

OLD AGE AID UP, REPORT DISCLOSES

A 16 per cent increase in the number of old age assistance cases being handled by the county welfare department, combined with a total of 41 applications for assistance which cannot be granted, due to insufficient funds, was revealed by J. R. Hollis, superintendent, yesterday.

Hollis has been notified by the state board of public welfare that, due to a state-wide increase in the number of dependent old people, the monthly allotment of state funds cannot be increased.

The New Hanover superintendent disclosed that the entire monthly allotment is now in use; therefore, the 41 applications cannot be aided.

He reported that 533 cases were helped this month, an increase of 91 over the 443 handled during last January.

The marked increase was attributed by Hollis to the following factors:

The return of relatives of aged persons from the armed forces resulting in the cessation of monthly allotments. Many of these veterans have not been able to find employment, or are making such small salaries that they are unable to more than support their immediate families.

During the emergency period and consequent labor shortage, a number of elderly persons were employed, but have since lost their jobs.

The state board's position was explained to Hollis in the following letter from R. Eugene Brown, director of public assistance.

"Expenditures for old age assistance payments for the month of January amounted to \$469,000 which is \$6,000 more than the total allotted to the counties on a monthly basis. For this reason it will be necessary for each county to stay within its monthly allotment in order to avoid the necessity of having to terminate a large number of grants, or to reduce grants near the end of the fiscal year.

"New applications for February payments will have to be returned to counties if the amount of new applications would cause February payments to exceed the monthly allotment. No new applications or revisions upward should be submitted by counties if the monthly allotment is now being entirely used, or has been exceeded, until such time as terminations reduce expenditures below present monthly allotments.

"All counties should continue to accept new applications and handle them in accordance with the provisions of the manual. Applications from persons found to be eligible should be approved and reported statistically as 'applications approved but receiving no assistance' if the county is now using all of the monthly allotment. Grants should not be reduced in order to provide grants for new applicants.

"As a basis for making inquiry as to the possibility of securing additional funds for 1946-47, we are asking that you submit on the attached form the following information by January 31:

- 1-Number of OAA applications approved but receiving no assistance.
2-Number of OAA applications not approved by Board but already known to be eligible.
3-Number of OAA applications pending investigation."

WEATHER

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Table with 2 columns: City and High/Low Precipitation. Includes Washington, Asheville, Atlanta, Birmingham, Boston, Chattanooga, Chicago, Cleveland, Detroit, Fort Worth, Galveston, Kansas City, Knoxville, Los Angeles, Louisville, Memphis, Miami, Montgomery, New Orleans, New York, Norfolk, Pittsburgh, Richmond, St. Louis, San Antonio, San Francisco, Savannah, and Wilmington.

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Lost Their Toilet Kits, Guardsmen Hunt Motorist

Two U. S. Coast Guard hitch-hikers who left a bag of shaving needs including an electric razor in a Wilmingtonian's car enroute to Richmond, Va., last Monday night sent a letter to Miss Minnie A. Payne, secretary of the Wilmington branch of the Carolina Motor Club, asking her to help locate the bag. "On fifty dollars a month," wrote Sanford Klein, one of the hitch-hikers, "the stuff in that bag can't be replaced so easily, especially the electric razor. So you see, we hope you can help us."

The letter explained that the

man who was about 40 years old, medium build, slightly grey and drove a 1941 black Ford sedan, was a member of the automobile club. The motorist was going as far as Richmond and gave the men a ride. After arriving in Richmond the hitch-hikers realized to late that they left the bag in the car. Klein said if the man was located to please have him send the bag C.O.D. to S. Klein, 702-932, United States Coast Guard Lifeboat station, Kill Devil Hill, North Carolina.

MEAT PACKING PLANT STRIKERS EXPECTED TO RETURN MONDAY

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A spokesman for Armstrong said livestock could be started into packing plants over the weekend and "by Monday we should have a good volume of operation, but not nearly 100 per cent."

Meantime, a fact-finding panel working all week in Chicago on the meat strike controversy finished its hearings. Its chairman, Dr. Edwin E. Witte of the University of Wisconsin, said the panel had gathered "a great deal of valuable information in the shortest possible time" and believed it could "reach a conclusion in the shortest possible time."

Moving to Washington, the panel will study the testimony Monday and Tuesday, meet with OPA officials Wednesday and hear final arguments, Thursday. The other members are Judge Raymond W. Starr of the Michigan Supreme court and Clark Kerr of the University of California.

"If the parties can adjust this matter before next Thursday, not only the panel but the entire country will be grateful to you," Dr. Witte said.

A telegram from Secretary Anderson to the leaders of both AFL and CIO unions played a key role in the CIO reversal of action. In

Anderson assured the unions that he would "immediately apply" for approval of any wage increases the fact-finding panel might recommend.

STEEL OUTLOOK DARK

PITTSBURGH, Jan. 26.—(U.P.)—Hope for an early settlement of the great steel strike faded tonight after Philip Murray, president of the CIO United Steel Workers, said he had no idea what the next development might be.

The strike of 750,000 union members approached its seventh day as Washington observers expected new government pressure on the steel industry to accept President Truman's wage formula of an 18-1-2 cents an hour increase.

