diagnosis: Mentally ill Operation will be performed by Dr. C. B. Hughes, Jr.

Consent: Signed by [REDACTED] the mother. Mr. [REDACTED] could not be found in Yadkin County by the Sheriff.

12. [REDACTED] - (N) - Pitt County

Social information: Age 13. Single. Psychological March 30, 1967.
Binet MA 2-9: IQ less than 30.

[REDACTED] is so severely retarded that she was removed from school during her [REDACTED] year. She was unable to adjust adequately enough to the routine to permit her to stay and absorb the small amount she might have from hearing others recite. The psychologist noted from the interview with the mother that she seemed to be little more intelligent than her daughter. The caseworker comments that everyone in the family except one daughter older than [REDACTED] are retarded. [REDACTED] can, with supervision, dress herself and attend to her toilet needs. She feeds herself but cannot perform even the simplest task such as preparing a sandwich when hungry. Her speech consists of [REDACTED]. The home is extremely overcrowded and the housing itself is in poor condition. The home is located in an overcrowded neighborhood where morals are very low. The men of the neighborhood are constantly in and out of the home, and the parents are afraid that [REDACTED] will be taken advantage of by one of them. [REDACTED] could never care for a child, and the burden would fall on her parents and family. The family cannot care for its own needs and could never give additional children the care needed. At present the parents are quite opposed to institutional care as they feel they can meet [REDACTED] needs at home. They want sterilization for her as they realize that she can never meet her own needs and could never care for a child.

Diagnosis: Feebleminded

Operation will be performed by Staff Surgeon, Pitt Memorial Hospital

Consent: Signed by [REDACTED] father

Minutes of Eugenics Board Meeting
January 28, 1969

The Eugenics Board met January 28, 1969, at 2:00p.m., Room 539 of the Education Building. The following members were present: Virginia H. Grier, representing Clifton M. Craig, Commissioner of Public Welfare and Chairman of the Board; Dr. R. L. Rollins, Jr., Superintendent, Dorothea Dix Hospital; Dr. W. Burns Jones, Jr., representing the Director of Public Health; Dr. John S. McKee, Jr., representing the Commissioner of Mental Health; and R. S. Weathers representing the Attorney General of North Carolina.

The following hearing case was presented:

1. [REDACTED]

It was the unanimous decision of the Board that this person is feebleminded, and sterilization was ordered in accordance with the petition.

The following consent cases were presented:

1. [REDACTED]

It was the unanimous decision of the Board that this person is feebleminded, and sterilization was ordered in accordance with the petition.

2. [REDACTED]

It was the unanimous decision of the Board that this person is feebleminded, and sterilization was ordered in accordance with the petition.

3. [REDACTED]

It was the unanimous decision of the Board that this person is feebleminded, and sterilization was ordered in accordance with the petition.

4. [REDACTED]

It was the unanimous decision of the Board that this person is feebleminded, and sterilization was ordered in accordance with the petition.

5. [REDACTED]

It was the unanimous decision of the Board that this person is feebleminded, and sterilization was ordered in accordance with the petition.

6. [REDACTED]

It was the unanimous decision of the Board that this person is feeble-minded, and sterilization was ordered in accordance with the petition.

7. [REDACTED]

It was the unanimous decision of the Board that this person is feeble-minded, and sterilization was ordered in accordance with the petition.

8. [REDACTED]

It was the unanimous decision of the Board that this person is feeble-minded, and sterilization was ordered in accordance with the petition.

9. [REDACTED]

It was the unanimous decision of the Board that this person is mentally ill, and sterilization was ordered in accordance with the petition.

10. [REDACTED]

It was the unanimous decision of the Board that this person is feeble-minded, and sterilization was ordered in accordance with the petition.

11. [REDACTED]

It was the unanimous decision of the Board that this person is mentally ill, and sterilization was ordered in accordance with the petition.

12. [REDACTED]

It was the unanimous decision of the Board that this person is feeble-minded, and sterilization was ordered in accordance with the petition.

Executive Secretary

Operations Reported Performed Since December 17, 1968

Board Meeting

1. [REDACTED] - Catawba County
2. [REDACTED] - Dorothea Dix Hospital (Caldwell County)
3. [REDACTED] - Edgecombe County
4. [REDACTED] - Dorothea Dix Hospital (Wake County)
5. [REDACTED] - Lee County
6. [REDACTED] - O'Berry Center (Wayne County)
7. [REDACTED] - Davidson County
8. [REDACTED] - Orange County
9. [REDACTED] - Mecklenburg County
10. [REDACTED] - Cleveland County
11. [REDACTED] - Wayne County
12. [REDACTED] - Jones County
13. [REDACTED] - Jones County
14. [REDACTED] - Scotland County
15. [REDACTED] - Forsyth County
16. [REDACTED] - Mecklenburg County
17. [REDACTED] - Orange County
18. [REDACTED] - Rowan County
19. [REDACTED] - Davidson County
20. [REDACTED] - Iredell County
21. [REDACTED] - Cherry Hospital (New Hanover County)