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## Summary of Activities of Avery-Yancey Health Department for '39

Probably the most important function and responsibility of the Health Department is the control of communicable diseases, by both preventive and protective measures. During 1939 this Department was exceptionally active in this phase of work. The most important work done in this field was the investigations made with regard to the outbreak of Infantile Paralysis in Avery County. While there are no known methods of actual control of this malady, there is a great deal that may be done in protective measures after one has already acquired the disease, and it is therefore essential for the cases to be found, and properly diagnosed early in the course of the disease.

A great deal of the time was spent in this procedure during the two months that the disease prevailed. A total of thirteen cases were reported, but scores of suspected cases were thoroughly investigated. A county-wide quarantine was instituted, which, while rather drastic in considering the little known about the control of the disease, was worthwhile in spite of the inconvenience and financial loss to some, if one child was spared having the infection and the following deformities by such a measure.

The District also suffered epidemics of both measles and whooping cough, but these diseases were state-wide in occurrence and are ones in which only a small number of individuals have been successfully vaccinated. Pertussis vaccine was given a number of susceptible children, and immune whole blood was given with gratifying results to quite a number of infants exposed to measles.

During 1939 there were only two cases of typhoid fever as compared to the six cases which occurred in 1938. This is due to the improved sanitation of sewage disposal and water supplies obtained this year. One of these cases could have been one of many as the source was found to be a contaminated stream. The danger of more cases was averted by having every family on the drainage area of the stream install sanitary sewage disposal, and thereby prevent contamination of the stream.

Despite intensive efforts of this Department both in education and vaccination still a sizable number of diphtheria cases occurred in this area. A total of sixteen cases were reported. Compared to the state, average as a whole, this number is a disgrace, and indicates failure of both the officials charged with the control of the disease and failure of the parents in their duty to their children. In no one (Continued on back page)

## AMERICAN WAY IS THEME OF SCOUT BIRTHDAY WEEK

"American Way" Theme of Scouts' Birthday Week.

The nation's 1,330,000 Cubs, Boy Scouts and their leaders will celebrate the 30th anniversary of the incorporation of the Boy Scouts of America in a week's observance beginning Thursday, February 8th.

For the eighth time as their honorary president, Franklin D. Roosevelt will broadcast a message from the White House, Thursday evening at 10:30 p. m. (EST) officially opening Boy Scout week. Sharing in the White House program which will be broadcast over the Blue Network of the National Broadcasting Company, the Columbia and Mutual networks, will be Walter D. Head of St. Louis, President of the Boy Scouts of America, who will speak from Detroit where he will be addressing a dinner of Scout leaders, and Dr. James E. West, Chief Scout Executive and Editor of Boys' Life, who will talk from Florida.

Boy Scout week is the most important week in the Boy Scout Calendar and nine million present and former Scouts and leaders will join the celebration which this year has as its theme "Scouting—The American Way."

The Scout Program with its patrol method and other group action features is a "school for citizenship." Since Scouting provides for democratic group action and group decisions, the celebrations throughout the nation will be greatly varied. Each troop will celebrate the birthday anniversary in accordance with its own plans.

Special emphasis will be placed on the twelfth point of the Scout Law which reads "A Scout is reverent. He is reverent toward God. He is faithful in his religious duties, and respects the convictions of others in matters of custom and religion." Hundreds of churches will have special services for Scouts and Cubs.

## MICKIE SAYS—

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## BUSINESS CENSUS IS ALMOST COMPLETED IN COUNTY

The census of business and manufacturing is almost completed in Yancey County, according to announcement of George Robison, census taker.

Mr. Robison says that he has found an increase of at least 50 per cent in businesses established during the past ten year period. He also stated that he has received fine cooperation from all persons contacted.

He will begin the census in Madison county on February 12.

## 'HOLLYWOOD CAVALCADE' IS MOVIEGOERS' TREAT

Movie fans, here's the picture for you, and we do mean you! It's Darryl F. Zanuck's production of "Hollywood Cavalcade," starring Alice Faye and Don Ameche, and filmed in Technicolor. It reenacts and photographs anew the romance of Hollywood from bathing beauties to world premieres; tells the great human story of Mike, who wanted to make movies, and Molly, who wanted only to be loved by Mike but who instead won greatness on the screen. It tells the drama of the men and women like them who conquered the entertainment world in the romantic, fabulous, zany years of Hollywood's rise.

Staged again, with great stars of today and great personalities of yesterday, you'll see slapstick and custard-pie comedy, with Don Ameche directing. You'll see the Mack Sennett bathing girls, and this time Alice Faye is one. Once again, Buster Keaton, Ben Turpin, Chester Conklin and the Keystone Cops are seen in hilarious scenes from the past. Once again, Al Jolson sings the song with which he electrified the world in "The Jazz Singer." You'll see Hollywood as it was and as it is, in a three-ring circus of entertainment.

The 20th Century-Fox film will be shown at the Yancey Theatre Mon. and Tuesday. Just as "Alexander's Ragtime Band" brought back your happiest memories, so "Hollywood Cavalcade" will recall your fondest movie days.

Many troops and Cub packs will have special parents' night meetings in which the parents will be participants in some of the activities. Other troops will have their meeting during Boy Scout Week set aside for troop reunions with former members returning to renew acquaintances and for an evening of fellowship and fun.

The outdoor activities will also have their part in the celebration where weather conditions permit. There will be camping trips, hikes and outdoor rallies.

