

Huge Sum Is Paid To Residents Of County

\$167,748 Spent In County By Social Security Program

More Than 6,000 Checks Issued To Residents in Two And One-Half Years

Approximately \$167,748.00 has been distributed in Martin County through operation of nine of the ten divisions of the Social Security Act from its beginning and through June 30, 1940, it is estimated, on a basis of official figures, by Charles G. Powell, chairman of the N. C. Unemployment Compensation Commission.

Normally, Unemployment Compensation, or benefits to workers temporarily out of jobs, is the largest item in the program, except in agricultural counties. The more and larger the industries a county has, the more jobless benefits it gets. In the 2 1-2 years of benefit payments, through June 30, these benefits reached \$34,888.89 included in 6,001 checks issued to residents of Martin County.

Chairman Powell reports that State agencies handling phases of the Social Security Act cooperate with him in supplying figures of their activities, which gives him an accurate picture of distributions in counties of the State. These include the State Welfare Department, Mrs. W. T. East, superintendent, and Nathan H. Yelton, director of public assistance; Dr. Roma S. Cheek, sec-

LEAGUE MEET

Coastal Plain Baseball officials are meeting in Greenville Thursday evening at 6:30 o'clock at the call of the league president, R. H. Goodman. Tentative plans for the 1941 season will be discussed.

There is some doubt if Williamson will be represented at the meeting. Club President J. Eason Lilley stating last week-end that he was anxious to turn the club over to someone else.

Secretary of the State Commission for the Blind; Dr. Carl V. Reynolds, State health officer; and the Department of Public Instruction, particularly T. E. Brown, director of vocational education.

Old Age Assistance, help for needy residents past 65 years of age, in the three years of distribution, through last June 30, amounted to \$48,590.00 in this county.

Aid to Dependent Children, help for those deprived of their normal breadwinners, amounted to \$21,143 in the same period in this county.

Aid to the Blind, in the same 36 months, amounted to \$6,306.00 in this county.

In these three divisions of the Social Security Act, the Federal Government provides one-half of the funds and the State and counties one-fourth each, with a State equalizing fund to help the smaller counties. Prior to January 1, 1940, these three governmental units furnished one-third each for Aid to Dependent Children.

No county figures are available.

Things To Watch For In The Future

A new line of 39 per cent phonograph records, mostly of the lighter classics variety and recorded by "anonymous" orchestras, to go on sale in drug stores... Color in door-knobs—getting away from the old black, white, metal or glass routine is a new line of knobs molded in bakelite in pastel colors or shades to match the furnishings... Another new plastic, of the same family as the interlayer in automobile safety glass, to be used as a textile substitute, especially for shower curtains and window shades.

for Old Age and Survivors Insurance. Monthly payments in this division started after January 1, 1940, due to a 1939 amendment, after lump sum payments for three years. This will, in due time, become one of the most important of the five major divisions of the Social Security Act.

With practically accurate figures, it is evident, Mr. Powell points out, that about \$110,928.00 was distributed in this county to July 1 in four of the five major divisions of the Act, exclusive of Old Age and Survivors Insurance.

In the other five divisions, classed as "services", approximately \$56,820.00 has been distributed in this county, including about \$1,600.00 in Child Welfare Services and about \$3,110.00 in Vocational Rehabilitation.

Disbursement of funds in the other three "services" is made through county or district health departments and only 76 of the 100 counties having such departments June 30, 1940, participated in this distribution.

Martin County, with a health department, received \$10,095.00 for Maternal and Child Health services; \$8,965.00 for Services to Crippled Children; and \$33,150.00 in Public Health Work.

These five "service" division reports are approximate. The 1940 census figures of 3,561,990 for the State and 26,094 for this county were used in prorating the funds, made up of Federal allotments, matched by the State and counties.

Martin County, central UCC office records show, has 41 resident employers subject to the Unemployment Compensation law and 871 workers protected by it. Liable resident employers paid \$51,356.19 into the State fund in 3 1-2 years, ending last June 30, as compared with \$34,888.89 in benefits drawn in 2 1-2 years, also ending June 30, by resident workers in the county.

The records show that in 30 months of payments, unemployed workers in the county filed 1591 initial claims—the first claims filed after becoming unemployed—and 10,542 continued claims—claims filed weekly after the initial claims.

Employment service records indicate that in the 3 1-2 years, through June 30, 3,228 registrations for work and 673 placements in jobs were handled in the county.

