

State Funds Being Sought For Infirmary

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County Seeks Aid
In Caring for
Tuberculosis Cases

Representatives of Durham, Guilford, Mecklenburg, and Forsyth Counties journey to Raleigh today to request an annual grant from the State of North Carolina to help maintain their county tuberculosis sanatoriums. The groups were to appear before the Joint Appropriations Committee of the State Legislature to present their case.

Durham County was to have been represented by County Manager D. W. Newsom, but there was a conflict with today's County Commissioners' session. Newsom sent a dozen copies of Durham's request to be presented to the Joint Appropriations Committee during the day, however.

The joint committee has completed its regular hearings, but agreed to hold this special meeting to hear the county representatives on the matter.

The County Manager last night attended a meeting of Representatives in Raleigh to draw up figures on the cost of operating county tuberculosis hospitals and other data to be given the joint group in Raleigh today.

The local county infirmary was enlarged some years ago so that it now provides facilities for 15 patients. The maintenance cost for the infirmary is placed at about \$10,000 annually.

Financial aid from the State is sought on the theory that county tuberculosis hospitals would not be needed if the State had sufficient accommodations in its institutions to provide for patients needing hospitalization, Newsom said.

County Commissioner George L. Stansbury of Guilford, arranged the hearing.

County authorities today said that the local county home hospital is still known as hospital and infirmary and not as a tuberculosis sanatorium but that funds would be sought from the State on the grounds that a considerable number of tuberculosis cases are cared for there. The infirmary also is designed to care for indigent patients with other types of diseases, they declared.