## Scouting Beckons All Boys



When the Boy Scouts of America celebrates its 30th birthday on Thursday, February 8, all of the 1,330,000 Scouts, Cubs and Scout leaders will re-dedicate themselves to the service motive which has characterized the Movement for three decades. Scouting offers adventure, fun and achievement—attractive to all boys—through the democratic life of the Scout Troop and Patrol, as essential ingredients in its character-influencing program for the boys of America. Drawing on the rich experience of the Movement, local and national Scout leaders anticipate the opportunity to serve more boys annually.

## CROP AND FEED LOANS ARE NOW AVAILABLE HERE

Emergency crop and feed loans for 1940 are now available to farmers in Yancey County, and Applications for these loans are now being received at Emergency Crop and Feed Loan office, Burnsville, by J. E. Joines, field supervisor of the Emergency Crop and Feed Loan Section of the Farmers' Credit Administration.

These loans will be made, as in the past, only to farmers whose cash requirements are small and who cannot obtain a loan from any other source, including production credit associations, banks, or other private concerns or individuals.

As in former years, the money loaned will be limited to the applicants necessary cash needs in preparing and cultivating his 1940 crops or in purchasing or producing feed for his livestock.

Borrowers who obtain loans for the production of cash crops are required to give as security a first lien on the crops financed or, in the case of loans for the purchase or production of feed for livestock, a first lien on the livestock to be fed.

## EXTENSION

Through the Extension Service program, more farmers of Wilson County will be taught the necessity of raising more food and feed crops at home this year, says Farm Agent J. O. Anthony.

## SHERIFF, CORONER WILL SERVE FOUR YEAR TERM

Sheriffs and coroners in North Carolina counties are serving four-year terms which will continue until December, 1942. The state supreme court passed this ruling by a unanimous decision last week.

The argument over the length of term of office for present officials arose because of the fact that the amendment increasing term of office from two to four years was voted on the same day that county officials were elected.

Under the ruling, Sheriff Donald Banks and coroner S. J. Ray will serve until 1942.

## FUNERAL SERVICES FOR MARCUS HIGGINS

Marcus Higgins, 82 year old resident of the Higgins community, died Thursday, February 1.

Funeral services were held at the home on Friday afternoon at 2 o'clock with Rev. Dean N. Dobson and Rev. Cecil Higgins officiating.

Surviving are his wife, eight children, sixty eight grand children and a number of great grand children.

## TOLEDO NEWS

Miss Jessie Bailey was visiting in Johnson City Friday.

Rev. Ben Lee Ray, former pastor of Zion Baptist church preached here Sunday morning.

Miss Mary Ramsey spent the week end in Erwin.

Mrs. J. E. Johnson had a birthday dinner Sunday for D. C. Bailey and James Johnson.

land in Western North Carolina which do not at the present contain a deer population.

The deer being trapped on the Fort Bragg Reservation and those purchased by the Department will be identified by ear tags and the Forest Service requested to refrain from shipping these deer out of the State if they should wander on the Pisgah Game Preserve and be caught in their traps. These deer will be placed on Refuge areas and other protected areas within the Western section.

It was later announced that the first load of deer has arrived, and the deer were released near the McDowell-Buncombe county lines on lands owned by the Pisgah National Forest. The deer are doe which have been bred and will have fawns this spring if they survive.

The releasing of the deer was quite an occasion with representative groups present from Black Mountain, Old Fort and Point Lookout. They were released under the auspices of C. N. Mease, chief Refuge Supervisor, two of his protectors, D. C. McKinney and A. F. Simmons, and E. B. Kugler, assistant state commissioner.

## ROBERT MANEY NOT TO SEEK REELECTION

Reports have been widely circulated during the past few weeks concerning the candidacy of Robert Maney in the coming primary election. Inquiry was made of Mr. Maney personally, and he has stated emphatically that he will not be a candidate for reelection.

Mr. Maney has been a most popular citizen and public official. Evidence of this is the fact that he led the entire ticket the three times that he was candidate for the office of Register of Deeds.

In office Mr. Maney proved himself most efficient and courteous, and is held in high esteem for his willingness to lend assistance to any one seeking information in his office, and his unfailing courtesy in the discharge of his duties.

Many citizens of the county, regardless of the political party with which they may be affiliated, will regret to learn of Mr. Maney's decision, and will join in expression of appreciation of his record as a county official.

## FUNERAL SERVICES FOR MRS. ATHAN SHUFORD

Funeral services for Mrs. Hester Shuford, 60, wife of Athan Shuford, were held at the Baptist church at Hamrick on Sunday afternoon at 2:00 o'clock. Rev. J. E. Hensley, pastor of the church, officiated. Mrs. Shuford died at her home on White Oak Creek on Friday afternoon, February 2.

Surviving are her husband; four children, Carl Shuford of Hamrick, Erwin, Milton and Mrs. Ruth McMahan of Celso. One brother, Daniel Shuford of Marion, and three grand children also survive.

Mrs. Shuford was born in Yancey County and had spent her entire life here. She was a member of the Baptist church, and will be greatly missed by her many relatives and friends.

Burial was in the Autrey Cemetery near the church.

## FUNERAL SERVICES FOR JONATHAN BALLEW

Jonathan Ballew, 60, died at his home in the Seven Mile Ridge section last Thursday.

Funeral services were conducted at the home by Rev. Theodore Letterman. Burial was in the cemetery near by.

Surviving are his wife, the former Minnie Simmons, one son, Rheidia; one daughter, Bertha and a brother, Whitson Ballew.

## INTERESTED

According to club reports, 4H Club boys of Cherokee County are displaying more interest in livestock and poultry projects this year than they did last year.