

## CWA Workers Construct 35,000 Sanitary Privies

### Project Approved For Pitt County For The Construction of 4,000 Privies; To Date Only 451 Completed

The termination of CWA activities in Pitt County on March 29 brought to a close one of the most work while public health programs ever undertaken on a county-wide basis, for with the passage of the Civil Works Administration into history there was brought to a standstill the pit privy construction work that has been underway for the past several months.

The pit privy construction activity has done much to advance the cause of public health, not because of the actual number of privies constructed to date for many more of them are needed, but because the people have become conscious of a need for greater cleanliness of the premises of individual households and for improved community sanitation as well. In becoming conscious of a need for a better sanitary environment, the individual or the community is taking the first step in the great war against disease.

The diseases that develop as the direct result of an insanitary environment are the so-called filth diseases, chief of which are typhoid fever, colitis, dysentery, and hookworm disease. The germs of the first three and the eggs and organisms of the fourth are expelled in large quantities in the bowel discharges of an afflicted person and because of this fact, human excrement improperly disposed of is a menace to the health of the citizens of a household or community.

Hookworm gain entrance to the intestinal tract of man through the skin and blood stream. Soil that has become contaminated with fecal matter from a person afflicted with hookworm is likely to contain myriads of these organisms and their eggs. In order for a person to become infested with such terrible creatures all that is necessary is that the infested soil be trod by bare feet. The hookworm usually enters the body through the skin of the feet, producing what is commonly called "ground itch." Once embedded in the skin the organisms gradually work their way into the blood stream and thence into the intestinal tract. Once established in the intestines of a person, hookworm prevents the proper assimilation of food and causes the victim to lose weight, vitality, and interest in practically everything. Hookworms sap the strength of a person, tear down body resistance and makes the victim an easy prey for the microbes of other diseases. Persons afflicted with hookworm are usually spoken of by their fellowmen, who are ignorant of the cause of their lassitude, as being of no account and good-for-nothing. The drain upon the resources of relatives and the governments, state and local occasioned by hookworm amounts to an appreciable figure each year. Children, because of the almost universal custom of allowing them to go barefoot during the warm months of the year are especially susceptible to the disease.

Typhoid fever, dysentery, and the other bacterial or germ disease of the intestinal tract are usually contracted as the result of a person eating or drinking the germs of these ailments. The transfer of germs from human excrement to the body of a well person is effectuated in a variety of ways. Flies have been found to be such an important factor in spreading disease that many public health workers refer to the insect as the "typhoid fly" rather than as the "house fly."

The house fly usually breeds in stable manure, but is not averse to depositing eggs in human excrement if that is available, and since many rural homes are provided with the old-fashioned open back water privy, or none at all, flies frequently have easy access to such filth. After breeding in or feeding upon such material, the fly seeks rest from its labor, or change of diet, and enters the kitchen or dining room of the nearest home. Once inside the fly wipes its dirty feet upon the meat, the bread, the milk bottle, the sugar bowl, and everything else in sight, so that the filth from the back house is thoroughly spread over the food of the household.

In many instances human excrement is deposited in such location with respect to the well or spring from which the family water supply is obtained that the transfer of fecal matter to the spring or well becomes a simple matter. It is often carried about on the feet of chickens or other animals and deposited directly into the spring or upon the well platform, where spilled water washes it down into the well. In some instances the pollution of the water supply is brought about by rain water washing fecal matter into the well or spring.

In order to prevent such contamination of food and water with fecal matter necessitating the family process of the filth diseases, it is necessary that the body wastes be disposed of effectively. This can be done, where public or private sewerage systems are not available, only by the use of a fly tight pit privy. The value of the pit privy in protecting the health of the household, or community, should be quite apparent. The State Board of Health has worked hard during the past four months to have as many privies as possible built in each county by CWA workers.

Since the inauguration of CWA activities in December, there have been built throughout the length and breadth of North Carolina something over 35,000 pit privies. Truly a remarkable achievement! However, only one-tenth of the job of sanitating rural homes has been done, since conservative estimates place the number of rural homes in the state at approximately 350,000. A tremendous task, therefore, lies ahead.

As gratifying as are the accomplishments of the privy builders during the past four months, the CWA privy program was not completed. Projects were approved providing for the employment of 13,081 men and the construction of 184,343 privies, but due to a slow start in some counties and in others to the almost complete exhaustion of the county quota to other work, the maximum number of men employed on the program in any one week has amounted to only approximately 3700 men, which is roughly 28 per cent of the number of workers provided by privy projects. The average number of workers for the period would probably be around 2300 or only 17 1/2 per cent of the number authorized by the privy projects. With so few workers, 35,000 privies have been constructed.

