

ARE YOU ACQUAINTED WITH OLD AGE ASSISTANCE?

What are your chances of needing old age assistance when you reach 65 years of age?

One way of judging what the probabilities are is to look at the facts about the growing segment of older people in the population of North Carolina and the proportion of these who receive old age assistance now. Eligibility requirements and other factors would have a place in considering this question.

At the present time financial aid through old age assistance is being given to less than one person in five of the people over 65 in the State's population. Recipients average 75 years of age. The total number of people in North Carolina over 65 has increased from 156,540 in 1940 to more than 268,000 in 1955. It is significant that despite the low per capita income in the State, well over 200,000 of this age group get along without old age assistance.

Old age assistance, like all of the public assistance programs, is designed by Federal and State laws in such a way that the individual will remain as nearly self-supporting as possible. To receive old age assistance a person must not only be 65 years of age or older but must be in need as judged on the carefully developed budgetary basis.

A budget is prepared for each applicant for public assistance, including items such as food, shelter, clothing, fuel, lights, water and a small medical allowance. Since old age assistance is intended to supplement, rather than replace other income, all resources available to the person applying are taken into account in determining need. These resources may include: income of children, farm resources, savings, OASI payments, property and any other income and resources.

After the budget is prepared and the available income from all sources considered, a grant of only 80 per cent of the remaining unmet need can be given under the uniform plan in effect in all counties. The grant is recommended by the county superintendent of public welfare to the county welfare board for approval. If approved, the monthly check is mailed direct to the recipient.

The maximum in which the Federal government will participate is \$55 per month, but very few are eligible for this maximum under the policies in effect in this State. In addition provision for needed hospitalization of public assistance recipients at a per diem payment of \$6 is included in the plan in effect in North Carolina. The average grant in this State is about \$31, while the national average is nearly \$49 per month.

A lien is filed against the prop-

erty of every person receiving old age assistance so that the full amount of the assistance may be recovered from the estate if it has sufficient value. An annual review (and if circumstances so indicate more frequent reviews) is made of the circumstances of each person receiving public assistance. On the basis of any new facts affecting the grant or the person's eligibility, adjustment is made in terms of whatever the facts indicate as proper in accordance with regulations based upon the laws.

Norfolk Azalea Festival Will Take Place April 9 - 15

Nell Eastland Will Be Queen of Festival This Year

Highlight of the varied program of events during historic Norfolk's celebration of Azalea Week (April 9-15) will be the coronation ceremonies of the Third International Azalea Court at the beautiful, free Municipal Gardens. Miss Nell Eastland of Washington, D. C., daughter of Senator and Mrs. James Eastland of Mississippi, will reign as the Third International Azalea Court Queen.

The impressive coronation ceremony will be held at 3 P. M., Saturday, April 14th at the Norfolk Municipal Gardens against the colorful background of thousands of blooming azaleas, camellias, dogwood, and spring flowers. The Gardens are open to the public throughout the year without charge.

Free bus transportation will be available from downtown Norfolk and at the parking lots at the Municipal Gardens for the coronation. Following the coronation ceremonies, the Queen and the princesses of her court will parade through the streets of Norfolk to the downtown area.

Among the events scheduled for Azalea Week is a boat tour of the Norfolk harbor on Thursday, April 12th at 2 P. M. Sponsored by the Women's Auxiliary of the Norfolk Museum, the tour, at a cost of two dollars per person, will originate at the Brooke Avenue Dock of the Chesapeake and Ohio Railroad.

The Mid-Atlantic Senior Amateur golf tournament will begin Wednesday, April 11th at the Cavalier Yacht and Country Club, Virginia Beach.

Tremendous exhibits of azaleas will be on display as Norfolk's downtown area—stores and public buildings—will be decorated. Prizes will be awarded for the most beautiful and original displays. For the garden lover, there are many lovely spring gardens which can be visited throughout the area.

The 100-acres of the Municipal Gardens will feature 100,000 azalea shrubs and 15,000 camellias of 500 varieties at the height of their spring beauty. The lovely gardens and the coronation ceremonies offer wonderful opportunities for the photographer for both color and black and white pictures. A special stage has been constructed for the coronation so that it will be literally floating in azaleas and dogwood with a background of pine.

