

Farmers Losing Big Amounts From Social Security Benefits

Agriculture Commissioner L. Y. Ballentine says North Carolina may be losing millions of dollars annually because farmers do not take the necessary steps to qualify for social security benefits.

He also pointed out that farmers who reached the age of 65 during the first half of 1959 must qualify before April 15, 1960, if they are to become eligible now. This is the deadline for going back as far as 1956 to pay up the premiums, and the 1959 retiree must have at least four years coverage to begin receiving payments.

This deadline is also important to the young farmer who wants to get coverage as far back as possible to insure the eligibility of his wife and children for monthly payments in the event of his death, the Commissioner said.

Ballentine cited the following facts about the social security program as it affects the state's farming people.

From January 1957 through June 1959, a total of 45,545 claims for social security benefits were filed by self-employed farming people in the state. Not all these claims were allowed, it is true, but it is probably fair to say that close to 35,000 farm men and women have qualified and are receiving a retirement check each month. These benefits are based on average net farm incomes beginning with 1955, the year that self-employed farmers were first covered by social security.

However, more than 90,000 people past the age of 65 were living on North Carolina farms at the beginning of 1959. The Social Security Administration believes that many of these could qualify for old-age benefits if they will do two things before April 15, 1960:

1. Get together the records of farm income and expenses for each year 1956 through 1959. File a Schedule "F" (record of farm sales and expenses) and amended Income Tax return with the Internal Revenue Service for each of these years in which the net profit was \$400 or more and keep a duplicate copy of each return.
2. Get in touch with the nearest Social Security District Office in their part of the state.

If the self-employed farmer who is now 65 or over completes the first step, he will probably have "worked" under social security long enough to qualify for monthly old-age insurance benefits.

For each year that he had a net \$400 net profit, he receives credit for a year of coverage, and each self-employed person needs a certain number of years to qualify for benefits.

Following are examples of the number of years of coverage needed by persons reaching 65 during the first half of the years indicated: 1954, one and one-half years; 1955, two years; 1957, three years; 1959, four years; 1961, five years; 1963, six

years; 1965, seven years; 1967, eight years; 1969, nine years; 1971 or later, 10 years.

"These examples show why it is so important for all self-employed farmers who have not filed a 'Schedule F' and paid the self-employment tax, to do so at once," Ballentine said. "After April 15 the self-employed farmer cannot receive credit for the year of coverage that would be represented by the 1956 tax return, and without credit for 1956, many farmers now of retirement age will be unable to qualify."

"Also a farmer over 50, who has a total and permanent disability which prevents him from doing any real substantial work is entitled to monthly payments after he has been covered by social security for five years. Thus it is an advantage for the 'young middle-aged' farmer to build up coverage by paying the back taxes."

All social security benefits are based on the average amount of money earned each year. Some examples of the farmer's average net income for several years and the monthly payments they entitle him to, are: \$600, \$33; \$1,200, \$59; \$1,800, \$73; \$2,400, \$84; \$3,000, \$95; and \$4,200, \$116.

If the farmer's wife is also old enough, she may receive a benefit, equal in some cases to one-half of her husband's in addition to the amount to which her husband is entitled.

Ballentine urged farmers to inform themselves about social security and the important part it plays in their lives.

"Ask the Social Security District Office nearest your home for booklet No. 25d, How Does Social Security Affect Farm Families?" he advised.

Mothers' March Will Be Held Tonight

The first telethon in Chowan County, through the courtesy of radio station WCDJ, netted \$206. The telethon held Sunday was in cooperation with the March of Dimes Telethon for Eastern North Carolina over WITN-TV, Washington. The 16½ hour telethon aired over Station WITN, Washington, on Saturday and Sunday, netted \$17,649.33 in contributions to the New March of Dimes.

Tom Ridgeway, Chowan County National Foundation Chairman, termed the telethon successful. He expressed his appreciation to the radio station and particularly Jim Freeman, the announcer, who plugged so diligently in behalf of the drive.

Members of the Junior Chamber of Commerce, sponsors of the local drive, received phone calls at WCDJ and collected the pledges.

Club President



MRS. M. T. BARRINGTON
Above appears the picture of another of the Chowan County Home Demonstration Club presidents. Mrs. M. T. Barrington is president of the Byrd Club. In 1958 she was selected the outstanding member of her club.

Policy Released For Local Sewer Rates

The board also released water and sewer revenue and expenditures since 1949, which follow:

1949 — Revenue, \$26,643; expenses, \$30,492.
1950 — Revenue, \$28,902; expenses, \$20,824.
1951 — Revenue, \$28,001; expenses, \$23,985.
1952 — Revenue, \$29,814; expenses, \$23,308.
1953 — Operational revenue, \$30,610; expenses, \$22,909; new water plant, \$6,931.
1954 — Operational revenue, \$31,568; expenses, \$13,346; new water plant and extensions, \$89,630.
1955 — Operational revenue, \$31,118; expenses, \$25,845; new water plant, \$12,067.
1956 — Operational revenue, \$35,132; expenses, \$29,567; water and sewer to Twiddy property, \$17,411. Assessment would return \$9,470.
1957 — Operational revenue, \$36,297; expenses, \$32,122; water and sewer to Albania, \$14,482. Assessment would return \$14,395.
1958 — Operational revenue, \$37,557; expenses, \$32,880; Broad Street water line and tank improvements, \$156,762; improvements, \$29,373; water line to Westover, \$29,373. Assessment would return \$22,113.