In Pitt County a CWA project providing for the construction of 4000 privies was approved, but of that number only 451 were completed. Much, therefore, remains to be done. Typhoid fever, dysentery, "summer complaint," and other intestinal diseases could be largely eliminated by safely adequately disposing of human excrement, which is the source of these diseases. Pitt County should see to it that the privy construction work is continued until every home in the county is provided with a safe means of human excreta disposal.

## Mrs. Roosevelt to Address Institute At Duke June 11

### Tom Sykes Announces First Lady Will Speak on "The Formation of Public Opinion As A Means to Peace"

Durham, April 12.—Mrs. Franklin D. Roosevelt will speak on June 11, the opening day of the Duke Institute of International Relations, which will be held under the joint auspices of the American Friends Service Committee and Duke University, and her subject will be "The Formation of Public Opinion As a Means to Peace," it is announced by Tom Alderman Sykes, of High Point, field secretary of the Institute.

In addition to Mrs. Roosevelt the Institute program carries the names of such prominent leaders of thought in this country as Dean Justin Miller, of the Duke University Law School; Dr. Dudley D. Carroll, of the University of North Carolina; Kirby Page, editor of "The World Tomorrow;" P. A. Martin, of Stanford University; Calvin B. Hoover, authority on European affairs, and others prominent in the social and economic thought of the present day.

Mrs. Roosevelt will be honored at a dinner to be held at six p. m. at Duke on the night of June 11 and at that time will be greeted by a group of distinguished North Carolinians in addition to a number of the leaders on the faculty of the Institute, Mr. Sykes announced.

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The construction of sanitary pit privies as a function of the CWA has been under the direct supervision of the North Carolina State Board of Health. To this state agency was entrusted the task of organizing and training crews of workers in the many counties, and the fact that 35,000 privies have been completed is splendid testimony as to the efficiency of this state department.

The work in Pitt County has been under the direct supervision of C. C. Martin and E. H. Johnson.

Catawba growers have been busy spraying their peach trees and mending their strawberries in order to increase the yield and produce larger and better fruit. An increased interest in the improvement of soil fertility has been manifested.

## High Points Seen In Congressional Action at Capital

### House Approval for Interior Department Control of 173 Million Acres Public Domain

Washington, April 11.—Further substantial modification of the stock market control bill and house approval for interior department control of 173,000,000 acres of public domain were high points of congressional action today.

In committee drastic marginal requirements were snipped from the stock exchange measure to give authority over that problem to the federal reserve board and the proposed commission to regulate the market.

What the senate itself will do later is uncertain. Just now it is staying on the tax bill, the immediate focus being on the Norris amendment to give back to the Philippine government all taxes collected on Philippine coconut oil under the present 3 cent a pound levy.

The public domain legislation empowers Secretary Ickes to collect fees for grazing. A part of the money collected is to be returned to the states.

## Auto Buyers No Longer Criticised

The man who has the means to purchase a new automobile and does so is no longer the object of criticism and derision that he was a few months ago, says B. O. Taylor, of the Farmville Motor Co., Terraplane and Hudson dealers for this vicinity.

"Through a peculiar narrow-minded type of reasoning there was a period when people felt ashamed to be seen in new automobiles, or for that matter in new clothing," says Mr. Taylor. "It did not seem to be realized that those who forebore to buy when they could were actually helping to put people out of work and to make times even harder. There were places in the country where buyers of new automobiles were actually stoned and derided for flaunting their wealth in the faces of their less fortunate neighbors.

"Fortunately a complete change of attitude has taken place. It is realized by everyone that only when people buy, will times be good and unemployment cease. The fact that this is so recognized now as compared with the attitude of a few months ago shows that we have all had a very useful session in fundamental economics.

## Goldsboro Men Mistaken For Dillinger And Crew

### Covered with Machine Gun and Surrounded by Police in Richmond

Mistaken for John Dillinger and his gang, four of Goldsboro's leading citizens in Richmond Friday found themselves surrounded by police and locked into the business end of a machine gun covering them menacingly.

Bob Stevens and Ben Lewis of H. Wells and Brothers and A. C. Hodges of the Hub Hardware drove to Richmond to attend a meeting in the interest of an implement dealers' code.

