

### New Welfare Policy Formed

#### ASSEMBLY'S ACTION OPENS DOOR FOR STATE TO GIVE AID TO MIDDLE AGE BRACKET

Raleigh, April 27—A new welfare policy was set up for the state by the 1949 General Assembly.

It was done on an "if" basis, but it opened the door for the state to give general aid to persons between 16 and 65.

Heretofore the state has provided funds only for aid to children under 16 and to persons over 65.

But after quite a fight—both in the joint appropriations committee and the Legislature itself—the General Assembly earmarked \$700,000 for general assistance during the next biennium.

However, the appropriation is contingent upon the Federal government's providing matching funds.

Such a bill now is before the Congress.

This Legislature appropriated a total of \$9,532,000 for welfare purposes during 1949-51, compared with \$5,983,478 being spent during the current two years.

Of the new appropriations, \$50,000 will go in caring for children in foster homes; \$5,248,000 for old age assistance; \$2,934,000 for aid to dependent children; \$600,000 for aid to county welfare administration, and \$700,000 for general assistance.

**This biennium \$32,545 is being spent for children in foster homes; \$3,863,125 for old age assistance; \$1,722,808 for aid to dependent children; \$360,000 for aid to county welfare administration, and nothing for general assistance.**

The new appropriations will increase average grants for dependent children from \$13.90 a child to \$18 a child. Average grants for the aged will be boosted from \$20.17 to \$25 a month.

The joint appropriations committee added \$940,000 to recommendations of the Advisory Budget Commission. Of this, \$700,000 was the general assistance fund and the remaining \$240,000 was for increased aid to county welfare administration. The latter fund will be used primarily for increased salaries for welfare workers.

Both boosts drew the ire of economy advocates. Main argument against the general assistance was that it put the state in a new field and that demands would grow by leaps and bounds in the future. It did not pass until the contingency clause was inserted.

Backers of the program said it was inconsistent for the state to help needy persons under 18 and over 65 and to forget people between these groups no matter how badly they might need help.

They quoted the statement of the Advisory Budget Commission in submitting the recommended budget.

"An enlightened state cannot afford to do less than its best in the care of its needy. The programs recommended for dependent children and for the aged express approval of the work in these fields and the attitude of a progressive state toward those in need."

### Library Notes



BY ALICE BRYAN  
County Librarian

New names added to the library registration files include J. R. Gibbs, Doris Lee Hall, Christine McLaughlin, James Edwin Neal, III, James Russell, and Mrs. Paul Withrowe.

Jimmy Neal, two-and-a-half-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Neal, Jr., has already borrowed five books with his own library registration card—"Prayer for a Child," "Little Airplane," "Toby's House," "Chicken World" and "Chicken Book."

The two new cat stories will please our young readers who like cats and have been asking for some more books about cats. "The Kittens' ABC" by Clare Newberry is a big picture book, "The White Princess" by Elva Dittman is the story of a beautiful Persian cat with long, soft, white fur, owned by a little old lady. When the little old lady falls asleep over her knitting, the cat takes a walk and gets into a strange adventure.

AMONG THE NEW BOOKS FOR ADULTS:

"Anatomy of Paradise" by Joseph C. Furnas is the story of Hawaii and the islands of the South Seas—the people, their way of life, their religion, and their legends. This book was given to the library by Mrs. Dickey Gibson.

"Trout Lore" by Milton Fox Martin is not a "how-to-do-it" book, but a photographic essay on the lore of trout fishing.

"Literary England" by David E. Scherman and Richard Wilcox, with a preface by Christopher Morley, is another photographic story—this one of the places made memorable in English literature.

"The Complete Guide to North American Trees" by Dr. Carlton Curtis—gives essential distinguishing features of the trees of North America.

"The Dodgers and Me"—Leo Durocher tells the inside story of the famous Brooklyn Dodgers.

"Yankee Doodles" by Ted Holmes—Collection of American verse, humorous, whimsical, satirical, historical, and narrative.

"Fun With Stunts" by Alexander Van Rensseler—For those who like to entertain with "betcha can't do it" stunts.

"Your Eyes" by Sidney Fox—Chapters included on structure of the eye, how we see, and why we do not see well, eye physicians and optometrists, the young eye, and the adult and old eye.

"Your Hair" by Herman Goodman—Simple, readable information about the best methods for keeping the hair clean, healthy, and attractive, also answers many other important questions about hair.

"The Perilous Fight" by Neil H. Swanson—Story of three weeks in 1814 beginning with the American defeat at Bladensburg, Maryland, and the burning of Washington, and ending with the decisive defeat of the British fleet and landing force at Baltimore and the end of the War of 1812. Circumstances leading to the writing of the "Star Spangled Banner" are emphasized.

"Ante-Bellum North Carolina" by Guoin Griffin Johnson—A social history of North Carolina.

"This was Home" by Hope Summervell Chamberlain—A chronicle of the North Carolina Piedmont in the early nineteenth century. The life of a small-town doctor in the early days is pictured with intimate knowledge, and many people of Salisbury appear and are characterized in the story of the town.

"The Brand Blotter" by Chuck Stanley; "North from Montana" by Westland; "Bar Twenty" and "Tex" by Sulford—Westerns.

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### Nebo PTA Group Elect Officers

Officers for the coming year were elected at the last meeting of the year of the Nebo Parent-Teacher association held last Thursday. The officers are Mrs. Robert Ballew, president; Mrs. Lula Craig, vice-president; Mrs. James Parks, secretary, and Theodore Browning, treasurer.

The parents presented a one-act comedy, "The Gallopin' Grandma". Those taking part were: Mrs. Cecil Dobson, Mrs. Raymond Robinson, Mrs. Watson Wilson, James Brooks, Robert Ballew and Kit Hicks.

Rev. M. O. Owens showed a short movie on "Blood Donors", and told of the advantages and procedures of the bloodmobile in McDowell county.

### Townsend Promoted

Parris Island, S. C.—Marine Private First Class Claude H. Townsend, son of Mr. and Mrs. G. L. Townsend of Ashford, was recently promoted to his present rank upon completion of recruit training here at the Marine Corps Recruit Depot. A former graduate of Macomber Vocational School, Toledo, Ohio, Townsend enlisted in the Marine Corps on December 25, 1948.

### PLAN HOME-COMING DAY AT HANKINS ON MAY 15

Home-coming day will be observed at Pinhook church at Hankins on Sunday, May 15, it was announced yesterday by T. H. Hall, president. The service will begin at 10 a. m., and continue through the day. The public is invited to attend and to bring a basket of lunch.

### Discuss Organization

Old Fort—Old Fort businessmen met last week to discuss plans for organization. A delegation from the Black Mountain Chamber of Commerce was present. I. L. Caplan served as chairman.

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### Truman Names Sunday May 8, Mother's Day

Washington, April 27—President Truman today proclaimed Sunday, May 8, as "Mother's Day." By coincidence, the date is his own birthday.

The President acted under congressional direction fixing the second Sunday of May in each year for the observance.

"Our loftiest national ideals stem in large measure from those high principles which American mothers teach by example and devotion in these daily lives," his proclamation said.

Mr. Truman said that in "accordance with the dictates of our hearts" Americans have set aside a special day each year "for manifestations of our love and reverence for all mothers of the land."

He directed the flag be displayed in all government buildings and asked Americans to do likewise in their homes.

### WHEAT

A wheat crop of 1,310,000,000 bushels, second only to the record 1,367,000,000 bushels of last year, may cause the price of wheat to take a dip right after the harvest of this year's crop. Recovery later in prices to price-support levels established by the Government will probably follow.

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