The board realizes the loss of revenue to the town from the E and W Department will cause need for the town to increase revenue for operating expenses.

The referendum on the issuance of \$557,000 in bonds has been called for February 16 and members of the board encourage the public to vote their approval. The sewer disposal system has been ordered by law, and if not installed by the town, will be done at greater expense by the state.

The Board of Public Works tabulated the transfer of earnings to the town's general fund since 1943, which follows:

1943—\$5,200 or 7.0% of the year's earnings.
1944—\$8,200 or 9.8% of the year's earnings.
1945—\$7,200 or 6.7% of the year's earnings.
1946—\$5,000 or 4.2% of the year's earnings.
1947—\$22,994 or 17.8% of the year's earnings.
1948—\$8,200 or 5.6% of the year's earnings.
1949—\$7,362 or 4.4% of the year's earnings.
1950—\$10,000 or 5.4% of the year's earnings.

1951—\$22,198 or 11.7% of the year's earnings.
1952—\$25,000 or 11.8% of the year's earnings.
1953—None.
1954—\$10,900 or 4.3% of the year's earnings.
1955—\$14,615 or 5.3% of the year's earnings.
1956—\$21,275 or 7.5% of the year's earnings.
1957—\$43,345 or 14.6% of the year's earnings.
1958—\$30,584 or 9.6% of the year's earnings.
1959—\$37,686 or 12.3% of the year's earnings.

Some of the above figures include actual transfer, plus direct expenditures made by the department for the town.

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It should be noted that no power costs are included in these figures.

Native Of Chowan Dies In Florida

Mrs. Dicie Parker, native of Chowan County, died Saturday morning at 10 o'clock at Orlando, Florida. She was the wife of the late J. A. Parker.

Surviving are a son, J. M. Parker of Newport News; two daughters, Mrs. Myrtle Bromm and Mrs. Mae Sams, both of Orlando, Fla.; three half brothers, G. W. Lassiter of Tyner, John T. Lassiter of Hobbbsville, Reuben W. Lassiter of Williamsburg, Va.; a half sister, Miss Maggie M. Lassiter of Tyner. Eight grandchildren and three great-grandchildren also survive.

Funeral services were held at Warwick Baptist Church Tuesday afternoon at 2 o'clock. The pastor, the Rev. R. B. Cottingham, officiated. Burial was in the family cemetery.

CIVIC CALENDAR

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The Rev. Ernest W. Pettis, a missionary to Korea, will speak at the Edenton Presbyterian Church tonight (Thursday) at 7:30 o'clock.

Chowan Tribe of Red Men will meet Monday night at 7:30 o'clock.

Chowanoke Council No. 54, Degree of Pochontas, will meet tonight (Thursday) at 8 o'clock in the Red Men hall.

Edenton Chapter No. 306, Order of the Eastern Star, will meet Monday night, February 1, at 8 o'clock.

A pork killing, cutting out and curing demonstration will be held at the home of Bristoe Perry Monday afternoon, February 1, at 1:30 o'clock and again Tuesday morning, February 2, at 9 o'clock.

Edenton Women's Club will meet Wednesday afternoon, February 3, at 1 o'clock at the Edenton Restaurant.

The Glee Club of Edenton colored high school will present a program at Kadesh A.M.E. Zion Church Sunday night, January 31, at 7 o'clock.

A meeting will be held Monday night, February 1, at 8 o'clock at Robin's Restaurant to consider organizing a young men and women's club.

Ryland community will hold a covered dish supper at the Chowan Community Building on Thursday night, February 4, at 6 o'clock.

Junior Class of Chowan High School will present a play "Headin' For A Wedding" in the school auditorium Wednesday night, February 3, at 7:30 o'clock.

The Woman's Society of Christian Service of the Methodist Church will sponsor a chicken salad supper Thursday, February 4.

Chowan PTA will meet Monday night, February 8, at 7:30 o'clock.

Parent-Teacher Association of John A. Holmes High School will sponsor the Joe Franklin Show in the Elementary School auditorium Saturday night, January 30, at 7:45 o'clock, after which a dance will be held in the Edenton armory.

Another cancer clinic will be held at the Cancer Center in Elizabeth City Friday afternoon, February 5, beginning at 1 o'clock.

A membership drive for the Chowan Hospital Auxiliary is now under way with a goal to top last year's membership of 384.

Annual meeting of the shareholders of the Edenton Savings & Loan Association will be held in the Court House Monday night, February 1, at 8 o'clock.

A special election will be held in Edenton Tuesday, February 16 to vote on a \$557,000 bond issue for sewage improvements.

