

KNOW YOUR SOCIAL SECURITY

John T. Grooms, representative of the Social Security Administration, is in Edenton every Thursday at the North Carolina Employment Security Commission office in the Citizens Bank Building.

A disability can be a tragic thing to anyone. To the young man with a family this is particularly true. In this hectic day and time, disabilities occur more frequently than many of us realize. Regardless of our situation in life, we are all subject to serious disease or injury.

To help soften the impact of such an unfortunate event, Congress strengthened the Social Security Law in September, 1960 by eliminating the requirement that a disabled person must be fifty years of age or older to qualify for monthly payments. No change was made in the definition of disability. Payments to disabled persons under the age of fifty were first payable for the month of November, 1960. Today, John T. Grooms, Field Representative, Norfolk, Virginia Social Security District Office, stated that probably not all people who could qualify for these payments have filed applications. He encourages any reader who may be eligible, to write to his office and request information.

If a person becomes disabled now before he is sixty-five and has at least five years of work under the Social Security Law during the ten-year period ending with the date he stopped working because of the disability, he may qualify for a monthly check. If a worker can qualify for a payment, the Admini-

Mrs. W. C. Miller Dies At Daughter's Home

Mrs. W. C. Miller, 92, one of Chowan County's oldest residents, died Thursday afternoon of last week at 1:35 o'clock at the home of her daughter, Mrs. J. Frank White, Sr., on West Eden Street. Mrs. Miller was a native of Bertie County and had been in declining health over a year. She was a daughter of the late Samuel M. Pearce and Nancy Mitchell.

Surviving are three sons, Ned Miller, Woodie Miller and Charlie Miller, all of Washington,

stration may also pay any of his children under eighteen, and any of his unmarried children past eighteen if they became disabled before their eighteenth birthday. His wife may qualify for a check if she is sixty-two years of age or has an eligible child in her care.

Mr. Grooms pointed out that the disability must be one that is severe and one that will be expected to last for a long time. In the words of the law, the disability must be so severe that a person cannot be gainfully employed in any occupation. The worker must be disabled for six full months to qualify.

Disability protection under social security is a fairly recent innovation. Congress realized that in the early days of such a program there would be many people who were disabled for years before the legislation was passed. To provide all of those "long time" disabled people an opportunity to file a valid application, the law permits them to file any time before July 1, 1961, regardless of the time they became disabled. However, after June, 1961, to qualify for disability protection the work requirements must be met within the eighteen months just before the application is filed. Because of this provision, any person who has been disabled a long time should be sure to contact the Social Security Administration before July, 1961.

N. C.: three daughters, Miss Ruby Miller of Raleigh, Mrs. S. M. Hickman of Newport News and Mrs. J. Frank White of Edenton; 36 grandchildren, 39 great grandchildren and two great-great grandchildren.

She was a member of the First Baptist Church in Washington. The body was conveyed to the Paul Funeral Home in Washington, where funeral services were held Sunday afternoon at 3 o'clock. Burial was in Oak Dale Cemetery in Washington.

Injustice has not a tittle of the power of justice.
—Mary Baker Eddy.

PREACHES AT REVIVAL

Terry Jones preached a youth revival last week-end near Lumberton, N. C., for his former pastor, the Rev. L. C. Chandler. Injustice is impiety.
—Marcus Aurelius.

Minutes Of Board Of Public Works

Edenton, N. C.
June 6, 1961.

The Board of Public Works met this day in regular session at the Freeman Street Plant Office with the following members present: Thomas C. Byrum, Chairman, Jesse L. Harrell, Ralph E. Parrish, J. H. Conger, Jr., and James P. Ricks, Jr.

The minutes of the regular meeting of May 3, 1961, and special meeting of May 9, 1961 were read and approved. The special meeting of May 9th was a joint meeting with members of the Town Council at which time members of both Boards were sworn in.

On motion by Ralph E. Parrish, seconded by J. H. Conger, Jr., and carried, Thomas C. Byrum was elected temporary chairman. On motion by J. H. Conger, Jr., seconded by James P. Ricks, Jr., and carried, Ralph E. Parrish was elected temporary secretary.

