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Welfare Department Activities In Pitt County

This Department Rendering Most Valuable Service To the People In General

Juvenile Court Work.

The Welfare Department with Judge Harrington of the Juvenile Court has seventy-two probationers. A review of fifty cases was held during the last of March. Since January 1st, 44 children have been before the court, 5 were sent to correctional institutions, 15 placed in private homes while others were released on probation. Seven were placed on probation after 3 to 5 years supervision.

Cooperation With the State Commission For The Blind.

During the fall months two clinics were held for children and 43 were furnished with glasses. Since January 1, 25 adults and children have received this service. This makes a total of 68 who have obtained glasses under the plan in cooperation with the State and Federal Government, which is a part of the Social Security Legislation.

Adult Parole Work.

Forty-seven adult parolees are now making reports in Pitt County. These men and women served a portion of their time in prison and have been released on parole pending good behavior and on condition they make a report once each month to the Superintendent of Public Welfare. 23 made and filed their reports during the month of March. Since they were paroled at different times in the month their parole reports are made all along during the month. Mr. James C. Smathers, Supervisor for nineteen counties, under the Commission, will make a visit to Pitt County in the near future to check on those who are not reporting promptly and investigate their cases.

CCC Enlistment.

On April 7th, 23 boys were selected and delivered to the Government authorities at Washington to enter the CCC. These selections were made from more than 100 applicants. 21 white boys and 2 colored boys passed the final examination. In each case an allotment of \$25.00 is made to dependents at home. The next enlistment will be on or about July 5.

Surplus Commodities

The Government continues to make an allotment of surplus commodities in food to the County relief cases of the several counties throughout the National and Island possessions. The Government purchases such food products of which there is a surplus. During the first quarter we have had prunes, dried milk, dried English peas and grapefruit. There are 240 relief cases in Pitt County for whom some of these commodities are delivered each month. This includes the Resettlement Administration cases and the Rural Resettlement farm families as well as Mothers' Aid cases.

T. B. Cottages.

Isolation Cottages for far-advanced incurable Tuberculosis cases and convalescing Sanatorium cases are being built by a National Youth Administration project. Three are occupied. Two more are completed and two are under construction.

Sterilization.

Three applications were approved during March by the State Eugenics Board and have been given operations. Applications are being made for other cases for approval at the next meeting of the Eugenics Board.

State Commission for Crippled Children.

In connection with this plan of service after the children have been examined at the clinics, 8 children have been admitted to hospital, 3 certified as eligible for admission when beds are open, since the first of March. This service is free with the exception of travel to designated hospitals and reviews at clinics after treatment at hospitals. This is another service made available under the Social Security Act.

Hospitalization.

Since the first of January the Welfare Office has investigated and made arrangements for 61 cases to obtain hospitalization under the Duke Endowment at the two dollars a day rate. The County has shared in some of the expense of the majority of these cases. According to the Duke Endowment, charity cases, double the time of ordinary private cases, by reason of the fact that delay is occasioned by inability to pay for private care of the patient and the patient is neglected as a result and a prolonged period is required for restoration.

WPA Referrals.

The Welfare Office, under the supervision of Miss Lydia Person as Certifying Caseworker, is responsible for referrals to WPA with two rejections. Only able-bodied persons who do not have an income from any source equal to the Social Security Wage of \$24.00 a month are eligible.

School Children Benefited By the Health Program

Dr. Underwood Reports Fine Cooperation from Both Children and Parents

Hundreds of school children in Pitt County are being greatly benefited by the mouth health program now being conducted in the schools. It is the opinion of medical, dental and school authorities that children are often retarded in their school work as a result of abscessed and decayed teeth. Much of this retardation is due to loss of time from school on account of toothache. It is bad enough, of course, that children suffer pain and fail in their grades, but the child who fails in his grade also suffers a loss of morale, that is, becomes discouraged. In addition, repeaters are a heavy drain upon the school funds of the State.

