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County Health Department Wages Fight Against Disease

First of Series of Articles Tells Something of Nature of Social Diseases

PRECAUTION MEASURES ARE HEREIN SUGGESTED

Means of Prevention and Cure Are Available; Fight on to Eradicate Diseases

(By ISABELLE BADDOUR)

To uncover diseases that have for generations been hidden and through their very concealment have been allowed to go on their destructive way undisturbed, is a task that must be accomplished gradually and with infinite patience. Such a task has in recent years been undertaken by health departments throughout the country and it is a commendable fact that Wayne County does not lag behind in this state's war against syphilis, tuberculosis and the maternity death rate.

The general public, being unwilling to read statistics, knows too little about the prevalence of the two major diseases and the shockingly unnecessary loss of mothers and infants. The health departments, alone, are helpless to cope with the situation after it reaches a certain point and must enlist the aid of thinking citizens, the newspapers, and often the police force.

The Herald, through a series of articles, written informally and in terms that the general reading public will understand, is attempting to assist the Wayne County Health Department in waging its fight. Through a reporter, who will visit

those who help the entire program is futile.

THE DISEASE

Possibly the greatest of modern plagues is venereal disease. A danger to the public health, a destroyer of vitality, health, and physical progress of the race, a peril to the family life of the country, and a detriment to physical and mental progress of civilization, the dread disease takes their terrific toll each year in alarming numbers. All classes of society are marked with it. Because of its susceptibility to contagion, the innocent suffer as well as the licentious. Rosneau, great authority, says, "The history of preventative medicine can present no greater misfortune than a home invaded by syphilis or gonorrhea, no greater tragedy than the birth of a syphilitic child, nothing more pathetic than the newborn babe blinded by gonorrhea. Gonorrhea has been characterized as the great preventer and syphilis as the great destroyer of life. Civilization and syphilization have been close companions."

The direness of the diseases can hardly be exaggerated. Doctors and public health workers over this and other countries are making an earnest effort to make the public conscious of the prevalence and consequence entailed. It is no more scarce. To those who have put aside foolish inhibitions it offers an opportunity.

Bob Kemp To Get Scout Eagle Rank For His Fine Work

Other Awards Are Made At Court Of Honor Held At Community Building Monday

The Boy Scout Court of Honor was held Monday evening at the Wayne County Memorial Community Building with Burt P. Johnson presiding.

In the Scout rally held in connection with the Court of Honor, Troop 6 placed first, gaining 10 points, and troop 13 just behind them with 9 points.

At the Court of Honor two boys from Troop 4, Conway Ross and Sammy Starling, were promoted to Second Class.

Bob Kemp was recommended for Eagle Scout rating and will be awarded the Eagle Badge at the annual meeting to be held January 26 in Goldsboro.

Merit badges were presented to Dick Borden, electricity; Bob Powell, electricity and scholarship; and Bob Kemp, bird study, electricity, civics and scholarship.

Mr. C. H. Westin, Scout executive, announced that plans are being made for the celebration of the 29th anniversary of Scouting to be held

School Teachers In General Meeting Go For Busy Hour Or So

Variety of Topics Are Discussed As Teachers Hold Meeting Here Monday Night

A general meeting of the teachers of Wayne County schools was held at the William Street School Monday evening, C. R. Lewis, principal of the Nahunta school, presided over the assembly.

H. C. Bowers, principal of the Rosewood school, presented a plan by which students might contribute to the "March of Dimes," added feature of the annual fight against infantile paralysis.

Leon Couch, principal of the Grantham school, discussed the report of the Governor's Commission of Education, with particular emphasis upon certifications, resignations, retirement, and restoration of teachers' salaries to the level prior to 1929.

In an informal talk, J. W. Wilson, county superintendent, urged teachers to remain after school is dismissed to prepare details of the next day's lesson. Mr. Wilson pointed out that much time and wasted motion could be saved by a careful preparation and analysis of the schedule to be followed the next day.

Miss Doris Goode, of the Grantham faculty, rendered several songs.

