

FHA LOAN APPLICATIONS HEAVY

Pension Blanks Are Distributed

**Brisk Demand
In This Section**

**Thousands Sent
To Employes By
Local Postoffice**

**Employes Required To
Execute Blanks And
Return To Postoffice;
Will Be Known By
Numbers.**

Distribution of thousands of application forms for employes under the Federal Social Security Act was made Tuesday through the regular channels of the Salisbury postoffice, according to Postmaster, J. H. McKenzie.

These applications, known as Form SS5, are for the purpose of listing all those who may be eligible under the old age pension provision of the Social Security act, which becomes effective January 1, 1937.

Recently cards were distributed to all employes in the county and most of these have been returned, listing the number of persons employed.

All employes who come under the terms of the act are supposed to fill out the SS5 forms and turn them in to the postoffice, either by mail, by handing in or thru their employers, by December 5. These applications are for an account number and they do not call for a statement of wages received, this information to come from records of employes. After the applications have been sent to the proper social security office each employe will be forwarded an account number, which he or she is admonished to put in a safe place where it may be available at any time in the future.

All employed persons are required to fill out the applications except: Those self-employed; employes of railroad industry now under a separate pension act; agricultural labor; domestic service in private home; casual labor not in the course of the employer's business; employes of Federal, state and local government services performed for any organization not for private benefit, such as community chests, etc.

All employed persons under 65 except those exempted will be entitled to benefit from the provisions of the laws, with monthly checks coming to those reaching the age of 65 years or more after the act takes effect next January. The checks will be based on the amount of earnings during the period between January 1 next and the sixty-fifth birthday. In no case will these be less than \$10 a month and may range up to \$85 a month from the Federal fund. Should the employe die before reaching the age of 65 his or her estate will be paid a lump sum equivalent to three and a half per cent of the wages earned during the time.

After January 1 next the employer will take one per cent of the wages out for the Federal pension fund and will pay in an additional one per cent out of his own funds. This will increase to 1 1-2 per cent from each in 1940, will be two per cent in 1943 and beginning in 1949 will be three per cent from each.

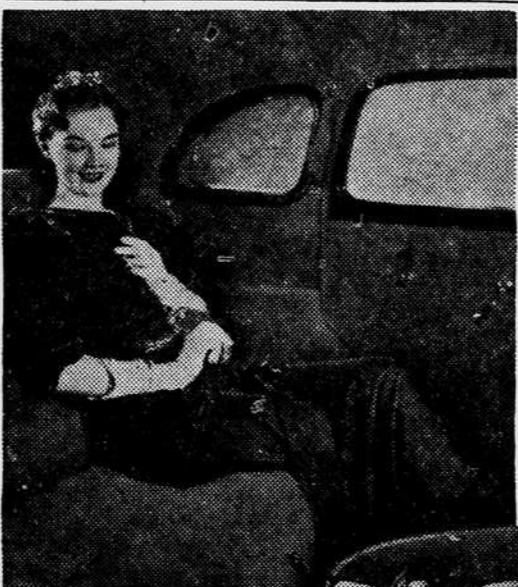
If the insured person has not worked long enough upon reaching 65 to be entitled to a monthly check a lump sum equal to three and a half per cent of the wages earned during the insured period will be paid over by the Government.

The social security act also has provisions for caring for aged indigent persons not under the pension plan, for crippled children, public health aid and other features now being made effective.

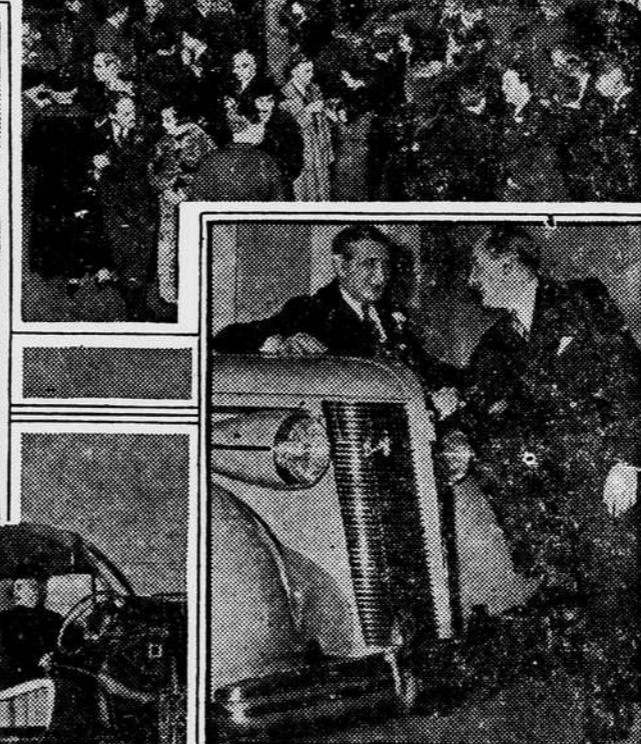
It is estimated that about 26 million people in the United States will come under the provisions of (Continued on page four)

