

Health Officers Attack Syphilis

In Co-Joint Meeting With North Carolina Medical Society An Outline Was Made Of Plan Of Battle With Venereal Disease

Endorsement of North Carolina's syphilis control plan by organized medicine is interpreted by Dr. Carl V. Reynolds, State Health Officer, as a forward step that will aid materially in helping to carry the fight against what he terms "the king of killers" to far-flung battle lines, reaching many outposts.

The plan was presented to the doctors in session in Winston-Salem, just prior to the conjoint meeting of the State Board of Health and the North Carolina Medical Society, as provided for by law. Dr. Reynolds expressed himself as being highly pleased at the reception given by the medical men and their endorsement, without a word of dissent, of what he conceives to be a plan of battle which, carried on vigorously, as it will be, is to play an important part in control work now being undertaken in North Carolina.

"Time moves on, and we must keep pace and in step," the State Health Officer told his colleagues in the medical profession. "Changes are constantly being submitted, advances and mistakes are being made. We must know the past to appreciate the present and to prepare intelligently for the future."

Dr. Reynolds referred to the success that followed war on such diseases as smallpox, ty-

phoid fever, dysentery, hook-worm, tuberculosis and other human ailments which formerly brought despair but are now intelligently controlled or prevented altogether by the use of scientific discoveries.

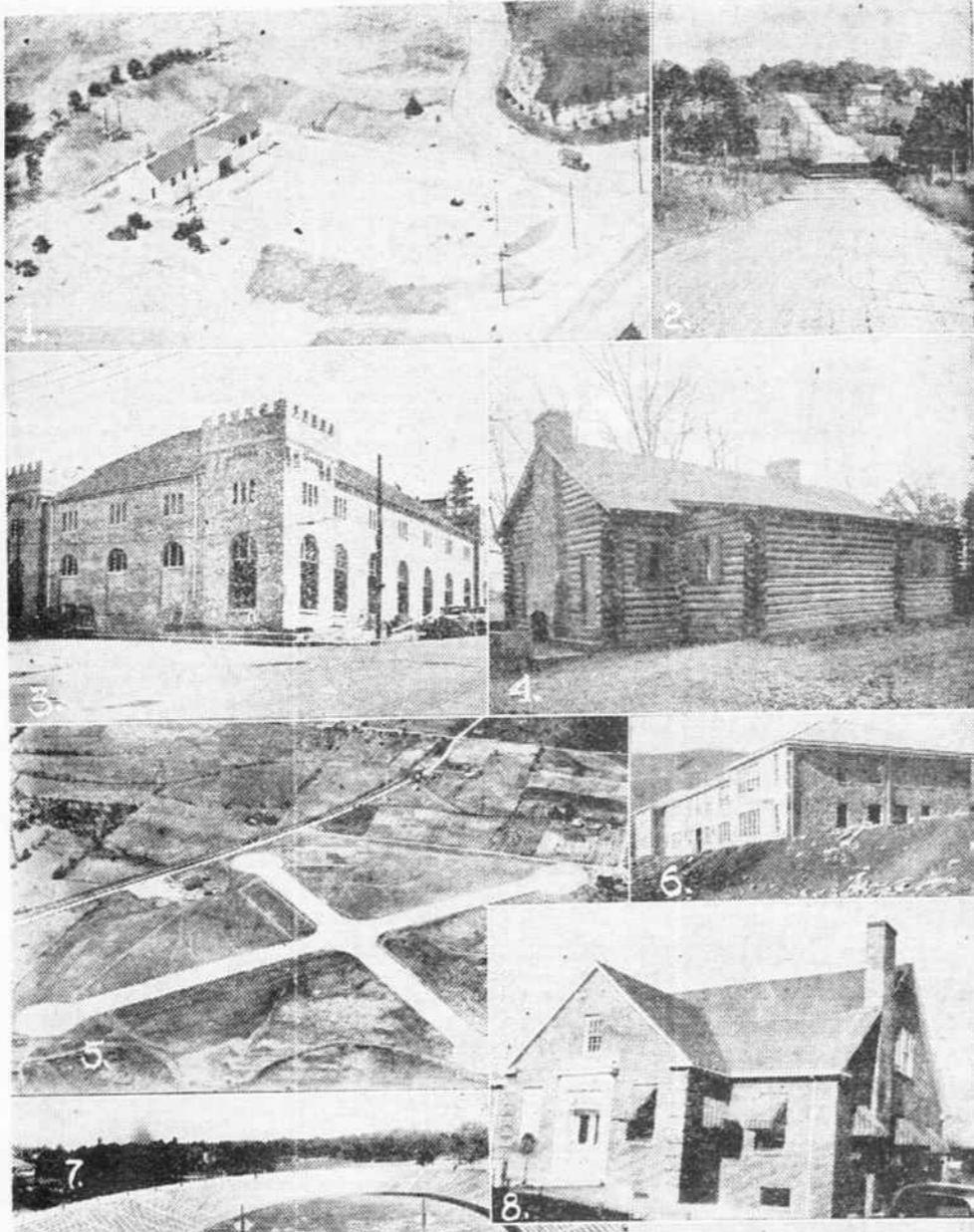
He said of syphilis, to which he referred also as "the exterminator," "the great imitator" and "the ventriloquist" that "it is controllable and it is curable."