After the general meeting, group meetings of classes and subjects were held, each group having a planned program. The theme for this year's discussion is "Improvement of Oral and Written English."

Swimmers Do Work In Meet Here Last Friday

Prince Nuffer, Hawley, Crone Are Among Stars In A. A. U. Meet in City

Goldsboro's rising aquatic stars had an opportunity last Friday night to show home folks that what they have been reading about them in the papers is really so.

Ed Shumate, with a good steady stroke captured the 800 A. A. U. championship event right under the noses of the more experienced Duke and Carolina entrants.

Prince Nuffer, who seems to have gotten into the habit of starting, lowered her 100-meter backstroke time.

Elizabeth Hawley crashed an A. A. U. record when she swam by herself in the girls' 220-yard breaststroke. She crashed the outdoor mark and lacked only a few seconds besting the indoor record, which she holds.

Little Miss Marie Crone turned in a remarkable performance with one of the best times of the evening. In the 25-yard backstroke she was only five seconds behind what Prince Nuffer regularly swims.

The meet was sponsored by the Carolinas A. A. U. and the Goldsboro Swimming Association and was the first district A. A. U. meet ever to be held.

Organization Is Completed for the President's Birthday Ball

Burt P. Johnson, County Chairman, Has Named Those to Assist With Plans Here

MANY EXPECTED TO JOIN IN FIGHTING PARALYSIS

Ball is to Be Held At the Hotel Goldsboro On the Night of January 30th

Plans are shaping for the Wayne County celebration of the President's Birthday Ball and the "March of Dimes" to be held at the Goldsboro Hotel the evening of January 30.

Every section of Wayne county is enlisted to aid in the local celebration of the national fight against infantile paralysis. Mr. Burt P. Johnson, county chairman, has announced that the additional feature in the campaign this year, the "March of Dimes," will be completed before the ball at the Hotel Goldsboro.

Committee for the organization for the President's Ball have been appointed and are as follows:

Central Committee
Burt Johnson, chairman; Mary Langston, Goldsboro; M. J. Hatcher, Mount Olive; Millard Best, Fremont; J. W. Wilson, Wayne County Schools.

Publicity
Mary Langston, chairman; Miss Isobell Baddour, Goldsboro; Mrs. M. J. Hatcher, Mt. Olive; Mrs. Ralph Yelverton, Fremont.

Mrs. Charles Stroud Is Instantly Killed In Accident Friday

She Was On Way to Norfolk To Visit Sick Son-in-Law When Accident Occurred

Funeral services for Mrs. Charles Stroud, 65, who was instantly killed in an automobile accident near Rich Square last Friday evening, were conducted at Elm Street Methodist Church in Goldsboro Sunday afternoon by the pastor, the Rev. J. J. Rooks. The Rev. Leon Russell of Raleigh, former pastor, assisted. Interment was in the family plot in Willow Dale cemetery, Goldsboro.

Mrs. Stroud was thrown out of the automobile in which she was riding with her son, Herman Stroud, and her daughter, Mrs. B. K. Ward, both of Goldsboro, when the car was in collision with an automobile driven by McKay Woodard. Mrs. Stroud fell, striking her head on the pavement. Her skull was fractured.

Herman Stroud was badly bruised about the body, and on Saturday in Goldsboro X-ray pictures were made to determine the extent of his injury. Mrs. Ward suffered bruises believed not serious. She was taken to Rocky Mount by her daughter, Mrs. Louise Staton.

Mr. and Mrs. Woodard, occupants of the other car, were taken to a Wilson hospital, and were reported not seriously injured.

The Goldsboro people were enroute to Norfolk to be with Mrs. Stroud's daughter's husband, Grover Midgett, who is seriously ill.

Mrs. Stroud was before her marriage Miss Vannie Jones. She was a member of Elm Street Methodist Church. She is survived by three sons, A. V., C. A. and Herman Stroud, of Goldsboro; four daughters, Mrs. Ralph Burgess and Mrs. B. K. Ward, of Goldsboro; Mrs. Midgett of Norfolk, and one brother, W. A. Jones of Norfolk. She was a sister of the late Marcus L. Jones of Goldsboro.

