

## Brighter Year Ahead For Those Depending On Public Welfare

Children and older people have a brighter New Year to look forward to because of the advances made this past year in measures for their protection and care through programs of the State Board of Public Welfare.

In commenting on the State Board's progress of the past year, Dr. Ellen Winston, Commissioner, said, "Special mention should be made of the demonstration project of homemaker care for the aged, licensing of the 1,000th foster home for children and of the 200th day care facility, the increase in standards of protection for the aged and the more adequate provision for hospitalization of public assistance recipients."

The year's report also mentioned the increasing success of the Children's Clothing Closet sponsored cooperatively with the Junior Woman's Clubs of the State. The cooperative Help-at-Home project of the N. C. Federation of Women's Clubs attained its greatest success in providing household items for homes in greatest need in 1958, the report stated.

The urgent need for a State appropriation for general assistance was demonstrated as counties sought to help people who were in need because of the recession during part of 1958 and the effects of changes in agricultural patterns. The jointly financed public assistance grants could not be used to meet these needs because by law funds were limited to persons too old to work, persons too young to work or those too disabled to work.

A focus on the various programs of the State Board for the aged and infirm as well as on programs of other agencies was placed by the special week observed at mid-year under the sponsorship of the Governor's Coordinating Committee on Aging.

Licensing standards for boarding homes for the aged were raised further to assure the safety standards of the State Fire Marshal since 1954. This past year the licensing standards limited occupancy of non-fireproof buildings in use prior to 1954 to fully ambulatory residents and on the first floor only. There are now 367 licensed boarding homes for the aged in 85 counties.

A demonstration project of homemaker care for the aged, begun this past year, is now being carried on in three counties—Harnett, Chatham and Alamance. Two homemakers, one for white and one for Negro public assistance recipients, in each county, give periodic personal assistance in selected homes. This care permits the older person to remain in his own home instead of needing some type of more expensive group care. The two-year project is made possible by a grant from the Doris Duke Foundation supplemented by federal funds.

Payments for the hospitalization of public assistance recipients were raised from \$7.25 per day to \$8.50 per day during the past year, a forward step made possible by amendments to the Social Security Act in August, 1958.

Rates which may be paid for boarding home care for public assistance recipients who need skilled nursing care under continuing medical supervision have been increased. This increase followed a study of the statewide situation conducted this past year and also the August amendments to the Social Security Act.

Effective this past October the Federal government began matching payments on the average instead of limiting the maximum which any person may receive in public assistance payments. The effect of this amendment to the Social Security Act will be to make it possible more nearly to meet the needs of persons in greatest destitution. The average expenditure for this purpose in North Carolina from State funds will remain the same under this revision.

As of July 1, 1958, all children being supported through the foster care program from State and/or county funds were in licensed homes with the protection given by the licensing process. Of the 1,192 homes currently licensed, a number accept children with special needs because of physical or mental handicaps.

The State Board has intensified the efforts through the county welfare departments to have other resources used for the children who have been held in jail from time to time throughout the State. Specialized foster homes used when needed across county lines, have been found to be a major resource in this area.

Increased concern for the welfare of very young children in day care while their mothers work has resulted in the licensing of 200 day care facilities with many others under study. Reflecting the steady increase in the adoption of children has been the rise in the number of children for whom adoptive placements have been made by county departments of public welfare.

"Considering all phases of the public welfare program," said Dr. Winston, "1958 stands out as a year of substantial progress in increased services in every county and of splendid citizen and governmental support."

**THANKFUL FOR BOOKS**  
Miss Myrtle Waff, librarian of the Edenton Elementary School Library, expresses her appreciation for a set of books presented to the library by the Sears Roebuck Company. The books, "The Children's Home," were presented last week by Bill Bunch, local Sears manager. "I am sure we shall enjoy using these books," said Miss Waff, "and that we will derive much pleasure and benefit from the set."

## ABUNDANT LIFE

by ORAL ROBERTS

### CHRISTIANS NEED A SURPLUS

It is vital that every Christian have more than he or she needs—far more than the bare necessities of life. The Christian's very constitution requires it. His nature demands it, for God made him that way.

The Christian is joint-heir with Christ to all of God's riches and graces, which include love, peace, joy and material goods. The Christian needs all of the benefits which God has provided; otherwise, he will be so restricted in life as to be of little value to anyone except himself.

Only a surplus of material supply can reflect the "abundant life" which Jesus promised.

Who is going to pay attention to a sad Christian? Who is going to be inspired by a Christian who has only one coat for his back, only one pair of shoes for his feet, or who usually has only enough food to keep body and soul together?

True, there are many Christians in such dire circumstances, but they are Christians who have not understood God's marvelous providence. No one can be completely happy or effective under such circumstances, and every Christian should realize that God has made him to receive, enjoy and share the overflowing of the abundance of all things needful.

