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Summary of Activities of Department of Public Welfare, 1937-38

Social Security Program Added As Legislated Duties of County Welfare Department

In July 1937, the administration of the Public Assistance Program, a part of the Social Security Program, was added to the eleven legislated duties of the County Welfare Department.

During the fiscal year, 670 investigations were made for Old Age Assistance. Of this number 497 persons of the allotted quota of 500 received Old Age Assistance checks for June. The quarterly averages reported by the State Board of Charities and Public Welfare for Pitt County correspond closely to the state average. During the year, 59 cases have been closed; 7 were transferred to other counties by reason of the change in residence; 47 have died. Of the remaining 5 cases closed some became able to support themselves or their responsible relatives were able to assume full support.

165 investigations were made for Aid to Dependent Children representing 444 children. 123 applications were approved for grants; 325 children benefitting from the Aid. These funds are enabling the home to be more securely established; close supervision and constructive case work aims to improve the family relationships, standard of living; and community participation. Each mother is required to furnish the Superintendent of Welfare a monthly record of the expenditure of income earned and granted. The budgets are carefully studied and instructions given when needed to make the funds cover more necessities. 9 A B C cases have been closed by reason of change in residence to another county or because the mother became self-supporting.

More than 45 applications for Aid to the Blind were received. At this time 26 are receiving monthly checks. Operations for the removal of cataracts and other impairments of vision have been provided. In the preventive program of the Commission to the Blind the Welfare office co-operated in providing more than 300 pairs of glasses to school children.

In co-operation with the County Health Department, the County Commissioners and the Welfare Department have provided 11 Burr cottages for tuberculous patients. These screened cottages made by the NYA workers enable the patient to "take the cure" and remain at home—often a necessity in homes of low incomes; and also, because the State Sanatoriums have long waiting lists. Patients in the Burr cottages are often able to improve their health so that the stay at the sanatorium is shortened with correspondingly reduced expense to the patient or the county. A monthly average of 10 patients are provided hospitalization. The Department co-operates with the Health Department also in the venereal clinic. Wassermann tests are requested for any case suspected of needing treatment. The Orthopedic clinics held each month have called for hospitalization of 24 patients. Operations, treatments, braces, and especially built shoes for physically handicapped, have been provided.

The Superintendent of Public Welfare supervises prisoners on parole and youths from the State Training schools. A monthly average of 41 adult paroles have made reports. It is interesting that there are no women on parole at this time.

Supervision of school attendance and some general relief for indigent children is provided during the school term. Three parents were brought in Court for failure to have their minor children within the compulsory school age attend school.

The County Home, which accommodates 36 inmates has only 24 at this time. Modern social work aims to provide for the aged and unemployable in the home of responsible relatives. This work plus the grants of the Old Age Assistance program has decreased the number applying for admission to the County Home. It will continue to reduce the number; in cases where the home have been turned into county hospitals.

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There have been 3 enrollments of boys in the CCC. At this time being trained 20 and 40 boys are enrolled, receiving training in the work and maintenance of the CCC without the stigma of parole. The department has provided for about 20 burials during the year. One boarding home is maintained and supervised by the Superintendent of Welfare.

Weed Men Seek Earlier Opening

Warehouse Association, However, Delays Action on Market Issue

In an effort to formulate a plan for obtaining a new and earlier opening date for eastern Carolina tobacco markets, members of the North Carolina Warehouse Association met here Wednesday night, but deferred formal action until a later meeting.

The United States Tobacco Association, meeting in White Sulphur Springs, W. Va., last week set August 25 as the opening date for markets in this belt. The late opening date was displeasing to many warehousemen in this section and caused the meeting of the association, and other warehouse representatives, here Wednesday night.

At a meeting of the Eastern Carolina Warehouse Association in Kinston several weeks ago the body passed a resolution asking the United States Tobacco Association to set the opening dates of the Eastern Carolina markets not later than two weeks after the opening of the border and South Carolina markets.

At White Sulphur Springs, the association set August 4 as the opening dates for the border and August 25 for the opening dates here.

Without exception at the meeting here the warehousemen seemed to feel that the Eastern Carolina openings should be earlier than the date set by the national association.

President J. J. Gibbons of Wilson, head of the Eastern Carolina Association, opened the meeting with the remark that:

"We must go about this task with a sane viewpoint that is in the best interests of Eastern North Carolina." It was learned at the meeting that this belt's representatives to the meeting in White Sulphur Springs urged an opening for this section not more than two weeks after the border and South Carolina belts but that the association, in open meeting substantiated the vote of the sales committee.

President Gibbons commented that the three weeks' lapse between the border and South Carolina belts and the Eastern Carolina belt was "the longest period of time between the two openings for some time."

