

Residents of Surry Have Benefitted By U. S. Social Program

Unemployment Compensation in County Amounts to Total of \$181,510.96, While \$114,790.50 Was Paid Out Over 31 Months as Old Age Assistance; Other Figures Given Showing Distribution of Funds

Surry county residents and communities have benefited about \$383,025.00 through operation of the Social Security program, it is estimated by M. R. Dunnagan, Informational Service Representative of the North Carolina Unemployment Compensation Commission.

Unemployment Compensation, or benefits to workers temporarily out of jobs, is usually the largest item in the ten divisions of the program, in counties with fairly large industries. In the two years of benefit payments, 1938 and 1939, the distribution was \$181,510.96, included in 26,184 checks to county residents.

Through cooperation of Mr. Nathan H. Yelton, State Director of Public Assistance, and Dr. Roma S. Cheek, executive secretary of the State Commission for the Blind, and with figures from Washington and in the Central UCC office in Raleigh, Mr. Dunnagan says, it is possible to get a fairly accurate picture of the benefits distributed in Surry county.

Old Age Assistance, help for the needy passed 65 years of age, in Surry county in 31 months of distribution amounted to \$114,790.50. The January amount was \$4,684.50, going to 494 needy aged persons, an average of \$9.48 each, as compared with the State average of \$9.72 for the month.

Aid to Dependent Children, help in the support of children deprived of their natural breadwinners, amounted to \$39,960.50 in the same 31 months. The January amount was \$1,384.50,

going to the support of 232 such children, an average of \$5.97 each, as compared with the state average of \$6.18 for the month.

With an estimate in this one small item of \$3,645.00 going to 101 workers or their families through October, and practically accurate figures in the other four divisions, it is apparent that just about \$350,812 has been distributed in Surry county in these five major divisions. In the other five divisions, classed as "services," a proration indicates that about \$32,210.00 has been distributed in this county since the program started, divided approximately as follows: Maternal and Child Health services, \$5,740.00; Services for Crippled Children, \$4,825.00; Child Welfare Services, \$3,875.00; Vocational Rehabilitation, \$2,470.00; and Public Health work, \$15,300.00.

Several factors enter into this proration, Mr. Dunnagan explained. Surry county had a population of 39,749, or about 1.25 per cent. of the population of the entire state, 1930 census. This part of the Social Security program has been in operation about four years, and the State has matched Federal funds in almost every instance. These facts are considered in making the proration.

Central UCC office records show that in 1939 Surry county had 87 resident employers subject to the law and 5,480 workers protected by it. Subject employers paid into the State fund \$286,111.14 in the years of 1937, 1938 and 1939, as compared with the \$181,510.96 paid to unemployed workers in the county in the two years of 1938 and 1939.

The records show that in 1938 and 1939 Surry unemployed workers filed 8,271 initial claims—the first claims filed after the worker becomes unemployed—and 70,029 continued claims—the claims filed each week, after the initial claims.

Employment service records indicate that in 1937, 1938 and 1939, 8,527 registrations for work and 2,165 placements on jobs were handled in Surry county.

Employment and benefit payments business in Surry county is handled by the Employment Service office in Mt. Airy.

Mrs. H. L. Ketchie, Mrs. Winnie Smith and daughter, Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Long and children, Mr. Preston Long, Frances and Louise Long, Mr. and Mrs. J. D. Money, Sanford Trette, J. F. Holcomb and Mr. S. T. Cheek.

The family and relatives of Mrs. Clayton Long gave her a surprise birthday dinner Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Parks Shore and Mr. and Mrs. Thad Shore and children were the Sunday guests of Mr. and Mrs. Willie Bell, of Arlington.

Mrs. Betty Reinhardt visited Mr. and Mrs. Leslie Reinhardt, of Elkin, during the week-end.

The Methodist Sunday school classes gave a Mother's Day program Saturday night. It was well attended and everyone enjoyed it.

Rev. John D. Shores, of Durham, started a revival at Yaddin-

vile Sunday night and is staying with relatives here.

We are sorry to say that Mrs. Ruth Holcomb, who is seriously ill, shows no improvement.

Rev. Mullis filled his regular appointment Sunday night and his sermon was greatly enjoyed by the congregation.

Mr. and Mrs. William Hicks, of Lewisville, spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. Charlie Reinhardt.

We are sorry to have on the sick list little Shelby Jean Shore. Mrs. Genia Key and Mrs. Gai-

ther Key had as their Sunday guests Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Key and son, Ray, and Mr. and Mrs. Fred Bunning, of High Point.

One hundred and ten motorists in this state were arrested last month for failing to stop before entering a highway from a side road.

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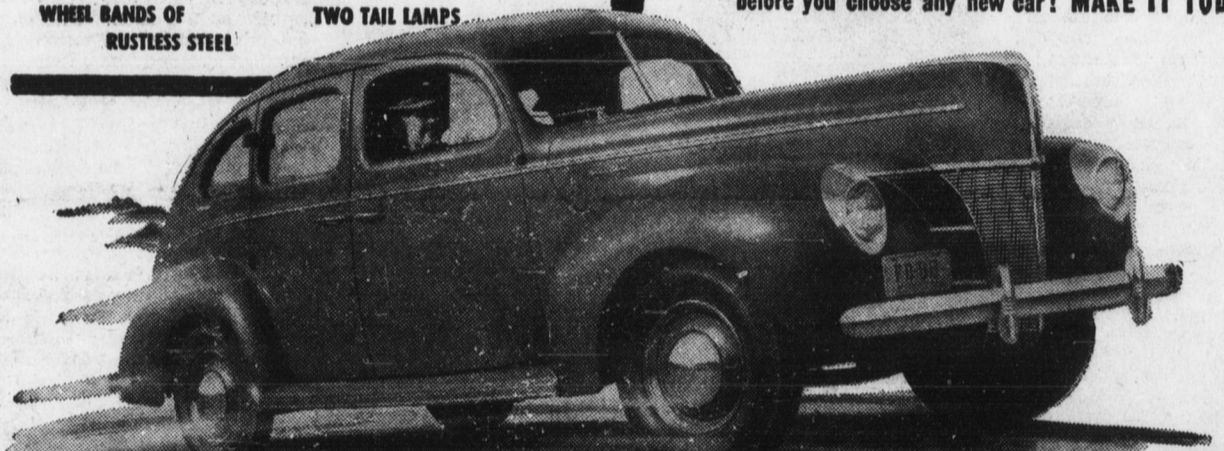
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