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Incentive Must Be Provided

No small measure of disenchantment with public welfare is rooted in the fact that programs designed to encourage self-support by the individual often fall far short of their goal.

Opponents of the welfare system frequently attribute this lack of success to laziness on the part of the individual receiving welfare. It is easy to blame the malfunctions of programs on lack of individual initiative, and heaping the blame at the feet of men who can be classified as "lazy" produces an argument that is hard to counter.

Surely there are lazy people on welfare rolls, but there are also lazy people administering the program, just as there are lazy people condemning the concept of public welfare, and lazy people supporting the idea.

At least a part of the problem of welfare, as we see it, is not traceable to lack of individual incentive, but a practice of the welfare agency which stifles fruitful initiative.

In commenting on the prospects of greater self-support by welfare recipients, the New York Times contends that most relief authorities are convinced that a substantial number of these recipients might start along the road to self-support if they did not have to pay what amounted to a 100 per cent tax on any wages they earned on relief.

For this reason, the Times took obvious delight in report-

ing that New York City has been authorized by the federal government to offer relief recipients a financial incentive for taking outside jobs even on a part-time basis.

The first \$85 a month in wages will entail no cut in a client's welfare allowance. After that a reduction amounting to 70 per cent of the extra earnings at \$4,900 a year for a family of four.

This is the kind of incentive that is needed, not only in New York, but in North Carolina and elsewhere if the cycle of dependency is to be broken.

By obtaining authorization of the kind received by New York City, welfare departments throughout the country might find the level of individual incentive increasing. At least, many of these departments would move toward making outside work more attractive, if not more profitable, to welfare recipients.

New York City's plan for increased self-dependency doesn't promise to deplete the number of names on the welfare rolls, but it does offer chance for many to begin pulling themselves up by their own boot straps.

Similar self-support programs in other areas would not accomplish overnight results, but they would serve to reveal whether people on welfare fail to seek jobs due to laziness or because of incentive blocks within the framework of welfare department guidelines.



DR. GREEN

Dr. Green To Head Med. Soc.

Dr. James P. Green, a Henderson physician, was installed as president of the Old North State Medical Society at its 80th Annual Session in Winston-Salem on Wednesday, June 14.

In his inaugural address, Dr. Green praised the society for the outstanding work that it has done in the past. He pointed out however, that just as segregated education is unequal, so is medicine. He prodded the membership to enter the main stream of American medicine by taking advantages of the opportunity recently opened to Negro physicians. He must join the State Medical Society and the Academy of General Practice and participate actively in the affairs of these groups. "We must work in the North Carolina Heart, Mental Health and Public Health Organizations," he said.

Noell Funeral Is Held In Burlington

Funeral services for Mrs. Mary Horne Noell, 58, of 310 W. Markham St., Durham, were conducted Sunday at 2 p.m. at Rich and Thompson Chapel in Burlington by the Rev. Robert Kimball, pastor of the First Christian United Church of Christ in Burlington. Burial was in Pine Hill Cemetery in Burlington.

Mrs. Noell, a retired school teacher, died suddenly at 3 p.m. Friday, June 16, from burns received in a fire at her home. She was the widow of Edward Speed Noell. The daughter of Mrs. Minnie King Horne and the late Sidney Anderson Horne, Mrs. Noell was born in Burlington. She was educated in Burlington City School and was a graduate of Elon College. She was a member of the First Christian United Church of Christ in Burlington.

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of the country is doing today—a national standard.

The argument that it is cheaper to live in North Carolina can not be substantiated, Esser said. On the basis of empirical evidence it does not appear that income disparities are substantially reduced by lower living costs in this state. In the case of food costs, for example, a survey conducted by the Committee on Manpower and Economic Development, indicates that, for the market basket of items used for the food section of the Consumer Price Index, prices in North Carolina are actually higher than national averages.

North Carolina still ranks 43 in per capita income, and North Carolina industrial wages are the lowest in the nation, with the state tied with Mississippi for bottom place with factory wages at \$1.82 per hour, compared with an U. S. average of \$2.61.

In the incredibly short span of fifteen years, the report continues, agriculture has dropped from one-quarter to less than one-tenth of all civilian employment in North Carolina. Workers released from agriculture will no longer contribute a significant share of the labor required for the future economic development.

Nevertheless, too much of manpower policy is still predicated on a need to locate jobs for displaced agricultural workers—where low wages are justified as necessary to create entry-level jobs in the industrial sector. "If manpower is not going to be a barrier to economic development, comprehensive planning must expand manpower policy from merely matching people with jobs to the generation of great new

manpower potential."

Esser said that two-thirds of the new manufacturing jobs created in North Carolina each year since 1960 have been in industries paying less than the average wage for the state for that year. Between 1950 and 1960, 88 per cent of all new jobs created in that period were obtained by white women.

Wages are low in North Carolina in part because a large share of the labor force is inadequately prepared for higher paying jobs. At the time of the 1960 census, Esser said, 43 per cent of our families were headed by individuals who had completed less than eight years of school. The North Carolina percentage was twice the national percentage, and was greater than that of every other state in the union except South Carolina.

"This fact," he said, "helps to explain the related fact that in North Carolina a smaller proportion of persons employed were professional or technical workers than in any other state."