Most of the Eastern Carolina market representatives told the meeting here that they had been instructed to abide by what the meeting did.

Though no decision was made on the matter at this time it was thought that it would probably be in the next few days.

On the Fourth of July, forty-eight small boys and girls took part in a parade sponsored by the local Recreation Center. Instead of the High School Band as had been anticipated the Center substituted its own little Rhythm Band.

Behind the Rhythm Band came the boy fire truck, decorated for the occasion and driven by Elvin Ray Jones, of Greenville, followed by little Jessie Mack Carraway, dressed in an attractive costume and charmingly impersonating Miss America. She rode on her tricycle, decorated with the national colors. Nell Taylor also rode on an attractively decorated tricycle, and the tricycle group was substantially large. Many rode wheels, including Bobby Darden, who was dressed up for the occasion. Stickers were also used by the young parade.

The parade ended at the Park where the participants were treated to lollipops by Elvin Ray Jones, a visitor at the Center, and prizes were given as follows: most attractive costume, Jessie Mack Carraway; most attractive tricycle, Nell Taylor; decorated fire truck, Elvin Ray Jones; most attractive bicycle, Bobby Darden.

Recreation hours at the Park are as follows: 8:30 to 12:30 and 2:00 to 5:00; activities include soft ball, foot ball, tennis, croquet, horseshoe, indoor games, etc., with a sand box for the young folk.

Plans are being made to open an indoor center soon for work in music and art; craft may be considered.

Special Bond Election Meets With Big Success

Citizens Vote To Issue School Bonds For New Educational Unit Here

The special bond election held here Tuesday to decide the issuance of \$45,000 school bonds with the levying of a sufficient tax for the payment of same for financing a new educational unit, met with overwhelming success, the result being reported at 800 of the 433 registered voters, voting in favor of the project and 10 against.

A FWA grant of \$35,000 to be used in conjunction with the \$45,000 raised by issuing the bonds, is thought to be available for use in construction of an Agricultural and Manual Arts Building and Gymnasium, together with a new heating system for the present school building.

Farmville Now In First Place For P. O. Building

Washington July 7.—Representative Lindsay Warren said today that with the approval of an allocation of \$79,000 made for the purchase of a site and the erection of the Federal building at Ahoskie, recently announced by the Treasury Department, Farmville now stood No. 1 on the First District eligible list for a building in the future. Two years ago Mr. Warren caused a survey to be made of FARMVILLE for this purpose and a \$70,000 building and site was recommended. Plymouth, the only other eligible town in the district stands as No. 2.

Mr. Warren stated that under existing law, there would be no more post office buildings to receive funds until three years from now, provided Congress made the necessary appropriations at that time. If Congress should change the law, he said that Farmville might get a building before then. Congress does not appropriate funds for any individual town. It comes in a lump sum applying to the entire nation. Past appropriations have provided for one eligible town in each Congressional District. Edenton got its building during the Hoover administration. Under the Roosevelt administration, additions were made to Federal buildings at Elizabeth City, Washington and also Greenville. Last year an allocation was made for Williamston and Ahoskie came under the new bill just passed by Congress.

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Declaring that the future welfare of the South, as well as the entire country, depends on getting rid of the New Deal, Mr. Hamilton cited extended production and reduced prices of cotton, saying the outlook "is darker than it has ever been" and blaming the situation on the New Deal and its policy of "artificial and enforced restriction."

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WHAT ARE THE POLITICAL PROSPECTS OF THE REPUBLICAN PARTY IN 1938?

In a recent statement, the executive committee of the Republican National Committee expressed its conviction that the Party "will make substantial gains in all parts of the country, electing governors in a number of states as well as substantially increasing the Republican strength in the United States Senate and the House of Representatives."

This prediction is somewhat vague but in private conversation the idea is expressed that the Party will gain at least five seats in the Senate and probably sixty-five members in the House. This has been the standard forecast for the past few months. No one knows how close to the truth it will be. It is entirely too early to undertake anything like a checkup on the statements of those running the political parties of the country. It is their guess and only our report.

The party organization is active with Chairman John D. M. Hamilton making a series of speeches, designed to encourage a "natural" coalition with the Democratic Conservatives. Speaking in the South, Mr. Hamilton said it would be "political chicanery" to change the party name to catch Southern voters, but expressed the view that an effective coalition is within the range or probability. He looks forward to the November election to indicate the trend for 1940 and says that an increase of 126 Republicans in the House and a gain of five Senators would reflect a reaction, with Republican success in 1940.

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War Anniversary Marked By New Japanese Gains

United States Marines Established Patrols In American Defense Sector of the International Settlement

Shanghai, July 7.—Japanese reported new gains today over Chinese armies defending the Yangtze River approach to Hankow, China's provisional capital and goal of Japan's campaign.

