

# THE ENTERPRISE

## No Increase In Payments Likely For Pensioners

### Social Security and Survivors' Benefits To Be Increased Next Month

Recipients of Old Age Assistance in Martin County received a regretful shake of the head from county welfare superintendent Miss Mary W. Taylor this week, as she made it clear that their benefits were not going to increase under the new Social Security law.

"Many people now drawing Old Age Assistance grants have the idea that their grants are going to be almost doubled from now on," Miss Taylor said, "but I am sorry to inform them that the increased benefits they've been reading about in the papers and hearing about over the radio are going to people who are recipients of Old Age and Survivors' Insurance payments. That is an entirely separate program from our plan of Old Age Assistance and only those drawing benefits under that plan are due for increases. Our grants will in most cases remain the same for the time being."

The welfare superintendent pointed out that under the new Social Security law recently passed and signed by the president, Old Age and Survivors' Insurance benefits would be increased, in many cases as much as 50 percent or more. "But those increases have nothing to do with Old Age Assistance," she continued.

Old Age Assistance, according to the statement from the welfare official, is a Federal-State-County matching program of money payments made to needy persons who meet certain eligibility requirements. Among those requirements, it was pointed out, are that a person must be 65 years of age or older, must be in need because he lacks such essentials as food, shelter, clothing, and other necessary items, has been a resident of North Carolina for the past year, and is not living in a public institution.

"The county puts up about one dollar out of every eight expended in this program," Miss Taylor continued, "the state matches that with another dollar, and the Federal government contributes the other six. But the program is administered at the county level, with county departments of public welfare determining who shall receive grants, under such statewide regulations as those mentioned, and also determining how each grant shall be, also under statewide regulations. The State Board of Public Welfare in Raleigh has general supervision over the entire state program."

Old Age Assistance grants in this state, the welfare superintendent added, average about \$22 per person per month. Some counties with more available funds are enabled to make somewhat larger payments, and some are forced to make smaller ones. The number of persons seeking such aid, and entitled to it, also is a determining factor in the amount of the grant.

On the other hand, Miss Taylor explained, Old Age and Survivors' Insurance helps workers to provide an income for themselves and their families when death or old age cuts off wages. It is a Federal plan entirely, and its provisions are the same all over the United States.

## CALL FOR MEN

A second call for Martin County men has been received by the draft board, Chairman Eugene Rice stating that forty-five men are scheduled to leave the county on October 10 for examinations at the receiving station in Fayetteville. A few will be found in the 24- and 25-year-old group, but most of them come from the 22- and 23-year-old classifications, it was learned.

No final induction call has been received in this county, but one is expected shortly the chairman said.

## County School Enrollment

The following figures show the enrollment in the nine county white schools for the 1948-49, 1949-50 and 1950-51 terms at the first two weeks:

	1948-49 Term			1949-50 Term			1950-51 Term		
	Ele.	H.S.	Tot.	Ele.	H.S.	Tot.	Ele.	H.S.	Tot.
Jamesville	320	109	429	368	109	477	354	133	487
Farm Life	135	55	190	141	59	200	126	66	192
Bear Grass	270	74	344	265	90	355	254	96	350
Williamston	770	185	955	824	198	1022	837	233	1070
Rbrsonville	428	181	609	448	201	649	477	211	688
Oak City	201	120	321	223	110	333	217	126	343
Hamilton	165	165	330	168	168	336	172	172	344
Hassell	75	75	150	60	60	120	56	56	112
Everetts	195	195	390	190	190	380	182	182	364
Totals	2559	724	3283	2692	767	3459	2675	865	3540

## CALL FOR BIDS

Meeting in special session last Friday morning, Williamston officials called for bids on a \$90,000 water tank and a \$110,000 sewer line project. The bids are to be opened at a special meeting to be held on Tuesday, October 17, at 10:00 o'clock a. m.

"If everything works out all right, work should be under way on the sewer lines by early November," Engineer Henry Rivers said. It was said that several firms were interested in the sewer line project, and that six or eight bids are expected.

## Small Enrollment Gain Reported In Schools Of County

Figures just recently released indicate an enrollment peak has been reached in most of the county's white schools while in the colored schools no peak is yet in sight. Six of the nine white schools this year reported decreases in their elementary enrollment figures, but the increase in the high school numbers boosted the over-all gain to 81 this year over the 1949 count, but left the elementary figures 17 short of the 1949 total.

While the white schools reported an over-all gain of 81 pupils, the eighteen colored schools reported an over-all increase of 92 pupils this year over the 1949 count, the gain centering mainly in the primary grades.

In the white elementary schools Jamesville, Farm Life, Bear Grass, Oak City, Hassell and Everetts reported a combined loss of 63 pupils. Williamston, Robersonville and Hamilton reported gains in their elementary departments in the number of 46, leaving the current elementary enrollment trailing the 1949 figure by 17 pupils. All six of the white high schools reported gains, totaling 98, leaving the nine white schools with a grand enrollment gain of 81 pupils.

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## Looking For Site For Guard Armory In Or Near Town

Plans Call For Three-Acre Plot; To Build Motor Storage At Once

Cramped for space in its present quarters, the county National Guard unit is looking for a site for an armory, the commanding officer said this week. "Our instructions are to look for a three-acre plot or near an all-weather road, accessible to water lines and power," the officer explained.