The body was brought to Goldsboro Saturday morning.

Thieves Enter Penney's Store

A thief of thieves broke into the J. C. Penney Co. store in Goldsboro Monday night or early Tuesday morning, and took around \$450 worth of merchandise, police reported Tuesday night. They entered the store through a rear window, it was discovered when the store was opened Tuesday morning. Police are working on the case, but no arrests have been made.

Among articles taken were men's suits, men's boys', and ladies' coats, ten pairs of pants, wool jackets, hats, ties, shirts, sweaters, overalls, pajamas, underwear, socks, silk hose, shoes, suitcases, and razor blades.

YAMS

Sweet potato production in 1938 was slightly larger than in 1937, although there was a sharp decrease in the Central Atlantic Coast states. Prices advanced seasonally in recent weeks.

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Barney Pearson, 85, prominent farmer of Bailey, father to Mrs. Frank Jones of Goldsboro, died at his home at 6:30 Wednesday morning from a stroke of paralysis suffered early Tuesday morning.

Mr. Pearson was believed to be the oldest Mason in North Carolina in point of service. He joined the old Hatcher Lodge of Wilson county new lodge, in 1878.

Recently Mr. Pearson and his wife were the honored guests at a luncheon held at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Jones in Goldsboro.

R. P. Johnson Dies Wednesday; Funeral Is This Afternoon

Highly Respected Fork Township Farmer Had Been Sick for Few Days Prior to Death

Funeral services for R. P. Johnson, highly respected farmer of Fork township, who died at Whispering Cedars Hospital in Goldsboro Wednesday afternoon at 12:30 will be held from the home this afternoon at 3 o'clock, and burial will follow in Willow Dale cemetery in Goldsboro.

Rev. Clarence Bowen will be in charge of the services, assisted by Rev. S. H. Styron of Pine Level and Rev. Olin Fox of Goldsboro.

Palbearers will be Lloyd and David Collier, of Pikeville, Emmet Johnson, Cyrus Johnson, Jr., Linwood Johnson and Gaylor Hooks.

He had been suffering from an attack of influenza for several days and was taken to the nursing home Tuesday night.

Mr. Johnson was a member of the Springhill Baptist church and had long been prominent in affairs of his community. His wife, the former Miss Bettie Gaylor, died three years ago.

He is survived by three sons, R. R. Johnson and D. A. Johnson of Rosewood and L. P. Johnson of Goldsboro; four daughters, Mrs. Jefferson Riley of Durham, Mrs. H. C. Banks of Laurel, Maryland, Mrs. M. J. Herring of Burlington and Mrs. Robert Williams of Mt. Olive; two brothers, G. K. Johnson of Hahira, Georgia, and J. H. Johnson of Black Mountain; and one sister, Mrs. J. S. Collier of Pikeville. Fifteen grandchildren also survive.

Edith Lou Futrell Dies Last Monday

Edith Lou Futrell, two year old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. P. Futrell of Route 1 Pikeville, died at her home Monday morning, having been ill for a week with pneumonia.

Funeral services were conducted at Free Chapel Free Will Baptist Church Tuesday afternoon. Burial was in the family plot in the Combs cemetery near Patotown.

The child is survived by her parents; one brother, Jimmie; her grandmother, Mrs. H. C. Futrell; and a grandfather, G. W. Killette of Warsaw.

The President's Ball

(By ISABELLE BADDOUR)

Pleas often come from charity and practically always there is a worthy cause. Now comes the pleasant combination of dancing gaily and the thought that you are a medium of assistance in the campaign to fight infantile paralysis. Such a thought should make your heart lighter and your feet more nimble.

Sympathy is not to be dismissed as a minor virtue, but when the virtue is backed by good, sound materialistic aid, it is much more effective. To those of us who stride through life, unhindered by drawn limbs, sympathy for those much less fortunate who make their way more laboriously is none the less sincere and is strangely detached. To really feel the pangs the lesson must be brought home to us. And who knows at what time the Great Teacher will bring it?

