

3-3-38 Randolph Co
A statewide mineral survey
be made by the Works Prog-
ss Administration, and spon-
red by the Arkansas Geologi-
l survey, was started in 31
unties on March 1, according
Lytell C. McIlroy, county sup-
visor for Randolph county.
his is said to be one of the
rgest projects of purely tech-
ical nature ever undertaken by
WPA. The purpose of the pro-
ect is to locate, measure, esti-
ate, describe, test and map
he accessible resources of the
ate, such as construction ma-
erials and water tables for use
n determining their adaptabil-
y for economical use.

Arkansas, for many years,
as been known as the "Wonder
tate," chiefly because of the
reat variety of minerals found
ere. It is hoped that this in-
ventory of resources will prove
f inestimable value in inducing
ndustries to locate here and to
evelop the state. This survey
is being made in Randolph
county. *Star Herald*

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March 19, 1938
**Chamber of Commerce Holds
Regular Meeting
Randolph Co 3-19-38**

The Pocahontas Chamber of Com-
merce held its regular meeting at the
Hotel Randolph Tuesday at noon, with
vice-chairman Geo. M. Booth presid-
ing in the absence of president Clem
Dox, who is convalescing from a re-
cent operation.

Jack Pryor and L. C. McIlroy were
visitors. Mr. McIlroy explained the
WPA geographical survey which is
being made in this county. Mr. Booth
reminded members of the special
school election which is to be held
in Pocahontas tomorrow for the pur-
pose of voting on refunding of school
district bonds.

The next meeting of the Chamber
of Commerce will be held on March 22.

**State Mineral Survey Progress-
ing Here 4-21-38**
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Randolph County 4-21

The State Mineral Survey reports
xcellent progress in Randolph Coun-
y. About 62 square miles have been
nvestigated to date according to Ly-
ell C. McIlroy, County Supervisor.
The Survey wishes to express its ap-
reciation to the citizens of the area
nvestigated for their information and
ssistance in locating section corners,
ravel deposits, outcrops of building
tone, logs of water wells, etc.

Any information from anyone in re-
ards to possible deposits of mineral
n the county is welcomed by the sur-
ey.

The location and classification of all
f the mineral resources of this state
nd compilation of that information
or public use will be of great and
ermanent value to the state and na-
ion. This will lead to the develop-
ment of new industries, the location
f strategic and deficient minerals
ecessary to national defense. It
ould assist greatly in reducing pres-
ent and future construction costs of
ll types of road building.

The information collected is avail-
ble to the citizens, the city and coun-
y officials or any organization. It
ives information that has been here-
o-fore unknown. It is the first in-
entory ever made of the state's re-
ources by sections.

Lytell C. McIlroy
**Mineral Surveyors
To Test The County's
Rich Clay Deposits**

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Purposes of Survey Explained

By Supervisor

12/1/38

Randolph county's unit of the State
Mineral Survey received equipment
this week for sampling and testing the
numerous deposits of Kaolin clays of
this area. The sampling and testing
of these clays is only one of the many
functions of this survey.

Few people appreciate the inesti-
mable value of this mineral inventory
whose purpose is to "locate, measure,
estimate, describe, test and map the
accessible resources of the county to
determine their adaptability for eco-
nomic use," said Lytell C. McIlroy,
county supervisor, in a recent inter-
view.

Mr. McIlroy further states that con-
trary to popular opinion the value of
the work does not depend upon the
possible discovery of some valuable
mineral deposit, but rather upon gath-
ering accurate and complete informa-
tion on such common place materials
as sand, gravel, lays, building stones,
etc., as well as the cultural data of
the county.

Excellent progress has been made,
the survey having completed the in-
vestigation of 230 square miles since
the beginning of March of this year.
This completed area represents ap-
proximately 55 per cent of the total
area to be surveyed.

Randolph county is fortunate in be-
ing one of the thirty-six counties in
the state to participate in the survey
sponsored by the State Geological
Survey, headed by Dr. G. C. Branner,
state geologist. The project is under
the direct supervision of Mr. R. C.
Beckstrom, internationally known in
mineral survey work.

In addition to the valuable informa-
tion compiled for the state and coun-
ty, the survey provides remunerative
and interesting employment to sixteen
Randolph county citizens. A really
worthwhile and meritorious project.