

Increased Social Security For 6700 In This Section

Higher Payments Go Into Effect In September For October Delivery

About 6700 people in the Rocky Mount area will receive higher social security payments as a result of the social amendments which President Truman signed into law last Friday. The first increased checks will be for the month of September, delivered early in October.

Marshall Barney, manager of the Rocky Mount social security office, emphasized that no one needs to apply for the increased payments. "The Social Security Administration is already changing the amounts," he pointed out. "We expect to get them changed in time to have them in the mail October 3, the regular delivery date, but if in a few cases we don't meet that schedule we'll send the regular check and make up the difference in a later check."

Mr. Barney pointed out that although nearly every family receiving payments would receive an increase, the additional amount would not always be divided among all the members of the family receiving monthly checks. In some cases the entire increase will go to the retired worker.

Under terms of the law, most families will get an increase of about \$5.00, some will get less, some will get more. A few benefits now being paid, and most of those payable in the future, will be based on earnings after 1950 instead of after 1936. The amended law provides a new formula for determining the amount of the payments in these cases. Under it, a retired worker's monthly benefit would be 55 per cent of the first \$100 of his average monthly earnings plus 15 per cent of the remainder up to \$300.

Beginning September 1, the new law increased to \$75 a month instead of \$50 the amount of money a beneficiary may earn and still receive the monthly benefits. Self-employed people entitled to old-age and survivors insurance benefits may receive the payments for each month of the year if their net earnings during the entire year are not over \$900.

The amended law contains a provision of special importance to self-employed people who have retired or plan to retire during 1952. Before the passage of the law, a self-employed person could not receive benefits until he was 62 years old. The new law provides that a self-employed person can receive benefits at age 62 if he has worked for at least 10 years in covered employment.

Farm Meeting To Be Held July 31st

One of the larger farm meetings scheduled in the county this summer will take place Thursday, July 31, when members and patrons of the Martin FCX Service will gather at the Williamston High School.

J. W. Sneed, local FCX manager, explained that these membership meetings are held every third year. In addition to hearing a report on the operation of their cooperative, the farmers will also elect a local board of directors to serve a three-year term in an advisory capacity to the FCX manager.

Also scheduled during the business session will be the election of county delegates to attend a meeting where this district's representative on the central board of directors of the Farmers Cooperative Exchange will be nominated. Election of central board members will take place at the annual two-state meeting of the FCX in Raleigh September 9.

M. G. Mann of Raleigh, general manager of the farm organization, said considerable changes have been made in this year's series of county meetings.

Heretofore, he said, the meetings have been held during the afternoon. This year the meeting of FCX patrons in the Martin area will be held at 8 p. m., as will all other county meetings of the organization.

Also, he pointed out, the practice of serving a barbecue picnic will be discontinued. Instead light refreshments will be substituted and a prize drawing held. Grand prize in the drawing will be a 9-cubic-foot farm freezer. Lesser prizes will also be awarded.

Nine Thousand Immunized Against Typhoid In County

Between nine and ten thousand persons in this county were immunized against typhoid fever during the recent drive in this county, according to a report released this week by Health Officer John W. Williams. Although no special clinics are being held for that purpose, Dr. Williams explained that the protection is still available at the county health office in Williamston any week day, at Robersonville each Wednesday afternoon, and during the scheduled baby clinics in Jamesville, Hamilton and Oak City.

Commenting on the drive, the health officer said: "We have been very fortunate in controlling the fever in this county, and while immunization has played its part, sanitation, especially as it relates to water supply and proper disposal of excreta, is still about the safest way to control the fever."

"The installation of septic tanks and pit privies is important, and it is suggested that the county sanitarian be consulted before installations are made," the doctor said.

Few cases of the fever have been reported in this county in recent years, but the disease was common not too many years ago. As many as 15,000 persons were immunized in the county in single years, and the number of cases dwindled rapidly. Much progress has been made in eliminating those conditions that invite the fever, but unfortunately all such conditions have not been relieved. Until they are handled, immunization is advisable, health authorities point out.

ENTERS CONTEST

Representing the Williamston Jaycees, Miss Jackie Harris, accompanied by Miss Jean Ward Mobley, left yesterday to compete in the Miss North Carolina beauty pageant in Winston-Salem.

