

# 1500 CHEROKEE CITIZENS APPLY FOR PENSIONS

## Old Age Benefit To Reach 55,000 In Western North Carolina

Nearly 1500 persons in Cherokee county have applied for old age benefits under provisions of the social security program according to Graham A. Martin, of Asheville, who is manager of the office in this district.

A total of 55,507 persons in 18 Western North Carolina counties are eligible, he has announced, and approximately 50,000 have already made application.

Buncombe county leads in the number of persons eligible with 20,805. The remaining 17 counties of this district are estimated to have the following number of eligibles:

Avery, 1,780; Mitchell, 1,281; Yancey, 1,099; Burke, 4,692; McDowell, 3,730; Rutherford, 5,407; Polk, 1,108; Henderson, 3,626; Madison, 975; Haywood, 3,980; Transylvania, 1,461; Jackson, 1,776; Macon, 1,128; Swain, 1,049; Graham, 58; Cherokee, 1,493; Clay, 239.

### Still Coming In

In all the counties applications for account numbers are still being received at postoffices. It will be some time, Mr. Martin said, before records are transferred to the district office.

The exact number of persons participating in the program in this district will not be known until that time.

With seven of the social security act's 10 provisions now in operation in North Carolina, an estimated 50,000 persons are benefiting directly under the various provisions, Mr. Martin stated.

Mr. Martin explained that only one part of the act—the old age benefits program which went into operation January 1—could become effective without state action. In the other nine sections the state must take the initiative. North Carolina, it was pointed out, has set up approved plans for six of these services—unemployment compensation, maternal and child-health services, services for crippled children, child-welfare services, vocational rehabilitation and public-health services. The program in which it is not yet participating is that embodied in the three public assistance provisions—aid to the needy age, the needy blind, and to dependent children in their homes. Mr. Martin pointed out that while the general assembly in the session just closed enacted the enabling legislation covering these three provisions, he has been informed that the state probably would not begin to financially participate in the programs for aid to the needy aged and the needy blind until the beginning of the next fiscal year in July.

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gram workers in commerce and industry are now beginning to build up credits toward regular monthly incomes which will give them something to live on after they retire.

Under the state's unemployment compensation law, enacted on December 16, 1936, eligible workers who become involuntarily unemployed will be entitled to regular payments of 50 per cent of their full time weekly wages, with a maximum of \$15 per week and a minimum of \$5 or three-fourth of weekly wages, whichever is less. Benefits may last as long as 16 weeks during a year depending upon the workers past wages. Officials have reported, Mr. Martain disclosed, that the state is already collecting funds under this law, which stipulates that unemployment compensation payments will begin in January, 1938. Records of the board show that the state has already received federal grants totaling \$91,939.51 to pay for the expense of administering its unemployment compensation law.

### To Extend Service

The three maternal and child-welfare programs, administered by the children's bureau of the United States department of labor, provide for the extension of such services, particularly in rural areas the district manager stated. North Carolina had an approved plan for maternal and child-health services for 1936, and federal payments totaling \$50,121.32 had been made to the state by June 30. The plan approved for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1937, provides for a federal grant of \$137,852.22. Under the 1936 approved plan for service for crippled children, \$32,086 had been paid to North Carolina by June 30, 1936. The 1937 plan, as approved, includes a federal grant of \$95,118. A grant of \$12,126.89 was paid to North Carolina for

child-welfare services under the 1936 plan. For the fiscal year ending June 30, 1937, a federal grant of \$62,681 was provided in the North Carolina plan as approved.

### Plan's Purpose

The purpose of vocational rehabilitation is to provide reeducation for workers crippled in industry. At the end of the last fiscal year 1,204 such persons were receiving training under the North Carolina program, for which the state has received federal grants of \$49,014.59. The federal administrative agency for this part of the act is the office of education of the department of interior.

Under the public-health provisions of the act, which are administered by the United States public health service, North Carolina has received federal grants for the purpose of expanding and strengthening its state and local public-health services, Mr. Martin pointed out. Up to January 31, 1937, these grants totaled \$351,491.14.

### Establishes Offices

The social security board has maintained a policy of decentralization in order to bring the act as close as possible to the participating states and to the people. In line with this policy it has established twelve regional offices. That for Region IV, which comprises the states of North Carolina, Maryland, Virginia, West Virginia, and the District of Columbia, is in Washington, D. C. G. R. Parker is the regional director, with offices in the National theater building. The regional offices serve as field headquarters of the board's three operating bureaus, which administer federal old-age benefits unemployment compensation and public assistance.

The board has also opened field offices in connection with the administration of old-age benefits in

## Cagney Returns To Screen In New Film

James Cagney, impetuous hero and idol of the motion picture fans, returns to the screen in "Great Guy", his first production for Grand National Films, Inc. He comes to the Strand Wednesday and Thursday, April 7 and 8.

"Greater than ever!" is the dictum of those who have seen the dynamic red-headed star in his latest vehicle, with Mae Clarke once again his leading lady in a drama that exposes a new kind of Public Enemy—Food Racketeers who prey upon the poor of a great city.

The picture, based on the popular "Johnny Cave Stories," originally published in The Saturday Evening Post, was directed by John G. Blystone and enlists a notable cast in support of Cagney and Miss Clarke.

Asheville, Charlotte, Raleigh and Salisbury. It has leased space in Durham, Greensboro, Rocky Mount, Wilmington, and additional field offices in these cities are expected to be opened shortly. The state-federal programs are administered by the following agencies, all of which have headquarters in Raleigh.

### Agencies Listed

Unemployment compensation, unemployment compensation commission; maternal and child-health services, state board of health; services for crippled children, state board of health, division for crippled children; child-welfare services, state board of charities and public welfare, division of child welfare; vocational rehabilitation, state supervisor of vocational rehabilitation; public-health services, state board of health.

## Uncle Jim Says



When erosion has gullied your fields and washed away your topsoil, you just can't make a decent living, no matter how hard you work.

### BOY SCOUT NEWS

By Joseph Simons

The Scouts held their weekly meeting at the Baptist church, April 6th, at 7:00 o'clock.

The Scouts played a game which all members enjoyed. The game is called "Cranes and the Crows", after giving our good deeds the Scouts discussed the idea of passing more tests.

A class was given for signaling in "Semaphore" code.



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