The rejection of Mr. Truman's proposal by U. S. Steel Corp., was the switch that threw the strike machinery into action one minute after midnight Sunday.

Murray prepared to leave for Washington Sunday night, where he will testify Tuesday before the Senate Education and Labor committee.

At a news conference today, the union leader said, "I have no plans to see the President."

The strike has choked off 1,200,000 tons of raw steel in six days, caused a wage loss to steel workers, along of \$39,000,000, and has idled a total of more than 900,000 workers in the steel industry and allied fields. Its effect was still spreading.

The leading causes of fire are defective flues and chimneys.

ASSOCIATED CHARITIES TO SEEK COUNTY'S AID

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nated on Jan. 1, according to officials of the Chest. The Rev. Alexander Miller, president of the board of directors, said last night that funds have been exhausted and that some plan would have to be worked out to assure the future operations. He declared that many of the cases, which would ordinarily be the work of the Welfare department, have been referred to the Charities for care. This has helped increase the burden he paid.

Both Mrs. Ellis and the Rev. Mr. Miller explained there were times during the depression when the agency was forced to appeal to county commissioners for aid and that the Charities had "always managed to find a way out of similar circumstances as they arose."

The annual financial report of the Charities, as of Jan. 1, disclosed the organization to possess a \$1,039.66 deficit at that time, including a direct operating deficit of \$188.17 and unpaid bills of \$851.49.

In 1945 the total expenditure of the Charities was \$24,547.31, exclusive of the deficit. Of this amount, \$23,375.45 were total receipts from the city, county, Community Chest, James Walker Memorial hospital and friends.

During the coming year at least \$5,500 of this sum will not be available, that amount being the aid given by the Chest during 1945.

In addition to county and city funds, James Walker Memorial hospital allows \$275 a year applied toward hospital treatment for cases coming under jurisdiction of the Charities.

Currently, the only known available funds for the entire year of 1946, including county, city and hospital funds, amount to about \$17,500. This does not include donations from "friends," which in 1945 amounted to \$1,293.07, according to the annual report for that year.

On paper, if the Charities expenditures and income approximate 1945 figures, they are faced with a potential 1946 deficit of some \$8,000.

Light Response Reported To Paralysis Aid Checks

Recreation Centers Plan Full Week Of Activity; Dance Thursday

As the "March of Dimes" campaign winds its way into the final phases of the drive for funds to fight Infantile Paralysis, William K. Rhodes, Jr., county chairman, urged recipients of letters containing contribution checks to return them to his office before Thursday when the campaign closes.

A total of 7,000 blank checks were mailed to city and county residents, Rhodes has disclosed, with only 250 being returned to his office. The returned checks amount to over \$1,000, he said.

Rhodes also announced a partial tabulation of the campaign conducted among school students. With four secondary schools and New Hanover High school yet to make returns, the collections amount to \$1,175.78, the chairman said.

In many instances, Rhodes pointed out, the students contributed their lunch money to the fund. "If children can go without lunches to help the work of the National and County foundations, those persons who have received letters should be able to make a contribution," he declared.

A variety of programs at the respective recreation centers during the coming week with proceeds going to the fund have been

planned by the city recreation department.

Included will be a benefit bridge party at Lake Forest, date to be announced, a series of four one-act plays at Cornelius Harnett, Thursday, January 31, and an open house for children, a basketball game and a dance at Hewes center the same night.

Vance center has planned a full program for Wednesday, Jan. 29, including an afternoon party for children, a basketball game in the evening, a pre-game party, card games and games in which contestants will compete for prizes.

Highlighting the week's "March of Dimes" activities of the department will be an "All Star Benefit Show" in the recreation center on Princess street. Capt. Louis Keith will act as master-of-ceremonies for the show which will include radio acts, hill-billy music, comedy and many popular local musicians.

The major event of the "March of Dimes" drive, locally, will be held in the form of a semi-formal ball in the Cape Fear armory on the night of January 31, with dancing starting at 9 o'clock.

Music for the affair will be furnished by the Camp Lejeune dance band. The American Legion Post No. 10 dance committee, Harry Doshier, chairman, have charge of arrangements.

Tickets for the affair can be purchased from members of the committee and in local stores.

It Happened Here:

The next time Elizah Jackson, Negro, 1110 North Second street takes a drink from a bottle of whiskey offered to him by an unknown person he will probably ask the price. Yesterday morning, according to his report to the police, he took a drink from a bottle owned by a woman whom he knew only as "Sister." Jackson claims after he had taken the drink, "Sister" demanded a dollar. Upon his refusal to pay she struck him over the head with the bottle. Jackson was treated for lacerations of the forehead at James Walker Memorial hospital and released.

Before World War II, the average American bought about three pairs of leather shoes annually.

TO DEMAND RAISE NEW ORLEANS, Jan. 26.—(U.P.)—The Textile Workers Union of America (CIO) will demand a 15 cents an hour general wage increase and a minimum of 70 cents an hour from 147 southern cotton mills in which the union is the bargaining agent, it was disclosed today by local union officials.

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