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ship Corporation was established here in 1939. The corporation started out nine years ago with 37 miles of lines and 175 members in Pigeon, East Fork and Pigeon Township of Haywood county. Mr. Sheffield served as office manager here before he was appointed general manager in 1945.

The corporation is owned and controlled by the members it serves and is financed through loans from the federal government. Loans from the government will be amortized over a period of 35 years with a low rate of interest. Affairs of the corporation are run by the Board of Directors, which is elected by the members at the annual meeting.

The present board of directors is composed of the following: Carter Osborne, Clyde, president; L. M. Davis, Waynesville, vice-president; and Ira Cogburn, East Fork, secretary and treasurer. Other members include: W. P. Harris, Beaverdam; C. M. Moody, Jonathans Creek; Roy Medford, Iron Duff; Albert Ferguson, Crabtree; Walker Brown, Pigeon; Blaine Nicholson, Jackson county; Dewey Burton, Transylvania county; C. W. Lineman and H. W. Davis, both of Buncombe county.

SLIGHT ANNOUNCING ERROR

GRAND RAPIDS, Mich. (UP)—Visiting hours were nearly up when the following order came over the loud speaker system at St. Mary's Hospital: "All patients must leave the building."

MORE ABOUT Band, Team

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part in the past football season. Coach Ratcliff assured the audience that packed all the available space in the cafeteria to overflowing, with an optimistic statement, when he said: "Don't worry about your team for the next four or five years", and with that presented the junior varsity, pointing out outstanding qualities in each player.

Coach Weatherby presented the first team, and made a brief comment on each (See details on sports page.)

Mr. Isley was presented with thunderous applause, and in a slow, low voice, said: "I am proud of the band, proud of their character, and their records. I have been offered better paying jobs, but feeling that I could never find a better spirit of cooperation anywhere, I am staying here."

In quick order, Mr. Isley presented Carol Underwood, student band leader; Jimmy Swift, senior marching band drum major, and then the entire two bands—concert and senior marching.

Dave Felmet, president of the Merchants Association, presented the topcoat to Weatherby, Ratcliff and Isley, and a large box of candy to Miss Margaret Perry, who has worked with both units in many ways.

Portuguese writers attribute the discovery of the Bay of Rio de Janeiro to Andre Goncalves who entered its waters on January 1, 1502—and named the great river feeding into it, "The River of Janu-

Where Family of Four With \$7,000 Is Underprivileged

By SHERRY BOWEN AP Newsfeatures Writer

NEW YORK—Now you can start worrying about those underprivileged families of four with only \$7,000 a year income. Underprivileged? \$7,000? It sounds fantastic, but inflation has done things to incomes as well as prices.

Look at the figures on U. S. per capita incomes just compiled by the National Industrial Conference Board.

A year's income payments to individuals in Nevada total \$1,842 for every man, woman and child. In New York it's \$1,781 per capita. Thus, families of four in those two states are below average if they have \$7,000 a year income.

In eight states and the District of Columbia incomes average above \$1,600 per capita. That's \$6,400 for four people. The states are California, Nevada, Montana, North Dakota, Illinois, New York, Connecticut and Delaware.

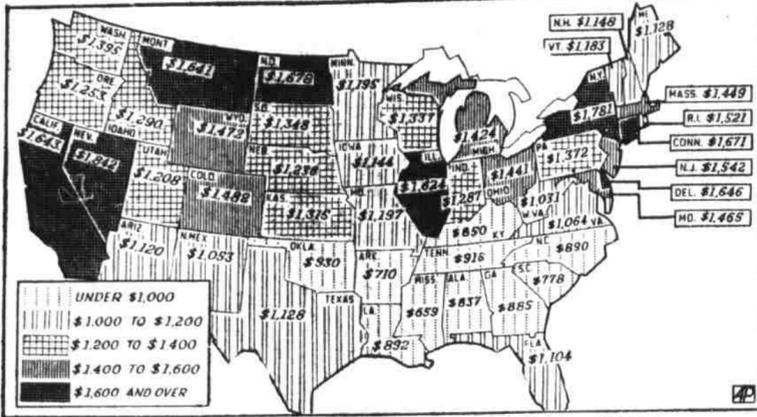
Nationwide, the average is \$1,323 per person or \$5,292 for four. These latest figures for a full year are for 1947. It may be higher when the 1948 totals are known. Even so it is up 130 per cent since 1940.

In 1940 the national average per person was \$575. That year, the family of four with \$2,300 a year was average.

Going back to the latest figures, the low income belt is in the south. This was also true in previous years. But Arkansas, with the lowest average in 1947 had \$710 per person which is well above the \$575 national average of 1940.

The deep south states with incomes below \$1,000 per person are Oklahoma, Arkansas, Louisiana, Mississippi, Alabama, Tennessee, Kentucky, North Carolina, South Carolina and Georgia.

Four other south coast and border states are below \$1,200 per per-



Percentage Increase, 1940-1947. Table listing percentage increases for 48 states. Columns include state names and their respective percentage increases. For example, Del. 84, Mass. 89, N. J. 92, etc.

INCOME per capita for 48 states, compiled by National Industrial Conference Board.

son—Arizona, New Mexico, Texas and Florida. In the same category are Minnesota, Iowa and Missouri as well as Maine, New Hampshire and Vermont, Virginia and West Virginia.

A different picture shows up when states are listed as to size of the increased income over 1940. The south has had large increases compared with west coast and northeastern states where increase were smaller. Delaware, up 84 per cent, had the smallest increase in the country, except for Washington, D. C., with 50 per cent. North

Dakota, up 356 per cent, had the highest.

