

## Social Security Figures For Macon County Residents

### Tesenta

**By MISS RUBY HOPKINS**  
 Bill Long has been very ill with pneumonia, but is somewhat improved.  
 Miss Myrtle Buchanan, of Greenville, S. C., spent last week-end with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. O. L. Buchanan on Tesenta.  
 Leonard Peck, of Ellijay, visited his brother, George Peck last week.  
 Mr. and Mrs. Grady Smith and son spent last week-end with Joe Hopkins.  
 Robert Vinson visited home last week-end.  
 George Peck and family, and Mrs. Henry Cabe were visiting relatives and friends on Ellijay last Sunday.  
 Rev. J. C. Swain filled his regular appointment at Dryman's Chapel at 3 o'clock Sunday.  
 An average of six or more pedestrians a week are killed on North Carolina streets and highways.

Macon county residents and communities have benefited about \$80,895.00 through operation of the Social Security program, it is estimated by Charles G. Powell, chairman of the North Carolina unemployment compensation commission.  
 Unemployment compensation, or benefits to workers temporarily out of jobs, is usually the largest item in the 10 divisions of the program, in counties with fairly large industries. In the two years of benefit payments, 1938 and 1939, the distribution was \$18,290.76, included in 2,428 checks to county residents.  
 Through cooperation of Mr. Nathan H. Yelton, state director of public assistance, and Dr. Roma S. Check, executive secretary of the state commission for the blind, and with figures from Washington and in the Central UCC office in Raleigh, it is possible to get a fairly accurate picture of the benefits distributed in Macon county.  
 Old age assistance, help for the needy passed 65 years of age, in

### Lime And Phosphate Granted Macon Farmers

In the Agricultural Conservation Program it is possible for farmers participating in the program to receive both lime and phosphate as grants of aid, Sam Mendenhall, county agent announced recently.  
 Last year farmers of Macon county used 40 tons of phosphate and 3000 tons of lime that was secured through the program. This year farmers have already secured approximately 350 tons of phosphate and 6000 tons of lime. Farmers of the county are certainly due a considerable amount of praise for what they have accomplished and the County Agent's office really appreciates their fine spirit of cooperation.  
 It will be of interest to many to know in what proportion each township of the county has participated in the use of these materials, Mr. Mendenhall stated. Lime and phosphate were distributed as follows:

Nantahala—1,200 tons lime, 13,000 pounds phosphate; Smithbridge—900 tons lime, 72,700 pounds phosphate; Franklin—816 tons lime, 184,600 pounds phosphate; Millshoal—536 tons lime, 38,000 pounds phosphate; Cowee—526 tons lime, 121,000 pounds phosphate; Ellijay—496 tons lime, 79,200 pounds phosphate; Cartoogechay—425 tons lime, 25,800 pounds phosphate; Burningtown—317 tons lime, 42,200 pounds phosphate; Flats—253 tons lime, 13,800 pounds phosphate; Highlands—209 tons lime, 32,900 pounds of phosphate, and Sugarfork—202 tons lime, 51,600 pounds phosphate.

Farmers who have not secured all the lime or phosphate that they are eligible to receive and who desire to have one or both of these materials for fall delivery should come to the county agent's office and place their order.

Macon county in 31 months of distribution amounted to \$36,763.00. The January amount was \$1,589.50, going to 210 needy aged persons, an average of \$7.57 each, as compared with the state average of \$9.72 for the month.  
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Aid to dependent children help in the support of children deprived of their natural breadwinners, amounted to \$12,206.00 in the same 31 months. The January amount was \$500.00, going to the support of 109 such children, an average of \$4.59 each, as compared with the state average of \$6.18 for the month.

Aid to the blind in Macon county was \$1,432.00 for the same 31 months. In January \$51.00 went to five blind persons, average \$10.20 each; state average, \$14.90.

In old age assistance and aid to the blind, the funds are provided one-half by the Federal government and one-fourth each by the state and county. In aid to dependent children funds have been furnished one-third each by Federal, State and County governments. Now the Federal government will furnish one-half, as in cases of the needy aged and the blind.

Old age benefits, now old age and survivors' insurance, is not available by counties, but a proration can be made to get a county estimate. This has been small lumpsum payments to workers in covered employment since January 1, 1937, and who have since reached 65 years of age and quit work, or to the families of such workers who have died since that date. The importance of this part of the program will be more apparent now, since payments have started on a monthly basis, as provided in an amendment by Congress in August, 1939.

With an estimate in this one small item, of \$1,255.00 going to 35 workers or their families through October, and practically accurate figures in the other four divisions, it is apparent that just about \$69,447 has been distributed in Macon county in these five major divisions. In the other five divisions, classed as "services," a proration indicates that about \$10,950.00 has been distributed in this county since the program started, divided approximately as follows: Maternal and child health service, \$1,955; services for crippled children, \$1,640; child welfare services, \$1,320; vocational rehabilitation, \$835; and public health work, \$5,200.

Several factors enter into this proration, Mr. Powell explained. Macon county had a population of 13,672, or about 43 per cent of the population of the entire state, 1930 census. This part of the social security program has been in operation about four years, and the state has matched Federal funds in almost every instance. These factors are considered in making the proration.

