

Syphilis May Be Driven From State In 15 Years

Stricter Legal Requirements Assist Health Officers in Their Fight on Venereal Diseases—Approximately 25,000 Treated During Year

Raleigh, Sept. 2—The test tube and the law book have allied in North Carolina for an apparently successful battle against syphilis. Anti-syphilis forces were mobilized about two years ago, when the state board of health announced that seven out of every 100 white persons and 15 out of every 100 negroes in North Carolina were suffering from the disease.

Now, so much progress has been made that "there is a chance syphilis can be virtually wiped out in North Carolina within the next 15 years," state health officer Carl V. Reynolds said today.

An unprecedented slate of anti-syphilis laws, indorsed by the medical profession, are being executed by more than 400 persons employed in the syphilis control work. It is through these laws that North Carolina hopes to show the rest of the country how to conquer the "great imitator."

Thousands Treated
Approximately 25,000 persons are being treated in public clinics. Last year, more than 500,000 was spent on the program and 676,500 single treatments were given in the 235 clinics which operate under public health auspices.

Dr. J. C. Knox, director of state

division of epidemiology and head of the venereal disease program, joined Dr. Reynolds in predicting that syphilis could be wiped out.

"With the program going on as it has started, in the course of a few years we should begin to see a very marked decrease in the amount of syphilis among the people of the state," Dr. Knox added.

Here are the laws and regulations under which North Carolina is attempting to outlaw the disease:

Laws Listed

1. Any person in the state who is known to have syphilis is required to take treatments. If the person refuses, he may be sent to jail.
2. Any person desiring to marry must take a serological test before he can obtain a marriage license.
3. All expectant mothers must take such tests.
4. Any householder may require his domestic servants to take tests.
5. All persons serving or cooking foods in hotels or restaurants must produce certificates showing they are free from syphilis.
6. All state prisoners must take serological tests, and are treated

if they are found to be suffering from syphilis.

7. Barbers, beauticians and cosmetologists must have certificates showing they are free from the disease.

In July, 1937, only 7,817 persons were treated for the disease in public clinics. The number last July has grown to 25,139. Treatments in public clinics in July, 1937, totaled 16,549. Last June, 79,347 treatments were given, and nearly a million treatments were made during the last biennium.

The program was bolstered considerably by a substantial grant from the Reynolds fund, established after the death of Smith Reynolds, Winston-Salem tobacco heir. The anti-syphilis drive now is financed by these annual allotments: Reynolds funds, \$160,000; state funds, \$25,000; federal funds, \$158,000; county funds, \$200,000.



Cancer
Archigenes, who lived in the second century, was perhaps the first surgeon who operated on a patient with cancer and his description of his observations in this field are most interesting.

Hippocrates, Galen, Celsus and other early medical writers recognized this disease also and learned then, as we doctors know now, that if properly treated in its initial stages, the possibilities of saving the life of the patient were very good. The early Arabian surgeons, borrowing pages from Greek medicine, operated regularly on cancer patients with success, and perhaps made the greatest advance of the time in the treatment of this condition.

When the microscope was first devised it was considered a scientific toy and medical men paid slight attention to it in doing research work on it in studying diseases. Gradually, as it was perfected, its great possibilities were seen, particularly in studying the smallest units of the living tissue of the body, namely the cells; for the human body is nothing but an aggregation of cells.

Then came Virchow who discovered, with the aid of the modern microscope, that disease was merely the changed and disordered cells of the living tissues. Today no physician's equipment is complete without a modern microscope and it serves a thousand purposes in making a diagnosis.

If you suspect you have a foreign growth in any part of your body do not for one minute have anything to do with the quacks who thrive on people thus troubled. These men know nothing about cancer and the most remarkable thing about the leading advertising quack who specialized in cancer treatment is that he died of this very disease recently. The thing to do is to consult your doctor and abide by what he advises.

Last year the majority of persons who died of cancer in the United States never went to a registered physician for assistance. Instead they consulted quacks, took their remedies and died, when a great number of them might easily have had their lives prolonged or been completely cured.

One quack for a large fee sold each person a bit of blue glass "which when the sun's rays shone through it on the cancer, cured the ill one"; a Chinese "herb doctor" sold perfumed joss sticks for the cure of cancer and printed a testimonial from a United States Senator, in which he thanked him for curing him.

Cancer is curable if properly diagnosed in its early stages.

Twenty years ago I operated on a doctor's wife for cancer and she is today alive and well. Every doctor can give similar testimony. Deaths from cancer can be reduced materially in this country if doctors are consulted and quacks ignored.

May Be Relative

Boogy—That old friend I was telling you about claims to be a relative of yours.

Woogy—That man's a fool.
Boogy—That doesn't prove anything. It may be just a coincidence.

Fair Question

Speedmore—How many miles will your car go on a gallon of gas?

Meeker—How many will your car go?

Speedmore—Oh, that's not fair. I asked you first.

Is Reformer

Census Taker—Are you affiliated with any reform organization?
Mrs. B. Jones—Yes, I'm married to a man who thinks he should be allowed to make creation over.

Juice of Ice

Mother—Now, Joany, you must not eat so much ice; it isn't good for you.

Joany—But Mommy, I don't eat the ice; I just suck the juice.