Dr. A. D. Underwood, who is now conducting the work in the white schools of the county, reports that he has met with fine cooperation on the part of both the children and the parents, and he attributes this fine cooperation in part to the great interest shown in the work by the dentists of the county, the health officer, the superintendent of schools, the principals and the teachers.

Dr. Underwood says it should be borne in mind that the primary purpose of the work is educational rather than corrective.

A summary of the work to date is as follows:

Number children examined	823
Number children treated	391
Number children referred to family dentist	247
Number children needing nothing done	185
Lectures on Oral Hygiene	21
Total attendance at lectures	806
Number amalgam fillings	309
Number cement fillings	136
Number silver nitrate treatments	655
Number teeth extracted	168
Number children's teeth cleaned	391
Number miscellaneous operations	17

Total number operations 1676
The dentist confines his work to such children as are unable to afford a private dentist; all other children being referred to their own dentist.

It is pointed out by Dr. Underwood that if the old adage about "a stitch in time saving nine" is true anywhere in the world, it is especially true in the case of dental defects. This means that prompt treatment will not only save permanent teeth, but also saves expense.

Poppy Day May the 29

Mrs. Henrietta Williamson, Unit Poppy Chairman for Farmville

Poppy Day will be observed in Farmville this year on Saturday, May 29th. The day when once each year we of America pay tribute to those who gave their lives in America's service during the World War, by wearing their memorial flower—the Poppy.

The Farmville Unit of the American Legion Auxiliary, under the leadership of Mrs. Henrietta Williamson, Unit Poppy Chairman, will distribute the poppies on that day. You will be aiding the war's living victims by the contribution you make for the flower.

The Poppy comes to us from the battle fields of France and Belgium where war obliterated all touches of beauty except its brave red bloom. There was nature's tribute to the heroic dead!

The flowers offered for sale on Poppy Day are not, of course, natural flowers. Their petals are only paper and their stems wire, yet into them have been breathed the spirit of patriotic sacrifice as they bloomed under the hands of the disabled veteran and his family.

The money which is dropped into the box in exchange for your flower goes entirely to the welfare activities of the Farmville Unit and Post for the relief of needy families here in Farmville.

The women who distribute the poppies, unlike the disabled veteran and his family who make them, receive nothing for their efforts, only the satisfaction of having helped brighten the memory of the dead and of having contributed to the welfare of the living.

Making Payments On Ago Benefits

Social Security Director Gives Procedure For Filing Old Age Claims

Raleigh, April 14.—Procedure for filing claims for payment of lump sums under the Federal old-age benefits plan of the Social Security Act, surpassing in simplicity any others for similar use yet devised, either for government or private business purposes, were outlined yesterday by G. R. Parker, Regional Director, Region IV.

Parker declared that when the claims procedure are in full operation the adjudication of properly completed claims can be accomplished with unusual dispatch following their receipt in the Washington office of the board. Claims already filed range from a few dollars each to \$105.

A simple form has been devised by the Social Security Board for the use of each of the five different types of claimants. Separate forms are provided for: (1) wage-earners, (2) widows or widowers, (3) other close relatives, (4) executors or administrators, and (5) guardians or committees. They ask a minimum of from two to a maximum of 12 questions.

A sixth form, known as "Statement of Employer," is a simple report by the employer giving only the total amount of wages paid the employee and the employment period in case of death or retirement.

The lump-sum payment of the Federal old-age benefits plan became effective January 1. Monthly benefits do not become operative until 1942. Persons eligible for lump-sum payments are those in covered employments after 1936 who at the age 65 either fail to have total wages of \$2,000 or fail to meet the time requirement, or both. To qualify for a monthly benefit a wage earner must be 65 years old, his total wages from covered employments after 1936 must be \$2,000 or more, and he must have earned wages after 1936 in covered employment for at least one day in each of five different calendar years.

Lump-sum payments now payable amount to three and one-half per cent of the total wages earned by the individual in covered employments after 1936.