Town automobile license plates for 1960 are now on sale at the Town Office.

Edenton's Rotary Club will

meet this (Thursday) afternoon at 1 o'clock in the Parish House. Edenton Lions Club will meet Monday night, January 11, at 7 o'clock.

Automobile license plates for 1960 are on sale at the Carolina Motor Club office on East Water Street.

Property must be listed during January for tax purposes to escape a penalty of 10 percent and even court indictment for failure to list.

William H. Coffield, Jr., Post No. 3280, Veterans of Foreign Wars, will meet Tuesday night at 8 o'clock.

Husbands Guests At HD Meetings During February

Home Demonstration Club members meet with their husbands in February for joint meetings. Miss Pauline Calloway, home economics agent, and C. W. Overman, county agricultural agent, will present a set of slides on community development at these meetings in February. Following is a schedule of Home Demonstration Club meetings:

Monday, Feb. 1, 6:30 P. M. Advance Club at Advance Community Building.

Tuesday, Feb. 2, 6:30 P. M. Oak Grove Club at Oak Grove Community Building.

Wednesday, Feb. 3, 6:30 P. M. Gum Pond Club at Rocky Hook School.

Thursday, Feb. 4, 6:30 P. M. Ryland Club at Chowan Community Building.

Monday, Feb. 8, 7:00 P. M. Yeopim Club at Mrs. Van Small's home.

Tuesday, Feb. 9, 6:30 P. M. Beech Fork and Rocky Hook Clubs at Rocky Hook School.

Wednesday, Feb. 10, 6:30 P. M. Wards Club at Wards Community Building.

Thursday, Feb. 18, 6:30 P. M. Byrd Club at Mrs. John Privott's home.

Tuesday, Feb. 23, 6:00 P. M. Enterprise Club at Rodney Harrell's cottage.

Wednesday, Feb. 24, 6:30 P. M. Center Hill Club at Center Hill Community Building.

Thursday, Feb. 25, 6:30 P. M. Chowan Club at Chowan Community Building.

Work Started For Colonial Garden

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note that Sauthier's Map of 1769 shows approximately fifteen formal gardens in Edenton at that time.

The DAR Chapter hopes that the garden will be quite an added attraction for the hundreds of tourists that visit Edenton each year, a good many of which the Chapter members have had the privilege of touring around the town and countryside. The Chapter conducts a year-around Tour Guide service and members are available at any time for this service.

Lunch Room Menu

Menus at the Edenton Elementary School lunch room for the week of February 1-5 will be as follows:

Monday: Weiners, vegetable salad, apple pie, baked beans, rolls and milk.

Tuesday: Spaghetti and meat balls, carrot sticks, school baked rolls, cheese slices, school baked cookies, butter, turn p greens and milk.

Wednesday: Beef vegetable soup, crackers, zimento cheese sandwiches, block cake and milk.

Thursday: Ravioli, green beans, potato custard, cheese slices, corn bread, butter and milk.

Friday: Chicken salad, milk, potato sticks, buttered peas, butter, school baked rolls and grapefruit sections.

ENTERPRISE CLUB MEETS

The Enterprise Home Demonstration Club held its January meeting with Mrs. Rodney Harrell. The meeting was opened by singing "This Is My Father's World," which was followed by devotionals by Mrs. Rodney Harrell.

Plans were made to have the February joint meeting at Mrs. Rodney Harrell's cottage on February 23 at 6:30 o'clock, with each member taking a covered dish supper. Mrs. E. E. Harrell and Mrs. Ed Hare gave very interesting leader reports. Miss Pauline Calloway announced that there will be a recreation

Legal Notices

NOTICE OF ADMINISTRATION

Having qualified as Executor of the Estate of James Blount, deceased, late of Chowan County, North Carolina, this is to notify all persons having claims against the estate of said deceased to exhibit them to the undersigned at Edenton, North Carolina, on or before the 28th day of January, 1961, or this notice will be pleaded in bar of their recovery. All persons indebted to said estate will please make immediate payment.

This January 28, 1960.
PEARL G. BLOUNT,
Executrix of Estate
of James Blount.
Jan 28, Feb 4, 11, 18, 25, March 3

EXECUTOR'S NOTICE

Having qualified as executor of the estate of W. O. Speight, deceased, late of Chowan County, North Carolina, this is to notify all persons having claims against the estate of said deceased to present them to the undersigned within one year from date of this notice or same will be pleaded in bar of their recovery. All persons indebted to said estate will please make immediate payment.

This 26th day of January, 1960.
W. E. SPEIGHT,
Executor of
W. O. Speight Estate
Jan 28, Feb 4, 11, 18, 25, March 3

tion workshop February 15 through 17 with Mrs. E. E. Harrell and Mrs. Rodney Harrell attending. The District meeting which will be held on April 12 was discussed. Miss Calloway encouraged everyone to subscribe to the magazine "Green 'n Growing." She gave a very interesting demonstration of meal planning. This valuable information will be very helpful in planning each meal.

Never absent from your post, never off guard, never ill-humored, never unready to work for God—is obedience.
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