Norfolk's Municipal Gardens are open to the public throughout the year at no charge. A continuous display of native flora in a multi-tude of colors can be seen daily.

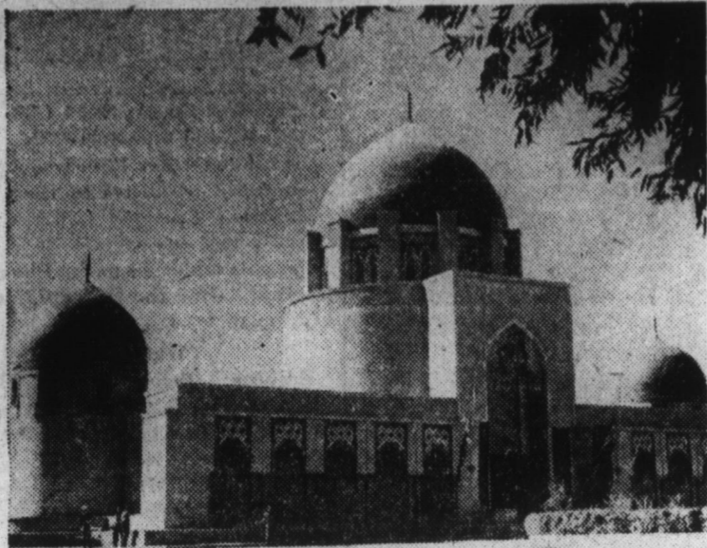
Chas. W. Small Dies In Savannah, Ga.

Funeral services for Charles W. Small, 76, of Savannah, Ga., railway executive and prominent in Savannah civic affairs, who died Monday of last week after a long illness, were conducted Tuesday afternoon at 4 o'clock at Sipple's Mortuary in Savannah by the Rev. Ernest Risley, rector of St. John's Episcopal Church.

Mr. Small was assistant general passenger agent for the Seaboard Air Line Railroad when he retired in August, 1950. He had been employed by the railroad for 50 continuous years, starting as office boy in Portsmouth, Va. He was a director of the Georgia, Florida and Alabama Railroad.

The deceased served in Savannah twice as division passenger agent, being transferred to Columbia, S. C., in the interim. Other service was at Sanford, Fla. A past director of Bethesda, Mr.

Royal Mausoleum of Baghdad



TOMB OF A MONARCH: The Royal Mausoleum holds the remains of King Faisal I of Iraq, one of the Bible Lands, in the capital city of Baghdad. King Faisal I is known as the father of modern Iraq, a statue in his honor dominates one of the principal squares and several buildings are named after him. Baghdad is famous as the city of the Caliph Harun Al-Rashid and the thousand and one nights of Scheherazade. It is filled with golden-domed Mosques, museums and Mausoleums. Within driving distance, are the ruins of Ctesiphon, the world's longest unreinforced arch, and those of Babylon, scene of the tower of Babel and the Hanging Gardens. Babylon was the place where the prophet Daniel foretold the downfall of the Emperor Belshazzar (Dan 5:25) in the fateful words "Mene, Mene, Tekel, Upharsin."

60-SECOND SERMONS

BY FRED DODGE



TEXT: "Train up the child... children when, every day, we make mistakes in business or at home?"

There was an earthquake in a state subject to these earth tremors. The people of a certain town were very much frightened. One couple sent their little boy to stay with an uncle in another state, explaining to him the reason for the nephew's sudden visit.

Two days later the parents received this telegram: "Am returning your boy. Send the earthquake."

To his parents, every mistake a child makes appears to be a horrible trend to a terrible end. Why do we expect perfection from our

Small was at the time of his death a member of the Savannah Golf Club, the Oglethorpe Club, and American Association of Passenger Traffic Officers. He was interested in various charities and was a communicant of the Episcopal Faith.

Born in Perquimans County, N. C., Mr. Small was educated in the public schools of North Carolina and attended North Carolina State College at Raleigh.

A cousin, Mrs. W. A. Everett of Edenton, is the only surviving

children when, every day, we make mistakes in business or at home?

Perhaps our greatest fears are not for the children, but that our short-comings as parents will be revealed by our children's mistakes.