In The WEEK'S NEWS

MOTOR CAR IS KING—Automobile shows all over the country are riveting the attention of John Q. Public on the new 1937 cars, with attendance and sales promising to break boom-time records. Here the cameraman has caught some of the highspots of the New York show, style-setter for the country. A small section of the opening day crowd is shown.



LIVING ROOM ON WHEELS—Luxury and comfort are the theme-words of 1937 auto interiors, with all makes offering more room for passengers and richer finishings. Here is a smart new interior, trimmed in a soft neutral color mohair velvet, a fabric found on the majority of the new cars.



BEST YEAR AHEAD—Prospects for a record-breaking year bring smiles to W. S. Knudsen, General Motors executive vice-president (left) and Harlow H. Curtice, Buick president, as crowds jam the portals of the New York show to view their offerings.

HOW YOUR CAR WORKS—A novel way of showing prospective buyers the "innards" of the new cars was this unique cross-section automobile displayed at the New York show.



INVENTOR HONORED—Charles F. Kettering, who twenty-five years ago took the backache out of motoring by inventing the self-starter, was honored by industry leaders at a testimonial luncheon in New York City. He is seen showing his first self-starter to Alfred P. Sloan, Jr.



VIEW THEIR HANDIWORK—A famous name is represented at the N. Y. auto show as three of the famous Fisher brothers—L. P. Fisher, W. A. Fisher, and E. F. Fisher—inspect a cut-away section of car.

**Gets 12 Years
For Holdup Of
Auto Merchant**

Wade Loflin, 22, of Davidson county, pleaded guilty to highway robbery charges Monday, and Superior Court Judge P. A. McElroy sentenced him to 12 to 15 years in State's prison.

Loflin confessed he held up Fred Deaton, an automobile dealer at Statesville, near here September 18, forced Deaton and the driver from the car at gun point and fled. Officers found the vehicle, wrecked, several days afterward near High Point.

Loflin said he had served a sentence for forgery, that a case was pending against him in Davidson county and that he faced worthless check charges in Rowan and Guilford counties.

**Axe To Fall On
WPA Workers
By Dec. 15th.**

Raleigh.—George W. Coan, Jr. State WPA administrator, said 80 persons will be cut from the organization's administrative personnel by December 15. Approximately 75 of the number now are employed in district offices, he said.

**October Road
Death Toll 114**

Raleigh.—The State Highway patrol reported 114 persons were killed during October on North Carolina highways, compared with 131 in the same month one year ago.

The total brought the number of highway fatalities during the 12-month period ending November 1 to 1,010, compared to 1,120 for the period ending November 1, 1935, a 10 per cent decrease. A. J. Maxwell, commissioner of revenue, issued a statement attributing the decrease to the drivers license act, which went into effect November 1, 1935, and increase in the personnel of the highway patrol.

He pointed out that more automobiles were on the roads during the past year than at any other time in the State's history.

INVESTIGATE DEATH

Goldboro.—Authorities are investigating the death of Jap McCullen, 43, to determine if it was caused by injuries received in a second primary affray July 4 for which he and Ralph Grantham, 23, were under bond.

URGED TO COUNT "CRIPPLES"

Raleigh.—State game officials are urging hunters to count "cripples" in their bags of quail to offset vastly increased hunting this season.

REPORTS HOLDUP

Greensboro.—B. J. Strickland reported that a man and a woman held him up on the highway between Friendship and Colfax and took \$245.

CHARGED WITH ROBBERY

Rocky Mount.—Georgianna Slade and Charles Hinton, negroes, were charged with highway robbery by Robert Hunter, another negro, who claimed they took \$28 and a watch from him while he was a passenger in Hinton's taxicab.