"It is, however, distinctly encouraging that the name 'syphilis' is no longer taboo, unspoken and unread," indicating his satisfaction that it is now brought out into the open, where it can be intelligently attacked and, through the aid of scientific discovery, successfully combated.

"It is distinctly encouraging that the laity is fast becoming cognizant of its dangers and the proper methods of control and treatment," he told members of his profession to whom he was making the State's plan of attack clear.

"It is encouraging," he went on, "that now history teaches us, and statistics clearly establish the fact that syphilis is not controlled as a moral issue; that it is treated now as an infectious disease, contracted by and through many avenues . . . the violation of the moral law is one source only. We are not now attempting to hold the disease within the moral group," he said, here bringing out and emphasizing the modern control plan's admission that "it attacks the moral and the immoral alike."

"Syphilis, the one outstanding disease that challenges the ingenuity of the medical profession and the public health officials, looms up before us. What are we to do about it?" he asked.



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Dr. Reynolds then went into a formal explanation and presentation of the plan of attack to be carried on relentlessly against this disease, set up at a conference of state and territorial health officers in Washington, April 7 and 8, this year.

These health officials, Dr. Reynolds said, endorsed the plan, which he outlines in the following concise terms, as it applies to this state:

"The Health Department of the State of North Carolina includes the provisions in its administrative organization as outlined by the state and territorial officers in that syphilis control work is integrated with the communicable disease division.

"The program is directed by a full-time venereal disease control officer.

"There is a local health advisory committee to the Health Department out of a selected group from the North Carolina Medical Society.

"The State Health Department should establish a system of granting aid to the cities in which health officers agree to carry on a syphilis control program approved by the State Department of Health. The standards to be maintained, if approval is granted, cover all the features of the program such as those pertaining to diagnostic facilities, treatment facilities, epidemiologic work and the educational program."

He then discussed the functional control program, acquainting the doctors with its various provisions. "While it is not deemed feasible or advisable to restrict the performance of the blood serologic tests to a central state laboratory, it is believed to be sound public policy for the state to set standards for the performance of such tests, to control their accuracy, their continued specificity and sensitivity, and to see that conditions are maintained which are essential for accurate technique in sero-diagnostic work. For this reason," he pointed out, "in addition to the full-possible development of state laboratory facilities to supplement existing private facilities, it is recommended that a system of state licensure or approval for hospital, institutional, and other private laboratories doing bacteriologic, serologic and other work of importance to public health be organized. The possibility should be borne in mind that under certain circumstances local private laboratories may be subsidized to advantage for the performance of laboratory work."

He continued with other phases of the control plan, which was endorsed in its entirety, showing how the fight against syphilis will not only be universal in its scope but thorough in every detail, involving cooperation be-

Account Cards Cause Trouble

There Has Been Reported Alleged Counterfeiting Of Account Cards In Social Security Work

Instances of alleged counterfeit social security account cards being used for identification in cashing checks brought from the Social Security Board today a caution that cards issued by the Board are for identification purposes under the Social Security Act.

Possession of an account card holds no particular significance for other identification purposes or for the financial responsibility of the individual, Mr. Stacey W. Wade, Field Representative in charge of the Social Security Board office at 116 1/2 S. Salisbury Street in Raleigh, said.

