

# Progress In Sanitation Made In Wilkes County

## Gordon Battle Explains Need In Statement

Many Privies Have Been Erected At Schools of County Recently

### HEALTH IS PARAMOUNT

Several weeks ago, The Journal-Patriot published an article which called attention to the absence of sanitation in rural schools. A recent check up with Gordon Battle, state sanitary inspector, who is in charge of this work in the county, disclosed that some progress is being made to improve present conditions.

Seeking more information on the subject of sanitation as it applies to Wilkes and the steps that are being taken to better prevailing conditions, The Journal-Patriot requested a statement from Mr. Battle. In compliance with the request, Mr. Battle gave out the following statement:

The purpose of a health department is to teach preventive medicine and hygiene. It attempts to control contagious and infectious diseases by preventing them.

There are certain contagious diseases called fifth diseases that is diseases spread from the alvine discharges of man (urine and feces). Some of the most important of these diseases are:

1. Typhoid fever.
2. Dysentery.
3. The diarrhoea (summer complaint).
4. Hookworm.
5. Colitis.
6. Round worm.

For a well person to contract any of the above diseases, that person must either eat or drink filth from a person who has the disease.

Preventive measures can be taken to eliminate these diseases. They center around the problem of proper sewage disposal. They are:

1. Proper sewage disposal. In a city sewerage, an approved septic tank or a sanitary pit privy, properly located with regard to the water supply.
2. A safe water supply, safe because it is properly located, protected from surface contamination, protected from personal contamination and found by analysis to be reasonably clean.
3. The control of fly breeding. Flies carry the disease germ. Their breeding must be controlled as much as possible and their ingress to the home prohibited by screens.
4. Vaccination. Vaccination will prevent typhoid fever. It will enable a person to eat filth without contracting typhoid fever. Proper sanitation will prevent all the above diseases. Typhoid fever can be taken as an example of what preventive medicine and hygiene can do. The state has been enforcing its privy law and giving free typhoid vaccine for the past 15 years. In

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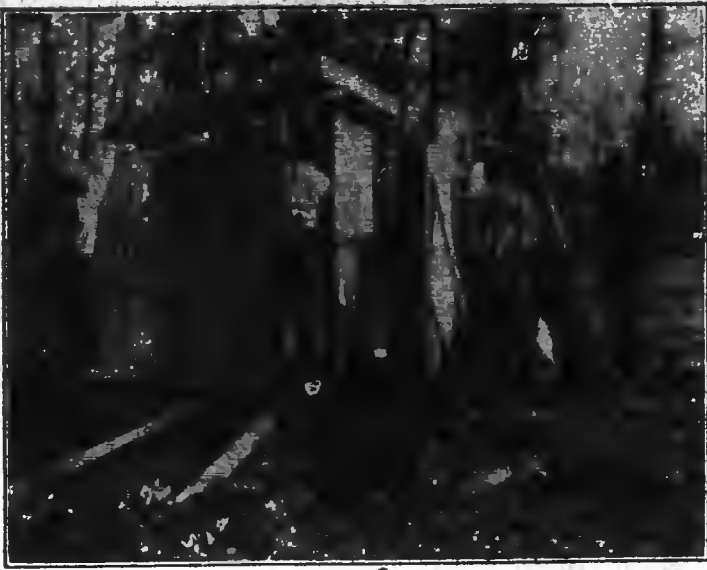
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### R. F. C. LABOR AT BENHAM



Labor paid for out of the unemployment relief funds loaned the state by the Reconstruction Finance Corporation was used to erect sanitary privies at a number of schools in the county. Unemployed men were put to work, giving jobs to those who needed them most and the school and the cause of health were given a boost also. In this picture, men are seen at work on a privy at Benham school. Note the simplicity of construction.

### AN INEXPENSIVE MODEL



The picture shows an inexpensive type of privy which was erected at Ferguson high school under the supervision of Gordon Battle, sanitary inspector.

that time the typhoid death rate in urban North Carolina has dropped from 25 in 100,000 population per year to 4.

A sanitary pit privy is the most economical and the most satisfactory method of sewage disposal in all instances where a city sewerage system is not available. A sanitary pit privy is fly-tight. If it is not fly-tight or if there is no pit, flies get to the filth, they collect it on their legs and bodies and eat it. They then come to the dinner table or to the baby's sticky face, the filth is transferred to the biscuits, the sugar bowl, etc., and people eat the filth. The people get sick.

If the privy is not a pit privy or if there is no pit, the filth collects on top of the ground and it may reach the water supply. All wells should be walled or cased down in the ground far enough so that surface water cannot get into them. They should also be cased up above the surrounding ground level and a concrete platform built over the well. Water should be drawn from the well by a properly installed pump. If a bucket is used it is almost impossible to keep the dirt from a person's hands and clothes from eventually reaching the water supply. All springs should be protected primarily from surface contamination. A ditch dug above the spring will carry surface water around it. The spring should be walled up and covered and so arranged that water is gotten from it through a pipe and not by dipping a bucket in it.