Complete details and assistance regarding the filing of claims in Raleigh may be obtained from the Field Office of the Social Security Board at 116 South Salisbury Street. This office, which is in charge of Stacey W. Wade as Field Representative, has already submitted several claims for residents of Raleigh and vicinity who have reached age 65 this year or for the estates of employees who have died since January 1, 1937.

Other offices of the Social Security Board in North Carolina have been opened at Salisbury, Asheville, Charlotte, Greensboro, and Winston-Salem.

H. M. Wilson, Mrs. Paul Borden, Mrs. C. A. Wiggins; Finance; Mrs. J. H. Sutherland, Mrs. Frank Lee, Mrs. Z. T. Piephoff; Auditing; Mrs. H. C. Null, Mrs. Talbot Parker; Publishing; Mrs. R. A. Bynum, Mrs. J. D. Gold; Place of Meeting; Mrs. Howard Hussey, Mrs. R. E. McClure, Miss Annie Jarvis.

A vocal solo was rendered during the morning by Billie Morton. The meeting was adjourned with the singing of "Seal Us, O Holy Spirit," and the benediction of the pastor, Rev. H. M. Wilson. Lunch was served both days in Knott's warehouse by the Auxiliary women of the local Church.

Farmville Club Entertains Rotary Group Meet Here

Principal Address Delivered by the Bailey of Raleigh; District Governor Among Prominent Guests

The Farmville Rotary Club was host to Rotarians from Rocky Mount, Tarboro and Wilson Tuesday evening in a group meeting which was well attended.

District Governor Edmund Harding, of Washington, was among the prominent guests; and introduced the speaker of the evening, the Bailey of Raleigh, who always delights his hearers on points of interest in Rotary.

A hounteous repass of country style fried chicken, with all the accessories, was also greatly enjoyed by those in attendance. The song "Yest" was led by Elbert Holmes, and the stunts of the evening were directed by Ed Nash Warren.



LONG SESSION AHEAD. COURT FIGHT ISSUE. SIT-DOWN STRIKERS. DENY PEACE MOVES. A PERMANENT CCC. WHAT IT HAS DONE. THE BUDGET OUTLOOK. BONDS AND THE MARKET.

By HUGO SIMS (Washington Correspondent)

The present outlook is that the first session of the 75th Congress will be prolonged far beyond the expectation of members when they assembled on January 4th. What seemed destined to be somewhat routine legislative labor suddenly developed into a bitter fight when President Roosevelt tossed into the laps of startled Congressmen his surprise message calling for the revision of the Federal judiciary from the Supreme Court down.

Since February 5th little has been accomplished and, in fact, not much has been finished in the session thus far. One appropriation bill, the deficiency measure for this year, was sent to the President but not a single appropriation bill for the coming fiscal year has reached the White House. A few laws have been passed, mostly of minor character or renewal of expiring statutes, such as the extension of the Railway Retirement Act and the neutrality measure. Progress has been made on the naval appropriation bill and some discussion has been heard of other important proposals.

The sit-down strike epidemic created a flurry during Senate consideration of the Guffey Coal bill when Sen. Byrne attempted to attach an amendment declaring, as a matter of policy, that when employees cease to work they should leave the property of their employers, vigorously supported the declaration, insisting that the President should take action under an old statute. Among those taking the other side was Sen. Borah, of Idaho, who asserted that, as matters stood, the Federal government had no legal right to intervene in the sit-down strike situation. The Byrnes amendment to the pending coal bill was defeated and thereupon Sen. Pittman introduced a concurrent resolution that the sit-down strike and the industrial spy system are both "contrary to sound public policy."

The Court fight continues, with obviously less interest being taken in the Senate committee's hearings, and with signs that some effort may be made in the House to force the issue forward. The President stands pat and loses few opportunities to emphasize his position, as he did in the letter read at ceremonies celebrating the semi-centennial of the Interstate Commerce Commission. Inside the Court itself the deep-set antagonism between the justices is evidenced by Justice McReynold's sarcastic repetition of some words used by Justice Stone last year in dissenting from the New York Minimum Wage case.

