

Progress Being Made In Syphilis Control In State

Raleigh—The fact that 4,000 new cases of syphilis are now being reported in North Carolina every month, as compared with 6,000 annually before the control campaign was launched, is a sufficient evidence that when the number of cases existing in the State was placed at 300,000 by the survey method, this was no exaggeration, Dr. Carl V. Reynolds, State Health Officer, declared.

This statement was made in connection with a telegram Dr. Reynolds sent to Dr. Felix J. Underwood, Executive Officer of the Mississippi State Board of Health, who had requested information from North Carolina to be used when he was scheduled to appear before a Congressional Committee to ask that Federal Funds to the States be raised to \$5,000,000 the second year, as provided for in the LaFollette-Bulwinkle Bill.

"This would mean that North Carolina would receive \$140,000, instead of the present \$84,000 toward the \$1,000,000 a year needed in this State for the next fifteen years to eradicate syphilis," Dr. Reynolds pointed out. He added: "I am giving out the following telegram, sent at Dr. Underwood's request, because it contains facts which I think the

people of the State should know, in connection with the rapid growth of the syphilis cure and control program since January 1, 1938."

In his telegram, Dr. Reynolds said:

"Survey method indicates approximate syphilis cases in North Carolina three hundred thousand. Gonorrhea cases seven hundred fifty thousand estimated. Syphilis cases under treatment in clinics January 1938, 9,104; December 1938, 21,398; treatments given in January 1938, 26,516; December 1938, 53, 206.

New cases reported to State coming in at present four thousand per month. Patient load outstrips clinic facilities. Federal aid eighty-four thousand dollars serves forty-three counties and districts; Reynolds Fund one hundred twenty-four thousand dollars serves eighteen counties; total, seventy-six of State's hundred counties, leaving twenty-four counties no service. Additional funds needed? Yes. Present funds wasted if not increased to meet present and increasing demands. Clinicians now meeting demands by treating patients five dollars per clinic session or six and six tenths cents per treatment. Present funds will permit only inadequate treatment, due to overload of patients and lack of facilities. Such procedure fatal to program, due to increase in number infectious relapses, and patients, living under false conception of whole truth, innocently increase exposures. This method destroys prevention and cure and administers to end results, increasing institutional mental cases, locomotia ataxia and cardio-vascular syphilis. North Carolina pleads for additional funds for exterminating this dreaded monster syphilis."