Flies are a public health menace. It is possible to control their breeding by the proper disposal

community and good men have left their farms and their businesses and have worked with pick, shovel, hammer and saw that their children might have a sanitary pit privy at school.

These men are the fathers of the community. Their interest and their effort are all that made the project possible. They are believers in sanitation. They have learned to build a sanitary pit privy. They have learned why to build a sanitary pit privy and their influence on the community in which they live will in the future be of inestimable value.

Every public health program is absolutely dependent for its success upon the co-operation of each individual in the community. A public health program is an educational program. People must do things for their own good and their neighbors' good, not because there is a health officer, not because the sanitary inspector makes them do, but because they realize the public health reason for doing. People must become public health conscious. Civilization has reached the point where what happens in one man's back yard directly affects his neighbor. Knowledge can best be imparted by example and word of mouth. The health department urges all who know why things should be done to do them and to tell someone else; so that, ultimately, every one may know how and why. The health department is willing and anxious to do all in its power to promote public health in Wilkes county. It furnishes bulletins telling how to build a privy, how to fix a well, how to wall a spring, how to prevent contagious diseases. The health department also furnishes a consultant service and will at any time help any one do anything to improve the sanitary conditions in any home or community.

### Hoover Urges Nation to Back The President

New York, March 6.—A plea for all citizens to support President Roosevelt in his effort to untangle the banking and business crisis came today from his predecessor, Herbert Hoover.

Departing from the rule he laid down informally before leaving the White House—that he would issue no statements or interviews—Mr. Hoover answered the inquiries of newspaper men as to his views on the national bank holiday and the ban on gold export with these words:

"The President's proclamation should receive the whole-hearted support and co-operation of every citizen."

There was no amplification of his terse remark. If Mr. Hoover is taking any more direct hand in the efforts to straighten out the nation's financial condition other than to keep himself informed of each step, no intimation of it came from his immediate party or his conferees.

### Charles Drum, Prominent Farmer of Alexander, Dead

Taylorsville, March 6.—Charles Drum, 84, prominent farmer of Millers township, died March 4 at his home at 2 p. m., of heart trouble.

Funeral services were held today at Marvin Methodist church, by Rev. J. H. Pressley, of Statesville, and Rev. D. A. Alexander, of Taylorsville.

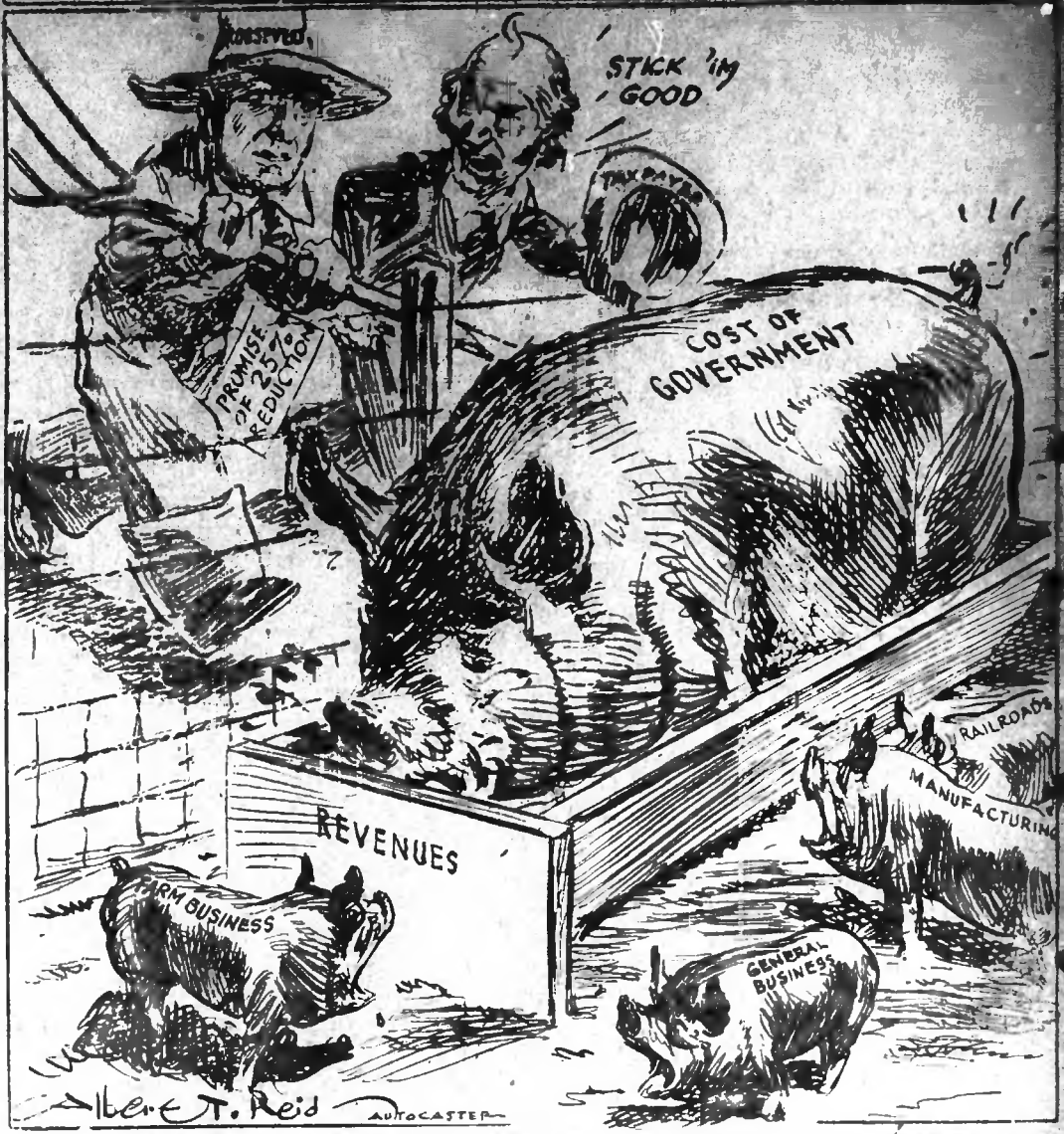
The deceased is survived by his wife, and four children, Clarence Drum and Mrs. Parks Thomas, of Hiddenite, Ernest Drum and Mrs. Parks Crouch, of the county.