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EDITOR-REPORTERS AT WORK



Making ready for another edition of the "Gram Echoes," Farm Life School paper, the above youths are making quite a hit with their productions. Members of the staff pictured

above are, Melba Manning, editor-in-chief, seated; Lessie Manning, assistant; Mary Dean Hardison, reporter; A. R. Manning, art editor and Rhoda Pearl Lilley, managing editor, standing left to right.

Happenings In The Farm Life School

Mesdames Louis Roberson and Asa Hardison, grademothers for the eighth grade, Mesdames Hoyt Manning and B. F. Lilley, grademothers for the sixth grade, and Mrs. Ludie Roberson, grademother for the ninth grade, visited the school on Wednesday and Friday, cake, ice cream, punch and a number of other things were served to each grade.

Friday in chapel, the eighth grade presented a play entitled "Christmas in Holland." Thelma Hardison directed the play, which portrayed the life of a Dutch family on the eve of Saint Nicholas' visit. The cast included, Cairo Lilley, Jesse Gray Lilley, MacDonald Hardison, Simon Lilley, Jr., Henry Clyde Williams, Pete Lilley, Lillie Gray Griffin, Aaron Peele, Della Margaret Griffin and Doris Peele.

The first exams were given Thursday and they will continue throughout this week. The students will be dismissed Friday at noon and they will not return to school until January 2nd.

Mr. Williamson, a representative of the Star Engraving Company, presented to the school a three by five American flag.

The seniors are practicing on their play, "Mama's Baby Boy," which they are going to present on Wednesday night, December 18th, at 7:30 o'clock. Come, and bring the family and enjoy two hours of the most fun you've ever had. There will be no admission.

The Gram Echo newspaper is published every month by the sixth grade. The fourth, fifth, sixth and seventh grades have taken part in it. We try to have our cover page as appropriate as possible for an event or holiday of the month.

The staff is as follows: editor-in-chief, Melba Manning; assistant editor, Lessie Manning; managing editor, Rhoda Pearl Lilley; joke editor, Wilford Griffin; art editor, A. E. Manning; reporters for the month, social reporter, Lorraine Smithwick, class reporter, Mary Dean Hardison; health reporter, Nathan Roberson; sports reporter, Justus Tice.

Reporters are changed each month so as to give more children an opportunity to gain this experience.

Interesting Bits of Agricultural News

Estimate
The U. S. Department of Agriculture has estimated the 1940 cotton crop at 12,686,000 bales, nearly a million bales above the 1939 crop of 11,817,000 bales.

Change
The principal change in the 1941 AAA program, as part of a continuing policy to place more emphasis on soil conservation, makes available a greater share of funds for soil-building practices.

Offset
Government economists predict that higher production costs are likely to offset the increased cash income which farmers expect to receive in 1941 from better prices for certain of their farm products.

Hides
Argentine hides now have their largest market in this country, the United States taking about 60 per cent of the total produced by the South American republic.

Defense
Experts now believe that National defense orders awarded up to November 1 will result in the employment of 4,000,000 persons in this country by the middle of April.

Strawberry
University of Tennessee horticulturists have developed a new variety of strawberry, the "Tennessee Supreme," which is claimed to be superior to all present varieties as a frozen food product.

lands of Johnson Modlin and on the West by the lands of H. H. Holliday, as shown by map of same made by S. Peel, Surveyor, on the 23rd day of April, 1915.

SECOND TRACT: All that certain tract or parcel of land lying and being in Jamesville Township, Martin County, State of North Carolina, containing 8 acres, bounded on the North by the lands of W. H. Mizelle, on the East by the lands of Lewis Mariner, on the South by the lands of Lewis Mizelle and on the West by Castilia Branch as shown by map made by S. Peel, Surveyor, on April 23, 1915, which is on file with the Federal Land Bank.

THIRD TRACT: All that certain tract or parcel of land lying in Jamesville Township, Martin County, North Carolina, containing 111 acres, more or less, and bounded on the North by Public Road, on the East by the lands of J. G. Modlin, N. J. Modlin, H. M. Holliday and L. P. Holliday, on the South by the lands of Tom Lilley, on the West by the lands of John Gray, and H. S. Hardison as shown by map made by A. Corey. See Federal Land Bank Mortgage, Book L-2, page 60. This 27th day of Nov. 1940. B. A. CRITCHER, H. G. HORTON, Commissioners.

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