

Child Welfare Act Will Not Replace Orphanages

RALEIGH, June 9.—Some friends of the various orphanages in North Carolina, which for years have rendered splendid service to thousands of unfortunate children of the state, have expressed fears that when the social security act goes into effect on July 1, the aid to dependent children feature of that humanitarian legislation will react to their financial disadvantage.

It has been stated that there is prevalent in some sections of the state a belief that many citizens who have been liberal contributors to orphanages will be inclined to lessen their benefactions, laboring under the misapprehension that the new social security statute will greatly reduce the burdens of the child-care institutions.

The state board of charities and public welfare, which will have charge of administering the social security program, has issued a statement which says that only those dependent children who have no visible means of support, and whose relatives can give them proper care will be eligible for benefits under the child aid provisions of the statute. The board urges those who have supported orphanages in the past to continue their benefactions, because they will be needed as much in the future as ever before.

The statement follows:

"The sum of \$1,500,000 will be available in North Carolina on July 1 for aid to dependent children in their own homes or in the homes of near relatives. This public fund, which will be administered by the public welfare departments of the state and counties, will provide for approximately 21,000 children, and will go far toward relieving the

need of dependent children in the state. But a large number of dependent children cannot be aided through this fund because their parents and relatives are not proper guardians, and therefore they must be referred to some children's agency for help.

"North Carolina now has 27 child-caring institutions which have a combined population of approximately 4,500 dependent children. With the exception of one or two, they are all filled to capacity and have long waiting lists of children eligible for admission but whom they are unable to admit. These institutions long carried a large part of the burden of child welfare in this state. They have been and are expected to continue pioneers in developing better methods of child care.

"Many children who hitherto looked to the orphanages for help will be aided now in their own homes through the aid to dependent children section of the social security act, making it possible for the institutions to take in children long on their waiting lists who are not eligible for this type of care.

"The child welfare program in North Carolina would be sadly handicapped without the orphanages, as a well-rounded welfare program demands private as well as public child-caring agencies. The socially-minded, farsighted citizens will be rendering a distinct service to humanity to continue his or her contributions to the orphanages and other private children's agencies."

Wife—"The doctor asked to see my tongue. Then he said right away that I needed a stimulant."

Hub—"Heavens! I hope he didn't give you a stimulant for your tongue!"

OLDEST WOMAN



MRS. BETSY JANE GRANT Said to Be Oldest Woman in Macon County

sary, and if nothing prevents she plans to attend this gathering Sunday.

Mrs. Grant is the oldest of a family of 15 children. Other members now living are Mrs. Margaret Carter, of Anderson, S. C., the eighth member, Mrs. Fannie Dillard, of Demorest, Ga., the 14th member and Mrs. Nancy Cardon, of Leatherman, Macon county is the 15th member.

All the descendants are urged to attend and a picnic dinner will be served on the lawn at the noon hour. Immediately after lunch the secretary of the organization will read the list of the births, marriages and deaths since the last reunion.

Several quartets are expected to be present and furnish some good music during the day.

The secretary will give a prize to the person guessing the nearest to the number of descendants of the Rev. Mr. Gibson.

GIBSON CLAN MEETS SUNDAY

Reunion To Be Held At Leatherman Home At West's Mill

The Gibson reunion will be held at the home of Mr. and Mrs. S. C. Leatherman at West's Mill Sunday, June 13.

Mrs. Betsy Jane Grant, the oldest living woman in Macon county, is a granddaughter of the late Rev. Samuel Gibson, a pioneer minister of this county, in whose memory this reunion is held annually. On Wednesday, June 9, Aunt Betsy Jane, as she is known to hundreds of friends throughout the state, celebrated her 97th birthday anniversary.

New Hotel Will Open at Kyle

In the heart of the Nantahalas, a 30-room hotel is being erected at Kyle, and will be open for tourists by June 15.

This place is owned by Mr. and Mrs. O. C. Hall and will be under the management of Mrs. Hall, who will serve meals at all hours. It is 10 miles from the Nantahala station on Highway No. 10 and near Highway No. 19. It will have all the modern conveniences.

Kyle is within a 30-minute drive of Wayah Bald, where a superb view of four states may be obtained. Returning from the Bald to Nantahala Gap and continuing west, the motorist is carried down the winding stairs into Nantahala gorge.

The Nantahala river, two miles from this new place, is among the most famous of all the trout fishing streams of this county.

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