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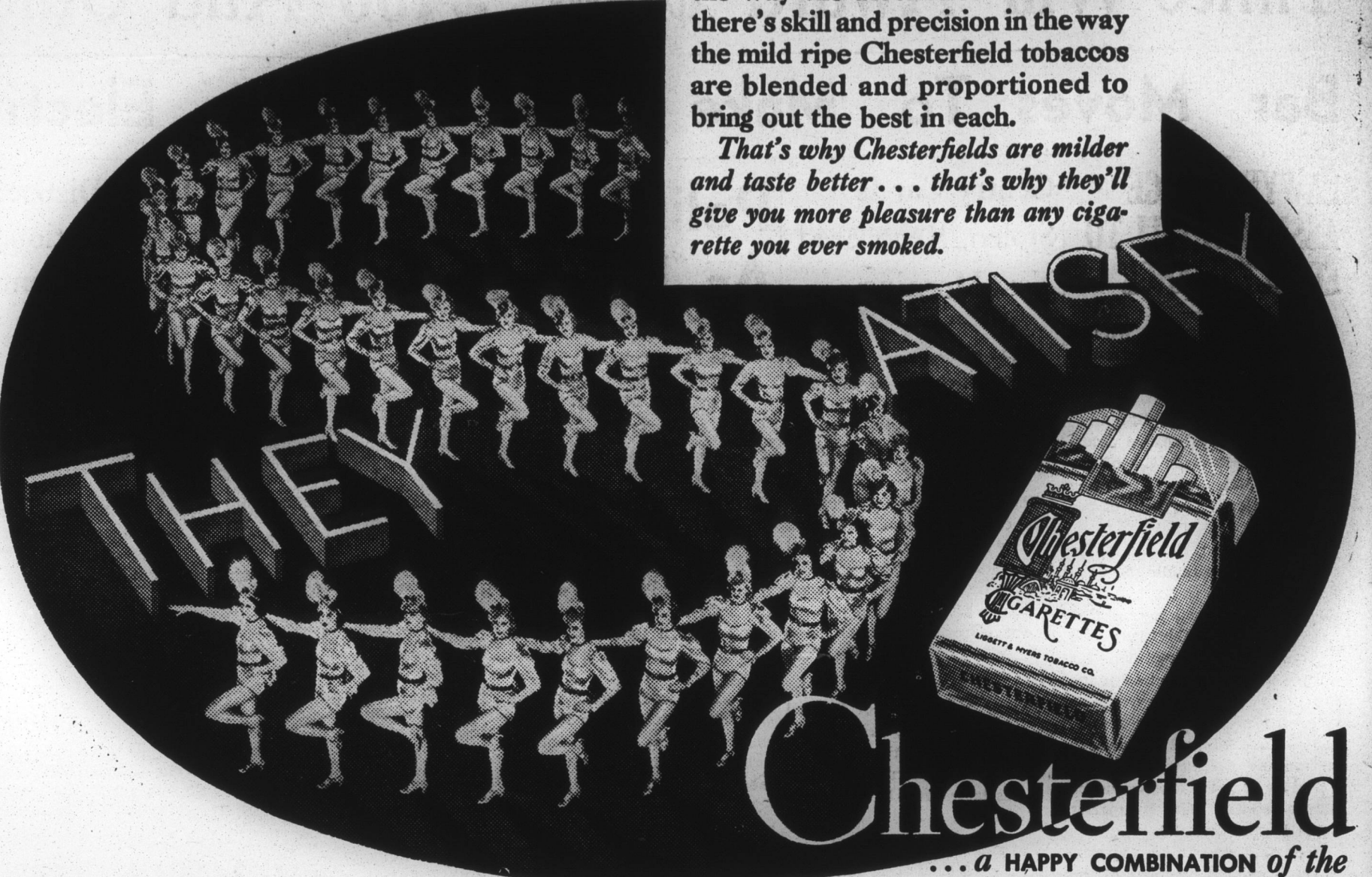
For every dollar spent by the State of North Carolina in 1938 and for every 27 cents spent by the counties of the State during the same period \$55.64 of Federal money filtered into the pockets of Tar Heel farmers, laborers and relief clients in the surplus commodity removal and distribution program for the past year, according to Arthur E. Langston, State director of commodity distribution with the State Board of Charities and Public Welfare. WPA payrolls met State and

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additional \$2.64 for workers employed in distributing the excess food supplies taken from glutted markets and distributed to relief clients whose need had been certified by welfare agencies in the counties.

For the State's dollar and the counties' 27 cents there was a return in cash value of all foods distributed of \$52.21, and every

item the State and a county together spent \$1.27, some North Carolina farmer got 79 cents for something he had raised on his farm.

Cabbage and string beans sold to the Federal Surplus Commodities Corporation accounted for \$42,093 to Tar Heel farmers during 1938, cabbage netting \$35,412 and beans bringing \$6,681 of Federal money to agricultural

areas of the State. All FSCC products were turned over to the Commodity Distribution Division, headed by Langston for free distribution to the needy in the counties, although the cabbage and beans bought in this state may have reached their ultimate averages of consumption in some other commonwealth.

"Participation of the FSCC in the marketing of produce re-

sulted in another aid to North Carolina farmers in the increase in revenue from their crops that would not have been possible had not some of the surplus been

removed from points of congestion," Langston pointed out.

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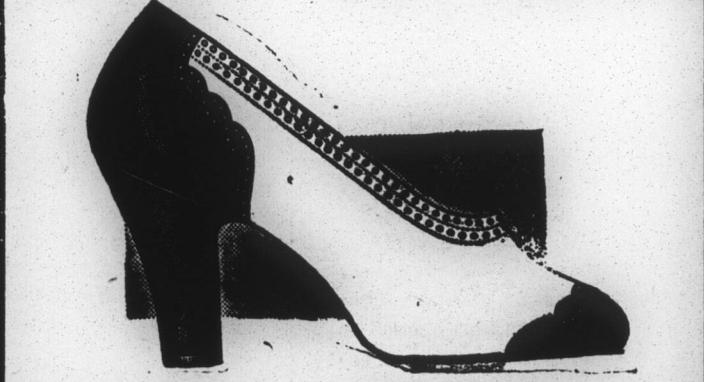
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