Even those who criticize our President must bow before the fact that for a man so handicapped, he has risen to great heights. A battle scarred veteran in the cause, he has made possible a means of aiding those afflicted who are unable to aid themselves, and invites us all to dance in celebration of the event. Come to the President's Ball and express your sympathy in a delightful way, or, if your dancing days are over, there is still the March of Dimes.

Annual Chamber Commerce Dinner Meeting Is Jan. 25th

The annual dinner meeting of the Goldsboro Chamber of Commerce and Merchants Association will be held at the Hotel Goldsboro on next Wednesday evening, January 25th, at 6:45, according to announcement by O. L. Wilson, secretary.

This meeting is for the entire membership of the organization together with their ladies.

Malcolm Ainsworth, manager of the Southeastern division of the Chamber of Commerce of the U. S. will be the speaker, and outside this address and the introductory speech there will be no speaking, Mr. Wilson said. Mr. Ainsworth will speak for about 30 minutes, only.

He has been engaged in commercial organization work for fifteen years, with a background of newspaper and public relations experience before entering the Chamber of Commerce field.

Before joining the staff of the National Chamber he served as manager of two local Chambers of Commerce and as Director of Publicity for a state association in the southeast, gaining additional experience through the direction of a large number of financial and membership campaigns for Chambers of Commerce, community chests and colleges.

Brogden School Is Over-Crowded; Is In Need of Additional School Rooms

Brogden Principal Has Wide Experience In School Work

Born in South Carolina, Trained in Virginia and North Carolina, Teaches Here

GRADUATED AFTER THE WAR INTERRUPTED WORK

Has Been Teacher at Brogden for Two Years; Taught 15 Years Altogether

Heading one of the county's largest schools, Charles Moore Billings, principal of the Brogden school, holds to the theory that "reading, writing, and arithmetic" should be the foundation of education and that progressiveness should be built upon that foundation.

Though he was born in South Carolina, he later resided in Virginia, near Fredericksburg. From the high school at Farnham, Virginia, he went to Blackstone Academy and Richmond College. After a year at Richmond College he entered Wake Forest College. His studies were interrupted by the outbreak of the war and he served in the shipyards at Newport News for seven years.

With the money he saved from his work at the yards, he re-entered Wake Forest and was graduated from there in 1923 with an A. B. degree.

Since that time he has held principalships in the following schools: Wake County, Millbrook School, eight years; Vance County, three years; Belhaven, two years; and Wayne County, two years.

He married Miss Fannie Anderson, of Rich Square in 1929. Their two sons, Charles, 11, and Frank, 8, are students at the Brogden school. While at Belhaven Mr. and Mrs. Billings purchased a home, where they reside outside of the school term.

Mr. Billings' experience as a "school man" has qualified him to render valuable service to any community as a leader of young people. His pleasant personality, fairness and executive ability places him high in the rank of county principals.

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I ONLY HEARD!
By ISABELLE BADDOUR

Here I sit and fret and stew
Just to get a laugh from you.
If I could see your face so dry,
I don't think I'd even try.

On my cheeks youth's sweet bloom
Has given place to deep, dark gloom.
All these things I go through
Just to get a laugh from you.

Did you read in the paper the other day about the lady who went to the theater on cash night? Well, that's nothing unusual. But, listen. She was called a winner of \$180. She declined the prize saying that she came to the show to see the picture, not to win a prize.

I reckon the bug houses aren't the only ones that should be equipped with padded cells.

I know a man who nearly passed from this world of ours because he drank half a pint of kerosene, thinking it was corn. I felt sorry for his evident agony, but he didn't get much sympathy from his wife. She says if he didn't drink such rotten stuff, he would have known it before he finished the bottle.

A lady divorced her husband recently for putting itching powder in her girdle. She should have stayed with him long enough to sew up all his button holes.

