## PECK SPEAKS TO **CLARA HEARNE** P.-T. A. GROUP HERE

### T. B. Specialist Says Disease Is **Heavy In County**

Dr. W. M. Peck, X-Ray specialist and member of the staff of the State Sanatorium, speaking before the Parent-Teachers association of the Clara Hearne school last Wednesday, warned of the prevalence of tuberculosis in this section and told of methods to be Cook, C. W. Cook, V. I. Hockaday, invoked to prevent the increased evidence of the disease.

Dr. Peck, who conducted a series of tubercular X-ray clinics in the county during the past few weeks in cooperation with the County Health Department, stated that Roanoke Rapids has a great deal of tuberculosis, probably more than anywhere else in the State.

"The large number of X-rays for extensive study of tuberculosis," the specialist pointed out, "are finding a lot of tuberculosis everywhere. The skin test for tuberculosis on a child who has never inhaled T. B. germ will be Health Dept. Will negative because the child has never been exposed. However, he will inhale the germs from some person who has it. Nothing more For County Negroes will happen for a month. Then, the skin test will become positive. If an X-ray is taken at that time, they will find a large spot. Primarily tuberculosis is not active on a child. A child cannot give this disease to anyone else. The child usually gets better. He may be run-down and have a little cough if he is weak to start with. This type of tuberculosis will leave a little spot of calcium. The child may live the rest of his life in good health.

"In adolescence the child may come in contact with tuberculosis schedules, with dates and loca- begins May 1. again. If, when 18, he comes in tions. The children have been asked contact with another case, there become sick. Cavities will form corner of the county. in his lungs, and he can give it to another person.

finding the active places and isolating them so that they can't come in contact with other people. It takes two contacts in order to develop the disease.

"There is a lot of tuberculosis in Halifax County at this time," the doctor said. "Most of the patients have been uncooperative We have four or five new cases cooperative give the disease to everybody they come in contact with. Some of them have open tuberculosis and have had it for years and refuse to do anything about leaders of the colored race in this whom you cannot do anything about the disease until you can do ple to our clinics for such services something about them, will keep on having tuberculosis.

"One big thing we can do is to persuade the people with tuberculosis to go to the sanatorium until these services as badly as I inthey can be taken to the State dicated. sanatorium so that someone there can and will take care of them these services are still needed and better than you can take care of that the death rates have not a member of your own family."

As one method of helping to combat the disease, Dr. Peck cited for one moment, I quote further his listeners to try to get a law compelling them to go to the sanatorium, adding that we have States Public Health Service, more than our share of people who will not go to the sanatorium. Another thing, he said, was to try to get more beds in the state sanatorium so that all patients can be hospitalized.

### Birthday Party

sister, Mrs. Lucille Cherry, a sur- too many mothers still die. Too at the home of Mrs. Cherry. Mrs. Cherry was invited on a visit, re- county at large, where the Negro

turning to find about thirty friends in her living room. Several contests were given and Bingo was played.

A lovely birthday cake centered the dining table.

A salad plate with coffee was Irvin Powell, Frank Shearin, Linwood Allen, Bertha Allen, Carrie Ivey, Eugene Etheridge, T. B. Turner, J. O. Matthews, Sam Powell, Edna Mitchell, Florence Robbins, Emma Elmore, R. L. Meade, J. F. M. E. Faison, Estelle Kee, Misses Mary Lillian Meade, Susie Kee, Mary Johnson, Howard Hawkins, and Wrennie Elmore.

Mrs. Cherry received many gifts.

# NEGRO HEALTH WEEK

Assist In Program

The Halifax County Health Department has mailed letters to every colored school principal in the county and to all colored leaders asking them to plan at least beer industry's 'clean up or close one program on health in each up' campaign in North Carolina, community. Posters and bulletins cited the statute which prohibits have been distributed to key com- the issuance of retail beer limunities. In these letters was in- censes to persons guilty of liquor cluded a list of the important law violations and 'to those who services rendered by the county are not of good character'. The health department and complete 1942-43 tax year for beer licenses

"As you can see, the far most people to learn the facilities that Colonel Bain wrote the local ofimportant factor in control will be are offered by their health depart- ficials. Similar letters were sent ment and to take advantage of to the governing bodies of 98 them. I am greatly pleased to see counties and 155 cities and towns. that the text of the official National Negro Health Week key ad- for renewal on May 1," the letter dress for radio broadcast, pre- continued. "We are certain- that pared by Dr. E. R. Coffey, As-sistant Surgeon General of the applications for licenses with great United States Public Health Serv- care and deny licenses to those ice, is as follows: "Get acquainted who are not of good character. and stay at home not caring that with your community services to they are giving it to their families. promote health. Use those services. Dr. and Mrs. A. M. Wooten Jr. Get acquainted with your health had as house guests on Friday, at this time. These that are not department and find out what it April 3, Dr. Wooten's sister and has to offer. Don't wait for the brother-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. J. R. public health nurse to find you. Etheridge of Norfolk and his

When I recently appealed to the Pinetops. it. This group of patients, to county to work with the health department in bringing their peothat would improve the health of the Negro race, I was attacked by some of these leaders for my statement that their race needed

To emphasize my point that been improved to the extent that we can afford to relax our efforts from the address of the Assistant Surgeon General of the United which has just been released, "The death rates for Negro mothers and babies are twice those for white mothers and infants. About 21,000 Negro infants die every year before they are a year old. Every year 2,300 Negro mothers die from conditions arising from pregnancy and child birth. The number of these deaths can be Mesdames Dora Hawkins, Helen brought down. It is lower today Kee and F. M. Coburn gave their than it was ten years ago. But prise birthday party last Thursday many babies die or are born dead.

If these figures prevail for the

population is between five and ten per cent, it shouldn't be hard to understand why I cry out for action here among the colored people where the population is fiftyeight per cent of our total population. And please notice that the keynote of this address is an appeal to the colored people to take advantage of the services that are offered them and is not a sermon on poverty.

The County Health Department will also examine all colored boys during the Negro Health Week in the junior and senior classes and will examine the colored boys served to the following: Mesdames and girls in the 4-H clubs to select a Health King and Queen.

> Motion pictures have been booked for the colored high schools and health literature on tuberculosis supplied by the Tuberculosis Seal Committees throughout the county will be distributed.

> This will be one of the most extensive health programs among Negroes since the health department was organized twenty-three years ago.

Robert F. Young, M. D. County Health Officer.

# BEER CLEAN-UP SOUGHT

The Brewers and North Carolina Beer Distributors Committee today requested Roanoke Rapids and Halifax county officials to deny 1942-43 retail beer licenses to undesirable persons.

Edgar H. Bain of Goldsboro, state director in charge of the

"We are writing again to beto learn these services and to take speak your continued cooperation will be a different start. He will this information to every nook and in our efforts to keep beer sales in North Carolina from remaining Since the very first of the year in the hands, or falling into the I have been asking the colored hands, of undesirable persons",

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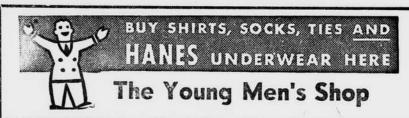
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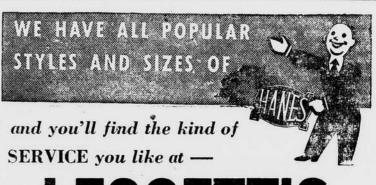
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