

### 47 Children In The Salisbury Area Receiving Federal Insurance Benefits

More than 47 children living in the area served by the Salisbury office of the Social Security Board are now receiving monthly

payments of survivors insurance from the United States Government. Most of these boys and girls are the children of widows who are also receiving monthly benefits provided by the Social Security Act for survivors of insured wage earners. Some of the young recipients are orphans who are receiving survivors insurance payments because their fathers or mothers who died this year were fully insured under the Social Security Act. Another group includes children of annuitants (retired workers 65 years old or more who are entitled to old age insurance).

Mr. Louis H. Clements, Acting manager of the Salisbury office of the Social Security Board, who released the above statement, explained that an insured worker, who reaches age 65 and qualifies for old age insurance payments may apply for his own benefits and also for monthly payments for each of his children under age 16 (18 if in school). Additional benefits are paid to his wife when she reaches age 65.

Regarding the survivors insurance, Mr. Clement said that when an insured worker died, leaving a widow with minor children, monthly payments of survivors insurance are made to his widow and to his children who are under age 16 (18 if in school). The widow who has children under age 18 in her care receives three-fourths of the amount of her husband's primary insurance ben-

efit and each of these minor children receives one-half of his primary insurance benefit.

Mr. Clement declared that a number of young men in this section of the State, who obtained social security account numbers from his office during the past three years, have died this year, and in some cases the monthly payments of Federal insurance represent the total income of the surviving widows and children.

In the counties of Alexander, Iredell, Rowan, Alleghany, Ashe, Watauga and Wilkes, which constitute the Salisbury area and their North Wilkesboro Branch Office area, 110 persons are receiving monthly payments of old age and survivors insurance.

Given below is a table showing the number of persons in each of the groups receiving monthly payments of old age and survivors insurance, January 1—July 1, 1940:

Retired Workers, 53; wives of retired workers, (65 years old or more), 5; children, 45; widows, 7.

In addition to monthly benefits paid to men, women and children in this area 17 lump-sum death payments have been made to survivors of insured workers who died this year.

Mr. Clement explained that where the insured wage earner dies and leaves no survivors entitled to monthly benefits, a lump-sum death payment is made to the widow or widower or children or parents of the deceased. The death payment to a near relative is six times the primary insurance benefit. For instance, in one case, it was found that the deceased worker's primary insurance benefit would amount to \$41.60 and there was no survivor entitled to monthly benefits. Therefore, a relative who was entitled to the death payment received a check for six times \$41.60 or \$249.60.

If no one of the above-mentioned relatives is living, a payment covering the burial expenses, up to an amount of six times the primary insurance benefit, will be made to the person who paid such expenses.

#### NOVEL

Gently, he pushed her quivering shoulders back against the chair. She raised beseeching eyes in which faint hope and fear were struggling. From her parted lips, the breath came in short, wrenching gasps. Reassuringly, he smiled at her. Bzzzzz, went the dentist's drill.

### Wilkesboro Route One and Purlear

Mr. and Mrs. Ed Austin and family were visitors in the home of Rev. and Mrs. Jas. T. Nichols, last Sunday.

A revival meeting is in progress at Arbor Grove Methodist church this week.

On Wednesday of last week we had the most severe storm, both wind and electric, that this locality has seen for quite a while. The lightning struck the chicken-house of R. T. Lovette, killing several chickens, Mr. Roscoe Nichols, lost a calf by lightning, also a chicken house of Dewey Caudill was struck, but little damage was done.

Crops were damaged some, corn was blown down and some broken.

Mr. R. F. Greer, who was reported in a serious condition some time ago, has about regained his usual health.

Rev. Leo Miller was a business visitor in Wilkesboro Tuesday.

### British Navy Lists Sea Losses At 6,221

London, Aug. 6.—The British navy was estimated today to have lost 6,221 officers and men, killed or missing since the war began.

Royal Air force casualties in 11 months of fighting were placed at more than 4,600.

Admiralty announcements showed 2,988 sailors and officers killed or fatally wounded, 3,204 missing, and 29 taken prisoner. In addition, 1,894 were wounded.

The Air ministry's 41st casualty list, covering an unspecified period, was released today, showing 150 airmen missing and 22 killed in action.

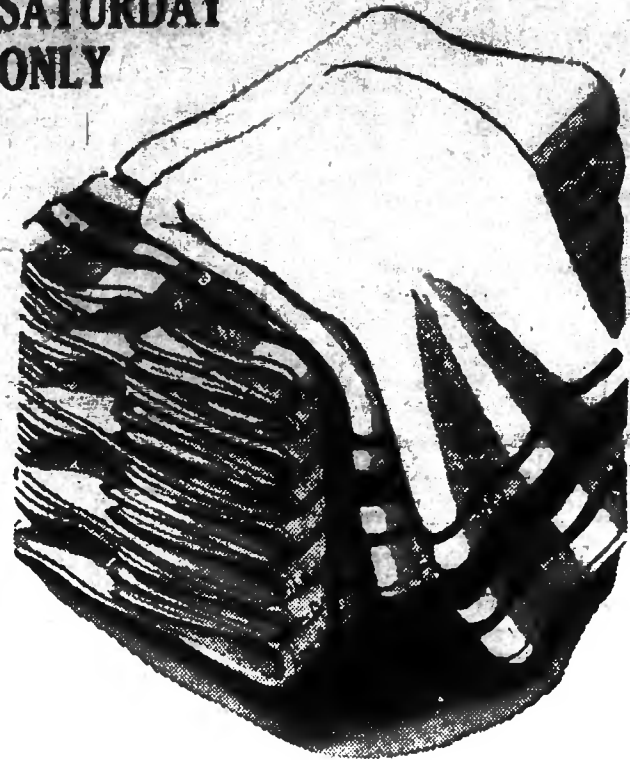
Added to the previous lists, it gave a total for the war of 1,782 missing, 620 killed, and 241 wounded in action; 358 who died, 739 killed, and 174 wounded "on active service"; and 138 prisoners of war.

"Active service" casualties are those suffered in nonoperational flying duties, or on the ground through enemy action, the Air ministry explained.

Neighborhood gossip has it that Hannabel Henks, the new bride, simply worships her husband because she places burnt offerings before him every day.

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