This is going to be short, and therefore sweet. Why? Because they are ready to go to press. I should have had it in yesterday, the line-type man is likely to commit mayhem. I've got some more stories to write, and incidentally, that's all I can think of to tell you.

E. A. "Bert" Griffin Heads Social Agency

Officers for the Wayne Council of Social Agencies were elected at a meeting in the Wayne Memorial Community Building last Thursday night. E. A. (Bert) Griffin was elected president to succeed Dr. Leigh R. Scott.

G. C. Garris of Pikeville was re-elected first vice president; Matthew Hatcher of Mt. Olive, second vice-president; and Mrs. L. D. Giddens of Goldsboro, secretary and treasurer. Dr. C. F. Strohsider and Dr. Leigh R. Scott were elected as new members to the board of directors of the council. The board is composed of six members and two ex-officio members.

The council was organized last year in order to coordinate social work in the county so that the work might be done for the best interest of all without overlapping.

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School Operates Six Busses and 97 percent of Student Body Rides Them

ENROLLMENT OL 533; ATTENDANCE IS 498

C. M. Billings and His Corps of Workers Have Situation Well in Hand

(By ISABELLE BADDOUR)

Rain, mud, slush but schools and reporting goes on—didn't have far to go, though—Brogden is my destination—had an appointment this time so explanation were easier—host this week Mr. Billings—quiet, businesslike and all earmarks of good school man—after finding out about the head of the school begin to inquire about school itself—another man who had rather talk about school than himself—main problem confronting school is lack of room—community making earnest effort to receive governmental aid—school crowded—seven rooms not standard size—home ec. department in damp basement—grounds around building attractive and with more rooms would be quite a showplace—unless something is done, there will not be rooms enough next year to accommodate student body—rapid growth—16 teachers, including principal—does own office work now but training students on typewriters in office—fee, 50 cents per month—525 enrollment—average attendance last month 489—six nice busses, new with trailers—busses also crowded—97% of students come on busses—since organization of P. T. A. people in community have shown remarkable cooperation and interest—clubs are Beta, home economics (boasting several departments), and Glee Club—sports offered are basketball, volleyball, baseball, tag football and softball—now to start tour of rooms—little first graders have sewing machine—made curtains and chair backs—today is washday for them—chair backs drying on radiator—not at all bashful—each one wants to tell me something—go to another room—inquisitive about bottles hanging from rack—making tonal scale—whiskey bottles make best tones—shouldn't be hard to obtain—practically every room has expanse of bulletin boards—samples of student art upon the boards—artist's easel—attractive curtains and aquariums in many rooms—but see drastic need for space—most rooms small and overcrowded—third and fourth grade combination studying travel—foreign scenes depicted by students—students have small stove—children bring milk, soup and various foods which are shared—delight in the lunches they make themselves—second grade students writing news for school publication—neat pieces of journalism is the "Sand Spur"—each grade makes contributions to news—little second graders anxious to show me what they have written for the school paper—poems about airplanes, pets, etc.—return to auditorium to hear children's rhythm band—surprisingly good rhythm comes from their cymbals, tambourines, bells and wooden instru-

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Two Southern Bell Employees Honored At Meeting Here

John Roberts and Miss Minnie Powell Get Service Awards At Meeting

Miss Minnie Powell, cashier for the Goldsboro office of the Southern Bell Telephone Company for the past thirty-five years, and John M. Roberts, office manager, and Mrs. Nellie Jones of the traffic department were presented with plaques by S. H. Youngblood of Raleigh, district manager, at a dinner given in their honor this week. Mr. Roberts has been with the company twenty-five years, and Mrs. Jones, fifteen years.

Mr. Youngblood commented on the unusual circumstance of having two employees in one office whose service record totaled sixty years. Miss Powell was presented with a corsage, and Mr. Roberts with a boutonniere by the members of the local telephone office.

REHABILITATION

The Farm Security Administration has announced that during the last fiscal year it made rehabilitation loans to nearly 200,000 needy farm families—many of them on relief rolls—to enable them to become self-supporting farmers.