Messrs. Pete Rogers and Edgar Gurganus carried Miss Harris and her companion to Winston-Salem, returning late last night.

Former Resident Died In Hospital At Portsmouth

Graveside Services Will Be Held In Cemetery Here Friday Afternoon

Mrs. Lucy Anne Robertson, a native of Williamston, died in a Portsmouth hospital Wednesday morning at 10:45 o'clock following several years of declining health. She suffered with a heart condition and was critically ill for about two weeks.

The daughter of the late Joseph and Mary Lee Frye, she was born in Williamston 63 years ago. Following her marriage in early womanhood to Ameleck Robertson she made her home in Edenton, later moving to Driver, Va. After a residence of several years in New York, the family located in Portsmouth where she made her home with a daughter for the past three years. She was a member of the Cradock (Va.) Methodist Church.

She is survived by three daughters, Mrs. A. H. Lankford of Cradock; Mrs. George D. Green of Mt. Gilead, N. C., and Mrs. W. T. Alexander of Portsmouth; two sons, William F. Robertson of Portsmouth and Gerald L. Robertson, U. S. Signal Corps, Fort Monmouth, N. J.; two sisters, Mrs. I. T. Arthur of Driver, Va., and Mrs. F. C. Robertson of Williamston, and three grandchildren.

Funeral services will be held Friday at 12:00 noon in the Cradock Methodist Church. Interment will be in Woodlawn Cemetery in Williamston at 3:00 p. m. Rev. R. E. Walston, local Methodist minister, will officiate at the committal services here.

Get The Children Ready For School

Pointing out that the new school term will get under way in five or six weeks, Dr. John W. Williams, county health officer, appealed to all parents to get their children ready for school.

With the exception of Robersonville, all districts where the beginners were examined in the pre-school clinics, have been visited by health department personnel who appealed to the parents to have remedial defects corrected. Most of those physical defects have been corrected, but there are a few victims who have not been able to finance the costs. Dr. Williams pointed out that it is possible for the health department and the board of education to lend some assistance, and such cases should be referred to the department, he said.

Thirteen Martin Men Called For Final Induction

Fourteen Out of Thirty-six Pass The Pre-Induction Tests Last Week

Thirteen Martin County young men have been called to report next Monday for final induction into the armed forces, it was announced this week.

The group, including six white and seven colored men, will leave by regular bus schedule for the induction center in Raleigh where they will be assigned to training centers.

Only ten were included in the original call, but an eleventh one is being called because he is listed as delinquent. Two others are likely to ask for transfers at the last minute, it was learned.

William Grimes, colored who gave his home address as RFD 1 Bethel, was last heard from in Sanford, Florida. He is listed as delinquent.

The names of those called for final induction are: White: Leland Marvin Barber, Eli Daniel Rogers, Jr., Carlton Ray Warren, Jesse Ray Jackson, William Bryant Rogerson and James Darrell Wynne.

Colored: William Grimes, Claro Dickens, Julius Caesar Hargett, Charlie Bullock, Jr., Webebird Williams, James Dallas Lee and Charles Lindbergh Clemmons.

The final induction call is the first to be answered by Martin County men since last May 21 when eight reported for active duty.

A final induction call for seven men has been received by the draft board in this county, and they are to report for active duty on August 26.

A pre-induction call is pending for August 19 when thirty-five men are to be called for the preliminary examinations. It was learned.

An unofficial report states that out of the 36 men reporting to the center in Raleigh last Thursday, fourteen passed the pre-induction examinations. Several of the group passing the tests were college students, it was learned.

THE RECORD SPEAKS . . .

Human life and limb escaped, but property was battered and wrecked to the tune of an estimated \$3,375 in a series of seven motor vehicle accidents on town streets and highways in this county last week. It was the eighth week out of 29 that there were seven or more accidents on the streets and highways, and the property loss last week was the third largest of the year to date.

The following tabulations offer a comparison of the accident trend: first, by corresponding weeks in this year and last and for each year to the present time.

Authorized during the first session a \$7,480,000,000 program of economic and military aid for friendly nations, but appropriated only \$7,329,000,000 to finance it. The second session authorized a \$6,447,330,000 program and appropriated \$6,031,900,000 to finance it.

Extended for two years, to June 12, 1953, the President's power to make reciprocal trade agreements, but added some restrictions opposed by the President.