The parent who has firmly fixed a knowledge of right and wrong in his child need not worry over an occasional mistake. The well-trained child will correct his errors just as the grown-up who makes a mistake in business corrects his mistakes. A life, trained to high purposes, will overcome mistakes and swing back to those purposes as surely as the compass needle swings back to the North after being disturbed.

The body was removed to Hertford where graveside services were held at 3 P. M., Wednesday of last week. Pallbearers were: Vivian Darden, William Small, Harry Holwell, Archie Lane, all of Hertford, and Earl Goodwin, J. W. Davis and T. B. Smith, all of Edenton.

It were not best that we should all think alike; it is difference of opinion that makes horseshoes. —S. L. Clemens (Mark Twain).

Good Reason

Little Tommy was about to buy a ticket to the movies. The box-office girl asked him, "Why aren't you at school today?" "Oh, it's all right," piped Tommy earnestly. "I've got the measles."

Minutes Of Board Of Public Works

Edenton, N. C., March 6, 1956
The Board of Public Works met this day in the Town Office at 7:30 o'clock P. M.

Members present: A. B. Harless, chairman, Philip S. McMullan, Thomas C. Byrum, Jr., and W. J. Yates.

The following bills for the month of February, 1956 were examined and approved for payment: Graybar Electric Co., \$1,552.05; Electrical Equipment Co., \$1,678.33; Dewey Bros., Inc., \$50.61; Va. Electric & Power Co., \$8,670.40; Byrum Hardware Co., \$13.66; The Chowan Herald, \$13.10; Burroughs Corp., \$13.56; Edenton Ice Co., \$12.23; Hughes-Parker Hardware, \$24.93; American Public Power, \$41.35; Bunch's Garage, \$39.68; Southern Pipe Tool Co., \$263.17; Universal Corp., \$267.16; Carolina-Norfolk, \$19.80; Hobbs Implement Co., \$4.81; Gray & Creech, Inc., \$30.89; Henry Egleton Co., \$6.88; Howerton Gowen Co., \$100.35; Mill Power Supply Co., \$6.85; Butler Blueprint Co., \$3.06; Williamston Office Supply, \$41.15; A. S. Smith Machine Co., \$14.20; Pamlico Power & Light Co., \$170.00; Killebrew's Radio I & M, \$45.00; Binkley Mfg. Co., \$19.16; A. L. Perry, 75c; Monroe Calculating Co., \$450.00; Milbank Manufacturing Co., \$18.00; Calgon, Inc., \$295.00; Jefferson Island Salt Co., \$188.00; Charleston Rubber Co., \$12.39; Thurston Motor Lines, \$14.97; M. G. Brown Co., Inc., \$66.02; R. J. Boyce, \$51.66; Norfolk Southern Railway, \$188.00; Postmaster, \$67.46; Norfolk Carolina Tel. Co., \$21.30; Charles Roach, \$10.00; Early Miller, \$10.00; John H. Blount, \$15.60; R. M. Smithson, \$48.55; Edenton Office Supply, \$1.25; general salaries paid for month of February, \$3,030.32;

total, \$18,163.65.
Received from current, water and merchandise, \$23,497.28.

Amount of receipts in excess of disbursements, \$5,333.63.

Minutes of the meeting of February 7, 1956 were approved as read.

Motion was made by Philip S. McMullan, seconded by W. J. Yates, and duly carried that reading of minutes of February 17, 1956, be dispensed with and that these minutes be approved.

Motion was made by Thomas C. Byrum, Jr., seconded by Philip S. McMullan, and duly carried that a charge of \$375.00 be made for sprinkler system service on Broad Street and a charge of \$325.00 for all other streets. It is understood that the service will be furnished only where there are existing water mains with sufficient capacity to provide such service and that service will be made from the closest point of supply to the property line of applicant.

Motion was made by Thomas C. Byrum, Jr., seconded by W. J. Yates, and duly carried that the salary of Tom Goodman be increased \$5.00 per month and vehicle expense be increased \$10.00 per month.

Motion was made by Philip S. McMullan, seconded by W. J.

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Yates, and duly carried that \$750.00 be transferred from the Electric and Water fund to the General Fund to pay the balance due on a mosquito spraying and fogging machine.
There being no further business, the Board adjourned.
ERNEST J. WARD, JR., Clerk.

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