SHOT FOUR TIMES

Spartanburg, S. C.—Shot four times, Hooks Washington, negro, surrendered after a 15-minute gun battle with officers who surrounded a house in which he was barricaded.

**Total Increase in State
Of \$6,738,830 During
Year Is Reported.**

Applications for loans at the state headquarters office of the Federal Housing administration in Greensboro under Title II for building homes, purchasing existing homes, and refinancing present mortgages represent a total increase of \$6,738,830 from November 21, 1935, to the same date this year, and there was also an increase of \$3,443,859 in the total amount of insured mortgages.

An official report prepared by Joseph L. Suiter, the State director, and released through Miss Cora A. Harris, field representative, further revealed that the total commitments issued during that period increased \$5,947,419.

The report disclosed that the total applications received on November 21, 1935, amounted to \$3,612,931, while on November 21 of this year the figure stood at \$10,351,761. The insured mortgages on the same date climbed from \$572,515 to \$4,016,374, and the total commitments issued to approved mortgages rose from \$1,457,665 to \$7,405,084 in 1936.

Miss Harris pointed out that since Mr. Suiter was made director in September, 1935, when the monetary value of all insured mortgages stood at \$207,735, there has been an increase of \$3,808,639 and also an increase of \$6,634,379 in total commitments issued since that date.

"All of this represents private capital released for building purposes," said Mr. Suiter. "The Federal Housing administration has no money to lend but insures loans made by approved lending agencies."

The demand for homes throughout the State and nation, is brisk and reflects increasing prosperity. It also shows that the public is awakening to the advantages of obtaining Federal Housing loans and that the government guarantee of home mortgages has proved a sound business practice. The time seems to be approaching when a man will have to buy or build a home in order to obtain a place to live.

"There is a very promising outlook for real estate in this section, and the FHA has stimulated construction and the flow of mortgage money through this section. The activities of the FHA have been able to revive the building industry and it has given encouragement to banks and financial institutions, causing them to re-enter the field with a greater degree of confidence and security."

"The appraisal services have been elevated to the position of importance which their intimate relationship to the economic and social well-being of the nation entitled them to occupy. Property and location have character which must be considered. This is highly important in measuring the investment risk on a piece of property. The Federal Housing system does not stop with valuing property but measures the stability of that property and the future returns from the realty."

ORDER EXTRADITION OF TWO

Raleigh.—Governor Ehringhaus ordered T. S. Potter and C. B. Maxwell returned to Florence, S. C., to face non-support charges.