The Board wished to emphasize Mr. Wade said, that under the circumstances in which account cards are designed to be used it is against the employee's interests to use a card other than his own. Account numbers are being used by the Board in administering the Federal old-age benefits plan and by the States in administering their unemployment compensation laws.

For purposes of the Federal old-age benefits program, employers, beginning next July, will use account numbers in reporting the amount of wages paid employees. These wages will be credited to the individual employee's social security account. The amount of old-age benefits will be based on the total amount of wages paid the individual employee in covered employment after 1936 and until he reaches age 65. Mr. Wade pointed out.

Employees in industry and commerce who do not have account numbers were urged to apply immediately at their local post offices for them. Duplicate account cards, Mr. Wade added, may be obtained in the same way by employees who have lost their cards.

They had been sitting in the swing in the moonlight, alone. No word broke the stillness for half an hour until—

"Suppose you had money," she said, "what would you do?"

He threw out his chest in all the glory of young manhood.

"I'd travel!" he said.

He felt her warm young hand slide into his. When he looked up, she had gone. In his hand lay a nickel.

Longwood Club Holds Meeting

Longwood Club met with Mrs. Nelson Bennett Wednesday, April 28th.

After a short business meeting, Mrs. Marion S. Doshier gave a very instructive demonstration on "Flower Arrangement." Refreshments were served by the hostess.

The guests present were Mesdames W. R. Jenrette, Travis Browning, Lucy Bennett, Miss Grace Jacobs and hostess, Mrs. Nelson Bennett.

Outstanding Show Coming To Amuzu

"Lloyd's of London," one of the outstanding moving pictures of the current season, will be the feature attraction at the Amuzu Theatre Friday and Saturday of this week.

"Stolen Holiday," with beautiful Kay Frances, comes Monday to the local theatre, followed on Wednesday by "Come Closer Folks," romantic comedy starring James Dunn and Marion Marsh.

Elsie (aged five): "I do hope some Dutchman will marry me when I grow up!"

Aunt Mary: "Why, dear?"

Elsie: "Cause I want to be a duchess!"

Effort Will Be Made To Secure Veterans Hospital

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ed by the government. Other tentative sites have been proposed.

The hospital will have 500 beds to start with. The climate here is especially well adapted for certain classes of patients, notably those suffering from high blood pressure, tuberculosis or goitre. A location on the coast in the eastern part of the state is desired for patients who are unable to stand the mountain climate at Oteen, where the government now has one such hospital.

It is interesting to note that at Oteen over 400 homes had to be built, or were built, for families of patients. A sizeable little city sprang up around the hospital there. The waterworks and fire department at Oteen is said to be fully in keeping with the size of the ones at Wilmington.

NUMEROUS CASES IN COUNTY COURT

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influence of intoxicating liquor. He was required to pay a fine of \$50.00 and was taxed with the costs of the case, but gave notice of appeal.

In the case against W. B. Brown, white, for reckless operation and transporting illegal liquor judgment was held open until

GOVERNOR HOEY GUEST AT PICNIC

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come and bring baskets for lunch. The bill of fare will be supplemented with barbecued pig and fried fish.

In addition to Governor Hoey, many prominent people are expected from various sections of the state.

AMBASSADOR WILL BE HERE MAY 29

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Southport Civic Club that the ceremonies there will probably be over by two o'clock.

While in Washington for the inauguration of President Roosevelt in March, Ambassador Daniels wrote the Civic Club here that he and Mrs. Daniels would visit Southport and Fort Caswell on their return to the United States. This first call home being to Wilmington made it easy for them to carry out their desires of making a visit here.

Judge and Mrs. E. H. Cramer have written the Ambassador and Mrs. Daniels urging them to be their guests for the night of the 29th. It is understood that the late afternoon of the 29th will be occupied with visits to points of interest around Southport and

SHERIFF ARRESTS RALEIGH YOUTHS

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It is alleged the boys, after stealing the automobile, ran and stole another automobile and stole two drivers' licenses.

Sheriff Russ found the boys in an outhouse near Bolivia after a filling station attendant had informed him he believed the boys had stolen the automobile. When the sheriff approached their hiding place, they ran, he said, and he caught them in a swamp after a half-mile chase. All three had been drinking heavily when they were arrested, the sheriff said.

They will be tried in Southport at the next session of Recorder's Court.

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