Our own idea is that the court plan has been magnified into a major disturbance when it could have been disposed of without much damage to the nation or the work of Congress itself. Rabid partisans on both sides have gone to extremes in debate that do not seem justified. If the proposal loses then the President and his supporters must find some other way to proceed with their New Deal. It may be more difficult but not impossible. If the revision plan wins there is no sense to the idea that the Constitution is uprooted and liberty dead unless the people of the country send nit-wits to Congress and the President appoints saps to the bench. Either of these contingencies is probable.

Reports that the President would attempt to intervene in international affairs in an effort to head off another war were met by a positive repudiation on the part of Secretary Hull, with the expressed approval of the President. However, rumors continued that some move is contemplated, whether initiated by this country or not, and that the United States is expected to make a dramatic contribution to the cause of peace.

It is well known that President Roosevelt has been keenly interested in disarmament and the strengthening of peace sentiment, but interested officials point out that there is no evidence that the time is ripe for either undertaking. In fact, the United States is not prepared to offer any cooperation with other powers and the rest of the world is not anxious for a parity which will result in nothing but advice.

It is perfectly plain that the great powers are engaged in a stupendous effort to prepare themselves for (Continued on page four)

Presbyteria! Closes After 2 Day Session

Election and Installation of Officers Mark Close; Goldsboro Invitation Accepted

The thirty-ninth annual meeting of the Albemarle Presbytery, convening here, and presided over by Mrs. Ford Worthing, of Washington, in a two day session, came to a close at noon Friday, after accepting an invitation, extended by Mrs. Paul Borden on behalf of the Goldsboro Auxiliary to meet in that city next year.

Outstanding discussions of the program of Friday morning were those relative to the Birthday Objective, Brazil, and to the Minister's Annuity Fund, presented by Mrs. George Butler and Mrs. J. M. Hobgood.

Reports of the departments, not heard at previous sessions, were given at this time and echoes of the Synodical meeting were given by Mrs. T. C. Young.

The recommendation of Mrs. J. C. Gardner, chairman of the nominating committee, which was accepted in entirety, resulted in the election of the following new officers: Secretary Foreign Missions — Mrs. Charles Horne, Greenville; Secretary Spiritual Life, Mrs. H. B. Whitlock, Tarboro; Secretary S. E. and M. Relief, Mrs. L. W. Topping, Elm City; Secretary Assembly Home Missions, Mrs. W. W. Eagles, Macclesfield; Secretary Christian Social Service, Mrs. J. C. Herring, Snow Hill; Secretary Religious Education, Mrs. Paul Borden, Goldsboro; District Chairman Group No. 2, Mrs. T. C. Young, Rocky Mount.

An impressive installation of new officers and the rededication of those retaining their places as executive heads, was conducted by Miss Louise Clanton, of Charlotte, president of the North Carolina Synodical.

Delegates, elected to represent the Albemarle Presbytery at the N. C. Synodical, were: Mrs. E. B. Crow, Wilson, Mrs. H. G. Clayton, Greenville. Alternates, Mrs. W. H. Moore, Farmville, Mrs. S. E. Tillett, Elizabeth City.

Mrs. R. A. Bynum and Mrs. W. W. Eagles were appointed as delegates to Montreat.

Standing committees for the new year were announced as follows by the president, Mrs. Worthing; Program; Mrs. T. C. Young, Mrs. H. L. Hicks, Miss Mary Bright; Nominating; Mrs.

'Safety Sabbath' Proclamation

Mayor Lewis Proclaims April 18th, Safety Sabbath In Farmville

"The appalling number of preventable accidents and deaths upon the highways of our community, State and Nation has become a menace of major concern to all the people. Our beautiful threads of travel, designed for pleasure and trade have been converted by the reckless driver and the careless, incompetent operator into lanes of horror. Daily the newspapers carry gory accounts of lost limbs and lives and of maimed and injured bodies.

