

COUNTY WELFARE OFFICER'S REPORT

Consolidated Report for August and September Shows Busy Months for County Welfare Office.

Rutherfordton, Oct. 2.—The report of Mrs. L. B. Moss, county superintendent of public welfare, for the months of August and September reveal many interesting facts regarding the work of that office. The report follows:

"Five new cases came to the attention of the Juvenile Court, one a dependent child for home adjustment, and four delinquent boys. Two negroes were placed on Probation, by the court, but the two white boys were handled unofficially, a warning and temporary supervision being expected to serve in adjusting these boys. One white delinquent boy, brought in by his father for correction, was found to be over sixteen years of age, so was warned that further difficulty would result in his being turned over to the higher court.

School attendance will be vigorously followed up this year, the Department feeling that patrons of the schools were adequately warned through the work last year that we expected strict compliance with the Law, and except for illness, excuses will be carefully scrutinized. Thus far the attendance has been fairly good, although some are still irregular. The major part of school attendance work the last two months has been with families who are careless about enrolling their children promptly on the opening of school, and as soon as these families are located measures are taken to bring the children in. Repeaters, or families which were delinquent last year, will be more closely supervised, and continued delinquency will be followed by court action. While the Attendance Officer does not wish to be unreasonable, or harsh, certain conditions cannot be permitted to continue, and where warnings fail to produce results more drastic measures will be necessary.

Thirty-nine new cases were reported for poor relief, but not all required material assistance. Most of these cases where assistance was necessary were in trouble because of illness in the family. During August 12 families were given temporary aid by the county, and during September, ten families. For the two months twenty applicants were aided through outside agencies, thirty-one were assisted in working out their own problems, and information service was given to one hundred and twenty-two.

Among the various services rendered, in addition to material relief or adjustment in the homes, were such instances as the following:

Through the cooperation of an interested physician who knew of the case, one family was assisted in making financial arrangements to send a patient to a hospital where plastic surgery was available to correct an unusual disfigurement. Admission was arranged for admission of a child to the State School for the Deaf. Several clients are referred to the State Department of Education, for rehabilitation of cripples. One child was admitted to the Orthopedic Hospital at Gastonia, and when another was ready for discharge from the same hospital arrangements were made through interested individuals to have the child brought back to his family. Through the cooperation of the County Health Officer a wheel chair was located and offered for the use of a handicapped client, and also through his cooperation a test was made of a water supply which was thought to be a source of infection for typhoid fever. Arrangements were made for the admission of an unfortunate girl to a maternity home, and through the interest of relatives dental care was arranged for another client where it was most essential to remove a physical handicap.

Investigations for other agencies included one for the National Red Cross, regarding a dependency discharge from the U. S. Army. One for the Associated Charities at South Boston, Va., supplementing an investigation made previously in connection with the same case. Another in an effort to locate relatives of a family now dependent on the Associated Charities of Cleveland, Ohio, and another for a fraternal order regarding admission of some orphans to its home for children.

On August 6, Mrs. Mary Camp Sprinkle, of the State Board of Charities and Public Welfare was in the office to discuss the District Welfare Conference which is to be held in

Asheville on October 10. She also advised that the new Director of the Division of School Attendance for the State Board, expected to visit us to study our school attendance plan, and he arrived on August 29, for this purpose. Mrs. Agnes Barnhardt, superintendent of Public Welfare for Columbus county, was in the county during September for a period of observation on county organizations.

During the two months we also had visits from a field worker from the children's home society, Greensboro; a representative of the state child Welfare Commission; the field worker of the Methodist Children's Home, Winston-Salem; and from Mr. Claude Andrews of the State Department of Education, rehabilitation of cripples.

Mrs. Moss, the Superintendent of Welfare, was absent from the county the week of August 12, taking a part of her two weeks annual vacation, but pressure of work made it impossible to remain away the full two weeks. For several days during the week of September 23 she was again absent, on account of critical illness in her family. During this latter absence, however, Mrs. Moss completed the arrangements for the District Conference, of which she is chairman.

Even with these absences, August and September were record months for callers at the Department office, a total of 259 individuals having appeared, and 25 additional called on the worker at her home after hours. Incoming letters for the two months numbered 173, outgoing 143. There were 50 phone calls received, 37 made, and in addition two Long Distance out and one in. Eight telegrams received and three sent.

Seven pamphlets on child labor regulations were distributed. Sixteen work cards were issued, and a number of identification passes to children whose original permits had been lost or misplaced.

The regular meetings of the county board of Welfare were held, and the regular monthly conferences with the board of commissioners, for the discussion of difficult problems and adjustment of accounts. In addition five personal conferences with individual members of the boards, six conferences with the Judge of the Juvenile Court, and 47 general conferences with various officials, physicians, pastors, industrial officials, and school workers. Six visits were made to mothers' aid families, and 95 visits in connection with the family welfare work.

Early in September a worker visited a neighboring county and held a conference with the board of county commissioners there in connection with a family problem in which both

counties are interested. On September 9th worker talked to the Rotary Club at Gaffney, S. C., on the subject of organized public welfare service. A number of county, city and State officials were present at the discussion, and the Rutherford county organization was presented. After the meeting conferences were held with various groups who were interested in a more detailed discussion than was possible in a general talk. It was also necessary for worker to make several trips to Asheville in the interest of the district conference. The council of social agencies there is sponsoring this conference and has appointed a committee on arrangements, and one meeting of the council and one of this special committee, were attended.

Mileage for the month of August was 1017, for September 928, a total of 1945 miles covered for the two months.

BIRTHDAY PARTY.

Masters Hugh Smith and David Early, of Sandy Mush were joint hosts on Tuesday afternoon from 3 to 5 o'clock, celebrating their respective birthdays at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Smith. Quite a number of their little friends were present and a most enjoyable time was had in playing games, etc. Refreshments were served, after which all left wishing the "two boys" many happy returns of the day.