Approved an emergency loan of \$190,000,000 to India to obtain food to help alleviate a famine.

Total appropriations for 1951

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Man Beaten And Robbed Near Here

Baldy Rogers, colored man, was badly beaten, cut and robbed near the intersection of Highway 17 and the old Bear Grass road last Sunday afternoon. One report said the man lost approximately \$500 to the robbers, but officers discounted the amount.

Said to have been intoxicated, Rogers was found lying in a farm yard unconscious. He was picked up and placed in the county jail after his wounds were sewed up in a local hospital.

Officers said they had a lead in the case, but no arrests have been made. Rogers was booked for public drunkenness.

Mrs. Ellis Malone Died In Hospital Here On Tuesday

Funeral Thursday Afternoon In Local Church For Prominent Citizen

Mrs. Pennie Taylor Malone, prominent citizen of this county, died in a local hospital Tuesday night at 11:55 o'clock. She had been in declining health for some time and entered the hospital when her condition became critical last Monday night.

Mrs. Malone was born in Bear Grass Township 73 years ago in October, 1878, the daughter of the late Eli and Arenia Harrison Taylor. She lived there all her life and was married to Mr. Ellis Malone in 1900. She was a member of the Episcopal church for many years and was active in its support and service, giving one son to the ministry. She was devoted to her family and played the role of a thoughtful neighbor and friend to all.

Surviving besides her husband are five sons, the Rev. J. Leon Malone of Murfreesboro, Tennessee, W. R. Malone of Edenton, R. C. Malone of Bear Grass Township, E. T. and J. M. Malone, both of Coats, N. C.; two daughters, Miss Bessie Malone of the home and Mrs. P. A. Rejoney of Washington, D. C., and seven grandchildren.

The funeral service is being conducted in the Church of the Advent here this afternoon at 4:00 o'clock by the rector, the Rev. Thomas Hastings. Interment will be in the old family home cemetery near the home in Bear Grass Township.

Snakes Attack Loggers Again

Several Martin County loggers, working in the Indian Woods area of Bertie County, were threatened a second time by rattle snakes late Tuesday afternoon. Several of the logging crew turned from their saws and axes and started out of the woods.

Killing two fairly sizable reptiles, Junior Perry, heading the logging crew, told his workers that if any more snakes appeared the work project would be abandoned. With one eye on their work and the other on the alert for snakes, the crew finished its task for the day.

Chairman For Auto Dealers

J. B. Peele, Chas. H. Jenkins & Co., Williamston, has been named Area Chairman for Martin County it was revealed today by Fred H. Deaton, president of the North Carolina Automobile Dealers Association.

In making this announcement, Deaton pointed out that Peele as Area Chairman, will be a key representative of the State and National Automobile Dealers Associations and will serve as liaison between dealers in this county and the dealer associations headquarters in Raleigh and Washington. He will head the annual NCADA and NADA membership campaign in the fall.

Tobacco Target Of Hot-Dry Weather In Section

Started back in late April and nearly May under ideal weather conditions, the tobacco crop has been a target of first cold then extremely hot and dry weather, farmers declaring that the resulting damage will run into several millions of dollars.

The crop is possibly above par in some sections of this county, but for the most part it is far below par, farmers declaring that it will be from 15 to 20 per cent short of expectations with the quality rating about the poorest in years.

With a few exceptions the harvest is now in full swing, reports declaring that the crop is beginning to break down fast under the extreme dry-hot weather. A few farmers say they'll harvest the first of their tobacco this week-end. Farmer Toba Bowen completed the harvest in one field this week, and he isn't at all encouraged by what he got.

Few new curing barns were built in the county this year, but the number was materially increased last year and it is believed that the growers can handle the harvest provided labor is available and provided the weather permits the strenuous work. Farmers were forced out of the fields this week in fairly large numbers. The work would get under way at the break of day and then suspended during the middle until late afternoon. The workers just could not survive in the fields, it was declared.

Worms are threatening the crop, and commercial dusters can't meet the demands, it was said.

County Exceeds Goal For the Cancer Fund

Total Of \$2,151.07 Received During Recent Campaign

Nine Districts Exceed Their Quotas To Carry County Over The Top

As a result of the faithful work of canvassers and a liberal response by hundred of persons, Martin County recently exceeded its quota in the 1952 cancer fund drive, it was announced this week by W. Clyde Griffin, treasurer.