Bombers ranging ahead of ground forces were said to have sunk a dozen Chinese troop-laden junks near Kiangsi, 185 miles downstream from Hankow and immediate objective of the invaders.

Japan also said their naval craft were clearing the river of mines laid by Chinese between Kiangsi and Matowchen, 40 miles downstream.

Reports of Japanese success in the land, air and naval drive on Hankow were countered by Chinese assertions that their guerrilla and regular forces were inflicting heavy damage to the invaders in scattered regions of the ever-widening field of hostilities.

These accounts came to a Shanghai on edge over possible disorders arising from the first anniversary today of the outbreak of the war. Throughout the international sections of Shanghai authorities took precautions against outbreaks.

The fourth regiment of United States Marines established patrols in the American defense sector of the International Settlement.

Even before midnight, streets of the International area were packed with pedestrians and police, who stopped automobiles in a search for suspected terrorists.

The prospect of a more vigorous propaganda war added to the apprehension.

Chinese military and civilian leaders began a series of patriotic speeches, recounting achievements of the year and declaring the government's determination to resist Japan. The anniversary date was designated "Armed Resistance and National Reconstruction Day."

In Hankow, Generalissimo Chiang Kai-shek appealed to the Japanese people to "halt the madness of their militarists" in a statement referring to the "barbaric and cruel" of the Japanese army.

Premier Prince Fumimaro Kono declared in an interview with the Japanese Press at Tokyo that there was "no possibility of peace through neutral mediation" and said his government was taking both diplomatic and economic measures to persuade third powers to suspend assistance to China.

The 4-H short course at State College, July 25-31, will give hundreds of North Carolina boys and girls a week of recreation and wholesome entertainment along with the class work and addresses by noted speakers.

One boy and one girl will be eligible to attend from each 4-H club in the State, and two boys to have every county represented," said L. R. Harrell and Miss Frances MacGregor, 4-H club leaders at the college who will be in charge of the short course.

Features of the week will be the classes on subjects of special interest to rural youth and the evening programs with the health pageant, the candle-lighting ceremony, the Honor Club night, and a demonstration folk dancing.

Class work will cover: Parliamentary procedure, good grooming, good manners, foods and nutrition, food conservation, home-care of milk, handicrafts, room improvement, clothing, adventuring with books, home beautification, recreation leadership, agricultural engineering, conservation of natural resources, plant diseases, livestock, crops, the farm shop, and horticulture.

Farmville Officials Make Effort To Improve Sanitary Conditions

Revenue Men Crack Down On \$1,000,000 Liquor Ring

Nine Beaufort County Men Held To Federal Courts

Washington, N. C., July 6.—Nine residents of the Blount's Creek section, 12 miles from this city, were arraigned today before Mrs. Hugh Paul, United States Commissioner, and bound over to the fall term of Federal Court in Durham on charges of a "million-dollar" conspiracy to violate Internal Revenue laws and to defraud the United States government of liquor taxes in the manufacture and transport of illicit whiskey.

Four of the defendants were fined under \$1,000 bond each; the five others under \$500 bond each.

Four-Year Investigation. Evidence presented at the arraignment in the form of a Guilford County grand jury indictment, indicated that hundreds of thousands of gallons of bootleg "monkey rum" have poured in steady streams from this manufacturing center to consuming centers, primarily in the Piedmont section, since undercover operatives initiated a widespread investigation in Durham four years ago.

Undercover agents of the Bureau of Internal Revenue were said to have lived for months along the banks of Blount's Creek, hunting, fishing, and visiting mammoth whiskey sites in the role of private citizens. The conspiracy case was broken with a secret grand jury indictment in Greensboro, early in June of nine men in this section and five others who were said to have operated in the vicinity of Durham.

Local A. B. C. enforcement officers and State Highway Patrolmen cooperated with undercover men who massed inconceivable amounts of evidence in confiscated automobiles and trucks, thousands of tons of sugar and mash, truckloads of jugs and wooden kegs, over the four-year period of the probe, in addition to hundreds of thousands of gallons of illicit booze, all alleged in the indictment to have been manufactured in the Blount's Creek sector.

Bound over to Middle District Federal Court for trial September 26 before Judge Johnson Hayes in Durham, are: W. B. (Bill) and Robert R. Mills, brothers; Clifton Mills, nephew of the other Mills; Guy Lewis, brother-in-law of Clifton Mills; Guy Mills, Jasper Mills, Jesse Clayton, Edgebert Warren and Mark Shackelford. Bond for the first four named is \$1,000 each.

Deputy United States Marshal B. F. Buck, who served the Federal processes in this county, said that those nine men were "the most I ever arrested at one time."

