

## Vermont, Leader In Proportion Of Old People, Has One Person Out Of 10 Who Is 65 Or Older

One out of every 10 Vermonters is 65 years old or over, giving that state the highest proportion of elderly people, related to its total population, of any state in the Union. The smallest proportion is found in South Carolina where only 4.4 per cent of the population is 65 and over.

These are among the interesting facts about the nation's oldest and where they live that are found in figures compiled by the Social Security Board.

For the nation as a whole, the total number of persons 65 and over increased from 9 million in 1940, or 6.8 per cent of the total population, to 10.9 million in 1948, or 7.5 per cent of the population. In 1900 only 4.1 per cent of the country's population was 65 and over. This remarkable gain in the number of elderly people in the last half century reflects the more favorable mortality rates and the marked extension of the average life span.

In all eight states in addition to Vermont now have nine or more per cent of their populations who are 65 and over. These are Iowa, Kansas, Maine, Massachusetts, Missouri, Montana, Nebraska, and New Hampshire. In 1940, only four states—Iowa, Maine, New Hampshire and Vermont—had a nine per cent or more proportion of elderly people in their populations.

North Carolinians 65 or older number 188,933, making up 4.3 per cent of the population.

Every state showed an increase with respect to total numbers of elderly persons between 1940 and 1948, but five states and the District of Columbia showed a decline in the proportion of oldsters in their populations in the period. These states were California, Indiana, Maine, Oregon and Washington. The factor here was that their total populations grew faster

between 1940 and 1948 than the increase in the number of those 65 and over. This trend was most marked in the states of Oregon and Washington, and as a result their proportion of oldsters in 1948 was substantially lower than in 1940.

New York is the only state with an elderly population of more than a million. The exact figure at the end of last year was 1,173,534, equivalent to 8.2 per cent of the state's total population, as against 927,060, or 6.9 per cent, in 1940.

How do oldsters take care of themselves? What provision did they make for the future in their productive years? These questions are of the utmost importance since the size of the present population 65 and over, and the certainty it will increase in the years to come, has far-reaching economic, social and political implications.

The only complete study with regard to income sources of people 65 and over was made in the office of the actuary of the Social Security Board for the year 1945. This showed that 39 per cent of this age group were dependent on public and private assistance, 34 per cent worked or had businesses of their own, 18 per cent had an income from pensions (including Old Age and Survivors' Insurance), and 9 per cent had investments. Included in the above were well over a million persons with income from insurance and annuities.

### Baptist Ministers To Meet On Monday

The Macon County Baptist Ministers conference will be held at the First church here Monday at 10:30 o'clock. The Rev. C. C. Welch will be the chief speaker, and the devotional service will be conducted by the Rev. Lee Crawford. Ladies of the Mount Hope church will serve the lunch.

**Out Great America** ☆ by Mark

**THE STATUE OF LIBERTY**

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## In 8 Years, Town Has Been Transformed, via A Plan; And It's All Voluntary

By E. CARL SINK  
CHAPEL HILL.—A century or so late, but more fervently because of that, the business section of this peaceful college community of 15,000-7,500 students—is acquiring a Colonial-Georgian architectural look designed to fit the mood of the oldest state university campus.

The amazing thing about the whole project, brain child of an eight-year old town planning board, is that the entire program is being rendered at the expense of property owners—on a voluntary basis. It is no Williamsburg in that respect; there are no Rockefeller millions; in fact, no money at all, except what comes through the tills of the business enterprises—but the result to date is about the same.

In the eight years, approximately 25 business establishments have acquired the Colonial look. All new buildings since 1943 have followed the pattern, and a filling station and an office and store now building will have that fully conditioned and Washington-slept-here air. The new bus station, incidentally and especially, looks like Mt. Vernon, including the hill-top and rolling lawn.

At first the planning board had little acceptance of its architectural precepts, Chairman Collier Cobb, Jr., recalls. The chief executive of a store chain wanted vehemently to fol-

low his chain's standard design in a much-needed new building, although the planning board went to much trouble in designing his store front for him. It took persuasion. He received letters from University officials, from the mayor, from a score of "representative citizens"—he finally got one from his banker. Today, that executive loves his front, and is a strong booster for the plan.

In the increasing throngs piling in to see the daily show at the newly-opened Morehead Planetarium there is increasing evidence the planned Colonial dress has strong appeal for visitors and tourists. Before and after the show, dozens of them stroll Franklin street, obviously admiring the architecture and, incidentally, leaving substantial small-change at sandwich shops, drug stores and the like.

When the board started the renaissance in 1941, every inch of Franklin Street was measured, plotted, squared to the Colonial design, and the whole rendered separately and in toto in colored crayon and watercolor by John Manley Rose, New York artist. To inspire present and future Chapel Hill builders, the collection is hung prominently in town hall; by nose-count, it has attracted more admiring viewers than any other single Chapel Hill art exhibition.

## TWO METHODIST PASTORS MOVED

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A. P. Rutledge, First church, Thomasville; D. P. Grant, Friendship Tabernacle, on the Concord circuit; C. C. Herbert, Jr., Main Street, Salisbury; J. C. Swain, Woodleaf, in Salisbury; L. B. Hayes, Hendersonville; W. T. Medlin, Clyde; V. N. Allen, Haywood circuit; and R. L. Poindexter, Shooting Creek.

The complete list of appointments in this (the Waynesville) district follow:

District superintendent, C. N. Clark.