Without an assigned chairman, the drive got started under the direction of Mrs. Chas. I. Harris and Miss Irene Tetterton of Williamston with able volunteers coming to their aid in a concerted drive to go over the top.

In a final report released this week it was explained that \$2,151.07 had been raised, the amount exceeding the \$2,150 quota by \$1.07. It was also pointed out that nine of the districts—Jamesville, Williams, Griffins, Bear Grass, Cross Roads, Poplar Point, Hassell, Hamilton and Goose Nest—exceeded their quotas, that by their action, the county goal was achieved.

Late reports show that Williamston raised \$900.06 of its \$975.00 quota, and Robersonville raised \$255.07 of a \$325.00 goal. The Williamston report just recently released in its entirety lists the following canvassers and the amounts raised by them:

Mrs. John Roebuck, \$10.05; Mrs. Eva Grimes, \$8; Mrs. A. L. Jameson, \$81.50; Mrs. D. V. Clayton, \$13; Mrs. Connie B. Clark, \$26.60; Mrs. George Corey, \$4.90; Mrs. W. W. Ray and Mrs. C. B. Whitehurst, \$19.78; Mrs. W. H. Sessoms and Mrs. C. H. Godwin, Jr., \$25.50; Colonial Stores, \$10; Mrs. Jessup Harrison, \$7.26; Mrs. Tom Parker, \$49.00; Mrs. J. P. Hedsbeth, \$18; Mrs. M. J. Whitley, \$18.30; Mrs. James Bailey Peeler, \$16.00; Mrs. Larry Bullock, Jr., \$6.25; Mrs. Bruce Holloman, \$46.50; Mrs. David Keel, \$7.80; Mrs. Hugh Wyatt, \$2; Mrs. Vernon Bunting, \$24.52; Mrs. C. M. Cobb, \$13.00; Mrs. J. H. Forbes and Mrs. Lewis Pippen, \$11.85; Mrs. Tom Crockett, \$19.00; Mrs. Bill Throver, \$7.50; Mrs. Jack

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Concert Series Is Planned For 52-53

Williamston will definitely have a series of concerts next season, it was announced recently by the Martin County Community Concert Association.

Officials of the organization met recently with Jack Howells, representative of the Community Concert Service, and mapped out a program for the membership drive to be held the latter part of October.

B. C. Stewart was renamed president, and Mrs. Joseph Griffin was elected secretary, succeeding Mrs. Ray Goodmon. Other officers include: First vice president—L. Bruce Wynne, second vice president—Mrs. Mayo Little of Robersonville, treasurer—Mrs. F. Earl Wynne and the co-campaign chairmen are Mrs. Irvin Margolis and Mrs. H. L. Swain.

The officials of the association are confident that the coming season will bring enjoyable artists to Williamston under the sponsorship of the organization. They urge everyone to make plans to become a member when the drive is conducted this fall.

RAINFALL

Rains, adding up to 1.20 inches fell here yesterday afternoon, relieving the dry spell considerably and forcing the mercury down slightly.

The rain was fairly general but it was limited in parts of the county. Williamston reported about the largest fall in this section of the State, however.

Democrats Start Nominating Talks In Chicago Today

Seventeen Candidates Advance Claim To Presidential Nomination

With most of their squabbles over and without too many serious wounds, delegates are hearing speeches at the Democratic national convention in Chicago today. Seventeen candidates are still laying claim to the Presidential nomination, but support for Governor Adlai Stevenson's selection continues to mount. However, Kefauver and the Harriman followers are working to cut in on Stevenson's strength, and just what course the convention will follow from now on is uncertain.

From six to eight hours will be required to clear the nominating speeches with the possibility that balloting will get under way tonight. If the trend is uncertain at the close of the speeches, it is likely that balloting will be held over until tomorrow, placing the convention in order for adjournment sometime late in the day.

The platform was given approval without a big fight, the action coming somewhat as a surprise. The big squabble centered around a "loyalty pledge" which was inflated beyond reason. South Carolina, one of three states holding out against the pledge, was said to have favored secession, but when the convention resumed its work at 11:00 o'clock this morning the delegates were in their seats. The pledge, as it was explained, merely asked the delegates to see that no names appear on the Democratic ticket other than those of nominees or those of electors pledged by the Democratic party.

