

## Department Aids in Categories

By C. Edgar White

During the past year there has been an increase in applications for all types of assistance. This is the result of cessation of service allotments and the fact that relatives are not in a position to help as much now as during war jobs with exceptionally high wages have ended.

There are five categories of financial assistance administered by the Welfare Department: 1. Old age assistance; 2. Aid to dependent children; 3. Aid to the needy blind; 4. General assistance; 5. Other financial assistance.

Old age assistance is rendered to needy persons sixty-five years of age or more. From December 1, 1946, to December 1, 1947, an average of 134 persons in Perquimans County received old age assistance checks each month. These OAA recipients, 156 of whom received an average grant of \$17.75 in November, 1947. In December, 1946, 96 OAA recipients received an average grant of \$16.15. This observation tends to show that higher prices following the war and especially during the past year, have forced an increasing number of aged persons into needy circumstances, and have increased the needs of those already receiving public assistance.

Aid to dependent children is rendered to children who are dependent because of deprivation of parental support by reason of death, imprisonment, abandonment, desertion or physical or mental illness. From December 1, 1946, to December 1, 1947, an average of 23 families with an average of 60 children have received an average monthly grant of \$36.00. There has been no appreciable increase in applications for this type of assistance. It is felt that this is attributable to increased employment opportunity for employable persons. There is evidence that for the past year employment and earnings have kept up and mothers and older children have worked to support children who would have otherwise been dependent by reason of the deprivation of the father's support. This tends to show, too, that when employment and earning opportunity is available most people take advantage of it rather than depend upon the public for support. As employment opportunities and earnings decrease, an increase in ADC cases can be expected. Blind assistance is rendered the

needy blind. In December, 1946, there were six persons receiving this assistance with an average grant of \$18.00. There were two applications for assistance during the year and these two received assistance temporarily. In November, 1947, there were still six persons on this list, but were receiving an average grant of \$27.00. The increase in grant has been to try to help blind persons who have been more needy because of the increase in cost of living.

General assistance is rendered to needy persons who are not eligible to receive other types of assistance. In December, 1946, there were six cases receiving an average monthly grant of \$9.33. In November, 1947, there were 10 cases receiving an average monthly grant of \$12.70. The size of the general assistance grant does not indicate that the recipient is less needy than the OAA recipient, but that there is less money from which to draw, and this is true because of the refusal of the State and Federal governments to participate in this type of assistance and, therefore, the County must assume the whole responsibility. It goes without saying that the County cannot be expected to render general assistance in as large amounts as OAA without State and Federal aid. This is particularly distressing as it is more the rule than the exception that the person needing general assistance is the most destitute of residents.

It is with other financial assistance that public medical care and hospitalization have been rendered the indigent sick. Pauper burials are also provided in this type of assistance, and all other public assistance not provided for in the other brackets of assistance. From December, 1946, through November, 1947, the County has spent \$4,500 to provide this type of assistance for its needy.

The work of the County Welfare Department is divided into assistance and service. The administration of assistance has to do with financial assistance to needy persons as has been presented above. The administration of service has to do with the rendering of various public services not involving financial assistance. Purely service matters coming under the Welfare Department's jurisdiction pertain to compulsory school attendance, work with juvenile court, adult parole supervision, issuing of child labor permits, adoption proceedings, vocational rehabilitation cases, adult and juvenile mental cases, county home cases, referral of crippled children and adults to clinics with subsequent follow-up work, obtaining psychological services from the State Board of Public Welfare, instigating sterilization proceedings involving mentally diseased, feeble-minded and epileptic persons, work

## OUR DEMOCRACY — by Mat

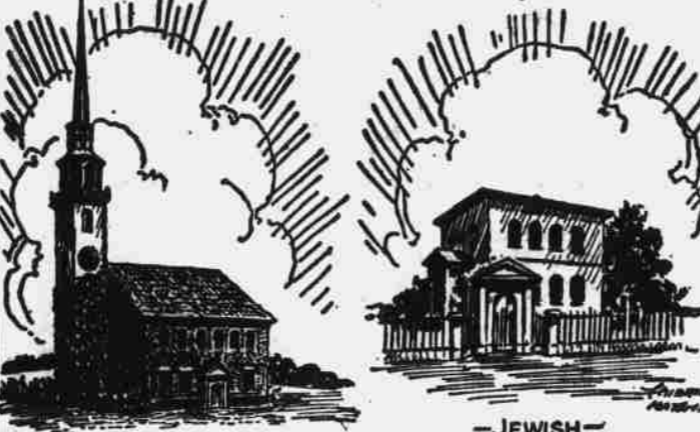
### Freedom of Spirit

AMONG OUR FIRST SETTLERS WERE MEN AND WOMEN WHO WERE WILLING TO BRAVE A NEW WILDERNESS IN ORDER TO LIVE OPENLY ACCORDING TO THE TENETS OF THEIR BELIEF.



—QUAKER—  
FRIENDS MEETING HOUSE,  
FLUSHING, L.A. 17<sup>th</sup> CENTURY

—ROMAN CATHOLIC—  
SPANISH CATHEDRAL,  
ST. AUGUSTINE, FLA. 16<sup>th</sup> CENTURY



—PROTESTANT—  
OLD SOUTH MEETING HOUSE,  
BOSTON, MASS. 16<sup>th</sup> CENTURY

—JEWISH—  
SYNAGOGUE AT  
NEWPORT, R.I. 16<sup>th</sup> CENTURY

FROM THE EARLIEST DAYS OF OUR DEMOCRACY, OUR NATION HAS GUARANTEED ITS PEOPLE FREEDOM OF WORSHIP IN THE SPIRIT OF AN ABIDING TOLERANCE TOWARD THE FAITHS OF OTHER MEN.

with veterans' affairs and family adjustment problems.