In summary, the report states that the goal of total development must be to close the income gap. "The earlier we set the target date for achieving this goal, the greater must be our economic statesmanship and the greater must be our allocation of resources to that end."

"Embracing the goal of closing the income gap requires two distinct sets of public policy commitments: "1. Commitment to structural economic change in North Carolina, if existing economic trends are not altered, we cannot expect to reach our goal within a reasonable time. "2. Commitment to recapture the leadership of the New South. It is not enough that we progress at the same rate

Class Of 1943 Holds Its Reunion

The John Graham High School graduating class of 1943 held its 24th reunion at the Warrenton Country Club Saturday night. This was the first reunion of the class since graduation. Forty-seven guests enjoyed a delicious steak supper.

Class officers recognized were William E. Kidd of Washington, N. C., president; and Rebecca D. Newman of Norlina, secretary.

The class prophecy and last will and testament were read. Awards were presented as follows: for the person living the furthestest away, Ted Dickerson of Snow Hill, Md.; for the person with the most children, Allison M. Jones of Bules Creek; for the person with the youngest child, Elizabeth H. Davis of Inez.

Plans were made for the 25th reunion to be held next year.

Among those present were: Cary and Elise Ayscue Weaver of Raleigh, Bennie Tharrington Wagner and husband of Lexington, William E. Kidd and wife of Washington, N. C., Katherine Petar Williford and husband of Virginia Beach, Va., Douglas Hardy and wife of Roanoke Rapids, Joseph Shaw, Jr., and wife of Henderson, Mary Bowers Betts and husband of Henderson, Jesse Overby and wife of Kinston, W. L. Harris, Jr., and wife of Lexington, Va., Ted Dickerson and wife of Snow Hill, Md.

Also, Peggy Loyd Prince and husband of Washington, D. C., Clinton Lancaster of Maysville, Lucille Tharrington Mayo and husband of Greenville, Allison Modlin Jones and husband of Bules Creek, the Rev. Jimmy Aycock and wife of Rt. 1, Willow Springs, Gordon and Lucy Seaman Poindexter of Waynesboro, Va., Rebecca Daniel Newman and husband of Norlina, Stephen A. Daniel and wife of Norlina, Margie Martin Brauer and husband of Norlina, Elizabeth Harmon Davis and husband of Inez, Lillie Gupton Shearin and husband of Inez, Evelyn Stevenson Gupton and husband of Inez, Betty Davis Benton and husband of Warrenton, Lois Evans Copley and husband of Warrenton.

Surviving are two sons, Paul M. Noell of Henderson and Robert N. Noell, with the U. S. Army, stationed in Alexandria, Va.; her mother, Mrs. Minnie King Horne of Burlington; two sisters, Miss Lillie B. Horne of Burlington and Mrs. S. J. Stephenson of Greenville, Rhode Island; and one brother, Dr. Harvey O. Horne of Burlington.

In 1943, the United States and Britain ratified a treaty abolishing extraterritorial rights in China.

Farmers Have One Week To Report

Warren County farm operators have only one more week to visit the County ASCS Office and file a report of crops planted or other land uses.

T. E. Watson, ASCS office manager, said yesterday that the farm operator must report no later than Friday, June 30, at the county office, in person, or have someone designated by him in writing report for him.

Failure to file a report, Watson said, will mean loss of payment, refund of payments already advanced and no price support on crops for the farm.

Reports cannot be accepted by mail, Watson stressed. He said: "We urge all farm operators who have not reported their acreage to do so immediately and avoid the last minute rush."

Gaston

(Continued from page 1) residences with ten of them built for year-round living on the lake. There are numerous golf courses and one 2600-foot air strip.

The Lake Gaston C. of C. has planned as its first project the distribution of a brochure in a wide area, in which these figures and others will be included.

"These figures may even be obsolete now," Andrews said, "as the recreational area is developing so rapidly."

The dinner meeting was held at the Howard Johnson Restaurant near Roanoke Rapids, and was attended by chamber members, representatives of VEPCO and the press.

The Chamber of Commerce

Fire Department To Hold Annual Program

The Warrenton Fire Department will hold its annual sermon and program at the Warrenton Baptist Church on Sunday, June 25, at 8 p.m., with the Rev. Robert Burnett preaching the sermon.

Scripture and prayer will be given by the Rev. T. W. Pettway, and the welcome address will be made by John Ellis. McCarrall Alston will introduce the speaker.

Mrs. A. M. Alston will bring a message from the Ladies Auxiliary, and Arche King will bring the message from the Fire Department. The offering will be taken by Jethro Turner and L. C. Cooper.

Special music will be furnished by the Warrenton Men's Chorus, the New Bethel Choir, the Williams Sisters, and the Snow Hill Junior Choir.

Revival To Be Held At Sulphur Springs

Revival services will begin at Sulphur Springs Baptist Church on Sunday, June 25, at 8 p. m. with the Rev. M. L. Bonister of Henderson serving as evangelist.

Mr. Bonister is pastor of Knott's Grove Baptist Church near Oxford. He is a former long-time pastor of the Oxford Baptist Church of Oxford.

The Rev. J. M. Long, pastor of the church, said that the music will be led by the Adult and Youth Choirs. Citizens of the area are invited to attend these services.

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