On Sunday, April 18th, the Carolina Motor Club is sponsoring a Carolina-wide observance of "Safety Sabbath." This date being selected upon an effort to make the general public safety-conscious, so as to decrease, if not eliminate, the terrible road tragedies to the seasonal increase in the use of automobiles. I, therefore, proclaim April 18th, Safety Sabbath in this community, and do hereby urge the leaders of religious and civil life to fittingly observe with well-planned programs this date, and by precept and example to foster the ideal of consideration for the rights of others, to the end that the irreducible minimum in accidents and death may be accomplished.

The Ministers, the Sunday School Superintendents and the laymen can, by a strong sermon, a prayer offered or a word spoken, join the program in encouraging a concentration of thought upon this problem.

Dated at Farmville this 13th day of April, 1937.

Signed: JOHN B. LEWIS, Mayor.

WAR SHELL KILLS TWO

Groizia, Italy.—While digging in their fields where Italy and Austria-Hungary battled during the World War, two farmers accidentally struck shells which had been imbedded in the soil 20 years before, and both were killed within a few hours of each other.

Nation-Wide Audience To Hear Achievements Of State Institution

Monthly Report County Health Department

Dr. Frizzelle says The Citizens of the County Should Be Informed of Activities

At the meeting of the Pitt County Medical Society on the 8th instant, following a reading of the Health Officer's monthly report to the Society, Dr. M. T. Frizzelle, Ayden, offered a motion, which was adopted, that the Health Officer, hereafter, furnish a copy of his regular monthly report to the county newspapers.

Dr. Frizzelle explained that he offered this motion with the desire that the citizens at large be informed as to the various activities carried on by the department in the interest of public health.

The essential facts in the Health Officer's report for March are as follows: "The chief activities of the Pitt County Health Department for the month of March were: Medical inspection of schools, school oral hygiene work, pre-school examinations, material and infant welfare follow-up work and case inspections.

The contagious disease statistics show that diphtheria is more prevalent than normal at this time of the year, there having been 5 cases reported in March. The reported cases of tuberculosis for the period of January, February and March of this year was 13 as compared with 16 for the same period last year.

In connection with the maternal and infant welfare clinics, I wish to report that the clinic committee, after careful consideration, decided to close the Bethel clinic on account of the lack of patients. On the other hand, the Greenville clinic has become very popular. There were 26 patients in attendance in March, 17 of whom were brand new patients. Manifestly, this is more work than one clinician can do with satisfaction, in one clinic period; therefore, the committee has decided to authorize two clinicians per clinic period for the Greenville Clinic.

The Well Baby Clinic held in Pitt General Hospital is not meeting with the desired success.

The State Orthopedic Clinic held every first Friday in Greenville and conducted by Dr. Hugh A. Thompson, of Raleigh, continues to be well attended. There were 27 patients in February and 25 for the March clinic.

The health work in the public schools during March consisted of, in part, 1,683 inspections by the nurses for sore throat, skin and scalp disease; 543 physical examinations of school children and 224 examinations of pre-school children by the health officer; the white dentist treating 279 school children and the colored dentist treating 322 children, making a total of 601 indigent school children treated. In connection with the pre-school clinics, it gives me pleasure to here acknowledge, with much appreciation, the very fine assistance rendered in these clinics by the dentists of Pitt County. Not only is an oral hygiene examination by a dentist worth more to the child than a dental examination by the nurse or health officer, but the presence, itself, of the dentist, lends prestige to the whole pre-school examination.

Some time ago, while making a nutrition talk to a class in one of the white county schools, the health officer made inquiry as to how many children came to school without mid-day lunch. The number was so large that the health officer thought the problem serious enough for him to take it up with Mr. D. H. Conley, Superintendent of Pitt County Schools. A survey was accordingly agreed upon.