The meeting was set for the Richmond Hotel. They drove around the Federal reserve bank twice looking for a place to park, a couple of them watching one side of the street and the other two watching the other side, hanging out the windows like.

"Finally they parked at a lot in the rear of the Reserve bank. As they left they went out the rear entrance, and down the alley the bank messengers were following a few weeks ago when they were robbed of \$20,000. They noted several burly figures seemed to be following them.

Three hours later they came back from their code meeting. Stevens stopped at the lot for a minute while the other three went down into the pit to drive up the car.

"I am with the Richmond police force," said a giant of a man, approaching them. He pulled a badge from his pocket to show he was with the detective force. With his other hand he threw back his coat to expose a big pistol. Another member of the Richmond detective force closed in on Bob on the other side.

## Revised Leaf Figures Are Given 'Okay'

### Government Puts Its Stamp of Approval on 2,600 Contracts for this County

Greenville, April 11.—E. F. Arnold, director of the Pitt County Department of Agriculture, said today that all revised tobacco contracts in this county had been approved by the government and were being mailed out to farmers as rapidly as possible.

There were 2,600 contracts revised at order of the Agricultural Adjustment Administration, involving about 90 per cent of the farms in this county, the farm head said.

Along with the contracts, farmers are being mailed notices of how many acres they can plant under the government program and how much land must remain idle. Also the amount of money they received for acreage rental is contained on the blanks.

Mr. Arnold was to leave for Raleigh this afternoon with a batch of 1,550 cotton contracts to be gone over by the State Board of Review with a view to determine whether or not a revision is necessary. Should a revision be ordered, the farm director said the campaign would get under way immediately so that farmers would be provided with acreage figures by planting time.

The Farm Department was recently commended by an official of the Agricultural Adjustment Administration for the complete reports turned in for the tobacco campaign. The reports were described as the most complete received by the committee and office force of the farm office.

## Two Men Lose Lives In Dynamite Explosion

Greenville, April 10.—Elias Crawford and Edward Sutton, ages about 55 and 30, respectively, of the Frog Level community of Pitt County, were killed accidentally this afternoon about 4 o'clock by an explosion of dynamite. The two men were on Crawford's farm dynamiting stumps and just had brought a bucketful of dynamite caps to the scene of their work. As they placed the bucket on the ground, the caps exploded unexpectedly. Their bodies were mangled badly by the explosion which threw them about 50 feet in the air.

Crawford was a married man with a family. Sutton was not married.

## First Lady Denies Contention of Wirt

### Mrs. Roosevelt Gives Her Views in Response to Questions

Washington, April 11.—Mrs. Franklin D. Roosevelt today contradicted the contention of Dr. William A. Wirt that the substance homestead project at Reidsville, W. Va., is a communistic effort.

The wife of the President gave her views in response to questions at a White House conference with newspaperwomen.

A while before Dr. Wirt—on a visit to the capital—had been told the house investigating committee desires no further testimony from him and he was free to return to his Gary, Indiana, home.

The inquiry will resume next Tuesday with the appearance of the six persons named by Wirt as having attended a September dinner in Virginia at which he testified he heard talk of revolutionary plotting.

## Oxford Orphanage Singing Class Here April 18th

The Singing Class of the Oxford Orphanage will pay its annual visit to Farmville on Wednesday evening, April 18, giving a concert in the High School auditorium at 8:00.

The local committee in charge, with Chief J. L. Taylor as its head is confident that the effort to make the forthcoming visit of the Class a success, as well as a blessing to the community, will receive the usual hearty cooperation of citizens here.

## 4-H CLUB TAKES HONORS IN CONTEST

Members of the Farmville 4-H Club, their sponsor, Miss Alice Coggins, director, Miss Vivian Case and accompanist, Mrs. Haywood Smith, are being congratulated upon the success scored by them in the County-wide 4-H Club contest held in Greenville, Thursday evening, when the local organization won first place in the Southern group of songs, scoring 98, and taking second place in the Everyday group, in which they received a similar score.

There were eight schools competing with each having its choice of two of the seven songs groups.