As the department faces a new year, it is with hope that the services previously rendered can become more effective. It is to be hoped that the State of North Carolina will see fit to raise average grants in all categories as they are below subsistence level. As an example, for the month of July, 1947, North Carolina's old age assistance, aid to dependent children and general assistance average grants were \$18.08, \$35.63 and \$12.63, respectively in comparison to the national average grant of \$35.99, \$62.21 and \$40.31 respectively. There is need for increased State and Federal participation in OAA, ADC and BA and assistance to counties regarding GA and medical care.

that they shell peas when they really unshell them; that they husk corn, when they unhusk it; that they dust the furniture, when they undust it. Queer, ain't it? Then they say that they skin a rabbit, when they unskin it; and that they scale a fish, when they unscale it."

"Ambrose," interrupted Aunt Martha, "you're supposed to weed the garden today. Better hop to it." Uncle Ambrose sighed. "Looks to me like it's weedy enough already!"

## Farmers Should File Income Tax Returns

The beginning of a new year means that income tax reporting time is here, says C. Brice Ratchford, in charge of Farm Management for the State College Extension Service, and farmers along with most other people will have to consider filing their returns.

Many Tar Heel farm families will not have to pay any income tax, Mr. Ratchford said, but the greater majority of them will have to file a return.

If you are in doubt as to whether you have to file a return, then here is the deciding factor. If the gross income from your farm was more than \$500 during the year, you should file a return. Since all farm expenses may be deducted along with the personal exemptions of \$500 for self, \$500 for wife, and \$500 for each dependent relative, this will mean that a large number of farmers will not have to pay any tax. However, there is a severe penalty for not filing a return.

Farmers should study the instruc-

tions issued with the income tax forms and take all legal deductions, Mr. Ratchford said.

### Will That Hold You?

Having enjoyed the previous summer at a farm in the country, Lawry Jones wrote to the farmer, requesting the same accommodations for the month of August. "But," he added in his letter, "I wish you'd move this pig-pen. It was right under my window last year and was most obnoxious."

Jones received the farmer's reply, assuring him of the same accommodations, and added this explanation: "As to that there pig-pen, don't let that worry you. We ain't had hogs on this farm since you left last summer."

### It's A Gift

"I want something for a young lady—a birthday gift," said the young man. "What would you suggest?" "Well," said the clerk, "how about some book-ends?" "Splendid!" was the enthusiastic reply. "Give me half a dozen of your best ends—that's usually the only part she reads!"

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## NOTICE

Beginning January first, all Tax Listers of Perquimans County, North Carolina, will sit at the following places and on the dates mentioned below for the purpose of listing your PROPERTY TAXES for the year 1948.

### List In January and Save the Penalty

#### Belvidere Township

CARROLL V. WARD, List Taker

January 10, 17, 24, 31 \_\_\_\_\_ The late E. L. Chappell's Store  
January 15 \_\_\_\_\_ R. M. Baker's Store, Nicamor  
January 22 \_\_\_\_\_ R. R. White's Store, Nicamor  
January 28 \_\_\_\_\_ Willie Winslow's Store, Belvidere  
Hours from 9 A. M. to 4 P. M.  
All Other Days During January at Home

#### Bethel Township

ROY S. CHAPPELL, List Taker

January 8, 10, 17, 24, 30, 31 \_\_\_\_\_ J. C. Hobbs' Store  
January 7, 14, 21, 28 \_\_\_\_\_ J. C. Hobbs' Store at Night  
January 21 \_\_\_\_\_ Court House in Hertford  
All Other Days in January at Home

#### Hertford Township

JOHN O. WHITE, List Taker

January 8, 10, 17 \_\_\_\_\_ At Court House in Hertford  
January 10, 17 \_\_\_\_\_ At Court House in Hertford  
January 17 through 31 \_\_\_\_\_ At Court House in Hertford  
All Other Days in January at Home

#### New Hope Township

SETH LONG, List Taker

January 8, 10, 17, 24, 31 \_\_\_\_\_ Jackson's Store, New Hope  
January 14 \_\_\_\_\_ Earl Russell's Store  
January 23 \_\_\_\_\_ Perry's Store at Woodville  
January 21 \_\_\_\_\_ J. B. Webb's Store, Durants Neck  
All Other Days During January at Home

#### Parkville Township

RAYMOND STANTON, List Taker

January 10, 17 \_\_\_\_\_ At Chapanoke  
January 24 \_\_\_\_\_ Jackson's Store  
January 3, 10, 17, 24 through 31 \_\_\_\_\_ At Winfall  
All Other Days in January at Home

Each farmer, owner or his agent, must come forward to report the acreage of each crop to be harvested, or has been harvested, on his own or his tenant's farm of the year 1947, also the number of acres cultivated, lying out, number of bearing fruit trees, and tons of other used for all crops.

Prepare your lists now, and save time in listing, also avoid PENALTY for being delinquent after January 31st, 1948. This is required by the State Law. See Chapter 310, H. B. 45, Public Laws of North Carolina, Session 1935.

J. W. WARD, Tax Supervisor  
PERQUIMANS COUNTY, N. C.



Strange Language  
"Marthy," said Uncle Ambrose suddenly, "there's some things about the English language I don't understand. I've just been thinking. People say

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