These children go from seven or eight o'clock in the morning until they return from school, which is about four o'clock in the afternoon, a period of about eight hours, without food. Hunger will not only undermine the child's health, but since an empty bag cannot stand up, must necessarily be a factor in his school retardation. The Superintendent of Schools and the Health Officer are making an effort, through the home, to correct this condition. We know, however, that a word from the family physician to the mother, emphasizing the importance of all undernourished children having a midday lunch, would be worth infinitely more than the combined efforts of the Superintendent of Schools and the Health Officer. Of course, where extreme poverty is a factor, the case will be laid before the Parent Teacher Association or the Welfare Officer.

The Pitt County Venereal Disease

N. C. State College Goes On Air Over National Broad-Casting Co.

Microphones of the National Broadcasting Company will be set up in Raleigh April 21 as N. C. State College joins the parade of Land Grant Colleges in bringing to listeners a story of how the institution has aided in meeting changing conditions.

The program, to be heard on the National Farm and Home Hour from 12:30 to 1:30 P. M., will feature State College musical organizations, agricultural specialists, and students, according to John W. Harrelson, dean of administration.

The program will be the 14th in a series of broadcasts from the campuses of Land Grant institutions. The broadcasts are a monthly feature of the Farm and Home Hour.

Dean Harrelson will present to the nation-wide audience a brief account of the history and purposes of State College.

Dean I. O. Schaub, director of the Extension Service, is also featured on the hook-up of 60 stations. He will summarize agriculture as it exists in North Carolina at present.

Sketches depicting changing conditions in horticulture, cotton, tobacco, home demonstration work, and the dairy industry are also scheduled. Specialists and students will take the character parts in these skits.

The broadcast from N. C. State College will go out over the Blue Network of the National Broadcasting Company through the facilities of Station WPTF, Raleigh.

Sightseeing In The Capital City

The following seniors and juniors of the Farmville graded school, accompanied by Miss Mattie Lee Eagles left Thursday morning for a three day sightseeing trip to Washington, D. C.: Misses Effie and Mary Lewis, Louise Freeman, Frances Newton, Doris Rouse, Lucille Cutchin, Lillian White Gardner, Frances Bevins Smith, Francis Luther Joyner, Jim Satterfield, Julian Smith, Charles Rouse Lewis, Clay Burnette, Billie Willis, Albert Mewborn, Joseph Joyner, Ras Jones, Howard Allen, and Roland Modlin. They were accompanied by Andy Joyner, who is at home on his summer vacation.

Rural Electrification To Be Allotted \$60,000

Rural Lines In Pitt and Greene Counties to Be Constructed

On Wednesday of this week a telegram was received by John B. Lewis, attorney for the Pitt and Greene County Electric Membership Corporation, stating that the Rural Electrification Administration had allotted \$60,000 for the construction of rural lines in these two counties.

The corporation first made application for \$35,000, afterwards requesting the officials to increase the application of \$60,000 for the construction of approximately 65 miles of rural lines.

Lee Tugwell is president of the corporation and J. C. Parker is vice president.

The project has had the influence and active support of Hon. Lindsay C. Warren, Congressman of the 1st District, and this has doubtless helped to bring about a speedy allocation. The details and specific requirements are not yet known but it is hoped that the construction of these lines may begin at an early date.

Clinic held, weekly, in the Health Department offices, is, from week to week, serving a larger and larger number of patients.

On March 24th, in cooperation with the Farmville physicians and the town officials, the Health Department opened a venereal disease clinic in Farmville. The clinic is held every Wednesday afternoon, from 2 to 5. This clinic is conducted by the physicians of Farmville. The County Health Department furnishes a nurse and drugs.

At the first clinic, there were 119 patients, at the second clinic 149 patients and at the 3rd clinic 149 patients.

In keeping with Dr. Skinner's motion and the action of this Society at its last meeting, the health officer has attempted, through the county newspapers, to give the public facts and figures on the seriousness of the venereal disease situation. "Respectfully submitted, (Signed) N. Thomas Emsert, M. D., Health Officer."