

## Social Security Payments Reach \$93,045 In Chowan

Figures Include Disbursement Through June 30, 1940

Approximately \$93,045 has been distributed in Chowan 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 \$24,474, included in 4,245 checks issued the residents of Chowan County.

Old Age Assistance, help for needy residents past 65 years of age, in the three years of distribution, through last June 30, amounted to \$26,653 in this county.

Aid to Dependent Children, help for those deprived of their normal breadwinners, amounted to \$8,275 in the same period.

Aid to the Blind, in the same 36 months, amounted to \$3,818.

With practically accurate figures, it is evident, Mr. Powell points out, that about \$63,220 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 \$29,825 has been distributed in this county, including about \$700 in Child Welfare Services and about \$1,365 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. (Three other counties—Gates, Lincoln and Rockingham—started organized health work as of July 1, 1940, but did not share in the funds in the period being considered). Twenty-four counties, therefore, received practically no funds in these divisions, and what they would have received, and didn't, increased the funds to counties with health departments.

Chowan County, with a health department, received \$5,405 for Maternal and Child Health services; \$4,705 for Services to Crippled Children; and \$17,650 in Public Health Work.

These five "service" division reports are approximate. The 1940 Census figures of 3,561,990 for the State and 11,569 for this county were used in prorating the funds, made up of Federal allotments, matched by the State and counties.

Chowan County, Central UCC office records show, has 26 resident employers subject to the Unemployment Compensation law and 785 workers protected by it. Liable resident employers paid \$39,555.92 into the State fund in 3 1/2 years, ending last June 30, as compared with \$24,474 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 1,451 initial claims—the first claims filed after becoming unemployed—and 8,285 continued claims—claims filed weekly after the initial claims.

Employment Service records indicate that in the 3 1/2 years through June 30, 3,218 registrations for work and 2,031 placements in jobs were handled in the county.

## Wards Club Will Broadcast Today

Chowan County will be represented on the Farm and Home Hour radio broadcast over station WCNC at Elizabeth City this (Thursday) morning at 12:30 o'clock. The program will be in charge of the Wards Home Demonstration Club and was written by Mrs. A. D. Ward, president of the club. It will be presented by Mrs. Ward, assisted by Mrs. K. R. Winslow and Mrs. O. M. Blanchard, secretary and song leader, respectively. Many of the county's club members as well as other friends are expected to tune in for the broadcast.

## MERRY HILL

Mr. and Mrs. M. T. Bowen have returned home after spending three weeks with Mr. and Mrs. Pritchard Bowen, at Newport News, Va.

Mr. and Mrs. D. E. Bowen and children, of Portsmouth, Va., visited Mrs. T. E. Bowen and Mr. and Mrs.

## Dense Timber Should Be Thinned



This 30-year-old stand of pine badly needs thinning if it is expected to make good growth. Pulpwood offers the only means of obtaining cash for the trees thus weeded out. The trees on the ground died because of overcrowding. They could have been cut for pulpwood but now represent a total loss to the owner.

If cut properly (see lower picture) timber grows more rapidly after being cut for pulpwood than it does before cutting.

## Proper Method of Cutting Pulpwood



A 30-year-old stand of pine (same stand as in above picture) properly thinned for pulpwood. Only crowded, poorly formed, or diseased trees were cut. The remaining trees were left to make increased growth. Cutting timber in this manner is called selective cutting and means more money over a period of years for the owner and more timber for industry.

## Improper Method of Cutting Pulpwood



This once valuable forest has been destroyed by clear-cutting. The present owner has slight chance of ever realizing another dollar from his trees. The least a landowner can do when cutting his timber is to leave 4 to 6 seed trees per acre to provide for another crop. Better still, cut selectively as explained above. By clear cutting the community loses its tax base, the landowner loses his source of revenue, and industry loses its source of wood.

The Southern Pulpwood Conservation Association urges landowners to "Cut Conservatively—Prevent Fires—Grow More Timber."

Wesley Winborne New Year's Day.

