A statewide mineral survey will be made by the Works Progress Administration, and sponsored by the Arkansas Geological Survey, was started in 31 counties on March 1, according to Lytell C. McElroy, county supervisor for Randolph county. This is said to be one of the best projects of purely technical nature ever undertaken by the Survey. The purpose of the project is to locate, measure, estimate, describe, test and map the accessible resources of the state, such as construction materials and water tables for use in determining their adaptability for economical use.

Arkansas, for many years, has been known as the "Wonder State," chiefly because of the great variety of minerals found here. It is hoped that this inventory of resources will prove of inestimable value in inducing industries to locate here and to develop the state. This survey is being conducted in Randolph county.

Chamber of Commerce Holds Regular Meeting

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The Pocahontas Chamber of Commerce held its regular meeting at the Hotel Randolph Tuesday at noon, with Jack Poyr and L. C. McElroy were visitors. Mr. McElroy 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 purpose of voting on refunding of school district bonds.

State Mineral Survey Progressing Here 4-21-38

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The State Mineral Survey reports excellent progress in Randolph County. About 62 square miles have been investigated to date according to Lytell C. McElroy, County Supervisor. The Survey wishes to express its appreciation to the citizens of the area investigated for their information and assistance in locating section corners, ravel deposits, outcrops of building stone, logs of water wells, etc.

Any information from anyone is welcomed by the survey.

The location and classification of all the mineral resources of this state and compilation of that information for public use will be of great permanent value to the state and nation. This will lead to the development of new industries, the location of strategic and deficient minerals necessary to national defense. It would assist greatly in reducing present and future construction costs of all types of road building.

The information collected is available to the citizens, the city and county officials or any organization. It lives information that has been here before unknown. It is the first inventory ever made of the state's resources by sections.

Mineral Surveyors
To Test The County's Rich Clay Deposits

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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 are only one of the many functions of this survey.

Few people appreciate the inestimable 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 economical use," said Lytell C. McElroy, county supervisor, in a recent interview.

Mr. McElroy further states that contrary to popular opinion the value of the work does not depend upon the possible discovery of some valuable mineral deposit, but rather upon gathering accurate and complete information on such common place materials as sand, gravel, lakes, building stones, etc., as well as the cultural data of the county.

Excellent progress has been made, the survey having completed the investigation of 220 square miles since the beginning of March of this year. This completed area represents approximately 5 percent of the total area to be surveyed.

Randolph county is fortunate in being one of the thirty-six counties in the state to participate in the survey sponsored by the State Geological Survey, head by Dr. G. C. B. N. C., internationally known in mineral survey work.

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