

Over Quarter Million State Folks Getting Aid Payments

Figures released by John Ingle, manager of the Raleigh Social Security office, show that 261,421 residents of North Carolina are receiving \$154,173,036 a year in old-age, survivors and disability insurance benefit payments. These figures, which were compiled as of the end of February, 1959, reflect an increase of 50 per cent over the amount being paid in December, 1957. During this same period, Ingle said, the number of persons receiving payment increased by over 36 per cent.

One of the reasons for the increase in beneficiaries over last year, Ingle said, are the provisions in the 1958 Amendments to the Social Security Act which now make it possible for the wife, dependent

husband and children of a disabled worker beneficiary to receive monthly payments. Another reason for the increase is that large numbers of landlords first began filing for benefits early in 1958. These newly eligible groups are included for the first time in this report.

Increases in average benefit payments also reflect the seven per cent raise in benefit amounts which become effective with the checks for January, 1959, Ingle pointed out. Average disability benefit payments also reflect the elimination of the so-called "offset" provision in the old law. Disability benefits under social security are now payable in full even though benefits are also payable under state workmen's compensation or under some other Federal Government program.

Masonic — Sun.-Wed.



Mel Torme grabs a struggling Elinor Donahue in a kidnap attempt in MGM's hard-hitting new drama, "Girls Town." Mamie Van Doren, Ray Anthony and Maggie Hayes have starring roles and the picture introduces the sensational teen-age singing star, Paul Anka. Others in the big cast include Cathy Crosby, Gigi Perreau and Gloria Talbott.

Trees of New Peach Variety Available for Fall Planting

Tar Heel peach growers still have time to get seedlings of the new variety, Marcus.

The N. C. Foundation Seed Producers, Inc., reports some seedlings are still available. Interested growers can get information on availability, prices, and delivery dates of the trees by writing the

foundation at P. O. Box 5687, State College Station, Raleigh.

The foundation is the only source of Marcus trees.

Marcus was released by the N. C. Agricultural Experiment Station this fall because of its extreme earliness for a yellow fleshed peach.

It ripens two to three days before Mayflower and 10 days before Cardinal in the Sandhills area of North Carolina. The fruits are two to two and a half inches in size and round with a pointed tip similar to that of its parent, Erly-Red-Fre.

About 60 to 70 per cent of the fruit is red, with a yellow ground color when the fruit is full ripe. The flesh is yellow, and a melting clingstone. The fruits are relatively firm for an early peach with no noticeable softening of the suture.

The tree of Marcus is moderately vigorous and productive. It has a showy flower. Marcus is not resistant to bacterial spot, but is classed as moderately susceptible. Bacterial spot on the fruits has not been severe; however, considerable defoliation from the bacterial spot has occurred.

Sweet Potato One Of Favorite Foods

Columbus found the sweet potato and carried it back as proof of the wonders of the New World. First settlers in the South made it one of their favorite foods.

Today, when potatoes are plentiful, we have a prize package of food values.

According to Miss S. Virginia Wilson, food and nutrition specialist for the N. C. Agricultural Extension Service, the deep yellow to orange variety has about the same amount of vitamin C as tomatoes. Vitamins in the sweet potato are not readily lost during boiling or baking. Sweet potatoes are rich in vitamin A and serve as an excellent source of energy due to high sugar and starch content.

Miss Wilson suggests that you try Sweet Potato Balls:

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Boil sweet potatoes in their skins until tender. Remove skins, mash and season with salt and butter. Form a ball, with a marshmallow in the center. Roll in cereal flakes and place in the oven to brown. The potato can be placed on a slice of pineapple for added flavor.

62 MILES IN 30 YEARS

St. Nazaire, France—Fishermen are still talking about the crab that walked more than 60 miles in 30 years—sideways.

Fishermen caught the crab off this Atlantic port and found scratched on its shell the words, "Job Le Roux."

The crab was identified by Joseph Le Roux, now 50, who recalled that one morning 30 years ago and 100 kilometers (about 62 miles) along the coast, he scratched his name on the shell of a crab he caught and threw it back into the sea.

TV BY TELEPHONING

Austin, Texas — Jesse Gartman picked up his telephone and heard the TV show, "The Verdict Is Yours."

So he hung up and tried again. This time he got "The Brighter Day." The third try brought in "Truth or Consequences."

Gartman reported the trouble to the telephone company. He said the people there were skeptical at first, but checked his line and found themselves tuned in to television.

Science Gets Big Play at Open House

The School of Agriculture at North Carolina State college has set aside two days in November to acquaint North Carolina high school students with the many careers that await them in agriculture.

The "open house" is scheduled for November 13 and 14. The theme will be "Horizons in Science." At least 2,000 people are expected to attend.

"We believe our open house will vividly demonstrate to high school students the many ways in which science is working to produce food and fibre for mankind," said Dean D. W. Colvard.

"We also believe that our open house will acquaint adult agricultural leaders with the facilities and work of the School of Agriculture."

Each department in the school will feature some phase of its work. There will also be a banquet on the night of November 13. State college's new chancellor, Dr. John T. Caldwell, will be the principal speaker.

HOW CAN I . . . ?

Q—How can I prevent passersby from seeing into a house through the window screens?

A—If the window screens are painted on the inside with a thin white paint, it will not obstruct the view of the persons inside the house, but passersby cannot see within.

Q—How can I clean rubber raincoats?

A—They can be cleaned with lukewarm water and white soap. Wipe off with clear water and hang out to dry. Never use benzine or gasoline on rubber.

Q—How can I kill flies?

A—Place around the room several dishes containing a mixture of cream, ground black pepper, and sugar.

Q—What can be used for seeding cherries?

A—Try using a new hairpin, in-

Veterans News

The Veterans Administration reported it is receiving many inquiries from veterans and veterans' widows and children about terms of the new pension law. The law actually goes into effect on July 1, 1960.

Veterans and their dependents who are receiving pensions at the present time received folders with their September checks giving an explanation of the law. It concerns VA pension, but not compensation payments—that is, not payments for service-connected disabilities.

VA has 1,400,000 veterans, veterans' widows and orphans on its pension rolls at the present time and estimates that 70 per cent of this number will have a right to some increase in their pension rate under terms of the new law. The agency estimates that an additional 277,000 veterans, widows and orphans will qualify for pensions under the new law, due to the increase in the income limitations allowed to \$1,800 for single veterans or widows without dependents, and \$3,000 for veterans or widows with dependents.

VA said it is going to send further information and a form to be filled in to all veterans, widows and orphans who are now on the pension rolls or who will come on before next July 1. They will receive these forms automatically and there will be no need to write VA in advance about them. The form is for the purpose of making a choice whether to remain under the terms of the present system or to go under the new pension plan.

VA said the basic eligibility requirements for veterans to qualify for pension have not been changed by the law. The veteran must have 90 days of wartime service, a discharge other than dishonorable, and be totally and permanently disabled for reasons not related to his service. The amount of pension under the new law will be based on his financial need.

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