Miss Thelma Phelps has returned to Norfolk, Va., to resume her studies in Norfolk Business College, after spending the holidays with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Norman Phelps.

Misses Sue Margaret Keeter, Pattie Sue Mitchell and Edna Phelps, E. J. Pruden, Jr., and Raleigh E. Phelps, students at Chowan College, have returned to Murfreesboro, after spending the holidays at their respective homes.

Mr. and Mrs. Hunter Buttrick and daughter, Jane, Mrs. Lena Buttrick and Miss Mittie Phelps visited Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Buttrick, in Ahsokie on Sunday.

Mrs. Louis Britt and son, Bobby, spent the week-end with Mrs. W. M. Munden, in Edenton.

Mrs. Virgie Baker and children, Frances and Jerry, visited relatives in Williamston several days last week.

Miss Mae Walston Mitchell visited her cousin, Miss Lida Mae Mitchell, in Windsor, a few days last week.

Miss Mildred Ambrose spent the

week-end at Everett's with Miss Eunice Beach.

Miss Elizabeth Bowen, Mrs. Farrar and M. P. Bowen, of Newport News, Va., were here for a short while on Sunday.

Mrs. Sue Britt spent Monday and Tuesday nights in Windsor with Mrs. G. E. Keeter. She attended a meeting of WPA luncheon workers in Aulander and Rich Square Monday and Tuesday.

Mrs. Joe Barrow, of Edenton, Mr. and Mrs. William White and little daughter, of Colerain, and George Barrow, of Washington, D. C., visited

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## Paul Spencer One Of 22 At Alabama To Receive Letter

Tagged By Coach as Most Dependable Performer

Paul Spencer, 191-pound junior fullback, former Edenton High School star, was one of the 22 University of Alabama football players awarded varsity letters for their play during the 1940 season.

The big fullback broke into the Tide starting line-up in 1939 as a sophomore and led the team scorers that season with 36 points and averaged over 5 yards everytime he carried the ball. This year he bettered his own high point mark with 48 points to his credit and hauled the mail 104 times, gained 511 yards for an average of 4.8 yards per try.

Tagged by Coach Frank Thomas as one of the most dependable performers on the squad, "Pounding Paul," as he is known by his teammates, was a standout on defense as well as offense. He is great at backing up the line and disappointed more than one "would be" pass receiver this past season with his pass defense ability.

His shiftiness in the open can be traced back to his high school and prep school days as he was an all-state halfback in two different states. Making the North Carolina selection two years in a row, he entered Augusta Military Academy and was named on the Virginia All-State pick. It was from this institution that he entered the University of Alabama.

Spencer is a junior in Physical Education, a member of Pi. K. A. fraternity, and is one of the most popular students on the campus. His father, Thomas A. Spencer, is in the lumber business, but Paul plans to switch from pine to pine boxes and study undertaking when he graduates from the University. He is 5 feet, 10 inches in height and hunting is his favorite recreation.

Mrs. Celia Phelps Sunday. Mrs. George Keeter, Mrs. A. E. Bowen and daughter, Joyce, of Windsor, visited Mrs. T. E. Bowen recently.

Ed and Merrill Askew, of Christian Harbor, visited Mr. and Mrs. Wesley Winborne on Sunday.

## MACKEYS

Mrs. Woodrow Collins has returned from Rougemont, N. C., where she has been visiting her mother.

Mrs. Marshall Spruill, who has been quite ill from a relapse of the flu, was taken to Park View Hospital, Rocky Mount, last Tuesday.

Mr. and Mrs. Richard Tripp and their house guest, Mrs. Trueblood, spent the week-end in Washington, North Carolina.

Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Davenport and children, Jimmy and Elise, went to Hertford Sunday.

Mrs. J. J. Bunch is recovering from

an illness which has confined her to the bed for the past ten days.

Mr. and Mrs. W. B. Davenport, Mr. and Mrs. Reynold Davenport and Fred Davenport were dinner guests of Mrs. H. R. Chesson Sunday.

Mrs. Ed Skiles, of Bertie County, is the house guest of her daughter, Mrs. Harris Chesson.

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