Although B. I. B. Special Investigators A. G. McDuffie, A. M. Arnold, J. L. Diring and Albert W. Joyce, of the bureau's Baltimore headquarters, were without authority to issue a statement relative to the case, it was estimated that the alleged conspiracy had cost the Federal government more than \$1,000,000 in whiskey tax evasions over the four-year span. A Federal tax of \$2.00 is payable on each gallon of liquor sold in this country, with an added \$2.00 penalty for each gallon on which no original tax was paid. Hence, each gallon of bootleg sold tax free represents \$4 in taxes which legally belongs to Uncle Sam.

The flowing stream of illegal whiskey which is alleged to have been headed in the Blount's Creek area was said by complainant B. I. R. agents to have been the prime source of supply for the consuming cities of Durham, Raleigh, Greensboro, Rocky Mount, Chapel Hill, Wilson, Roanoke, Sanford, Burlington and other Carolina municipalities.

Materials for such mass production, the indictment charged, including tons of sugar and mash, were supplied from various points in North Carolina and Virginia, and said to have been hauled on vehicles belonging to the members of the alleged conspiracy, a number of such vehicles having been confiscated by agents and highway patrolmen while loaded with such materials.

Some 100,000 tons of coke, used in firing steam kettles for whiskey manufacture, were estimated to have been consumed in this county over the period of investigation.

The lengthy indictment revealed further that a number of ultra-modern and completely outfitted liquor plants, some of them equipped with night operation and capable of turning out as many as 100 gallons an hour through the use of powerful motors, had been confiscated.

Elkhart, Ind. — When officers stopped the car of Sam and Max Silk, because they failed to display a headlight, they found 328 quarts of liquor in the machine. The lack of a 30-cent headlight bulb cost them \$110 each in fines, their car worth \$500, and the liquor, valued at \$700.

Prompt applications of quick-acting fertilizer such as nitrate of soda, are advocated for corn, cotton, sweet potatoes by agronomists of the North Carolina Experiment Station due to the constant rains which have leached out the original plant food material.

Citizens Requested To Aid In Special Campaign

The Farmville officials desire to make Farmville a model town in good sanitation.

Looking to this end the officials have requested the County Health Department, through its Sanitary Inspector, J. H. Moore, to give Farmville special attention along this line. But it is not enough simply for the city officials and the County Health Department to cooperate in this effort for better sanitation; it is absolutely essential that the householders, themselves, and the citizens in general, cooperate in this general program of better sanitation.

Some of the items which call for special attention are: Sewer connections or sanitary privies; clearing the yards of weeds and grass and old cans and other receptacles which may hold water and act as mosquito breeding places; cleaning stables and cow lots to prevent fly breeding; garbage protection; cleaning chicken coops and chicken yards so as to do away with offensive odors which annoy your neighbors, and proper screening of all homes to prevent malaria, typhoid, etc. Meat markets, dairies, milk handling, and all public eating places such as hotels, restaurants, cafes, etc., will be given special attention.

The Sanitary Inspector will have the active cooperation of L. T. Lucas, chief of police, but will not use law enforcements until the citizens have been given a reasonable length of time in which to comply with the health regulations.

It is understood that the general plan of this campaign calls for a weekly report from the Sanitary Inspector to the Clerk, R. A. Joyner, and a monthly report by the Health Officer and the Sanitary Inspector to the Board of Aldermen.

The starting point is for every householder and every business concern to investigate his own premises at once and correct all unsanitary conditions and not wait for a complaint from the Sanitary Inspector.

Farmville is known as a modern, progressive town and it is to the interest of every citizen in it that we continue to justify this reputation but we can't do it if we have unsanitary privies; weeds and grass in the back yards breeding mosquitoes; stables and cow lots breeding flies; exposed garbage; the stench of unclean chicken coops making it impossible for your neighbor to use his own backyard; and "unsanitary meat markets and eating places.

As good citizens living in a good town let all pull together to make it a cleaner and a better place.

Philadelphia. — When Dr. Bernard D. Judovich awoke, he found his wife missing. Alarmed, he began calling the various hospitals and finally located her, being informed by hospital attendants "She's here. Doing fine. A six and one-half pound boy."

THOUGHTFUL WIFE

WHO KNOWS?

1. What is the status of Mexico's seizure of foreign oil properties?
2. How many strikes occurred in 1937?
3. Is American shipbuilding increasing?
4. Has China officially severed diplomatic relations with Japan?
5. Did any pitcher, before Johnny Vander Meer, pitch successive no-hit games?
6. How many nations paid the June installment on U. S. war loans?
7. Has France recently increased the size of her Army?
8. Does the United States train private industry in the manufacture of war materials?
9. Who recently married Lily Pons?
10. Who is the Secretary General of the League of Nations?

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COSTLY OVERSIGHT

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