After withdrawing from the race for the nomination, Alben Barkley was given a great ovation last night when he addressed the convention.

Little League Will Send All Star Unit To Tarboro Park

Same Team Will Play Next Month In Greenville In District Eliminations

Little League All-Stars are being asked to meet at the George Reynolds Hotel at 4:45 on Monday afternoon, July 28, in full uniform so that they can be carried to Tarboro on the Williamston Green Wave bus for a game with a Tarboro team at 6:30. All coaches and officials interested in going with the players are asked to be at the Hotel no later than 5:00.

All Little League players who did not make the All-Star team should be at the City Hall at 5:00 o'clock. They are to wear their uniforms if they wish although they will not be permitted to go on the playing field in Tarboro. League officials are also asking that all local people attending the game in Tarboro go by the City Hall before leaving town and to pick up several of the boys and take them along as their guests to the game.

Under the direction of Ed Rowland as manager and Clyde Manning as assistant manager, the little league all-stars are as follows: James Murray, Strawbridge, Daniel A. Manning, Benjamin F. McKeel, J. Donald Howard, pitchers, Billy Ray Bowen and Joseph W. Griffin, Jr., catchers, and the following fielders: Joel Muse, Jr., John W. Wells, Hugh Raynor, Shelton Chesson, Gerald Robertson, Jerry Mack Rawls, Roy Rogerson, L. Carlyle Brown.

The same group will travel to Greenville the first week in August for the District I playoffs and if successful there will go on to Wilmington for the State playoffs.

The game in Tarboro has no doubt the tournament play that will give the local team a chance to find how it stacks up against outside competition. It is believed that the local boys will make a good showing as it has a fairly strong pitching staff and the batting averages of most of the players are good.

Mrs. Wm. Spencer Dies In Hospital

Mrs. Susan Eudora Sears Spencer, mother of Dr. J. L. Spencer, a former resident of Williamston, died in a Norfolk hospital Wednesday morning at 5:15 o'clock following a ten-day illness.

Mrs. Spencer, daughter of the late Henry and Elizabeth Sears, was born in Hyde County, N. C., 35 years ago, and had made her home in Hickory, Va., for the past 33 years. She was the widow of William Edward Spencer.

Mrs. Spencer made many friends in Williamston while visiting her son during his residency here.

Funeral services will be conducted at the Graham Funeral Home in South Norfolk Friday afternoon at 1:00 o'clock. Interment will be in Riverside Memorial Park.

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Circus Coming To Town July 30th

For most Americans across the land, the circus is something that rolls in with or a little ahead of the dawn, and starts away again at the end of the day. . . that makes for three shows in all; the coming, the performance, and the going. They're all good, each in its special way. Hagen-Wallace three ring circus will be in Williamston at Old Fairgrounds Wednesday, July 30th benefit Jaycees. The attractions offered this season number over one hundred, and feature a number of new acts first time in America.

Among the top headliners appearing with the circus is the Tomiyana Troupe of ten who do remarkable feats at the very top of the big tent. Velerda Sisters riding unbridled horses showing horsemanship unsurpassed. June O'day with her high school horse "Shamrock" that is always a strong contender for first place in the rounds of applause. Major John Smith and prize winning Liberty horses, over 48 horses all performing in perfect unison. Flossie Hill and the performing Hills Dogs, Ponies and Monkeys, always a prime favor with the little folks. Hagen-Wallace performing elephants and mixed group of animals are one of the new acts first presented this season, and trained by well known animal director of the famous Brookfield Zoo of Chicago. Cyse Dell the little lady who performs upon the high wire, Alf Loyal and the Loyal family of acrobats, jugglers, one of the finest acts appearing in this country and direct from the London Padiam, Prof. Don Kings well-known circus band of 18 musicians will play the performance and give a one hour concert preceding each performance, if you long to hear the old time circus band, come early and enjoy this fine musical treat.

CORRECTION

Due to a mistake in reading the price on the copy, Venetian Blinds were advertised in this newspaper Tuesday as being priced at \$2.17 at Beik-Tyler's. The correct price and the one which should have appeared in the advertisement is \$2.77.