A new mower towed by a motor handcar is a great labor saver in keeping a railroad right-a-way clear of weeds.

HOW TO SELECT STALK FOR NATIONAL COTTON SHOW

ABILITY, or at least indications of ability, to produce large amounts of a quality product, is the basis of award at all agricultural fairs. This is true whether the entries are dairy cows, swine, chickens or field crops. Heavy production of quality cotton should be the ambition of all cotton growers. The One-Stalk Cotton Show to be held under the auspices of the Sears-Roebuck Agricultural Foundation, and The National Fertilizer Association, in connection with the Mid-South Fair at Memphis, the South-eastern Fair at Atlanta, and the State Fair of Texas at Dallas, was inaugurated to stimulate interest in economic production of better cotton. Prizes totalling several thousand dollars are being offered.

In judging the single stalks at the show, a score-card which has been prepared by some of the leading cotton authorities in the South will be used. This score-card has been carefully prepared in order to give proper weight to the various plant characters. Actual judging will be done by competent authorities from each section.

According to the score-card, a perfect plant would secure 100 points total score. Since productivity of the cotton stalk is probably of greatest single importance, production, as measured by the amount of seed cotton on the plant, is given a possible 35 points. Thus heavily fruited stalks would secure a high rating under production.

A possible 25 points has been allotted to lint. Percentage of lint in seed cotton, length, character and uniformity, strength and color, are all factors that will be considered in studying the lint. The plant, as a whole, has been given a possible 20 points. Symmetry of form, amount of wood in proportion to fruit, character of branches, and maturity, are considered in studying the plant unit.

Character of bolls has been allotted a possible 12 points. Size of bolls will be considered and well opened bolls are desirable, although a cer-

tain amount of storm resistance is also to be desired.

Seed has been allotted a possible 5 points. Plump, heavy seed, uniform in size and color, are desired.

Freedom from disease has been given a possible 3 points, making a total of 100 points.

Any farmer, whether landlord or tenant, white or colored, or any one member of his family, will be allowed to enter a single stalk for competition. Only one stalk may be shown from each farm unit.

The stalks exhibited must be grown in 1929.

Stalks must come from a field where at least one acre of cotton was grown in 1929. However, any spacing, fertilization, protection or cultural practice may be used.

Stalks shown must contain the cotton that grew on the stalk. Picking and refilling will not be permitted.

Branches must not be cut from stalks exhibited. All leaves must be removed.

The name of the variety must be shown on the stalk.

Exhibitors need not necessarily accompany exhibits, but may ship same, charges prepaid, to the National One-Stalk Cotton Show, in care of the fair in their districts. Entrants living in Virginia, North Carolina, South Carolina, Georgia, Alabama and Florida should enroll by sending their names and address to The National Cotton Show, Atlanta, Ga.; those in Oklahoma and Texas to The National Cotton Show, Dallas, Texas; and those in Tennessee, Mississippi, Arkansas, Louisiana, Missouri and Kentucky to The National Cotton Show, Memphis, Tenn.

The premiums for the best single cotton stalks include \$1,000 as total prize, including sectional award, for the best stalk of cotton in the South. Premiums at the three sectional fairs at Atlanta, Memphis and Dallas follow: first \$500 at each fair, second \$300 each, third \$200 each, fourth \$100 each, fifth \$50 each, sixth to tenth inclusive \$25 each, eleventh to twentieth \$10 each.



PROVIDENCE NEWS

Forest City, R-2, Oct. 2.—People are getting badly behind with the picking of their cotton.

Mrs. J. W. Phillip was called to the bed side of her mother last week. Mrs. R. A. McDaniel, of Harrill town, Mrs. McDaniel, is unimproved at this writing.

Mr. Charlie Waters, of Charlotte, spent the week-end with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. John Waters and family.

Mrs. Vance Wilkins, of Henrietta, visited her father Sunday night, Mr. J. W. Phillip and family.

Those visiting Mr. W. V. Harrill and family Sunday afternoon were: Mr. Hubert Phillips and family, Mr. Charley Hardin and family, of Forest City, Mr. and Mrs. Frank Allen, of Alexander, and little Catherine McDaniel.

Mrs. H. Wood had as her guests last Thursday, Mrs. Earnest Wood and family, of Greenville, S. C.

Mr. and Mrs. John McDaniel spent Sunday afternoon with the lat-

ter's parents, Mr. and Mrs. James Harrill.

Mrs. Allen Lancaster, of Boiling Springs, spent Sunday with her son, Mr. Lester Lancaster.

Miss Laura Smith returned home from Kannapolis one day last week. She had been visiting her sisters, Mrs. Helms and Miss Louise Smith.

The children of Mr. and Mrs. S. E. Harrill seem to be improving very fast.

Miss Mildred McDaniel spent Sunday afternoon with Miss Catherine Waters.

Miss Zonnie and Frank Brindle, of Augusta, Ga., spent last Monday night with their parents, Mr. and Mrs. A. Brindle.

Mrs. Lum Chapman visited Mrs. James Harrill last Friday.

Mr. Heb Womick is in the Rutherford Hospital. He had the misfortune of turning over in a car. He has a fractured skull and his collar bone and shoulder blade are broken. He is in a serious condition. He was traveling on the fresh worked road last Wednesday afternoon. In trying to dodge a pile of dirt in the road he ran off of a piping across the road and turned over about twice.

Constantinople has 12 English speaking Turkish policemen to aid tourists.

Frog leg hunters in America earn about \$50,000 a year.

A New York stock exchange seat, bought for \$1,000 in 1868, was recently sold for \$530,000.

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