Members of the local 4-H Club include: Olive Gray Lewis, Edith and Catherine Teel, Geraldine Gardner, Annie Daniels Lewis, Ethel Murphy, Mary Elizabeth Smith, Cora Lee Patterson, Martha Rabberry, Rebecca Wheelless, Reide and Eva Mae Hardy, Fanny Cobb Barrett, Annie Mae Ward, Elvira Tyson, Annie Laurie Joyner, Martha Cobb, Annie Nicholi, Sula Carr, Ruth Hayes Turnage, Frances Joyner and Jean Horton.

A similar event, though State-wide in its scope, will be the State Glee Club contest, to be held in Greenville Saturday morning, and in which the High School Glee Club is scheduled to compete, under the direction of Miss Vivian Case and with piano accompaniment by Mrs. Haywood Smith.

Renewed interest and a greater enthusiasm have been aroused in this group since the achievement of the 4-H Club on Thursday evening, and the entire corps of twenty contestants, to which it is limited, is eager for the day to arrive. These include: Sopranos—Reide Hardy, Virginia Harris, Frances Joyner, Nathalie Vought, Martha Rabberry, Ruth Hart, Ethel Murphy, Mary Louise Ward, Annie Mae Ward, Mary Elizabeth Smith, Cora Lee Patterson, Helen Willis, and Virginia Spell. Altos—Louise Harris, Ruth Hayes Turnage, Becky Wheelless, Frances Catchins, Eva Mae Hardy, Fanny Cobb Barrett, Jean Horton and Elvira Tyson.

Merry Matrons  
Mrs. B. S. Smith was gracious hostess to the Merry Matrons and to a number of other friends on Tuesday afternoon, at her home on Contentment street, in which iris and daffodils were used with pleasing effect.

Mrs. J. W. Lovelace, club president, presided during the short business session, at which time the Merry Matrons voted to contribute to the Perkins Hall curtain fund.

Continuing its series of programs on patriotic leadership, the club enjoyed a talk by Mrs. J. I. Morgan on Commander Semmes. A short account of the recent occasion of the United States fleet leaving the Pacific Coast was given by Mrs. Lovelace.

A delectable salad course was served after adjournment. Additional guests of the hostess were: Mrs. E. C. Beaman, Mrs. Robert Lee Smith, Mrs. F. M. Davis, Mrs. Barbour, and Miss Edna Foust Harris.

Long time crop rotations are being encouraged in Washington county by W. Y. Hayes, farm agent. E. C. Blair, State College agronomist, has been helping him.

## Problems of Tobacco Growers Discussed

### 20,000 Tobacco Rental Checks Being Written

### Accounting Section Of The A. A. A. Began Writing Checks for This State

Raleigh, April 11.—Rental checks in payment for reducing the tobacco acreage by 30 per cent should begin to arrive in North Carolina by Thursday, April 12, E. Y. Floyd of State College, was informed yesterday afternoon by the tobacco section of the Agricultural Adjustment Administration.

Mr. Floyd was advised that the accounting section of the AAA began to write checks for this State yesterday and that some 20,000 would be written probably at once. These checks are for contracts which have passed the local and county committees, have been approved by the state reviewing office and have passed all Washington requirements. The checks will be sent to county farm agents and then distributed to those farmers so fortunate as to have their contracts approved, Mr. Floyd said.

He stated that the contracts from a large number of counties were still being checked in the reviewing office at State College, where errors were being corrected and the contracts studied as to acreage and production claims. The contracts from some 18 other counties still are in the counties due to overrun above the county average in both acreage and production. Until these have been satisfactorily adjusted, the contracts cannot be passed upon by the state reviewing office and forwarded to Washington.

Mr. Floyd said yesterday he was hopeful that all the contracts would be cleared shortly and that the rental checks and equalization payments would start coming to tobacco growers in considerable numbers. Many farmers are protesting to his office that their farming plans for this year are being upset by the delays occurring. While most of these delays are due to errors and over-claims in the contracts, Mr. Floyd states that these are being cleared up rapidly.

## BABY CONTEST BEING SPONSORED BY WOMAN'S CLUB

A Baby Contest to decide the most attractive child in town, from six months to five years, is being sponsored by the Ways and Means committee of the Woman's Club, with Mrs. D. R. Morgan, as its head. A five cent piece will put your candidate for the coveted honor in the race and additional votes may be cast for a penny each. A loving cup, which is on display in the window of the Wheelless Drug Co., will go to the winner of the contest, which promises to be a hard race as there are so many attractive children here within the stated range of months and years.

Beginning Monday, April 16, votes may be obtained from Woman's Club members who will have them on sale at both Wheelless and the City Drug Company.