On motion by Ralph E. Parrish, seconded by J. H. Conger, Jr., and unanimously carried, Thomas C. Byrum is elected to be Chairman of the Board of Public Works. On motion by J. H. Conger, Jr., seconded by James P. Ricks, Jr., and unanimously carried, Jesse L. Harrell is elected Vice Chairman. On motion by Jesse L. Harrell, seconded by James P. Ricks, Jr., and unanimously carried, Ralph E. Parrish is elected Secretary.

Chairman Byrum made the following special appointments: keys to the electric switch box.

Sewer Department and Finance Committee, Jesse L. Harrell; Electric Department and Liaison and Publicity, Ralph E. Parrish; Finance Committee, J. H. Conger, Jr.; Water Department, J. P. Ricks, Jr.

On motion by Jesse L. Harrell, seconded by J. H. Conger, Jr., and carried, the recommendations of Ralph E. Parrish with reference to record keeping of customer deposits is adopted and he is authorized and requested to have recommended system set up at a cost not to exceed \$80 to cover stationery, printing, etc.

On motion by J. H. Conger, Jr., seconded by Ralph E. Parrish and carried, Graham Farless is to be reimbursed for half the costs he incurred in taking and satisfactorily passing correspondence course in line with authorization of prior E & W Board members.

Chairman Byrum temporarily adjourned the meeting in order that the meeting reconvene with members of the Town Council at the Municipal Building.

Chairman Byrum presiding at the joint meeting called the meeting to order and called upon Mr. Jack Childress and Mr. Thomas Sutton of the Clay Pipe Institute who gave talks on the subject of public relations, etc. The recommendations of Mr. Childress and Mr. Sutton were looked upon very favorably by all members present.

Chairman Byrum adjourned the joint meeting and called members of the E & W Board back in session.

On motion by Jesse L. Harrell, seconded by James P. Ricks, Jr., and carried, Mr. Martin of Albemarle Restaurant is to be reimbursed \$18.00 of the \$100.00 deposit he made on electric service, this leaving his net deposit of \$82.00.

After considerable discussion it was unanimously agreed that the charge for lights on the softball diamond be set at \$5.00 per night, payable in advance to Mr. Hardison, who is in charge of the softball diamond and has the following special appointments: keys to the electric switch box.

On motion by Ralph E. Parrish, seconded by James P. Ricks, Jr., and carried, Jesse L. Harrell and J. H. Conger, Jr., are authorized to have the roof on the Municipal Building and Fire Station Building repaired or replaced as may be necessary at a cost not to exceed \$1,250.00.

Motion was made by Jesse L. Harrell, seconded by R. E. Parrish and duly carried that Electric & Water Dept. bills in the amount of \$13,779.86 be paid as follows:

The Chowan Herald, \$31.80; Williamston Office Supply Co., \$34.70; Carolina Machinery & Supply Co., \$43.73; Esso Standard Oil Co., \$89.24; Graybar Electric Co., Inc., \$7.38; Virginia Electric & Power Co., \$10,231.20; George Chevrolet Co., Inc., \$12.00; T. A. Loving Company, \$1,000.00; Edenton Office Supply, \$4.00; Ricks Laundry & Cleaners, Inc., \$4.94; Morton Salt Co., \$777.48; Bunch's Auto Parts, \$2.99; Motorola C. & E., Inc., \$46.75; Wm. F. Freeman, Inc., \$41.64; J. D. McCotter, Inc., \$4.50; Sanfax Corporation, \$31.19; Eastern Electric Supply, Inc., \$15.25; American Public Power Association, \$15.00; Electrical Equipment Co., \$469.59; East Carolina Supply Co., \$57.55; Howerton Gowen Co., \$80.33; Norfolk & Carolina Tel. & Tel. Co., \$40.67; Clarence Spruill, \$10.00; Tom Goodman, \$110.00; Graham Farless, \$32.00; Coastland Oil Co., \$62.72; Tidewater Supply Co., Inc., \$286.47; Byrum Hardware Co., Inc., \$8.21; Ashley Welding & Machine Co., \$139.83; Ralph E. Parrish, Inc., \$2.49; Postmaster, \$53.76; Ralph E. Parrish, Inc., \$32.45; total, \$13,779.86; salaries paid in May, \$3,436.91.

