

## SENATOR SAM ERVIN SAYS



Washington — The Subcommittee on Constitutional Rights recently heard expert testimony on the constitutional rights of the mentally ill. The hearings demonstrated that our hopes were well founded that new light would be cast upon a problem that has become one of the most neglected areas of the law. My observation as Chairman of this Subcommittee is that after further study has been made of the testimony of eminent psychiatrists, attorneys, and mental hospital superintendents, it is altogether possible that an enlightened revision of the statutes governing the mentally ill may be made. Senator Alexander Wiley, a member of the subcommittee, aptly stated at the opening of the hearings: "The investigation pertains directly to the rights of a tremendous segment of the population. This indeed is the first time that the Congress of the United States has undertaken to look into the legal aspects of mental illness." The hearings brought forth statistics showing that "over 250,000 people are committed to mental institutions each year," and that "over one-half of the hospital beds of the entire country are

devoted to the care of the mentally ill." **Legislation Summary** — President Kennedy and the Congress have accomplished much during the first eleven weeks of the new Administration. The early part of Congress was concerned with the election of leadership, the filling of committee vacancies, and the disposition of rules procedure. Following this the Senate has passed the Depressed Areas bill, the Temporary Unemployment Benefits act, the Sugar Act Extension, the Feed Grains Program, the OECD Treaty ratification, the Reorganization Act, and the Federal Judgeships bill. All of these bills have gone to the President except the Federal Judgeships measure which at the date of this writing has been reported by the House Committee for consideration by the House, and the Depressed Areas bill which is in a Senate-House conference to iron out differences in the Senate and House versions of the bill. The Congress has thus far enacted four of the 16 measures for which the President has asked priority action. Five other bills have been passed in one or the other halls of Congress.

## Perquimans Union School Observes Health Program

Health Observation Day was held at Perquimans County Union School April 6, with grades four through seven participating.

Miss D. M. Jennings' fifth grade class, whose display was based on the "Heart", won first prize. The winners were treated to lunch by the Hertford Business and Professional Woman's Club, sponsors of the program.

Miss V. C. Sharpe's sixth grade class whose subject was "Tuberculosis," and Mrs. I. E. Rogerson's fourth grade class whose subject was "Safety," tied for second place.

T. E. White was program director. Judges were Mrs. Jack Brinn, J. A. Auman, Mrs. Walter J. Kanoy, Mrs. Roger Bell and Mrs. Jack Burbage. J. T. Biggers, school superintendent; Mrs. D. M. Jackson, chairman of health education for the TB Association in Perquimans County; Mrs. Lockwood Lassiter, district nurse consultant, and Mrs. Duke Crosey, TB worker accompanied the judges. The Health Observation Day was initiated this year instead of the oratorical contest as an effort to benefit all the pupils in the participating classes. 282 pupils participated in the project.

**DONATIONS NEEDED**  
Perquimans County Democrats desiring to contribute to the Jefferson-Jackson Day dinner, sponsored by the State Democratic Committee, are asked to contact W. F. Ainsley, County Chairman, who reports Perquimans County is still short of its quota for this event.

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instruction, using films, lectures, demonstrations, exhibits and discussions will give the essential facts about sanitation, which should be observed at all times and in all public eating places. Invitations will be extended to foodhandlers employed in restaurants, soda fountains, school cafeterias, hospitals, nursing homes, private clubs, colleges, persons interested in summer employment at beaches, private maids, etc.

Some years ago most people ate three meals a day at their own tables. Some who were wage earners or school children carried a lunch prepared at home. For most folks, however, to "eat out" was an event filled with excitement. Now life is different. The lunch pail gathers dust on the closed shelf, and even mama, grandma and the baby go out to dinner.

The day of public lack of interest in sanitation is practically a thing of the past, health officials point out. Restaurant operators realize that patrons who are impressed by restaurant cleanliness will return time after time to surroundings which please their optics as well as their palates. What does better foodhandling mean in terms of community benefits? First, it means better foodhand-

ling personnel efficiency. Second, safer foodhandling assures stronger barriers to safeguard the community health. Third, a better foodhandling service creates a bigger and better community business.

Interest in what goes into the mouth of the general public has increased and the man in the street is being educated to believe that he doesn't have to eat "living dirt". "Perhaps 90% of all infections are taken into the body through the mouth. They reach the mouth in water, food, fingers, dust and upon the innumerable objects that are sometimes placed in the mouth," health officials pointed out. "The dirt you can see makes you angry, but the dirt you can't see makes you sick," they say.

**CRAFTSMAN FAIR TO START ON WEDNESDAY**  
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William Winslow and pine cone craft, Mrs. Nathaniel Fulford, Currituck and Perquimans jointly — Italian hemstitching, Mrs. Ray Morris and Mrs. E. J. Proctor.

Currituck County—Wood carving, Mrs. E. R. Woodard.  
Pasquotank County — Aluminum chasing and embossing, Mrs. Elwood Stevenson and Mrs. Thomas E. Stevenson; hand car-

ving Queen Victoria dolls, Mrs. T. L. Parker, Swedish darning, Mrs. W. E. Shackelford and Mrs. William Kahlbaum; feather hats, Mrs. Walter Symons; animal fur toys, Mrs. Robert Bennett; hooked rugs, Miss Tennis Williams and felt craft, Mrs. John Burfoot.

Chowan County—Fish netting, Mrs. Percy Nixon and other members of Oak Grove Home Demonstration Club; stool bottoming, Mrs. Fred Castellor.

Camden County—Braided rugs, Mrs. W. S. Godfrey; chair caning, Mrs. John Sanderson, Mrs. Mason Johnson and Mrs. W. L. Forbes.

Gates County—Dried flowers, Mrs. M. A. Perry; copper tooling, Mrs. Elton Byrum.

Dare County — Wood carving, John Jambura.

In addition to the demonstrators, the following will have items in the exhibit:

Mrs. Doris Layton of Edenton, native clay pottery; Mrs. T. L. Parker of Elizabeth City, needlecraft bedspread; Morris West of Currituck, wood carving; Fred Fultz of Currituck, wood turning; Mrs. T. K. Yerley of Columbia, rug; Mrs. Marshall L. Meads of Elizabeth City, aluminum etching and Swedish darned towels; Mrs. Elton Byrum of Gates County, wood carved duck; R. S. Monds of Hertford, wood inlay and Worth Britt of Elizabeth City, furniture.

A concessions stand operated this year by the Home Demonstration Clubs of Pasquotank County, will serve sandwiches, cakes, cookies, drinks and other goodies all during the fair, so that it will be possible for all to come to the fair and stay as long as they like without having to leave to eat.

**Ryland Benefit Dinner April 15**  
The Ryland Home Demonstration Club will sponsor a barbecue chicken and barbecue pork dinner Saturday, April 15, from

8:00 to 1:00 P. M. at Chowan Community Building. Anyone wishing to purchase tickets may call Mrs. ... children's tickets at ... Adult tickets are on sale for ...

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