### MEDICINAL WHISKEY MEASURE DEFEATED

Raleigh, March 6.—The house tonight killed the bill of Representative Murphy, of Rowan, to legalize medicinal whiskey in North Carolina. The vote was 75 to 19.

### One of the First Jobs

By Albert T. Reid



### Cool Springs News Notes

Perhaps many of our friends would be glad to know that Cool Springs Sunday school is still living; beautifully evergreen, having held its sessions regularly each Sabbath day thru the bad weather and the good.

There were seventy-six members present yesterday, and we were delighted to have our choir director, Mr. A. C. Wall, back with us again. "It was the old time music, wife; it had the old time ring" for Cool Springs had found her voice.

The Little Sunbeam Class had eight honor roll pupils for the past quarter and considering the bad roads, the distance traveled, and many other hindrances we consider it pretty fair. Only one of the members of this class absent yesterday, and two members from the Busy Bee class. Funny that little folks make the best record in Sunday school, isn't it?

Farmers of this section are almost done turning land for corn and oats. They are expecting a good harvest of vetch, oats and as to date the crop promises fair.

Several of the members of our Soil Improvement club are trying the new Lespedeza Serica, having been able to procure seed from the Progressive Farmer ads at \$2.00 per pound. The seed are very clean, hulled and scarified, state inspected. Common Lespedeza and Tennessee 76 is being sown here again in this spring. Many of our farmers expect to harvest their own seed this year. In order to have plenty for all their needs, in order to do this they are sowing on good strong land for this purpose.

### ADMINISTRATORS' NOTICE

Having qualified as administrator of the late B. C. Souther, Sr., deceased, this is to notify all persons having claims against the estate of the said B. C. Souther, Sr., deceased, to present them to the undersigned administrator on or before the 26th day of January, 1934, or this notice will be plead in bar of their right to recover on said claims. All persons owing the estate are hereby requested to make immediate settlement of the same.

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**Daily Buzz**  
MAIN STREET'S PICTURE PAPER

**EXCAVATION ON MAIN ST. CAUSES EXCITEMENT**

GEO. OVADRAFT, THE BANK CLERK, & HIS CAR DIDN'T COME WITHIN A MILE OF HITTING THE EXCAVATION ON MAIN STREET, BUT HE AND HIS FAMILY HAVEN'T YET STOPPED WORRYING ABOUT THE TERRIBLE SMASH UP THEY MIGHT HAVE HAD.

RA COSMETIC'S BEAUTY SHOP

WELL, THERE DIDN'T MUTHIN' HAPPEN TO YA, DID THEY?

NO-BUT THINK WHAT I MIGHTA HAPPENED IF I HADN'T PUT MY BREAKS ON QUICK - I MIGHTA BEEN THROWN THRU THE WIND SHIELD AN' BUSTED A COUPLA ARMS

I MIGHTA SMASHED MY GLASSES AN' GOT MY GOOD EYE PUT OUT

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By L. F. Van Zelm