Central UCC office records show that in 1939 Macon county had 14 resident employers subject to the law and 248 workers protected by it. Subject employers paid into the state fund \$16,314.31 in the two years of 1937, 1938 and 1939, as compared with the \$18,290.76 paid to unemployed workers in the county in the two years of 1938 and 1939.

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### Markers In Primary Can Aid Only Those Handicapped

The 1939 General Assembly made a very drastic change in the use of markers in primaries.

The only voters who may be assisted in the marking of their ballots are those who cannot read and those who by reason of physical handicap, such as blindness, paralysis or other disabling defect, are unable to mark their ballot.

In an official opinion, the Attorney General ruled that only those illiterates registered under the Grandfather Clause of the assistance by reason of their inability to read.

When a voter is entitled to assistance in the marking of the ballot, he must obtain the assistance from a near relative, (husband and wife; parent and child; brother and sister; or grandparent and grandchild) but if no such near relative is present, he may then ask any other voter of the precinct who has not assisted any other voter, to give him the assistance. If, however, there is present no near relative, or other voter who has not marked another ballot, the voter may then, but only then, call upon the registrar or a judge of elections for assistance.

The registrar is required to keep a record of all voters who receive assistance and the names of the persons giving assistance.

It is not only unlawful for any person to give assistance, but also unlawful for any person to receive or permit assistance except under the terms of the Act.

The Act does not prevent members of the same family (husband and wife; parent and child; brother and sister; grandparent and grandchild) from assisting one another, and no record is required of such.

and 1939 Macon unemployed workers filed 923 initial claims—the first claims filed after the workers becomes unemployed—6,091 continued claims—the claims filed each week, after the initial claims.

Employment service records indicate that in 1937, 1938 and 1939, 2,886 registrations for work and 800 placements on jobs were handled in Macon county.

Employment and benefit payments business in Macon county is handled by the Employment Service office in Bryson City.

### Macon Teachers Win Support To Benefit Schools

The Macon county chapter of the North Carolina Educational Association, composed of the teachers of the county schools, have received affirmative answers to the questions printed below from each of the candidates for representatives—Dr. W. A. Rogers, R. A. Patton and A. L. McLean.

The questions were sent by the legislative committee, J. J. Mann, Elizabeth C. Guffey and Nina Howard. Miss Nora Moody is president of the chapter.

1. Will you support legislation providing for an adequate retirement plan for school teachers and other state employees?

2. Will you appoint as members of the Board of Education for Macon county the five persons receiving the largest number of votes in the Democratic primary for 1940?

3. Will you support legislation providing for an additional year for the school system of this state, so as to provide for a 12 year instead of an 11 year system?

4. Will you support legislation providing for a state-wide equalizing fund for the purpose of assisting the poorer counties of the state in the erection of necessary school buildings?

5. Will you support legislation providing for sick leave for teachers on the same basis as now is provided for other state employees, and the appropriation of funds therefor?

6. Will you support necessary legislation providing for more adequate transportation facilities for the schools of the state.

### Five Macon County Boys May Yet Enter C. M. T.

Macon county still has an opportunity to place five boys in the annual summer Citizens' Military Training Camp, Lt. R. A. Patton announced today. The quota for Macon county is seven and vacancies are being rapidly filled, he reported.

Approximately 700 boys between the age of 17 and 29 take advantage of the splendid training, sports, and health education work of the annual summer encampment at Fort Oglethorpe. The month's camp has been pointed to by civic and military leaders as a fine training ground in citizenship, social contacts and fellowship among young men.  
 Free transportation to and from

the Fort Oglethorpe encampment is furnished for all applicants accepted. The well regulated life of the camp, excellent food and athletic training has been recommended by numerous physicians and physical education experts as one of the finest programs for boys in the country.

Every enrollee is given an opportunity to compete in sports, such as swimming, track, field sports, boxing and wrestling and one of the final days is given over to awarding of medals and trophies. Parents and friends of the enrollees also have a day set aside for them each summer, when a big barbecue is given and various entertainments in competitive sports and demonstrations are presented.

Applications by Macon county may be sent to Lt. R. A. Patton at Franklin, or to the Commanding Officer, C. M. T. C., Fort Oglethorpe, Ga. The 1940 C. M. T. camp will be held from June 12 to July 11.

The Highway Safety Division suspends drivers' licenses for three reported traffic violations of a minor nature.

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## Congressman Weaver Deserves Re-Nomination



He has kept faith with his district. He has looked after the interest of Macon County in every instance, in addition to his untiring efforts in the interest of national legislation to benefit the nation as a whole.

Congressman Weaver is popular with his colleagues and with government department officials. His thorough knowledge of governmental affairs makes him a leader. His unbounded energy for constructive legislation has put him in the forefront.

Congressman Weaver ranks high in Washington, and being an experienced and capable legislator, he has been of valuable assistance to his district in securing federal aid and federal projects of every description.

He has made an excellent record of achievement, which is better and safer for the people of Macon County and the district than mere promises of inexperienced office seekers.

On his record, as a friend and honest public servant of this district, Congressman Weaver deserves the vote and support of every citizen of the district in the Democratic primary on May 25th.

## A Vote For Congressman Weaver Is a Vote for an Experienced and Qualified Legislator

(Adv.)

## J. M. Broughton Candidate for GOVERNOR

Subject to the Democratic Primary, May 25, 1940



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(Adv.)