It is up to the local authorities to procure the site and turn it over to the state government, it was learned.

As soon as a site can be found, the government plans to erect a 50 by 150-foot motor storage, the officer pointing out that an armory would be built later. Appropriations have been made by Congress for the construction of a fairly large number of armories, and it is possible that a complete building here could be included in the list.

Major Tuebner, representing the third Army, was here last week inspecting the present quarters in the municipal water plant building, and he suggested that action be taken as soon as possible to remedy the cramped conditions. Other than the cramped quarters and resulting confusion, the inspector was quoted as saying that the unit is in fair condition.

Any person having a site that can be made available to the guard unit is asked to contact Elbert S. Peel, Jr.

The guard unit has property in its possession valued at about three-quarters of a million dollars. It has been between fifty and sixty men on its roster and a fairly sizable pay roll.

## Plan To Release Cards To Farmers

Work on the new peanut marketing cards is progressing in the farm agent's office preparatory to release to the farmers in ample time for use this season.

The Production-Marketing Administration office in a special bulletin just released, explaining to those farmers who planted in excess of their 1950 allotment and who plan NOT to harvest them, that a minimum fee of \$3 will be in effect to cover the cost in connection with the measuring of the excess acreage. Any peanuts, the bulletin explains, planted in excess of the 1950 allotment, but not in excess of the 1947 plantings, may be sold for oil without penalty. Efforts to have the type of peanuts grown in this section classified from the others, making it possible to place the type on the edible market did not clear in the 81st Congress as it had been hoped for. In other words, the farmer who planted in excess of his 1950 allotment may hog the excess down or sell the excess for oil without penalty.

The P.-M. A. office also pointed out in the current bulletin that farmers who have completed all practices shown on their farm worksheets for 1950 are eligible to receive assistance under the 1951 ACP program. Producers who have used any seed or material in carrying out a conservation practice is asked to file a report at the county P.-M. A. in the agricultural building without delay, that reports must be filed not later than October 31 if payment or credit is expected.

## Suffers Broken Ankle In Fall At Windoor

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## School Enrollment, By Grades

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	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12				
<b>White:</b>																
Williamston	112	119	105	98	106	95	102	100	837	79	47	56	51	233	1070	
Robersonville	63	65	47	53	56	53	56	84	477	62	55	54	40	211	688	
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Everetts	34	28	24	20	21	27	28	182	172						172	
Hamilton	26	29	23	16	23	37	18	172	172						172	
Hassell	10	10	12	8	9	7	56	56							56	
<b>Total, White</b>	<b>363</b>	<b>389</b>	<b>328</b>	<b>303</b>	<b>317</b>	<b>316</b>	<b>316</b>	<b>318</b>	<b>2675</b>	<b>280</b>	<b>188</b>	<b>202</b>	<b>186</b>	<b>865</b>	<b>3540</b>	
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Robersonville	65	73	55	64	56	33	32	50	433						433	
Hamilton	37	34	34	35	33	30	24	227	227						227	
Salsbury	34	41	32	25	23	16	12	183	183						183	
Dardens	23	28	20	17	12	15	13	128	128						128	
Parmele	34	32	30	25	19	27	14	57	236	91	47	54	73	265	503	
Everetts	38	43	36	42	43	26	24	252	252						252	
Williams	11	19	16	16	20	17	8	107	107						107	
Williamston	100	128	104	99	105	92	100	98	826	80	82	35	24	221	1047	
Gold Point	22	13	22	24	33	16	8	138	138						138	
Burroughs	17	12	11	8	11	8	4	71	71						71	
Biggs	26	16	28	18	13	16	15	152	152						152	
Jamesville	28	27	24	24	13	19	17	182	182						182	
White Oak	20	15	15	13	9	9	8	89	89						89	
Whickard	28	27	24	12	18	16	14	139	139						139	
Smithwick	18	7	6	7	9	7	8	62	62						62	
Cross Roads	7	9	6	8	8	7	4	49	49						49	
Rodgers	31	21	14	20	19	20	9	134	134						134	
Oak City	38	40	42	44	48	43	30	315	315						315	
<b>Total, Colored</b>	<b>577</b>	<b>585</b>	<b>519</b>	<b>501</b>	<b>492</b>	<b>422</b>	<b>344</b>	<b>235</b>	<b>3975</b>	<b>171</b>	<b>129</b>	<b>89</b>	<b>97</b>	<b>486</b>	<b>4161</b>	
<b>Total, All Schools</b>	<b>940</b>	<b>974</b>	<b>847</b>	<b>804</b>	<b>809</b>	<b>738</b>	<b>660</b>	<b>553</b>	<b>6325</b>	<b>460</b>	<b>317</b>	<b>291</b>	<b>283</b>	<b>1351</b>	<b>7701</b>	

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## Third Martin County Boy Wounded In Korean Battle

Pfc. Bobby R. Overman was slightly wounded in action in Korea on the seventh of this month, according to a telegraphic message received from the war department by his parents, Mr. and Mrs. William L. Overman of near Williamston last week-end. The report, offering few details, stated that the 19-year-old youth was able to return to duty within a short time.

Coming to this county about three years ago from Bailey, the youth was employed by the State Highway and Public Works Commission until he volunteered for service on December 28, 1948. A brother, Stanley Overman, had been in the Navy since 1939, and the youth wanted to join that