If you are a Christian, Satan quite naturally wants to make you an unhappy Christian. He wants you to be kept in ignorance of God's plan for you. He does not want you to know that Jesus has provided a surplus for you.

The devil is determined to make

you the worst possible advertisement for Christ, and he seeks to accomplish this by keeping you in need, weak and sick.

Do not agree to it.

You must have very surpluses. Christians need a surplus of every good thing God has provided in order to make the most favorable impression possible upon others, and to be the best possible living advertisement for Christ, who came that you may have life and have it more abundantly.

Some people say, "This is wonderful, but if it is the will of God that we have a surplus, why don't we have it?"

Because the will of God must be fought for, worked for, sought for and, above all, believed for. It is God's will that all men should come into his kingdom, but all men do not come. It is God's will that all mankind should prosper and be in health, but all do not prosper and there is much sickness.

Not all are willing to take up the cross daily and follow Jesus. All are willing enough to receive, but not all are willing to believe—for believing includes doing the will of God.

Faith without works is dead, being alone. There are things which we must do to make our faith effective.

God is a God of surplus, and it is impossible to believe and obey God without receiving. The beginning of receiving is giving, for God has said that it is more blessed to give than to receive.

Believe God and act upon his Word for your surplus now.

## Sweaters For The Teen-ager

"Simple" is the word in style for budget-minded girls in sweater purchases. Many frills bring on accessory problems and they are often hard to keep clean, points out Miss Mary Em Lee, clothing specialist for the N. C. Agricultural Extension Service.

Miss Lee continues with other suggestions:

There are two types of shaping used for sweaters. Full fashioned sweaters are knitted to fit. Some sweaters are cut, then sewn. If care is taken in the cutting, the sweater should be satisfactory.

The serviceability and appearance of a sweater may be greatly affected by the way the seams are constructed.

The best grades of sweaters have the bindings joined to the sweater by looping. This is a hand process that continues knitting. This seam is smooth, neat and keeps its elasticity.

Any opening in the front of the knitted garment should follow the lengthwise rib of the sweater. A good quality of grosgrain ribbon should be used.

Good button holes add to the wearing qualities and general appearance. They should be firm and reinforced with either ribbon or knit binding.

Pearl and synthetic buttons are used for most sweaters. It is best to match the sweater in color. The nylon buttons now on the market can be dyed to match the sweater. It is claimed that they will not crack, chip or break.

Correct size of the sweater is of utmost importance. Generally, the sweater will be a larger



**TOWERING**—Alternate stripes of mink and black velvet are sandwiched above a brow-hugging velvet brim in this hat for spring. Bow is made of the same materials.

size than other ready-made garments. For this reason, it is always best to try on the sweater before purchasing it.

### FILM AT ROTARY

Edenton Rotarians were entertained at last week's meeting by Jack Habit, who presented a film taken some months ago when each member of the club tried his skill with a hula hoop. The film caused a lot of merriment as the various Rotarians went through the capers of trying to keep the hoop swinging about the body.

Just as much or even more fun resulted when Jack ran the film backwards.

Milton Adams and Thurman Goodwin, Edenton seniors, were guests of the club as junior Rotarians.

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### Mrs. Etta Williams Dies Sunday Night

Mrs. Etta Farmer Williams, 68, died at her home in Westover Heights Sunday night at 8:30 o'clock following a long illness. Mrs. Williams was a native of Perquimans County but lived in Edenton about 40 years.

Surviving are her husband, George O. Williams; a son, Jesse J. Williams, in the U. S. Air Force stationed at Eglin Air Base in Florida; a daughter, Mrs. Earl Rea of Edenton and a brother, W. J. Farmer of Edenton. Seven grandchildren and eight great-grandchildren also survive. Funeral services were held Wednesday afternoon at 2 o'clock at the Williford Funeral Home. The Rev. Lamar Sentell, pastor of Ballard's Bridge Baptist Church, officiated. Burial was in Beaver Hill Cemetery.

### BLOODSHED ROXSCORE HIGHWAYS

Raleigh — The Motor Vehicles Department's summary of traffic deaths through 10 A. M., February 2, 1959 is as follows:  
Killed This Year.....114  
Killed To Date Last Year.....59

### RED MEN MEET

Chowan Tribe of Red Men will meet Monday night, February 9, at 7:30 o'clock. Leoy Harrell, sachem, urges a full attendance.

## NOTICE!

Town vehicle license plates are now on sale at the Town Office. Plates must be purchased and displayed by February 16, 1959.

## Town of Edenton

Ernest J. Ward, Jr., Clerk

## It's Time to Round Up Those STRAYS...

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