## BUFFET SUPPER

Thursday evening Misses Edna Robinson and Janie Davis were charming hostesses at a buffet supper, entertaining the teachers of the High School and the husbands and wives of those who are married, numbering thirty, at the home of Mrs. J. I. Morgan on Church street.

The home was attractively decorated with spring flowers, iris, narcissus, and crabapple predominating. Dinner was served at 6:00 o'clock, barbecue and Dutch salad being served by the hostesses at either end of a beautifully appointed table centered with an effective arrangement of mixed flowers, flanked by four silver candlesticks holding yellow candles. Mrs. Morgan assisted in serving ice cream and angel cake.

## U. D. C.

Mrs. I. E. Satterfield was hostess on Friday afternoon, entertaining the Daughters of the Confederacy, Rebecca Winbourne Chapter, her home being attractively decorated with many lovely spring flowers.

Mrs. W. M. Willis presided and Mrs. B. O. Turnage conducted the devotional period.

The members enjoyed an interesting paper presented by Mrs. G. M. Holden on Alexander Hamilton Stephens.

## Agreement Would Be Retrospective to Dec. 1, 1933 and Would Continue Until Next May 15th

Washington, April 11.—Problems of tobacco growers cooperative associations were discussed today at a farm administration hearing on a proposed marketing agreement for buyers of stemming tobacco, gardens of domestic cigar leaf used for scrap chewing and smoking tobacco.

Under the agreement 4 companies—Block Brothers, Leggett and Myers Tobacco Co.; P. Lorillard Co., and Scotten Dillon Company—would contract to buy a total of 18,500,000 pounds of this type of leaf during the present marketing season.

Under the proposed agreement the buyers would pay for "unsweated" tobacco six cents if purchased direct from growers and 6 1/2 cents if purchased from cooperative associations. The price for "sweated" tobacco would be 8 1/2 cents a pound. These prices would be the average required by the buyers for their purchases this year.

The agreement would be retrospective to December 1, 1933 and would continue until next May 15th.

It was suggested at the hearing, however, that the date for expiration of the agreement be moved up to June 30 to give buyers sufficient time to complete the purchases required.

## Sykes Speaks to Rotarians At Inter-City Meet

### Farmville Club Has One Hundred Per Cent Attendance

Farmville Rotarians registered 100 per cent at the Inter-City Meet held in Greenville, Monday, evening of this week, with Bill Smith presiding of the gavel, and Bob Boyd, president of the local club, together with heads of the Ayden and Washington groups, responding to the welcoming address. Carl Adams of the host club greeted the guests.

Kinchen Cobb, president of the Greenville organization, which also attended 100 per cent, presented Leon Powell, a transfer from the Durham club, as a new member and Alva Van Nortwick of E. C. T. C., as Junior Rotarian for the month.

A program of song in two parts was enjoyed by the Rotarians led by Bill Lee and accompanied by Mrs. Ray Tyson, the Greenville club pianist, and by Ed Harding of the Washington club, with his accordion.

The speaker of the occasion, Tom Sykes, of High Point, candidate for District Governor, was introduced by Maynard Fletcher of the Washington club.

Making the statement that, "The danger for American is not from outside but inside," Mr. Sykes in his address on the subject of "The Future of Rotary," considered the problems of this country and the way to "come through."

"Bernard Shaw, 'Bertrand Russell and H. L. Mencken of the school of 'cock-sureness' would have been days without column material if they had not had Rotary ethics to poke fun at. But now that this group has been completely deflated, and all of us have come down to earth, Rotary ethics and principles will come in and contribute for the world's salvation collective sanity, decency and cooperation.

"There must be a change of hearts along the line of Rotary ideals before we can have a changed social scene. Secretary of Agriculture Wallace and Roosevelt are sounding the need of an ethical code first suggested by Rotary," Mr. Sykes declared. "America has more resources than our ancestors who returned to a ruined country after the Civil war. They had nothing left but faith in God and faith in each which was manifested in old fashioned neighborliness. Yet people think this country is at the bottom.

"Think of the problems of life. We are going to come down to earth before we can 'come through.' There are still a few who must be deflated. The crowd has come down to their real place now. We are humble in High Point. Come to see us sometime. We will not high-tail. We are down to earth."

marshmallow salad, sandwiches, a variety of pickles, coffee and home made candies.

The revision of cotton and tobacco contracts in which claims of past acreage and production were too high will soon be completed.