

Macon Relief Charges Draw Reply from Administrator

(Continued from Page One) from the newspaper which states that the Grand Jury of Macon county has asked for an investigation of the administration of relief in Macon county, charging inefficiency in the administration of funds.

The emergency relief administration is always glad to have an investigation of its work and is glad to assist in an investigation.

With reference to specific charges stated in the clipping—first, as to the allocation of relief funds to the county; relief funds are granted to the state by the federal emergency relief administration on the basis of the total case load in the state and relief needs. These funds are subgranted to the counties by the state emergency relief administration on the basis of case load. Before the counties were consolidated into districts funds were allocated for general relief and administration costs were paid from the general allotment. Since the consolidation funds for administrative purposes are allocated to the districts and earmarked for administrative purposes only. The amount allocated per relief family has not been reduced on account of the earmarked funds for administrative purposes.

The relief funds are audited regularly by the field auditors under the supervision of the state auditor, who is a certified public accountant. The state funds are examined regularly by a field examiner from the federal emergency relief administration. The regional field examiner occasionally makes visits to district units to examine the accounts. If you desire it I will be glad to request the regional field examiner from Mr. Hopkins' office to visit Macon county to personally audit the audit made by our field auditor.

All records, except case records, are public records, and persons making the request to examine the records must furnish proof that the only motive for investigating the records is the interest in the welfare of the people, in the fair distribution of funds, or correctness of the accounts.

In reference to the statement made by one of the jurors that since he had made this complaint, if he ever needed relief, it was now certain he would never get it, let me assure you that any complaint made against the state or local office will in no way react against any person making such complaint. On the contrary, we appreciate any constructive criticism of the relief

work, as we desire to do a good job and our only motive in the relief program is a fair and efficient distribution of relief funds to persons who are in need, either through direct relief or through work on desirable projects. The citizens are entitled to know the facts in connection with the relief program and it is our desire that they be fully informed. I am sure this is also the earnest desire of our administrator, Mr. J. E. Lancaster, and I know he will cooperate with you in giving you all available information.

With reference to persons employed on white collar jobs, this is of course a case work problem. If you will furnish me with specific instances where persons who are not in need have been placed on white collar jobs, I will be glad to have an investigation made. We have an excellent case work supervisor in your district and I believe she will improve the standard of living among the families.

You mention also the expense of the administration and travel allowance. I believe you will agree with me that if proper investigation is made of the families, it is necessary for the case worker to visit the homes of the families; also in no other way can the case worker be of help to the families and teaching them better standards of living.

The rural rehabilitation program offers a splendid opportunity for the recovery of rural North Carolina. Loans are made to the families who are taken on as rural rehabilitation clients. We require that a farm plan be worked out for the family and that supervision in farming and homemaking be furnished. The majority of relief families who have been taken on the rural rehabilitation program will need supervision if they are to be established as self-supporting citizens.

I hope to visit the district office at Sylva some time within the next few weeks. I will be delighted to talk with any group of citizens you select concerning the relief program and will be glad to answer any questions I can. We appreciate the interest you have shown in the program we are striving to execute in your county for the benefit of the needy persons and would like for you to become as familiar as possible with the things we are trying to do. I hope you will feel free to write me regarding any situation on which I can give you information.

Sincerely yours,
Mrs. Thomas O'Berry,
Administrator.

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Growing Livestock Is Safe Farming

The depression affected the price of livestock as it did other farm crops yet those who had animals to balance their crop production did not suffer so keenly.

This is the lesson, N. C. Ferebee of Camden county says he has learned. "The livestock on my farm pulled me through the depression," he told L. I. Case, animal husbandman at State College.

Livestock on the Ferebee farm consists of 22 grade Aberdeen Angus breeding cows and their offspring by a pure bred bull of the same breed. In addition to these animals, Mr. Ferebee usually buys some steers to fatten for market. Recently, he sent a truck load of fat steers to the Baltimore market where they average 1,060 pounds each in weight and brought

\$9.65 a hundred. There is another truck load yet to be sold.

But Mr. Ferebee does not keep beef cattle alone, Case says. He has ten Duroc-Jersey brood sows, a flock of 20 mutton-type ewes, five brood mares, five horses and one stallion.

Mr. Ferebee has been breeding and raising his own work stock for 20 years," Case says. "It has been nearly that long since he has bought any work stock of any kind and he believes that this in itself has been a great saving to him, especially during recent years since the price of work animals has more than doubled. Like other successful livestock growers, Mr. Ferebee has found that the man who jumps in and out of livestock according to the price of crops does not do so well but the man who sticks to it, year after year, fares very well.

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