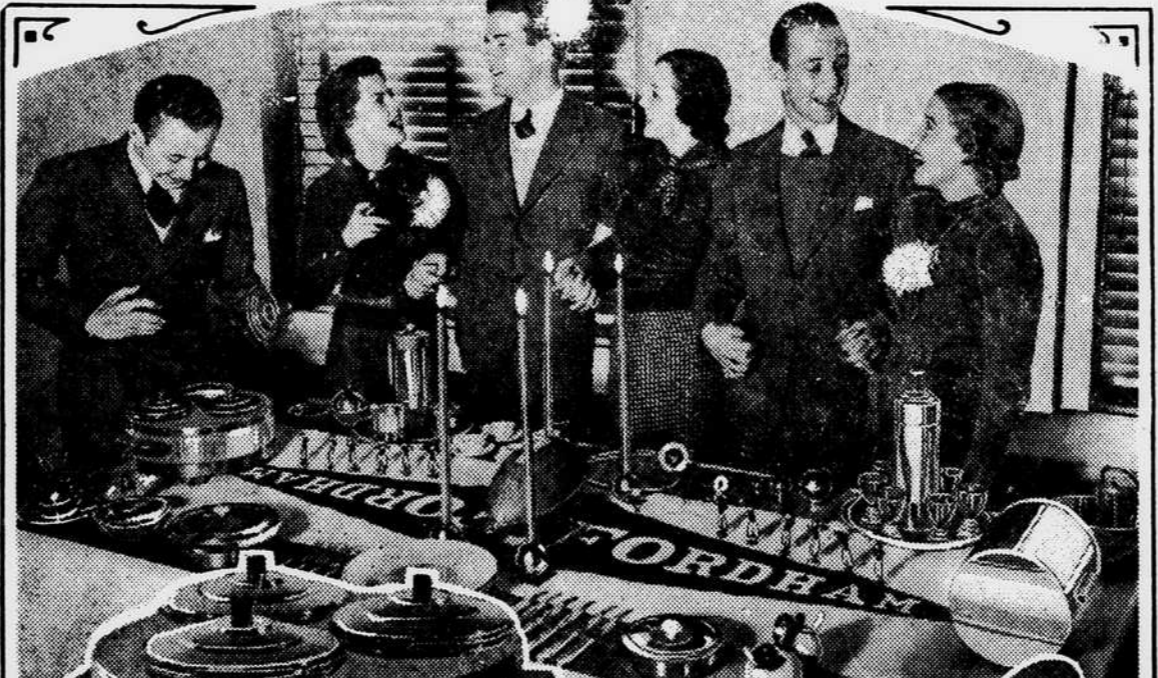
EXONERATED IN DEATHS

Georgetown, Ky.—W. O. Nix, Hendersonville, N. C., truck driver, was exonerated of the deaths of two men in a collision here Monday.

DISCOVERS HOLE IN JAIL

Spartanburg, S. C.—Queer noises from a cell occupied by 25 negroes led Police Sergeant Cofer Frey to a hole almost through the outer wall of the city jail here.

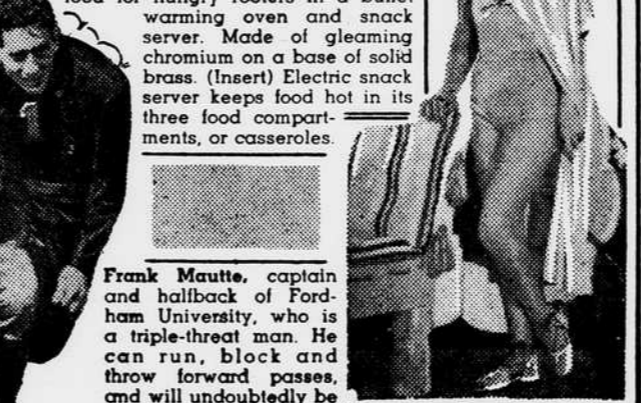
SNAPSHOTS



FROM ROSE HILL TO ROSE BOWL—Unbeaten Fordham is on its way. Students and girl friends celebrate with a buffet luncheon. Tempting food for hungry rooters in a buffet warming oven and snack server. Made of gleaming chromium on a base of solid brass. (Insert) Electric snack server keeps food hot in its three food compartments, or casseroles.



IT'S A SHAME TO TEASE—A girl worker is interrupted during her lunch by three baby calves who are anxious to share her sandwiches.



Frank Maute, captain and hallback of Fordham University, who is a triple-threat man. He can run, block and throw forward passes, and will undoubtedly be the selection of many sports writers for the All-American team.



Frances Paxton, alluring film star, strikes this pose to show you boys and girls what the bather will wear at the Florida beaches. What a nice smile!

WINANT ON JOB AGAIN

There is gratification in Washington that John G. Winant, former Republican Governor of New Hampshire, who was the first chairman of the Social Security Board, has been recalled to that post. Gov. Winant resigned last Summer in order to take the stump for President Roosevelt to reply to the attacks being made upon the Social Security Act.

Washington regards Governor Winant as a conscientious and able administrator and probably the best informed man in America on social security laws of other countries and the way they operate. It is regarded here as reasonably certain that some improvements in the Social Security Act will have to be made, and Governor Winant's leadership and counsel will be needed.

That staunch friend and supporter of President Roosevelt, Frank C. Walker, who was one of the first Roosevelt-for-President men away back in 1930, is being talked about here as the probable successor to Postmaster General Farley. The belief grows that Mr. Farley will resign on or before inauguration day, January 20, and Mr. Walker is regarded as the logical choice.

Walker has demonstrated his executive capacity and organizing ability in setting up and starting off numerous federal agencies the administration of which was later turned over to others. The President has a high regard for Mr. Walker and if he is not made Postmaster General the probability is that he will be placed in some equally important post.

EASTMAN'S R. R. IDEAS

Joseph C. Eastman, Chairman of the Interstate Commerce Commission, has been gradually swinging around to the belief that the (Continued on page four)