SURRY FOLKS BENEFITTED

Through Operation of Ten Divisions of the Social Security Act

HAVE RECEIVED MUCH

By M. E. DUNNAGAN

Surry county residents and communities have benefited to the extent of approximately \$319,110.00 through operation of the ten divisions of the Social Security Act, some parts of which have been active for more than three years, it is estimated by Chairman Charles G. Powell, of the State Unemployment Compensation Commission.

Surry county is probably an average North Carolina county, in so far as industry and agriculture are concerned, and the result is that a considerable part of the total amount going to the county, more than half of total payments, has been in Unemployment Compensation. Figures show that Surry residents have received 21,060 checks for a total of \$149,362.78 in these jobless benefits in the 18 months ending June 30, Mr. Powell said.

With cooperation of Mr. Nathan L. Yelton, state director of Public Assistance, and Dr. Roma S. Cheek, executive secretary of the State Commission for the Blind, and with figures in the Central UCC office in Raleigh and from Washington, Mr. Powell said he was able to get a fairly accurate picture of the benefits accruing to Surry county from Social Security.

Old Age Assistance, help for the needy persons who have passed 65 years of age, amounted to \$81,979.50 in Surry county in the two years of payments, ending June 30. An additional \$4,533.00 was distributed in July to 475 aged needy persons, an average for the month of \$9.54 each. The state average for July was \$9.59.

Aid to dependent children, allotments for the support of children deprived of their natural breadwinners, reached \$30,050.50 in the same two-year period, and an additional \$1,423.00 was distributed in July for the support to 258 such children. The average for July was \$5.52 each, as compared with the state average of \$5.91.

Aid to the blind amounted to \$7,927.84 in the same two years and \$423.60 was sent in July to 28 needy blind persons, an average of \$15.13 each. The state average was \$15.67 in July.

Old Assistance and Aid to the Blind is provided, one-half by the Federal government and one-fourth each by the State and county, and Aid to Dependent Children comes from one-third each by Federal, State and county governments.

Old Age Benefits, or Insurance, is not available by counties, but a proration from State figures indicates that about 90 individuals or families have received probably \$1,550.00 in two and one-half years. These are only small lump sum payments to individuals who have worked in covered employment after January 1, 1937, and have since reached 65 years of age, or to the families of such workers who have died since that date. The importance of this program can be more readily seen when monthly payments start after January 1, 1940, as provided by amendment to the act by Congress at its recent session, Mr. Powell said.

With this estimate and actual figures in the other four divisions mentioned, it is apparent that very close to \$270,890.00 have been distributed to Surry individuals in the five major divisions. In the other five, classed as services, a proration indicates that probably \$48,220.00 has been used in Surry county, divided about as follows: Maternal and Child Health services, \$8,620.00; Services for Crippled Children, \$7,250.00; Child Welfare services, \$5,825.00; Vocational Rehabilitation, \$3,725.00; and Public Health work, \$23,000.00.

Several factors enter into arriving at these figures, Mr. Powell said. Surry county had 39,749 population, or 1.25 per cent. of the State's population, 1930 Census. Otherwise, the population and conditions are considered as normal and average. The amount of money received from the Federal Government for these activities is known and is matched, almost dollar for dollar, by the State. Also, the program in these divisions has been in operation for more than three years. These facts are considered in arriving at an estimate for Surry county.

Central UCC office records show that 70 resident employers in Surry county are subject to the State Unemployment Compensation Law, and that there are 4,834 workers protected by the law. The employers operating in Surry pay a contribution, or payroll tax, to the Unemployment

Fund, and this payment has amounted to \$190,013.57 in the two years of 1937 and 1938 and the first three months of 1939. Unemployed workers in 18 months have received \$149,362.78.

These records also show that 7,076 initial claims, probably more than five for each claimant, and 62,103 continued claims—the weekly claims which follow the initial claim—have been filed by Surry unemployed workers in the 18 months ending June 30.

The Employment Service Division reports 5,122 registrations for work and 1,083 placements in jobs in Surry county in the 12 months ending June 30.

Surry county is served by Mt. Airy Employment Service office which sends representatives on regular scheduled days to Elkin, Dobson and other points in the county as occasion demands.

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BRANON

Miss Ruby Shore Hostess at Party
Entertaining a number of friends, Miss Ruby Shore was hostess to a delightful party at the home of her sister, Mrs. Ray Shoemaker, in Jonesville.

Many enjoyable games were played and a string band composed of Ray Shoemaker, Vesta Henderson and Charles Cheek furnished music.

Refreshments consisting of ice cream, cake, tea and mints were served to the following: Jettie Cummings, Violet Cockerham, Dick Cummings, Carl Steelman, Reece Cockerham, Lucile Steelman, Elsie Cockerham, Vesta Henderson, Charles Cheek, Mrs. Zettie Lewis, Mr. and Mrs. Jim Spann and Mr. and Mrs. Ray Shoemaker.

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A large crowd attended Pleasant Ridge Sunday school Sunday. Mrs. Ann Eller of Wilkesboro, visited her brother for the past week, T. J. Walsh.

Mr. and Mrs. Curtis Luffman are planning to move to their new home within the next week. Mr. Herbert Collins of Elkin, is spending this week with his sister, Mrs. Lester Luffman.

The Pleasant Ridge Woman's Missionary Union met with Mrs. Luther Walsh Thursday evening at 7:30, for its regular monthly meeting. Mrs. Luther Walsh rendered the Bible study after which Mrs. Walker Luffman offered prayer. The topic of the program was "The Great Commission in Orient." Mrs. Etta Layel offered the closing prayer, after which refreshments were served.

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