Andrews, C. C. Washam; Bethel, Clyde L. Collins; Bryson City, H. R. McSwan; Canton: Central, C. W. Girby; first, L. S. Mabry; Cherokee, D. H. Dennis; Clyde, W. T. Medlin; Crabtree, C. O. Newell; Cullowhee, R. T. Houts, Jr.; Dellwood, Paul R. Taylor; Franklin, C. E. Murray; Franklin circuit, D. V. Martin; Hayesville, F. R. Davis; Haywood circuit, V. N. Allen; Hazelwood, Maloie B. Lee; Highlands, R. E. Early; Junaluska: Long's Chapel, P. H. Duckwell; Macon, L. C. Stevens; Morning Star, A. L. Maxwell, Jr.; Murphy, R. Delbert Byrum; Murphy circuit, C. A. Smith; Pigeon Valley, W. M. Pless; Robbinsville, J. R. Crew, Jr.; Rockwood, G. B. Culbreth; Shady Grove, A. E. Belk; Shooting Creek, R. L. Poindexter; Sylva, W. G. Grigg; Waynesville, J. E. Yountz; Webster, Bruce Roberts; West Macon, Isabell Hull; Whittier, O. E. Thorne.

District missionary secretary, J. E. Yountz; district director of evangelism, C. W. Kirby; district director of Bible Society, G. B. Culbreth; district director of Temperance Advance, L. E. Mabry; missionary to Brazil, Waynesville, C. W. Clay; missionary to Korea, Rockwood, C. W. Judy; chaplain, U. S. Army, Franklin, P. L. Green; approved evangelist, Cullowhee, R. T. Houts.

Retired: D. E. Camak, F. C. Dryman, J. J. Gray, W. H. Pless, W. M. Robbins, C. R. Rose, R. B. Templeton, and J. J. Wood.

Farmers are now growing trees as a cash crop.

## FINNS WAGING HEROIC BATTLE TO STAY FREE

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more wood products, export them, and thus build up foreign exchange for the purchase of steel with which to build the tugs the Russians demand.

As a result of this sacrifice and determination, and the intelligent use of their forests, the Finns are winning their struggle. Every reparations payment has been made promptly on time, and the Finns now hope to make the last of those payments next year.

"The whole lesson of my study of forests in Europe", Mr. Stone declared, "is that the maintenance of forest resources is a foundation upon which freedom can be preserved."

## W. M. Holland Is Taken By Death At Age Of 75

Funeral services for William Montgomery (Gum) Holland, who died at his home in the Greiss community Monday at 3:30 p. m., were held Tuesday afternoon at 3 o'clock at the Gold Mine Baptist church, with the Rev. Arvil Swafford officiating.

Mr. Holland, who was 75, was a farmer, and had spent his entire life in this county. He was a member of the Pine Grove Baptist church in 1898, he married Miss Isabella McCoy, who survives.

Other survivors include four sons, Alex. of Andrews, Freeman, of Boise, Idaho, and Rufus and Chester Holland, both of Gneiss; two daughters, Mrs. Bertha Moore of Gneiss, and Mrs. Mattie Pritchard, of Boise; two sisters, Mrs. Osborne Woods, of Franklin, and Mrs. Katherine Russell of Gneiss; and 13 grandchildren, and six great-grandchildren.

Funeral services were under the direction of Bryant funeral home.

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## C. E. Parker Family Leaves For New Bern

The Rev. and Mrs. C. E. Parker and two children, Janet and Edward (Bud), left Monday for New Bern, where Mr. Parker will become pastor of the New Bern First Baptist church October 1. Mr. and Mrs. Parker's other child, Miss Sarah Elizabeth Parker, is a student at Mars Hill college. The Parkers have made their home in Franklin since Mr. Parker became pastor of the First church here January 1, 1946.

Father: "Only once, when a truck loaded with empty milk cans hit a freight car filled with live ducks."

## Students From Macon At Brevard College

Miss Lucile Kinsland, Clyde Pitts, and Manuel Holland are among Macon students who are attending Brevard college this year.

Teen-age daughter (as the radio ground out the final notes of the latest swing): "Did you ever hear anything so wonderful?"

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## P. T. A. To Push Campaign Of School's Accreditation

At the first executive committee meeting of the year, officials of the Franklin Parent-Teacher association voted to recommend that the association this year continue work on the project started last winter—an effort to bring the Franklin elementary school up to accreditation standards. The meeting was held at the home of the president, Mrs. C. N. Dowd's, Thursday evening of last week.

The major hurdle at this time, it was pointed out, is books for the library.

Approximately 600 additional books, many of them specified on the accreditation list, must be obtained. Principal R. G. Sutton, who attended the meeting, estimated that they would cost approximately \$1,000. It was announced that the association has about \$600 in its treasury, remaining from last year, and it was decided to conduct a drive for additional funds to buy the necessary books this fall, prior to the visit of the state inspector in January.

The program of the executive committee will be submitted to the association as its first meeting of the year, set for October 17.

John Brown, the American abolitionist, was the father of 20 children.

## 100-Bushel Corn Club Applicants Should File Now

Applications for the 100-bushel-an-acre Corn club must be filed either with the county agent or E. J. Whitmire, Jr., vocational agriculture teacher by next week, according to an announcement by S. W. Mendenhall, county agent.

He emphasized the need for applications being filed early, pointing out that all applications have to be checked by him or Mr. Whitmire.

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