Received for current, water and merchandise, \$22,528.58; received from Federal Financial Assistance for damages from Hurricane Donna, \$987.63.

Receipts in excess of disbursements, \$6,299.44. There being no further business the meeting adjourned.
RALPH E. PARRISH,
Secretary.

PAID ADVERTISEMENT

A LETTER TO THE TAXPAYERS OF CHOWAN COUNTY

Edenton, N. C.
June 26, 1961.

Dear Taxpayers:

We wish to call to your attention a special election which has been called in Chowan County to be held on July 11th to approve or disapprove the issuance of bonds to the extent of \$289,000.00 to be used for school construction.

According to the public notice, \$89,000.00 will be allotted to Chowan High School, and \$200,000.00 to the Edenton High School (colored) and John A. Holmes High School (white). We, a committee of taxpayers, seriously question the need for these funds at this time. First, let us consider Chowan High School. We understand these funds are to be used for a new cafeteria and a new auditorium. Why this sudden need? We understand that there has been very little increase in enrollment for the past several years. There may be two or three occasions during the year that the auditorium will not accommodate quite all the people who seek admission, but we have heard no demand that huge sums be spent to build a new and larger one. In reference to the cafeteria—we know that the children are fed in shifts, but isn't that desirable regardless of the size of the cafeteria? Sociologists recommend that primary, elementary and high school age groups be kept separated. For current expenditure of any funds at Chowan High School, we would look with favor on building a covered walk-way leading from the main building to the present cafeteria. As to the other projects, we say NO. There is a feeling abroad that Chowan High School will soon be consolidated with the John A. Holmes High School, and leave the primary and elementary grades at the present location. To substantiate this statement we quote from the News and Observer of June 24th: "The State Board of Education will therefore take a close look at local plans for the use of the funds (the One Hundred and Six Million Dollar new school appropriation) . . . that progress in High School consolidation must be accomplished where this is needed". You, the taxpayers, know who will determine whether it is needed and desirable.

As to the expenditures at John A. Holmes High School, we cannot honestly comment, because we do not know in detail what is planned, but it seems to us that the beautiful high school plant that has been so recently completed has deteriorated very rapidly.

Now we come to discuss the needs of the Edenton High School. We understand the plan is to increase the facilities for teaching Science, Home Economics and Industrial Arts. Our Committee approves of this and will do what we can to see that instruction and training in these fields are the best we can reasonably obtain. To do this will require money, but we do not know how much. A suggested source will follow.

We have given some reasons why we are opposed to the Bond Issue, but the principal reason is increased taxes. In the June 22nd issue of The Chowan Herald the County Commissioners had published a copy of the Budget for 1961-62 which showed an increase in the Town tax rate of 22c or 20%, and the County tax rate of 32c, or 29%. The taxpayers of Edenton must not forget that the State authorities have made it mandatory that the Town spend huge sums for a sewage disposal plant that, we understand, will be financed by a bond issue and you will be taxed for it. As to other increased taxes, do not forget the new sales tax on food to produce One Hundred and Six Million Dollars (News and Observer, June 24th) to provide Governor Sanford's Quality Education. This is a tax on all the people in North Carolina—and that includes the people in Chowan County.

To provide funds for that part of the proposed program which we approve, it seems reasonably clear from the reports coming out of Washington our Congress is going to provide a large amount of money for public education. It has been agreed that each State can use its share for either salaries or construction. Since our Legislature recently approved a 21% increase in teachers' salaries we should reasonably expect the most of North Carolina's share to go into construction—and our County can expect its part.

Vote AGAINST The Bond Issue July 11th!

(SIGNED) COMMITTEE OPPOSING BOND ISSUE.

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