A word of caution should be given in reading the figures. They are averages. Whether you deal with the \$575 average in 1940 or the \$1,323 national average of 1947, that does not mean most people got that sum or above. One million-dollar income, for example, can overbalance a large number of below-average incomes.

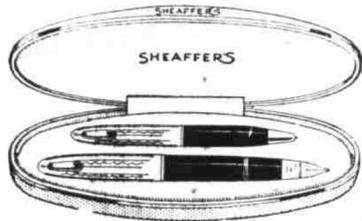
Another thing. There is no reference to taxes. When incomes increase, Uncle Sam takes a much bigger bite and there is less left for spending. Also, the

per capita figures take no account of the number of wage earners. An increased number of wives are working. When you speak of "average" families of four, more of the family incomes come from two or more workers.

But the board figures do reflect sharp increases in payments to individuals. They are much higher here than 1929. In 1929, U. S. per capita income was \$680. The \$575 average in 1940 was lower. But by 1946 it had grown to \$1,213, and to \$1,323 in 1947. Estimates for 1948 indicate it may be around \$100 a year higher.

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MORE ABOUT Lions Aid

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just the most practical garments the individual needed.

Each child was given individual attention, and outfitted in the garments the Lions thought best, but as to colors the wishes of the child was always considered.

The whole program was well organized, as all clothing stores outfitted a certain number, with the clerks and Lions taking all the time that was needed to see that the job was well done.

More than once a big business man would turn his head, brush aside a tear of happiness as he saw the faces of his group light up as they got garment after garment.

One little girl preferred to take a dress, shoes, scarf, and underwear without being wrapped. "I want to show my friends what good people have done for me," she explained in all the sincerity a human can possess. Needless to say, there was no wrapping of her garments, as she proudly went her way.

An 8-year old boy requested that he be given a "little larger jacket—I feel like my chest will bust, and I want the jacket big enough." He did not say that to be funny. It was the simple and sincere way he had of expressing his gratitude for what he was getting.

A professional man went into one shoe department and personally fitted a little girl in shoes. As she got a proper fit, she ran back to the group to show them her shoes, and the professional man picked up what she had been wearing — just the upper part of the shoes, no soles. He stood silently, holding the worn out leather, shook his head, took a deep breath, swallowed hard, and then forcing a smile, called the little girl, saying: "Let's go see about a pretty coat." Two of the happiest people ever seen together in Haywood went hand-in-hand to pick out a red coat.

The story could go on and on, for almost each of the 102 children presented a picture of happiness that mere words in cold type cannot duplicate.

The job of the Lions is only half finished, however, because now comes the task of raising about \$1,200 to pay for all the garments. Starting today the 65 members of the club will take turns in operating the Dime Board.

Through the liberal contributions of the public they hope to raise the \$1,200. If the public fails, the little folks have their clothes, are happy, warmer and will be forever grateful to the Lions for remembering this 1948 Christmas.

Besides Mr. Burgin, other members of the committee are Dr. J. E. Fender, Dr. Robert S. Turner, G. C. Ferguson and Hal Crawford.

Paul Davis is president of the club, and commented on the members and the committee, by saying: "While this is only December 14th, this is Christmas for all of us—just watch those smiles on everybody's faces."

Outside the stores, even the sun was shining brighter, we guess. Who can see the sun when your eyes are full of tears?

MORE ABOUT 16 Families

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the persons are not physically able to work.

The gesture of sharing one's better fortune with those less fortunate is a natural impulse.

The sixteen cases are as follows: Case Number 1. Father and mother both physically unable to do hard work. The live in remote section of county and are tenants. There are eight children in the family under 16 years of age. Children's ages are: Boys—15, 9, 7, 4, 2, 8 months; Girls—13, 12.

2. Mother seriously ill with incurable disease. Father works at odd jobs. Five children under 14 years of age. Children's ages are: Boys—14, 12, Girls—8, 6, and 2.

3. Mother and nine children. Father is in penitentiary. The mother is crippled and unable to work and support children. This colored family lives in the Gibsontown section of Canton. Children's ages are: Girls—16, 7, 5, 4, 2; Boys—14, 13, 10 and 8.

4. Father, mother and five children. Father has physical disabilities. They reside in the Gibsontown section of Canton. The ages of the children are: Girls—8, 4, 1; Boys—16, 12.

5. The father is unemployed because of age and health complications. The basic needs of his three motherless children, a daughter age 19, two sons, ages 15 and 12, are provided by the Welfare Department. Help is needed to bring Christmas cheer into this family.

6. Widow and five dependent children. Public assistance not available until January 1, 1949. Need food and clothing for Christmas. Children's ages: Girls—9, 6, 2; Boys 8 and 16.

7. Father, mother and three children. Father crippled and mother sick. Both parents unable to do any work at all. They reside in the Thickety Section of Canton. The children's ages are: Girl—1; and boys—10, 5.

8. Tenant farmer lives in remote section of county and no work available during winter months. Seven children under 15 years of age. This family lives in the Bethel section. The ages of the children are: Girls—12, 8, 6, 4, 2; Boys—15 and 10.

9. Father, mother and three children. Father unable to work. Mother has been sick for two years and unable to work. They reside in the Beaverdam section of Canton. The children's ages are: Girl—1; boys—14 and 4.

10. Mother and six children. Father of children deserted and his whereabouts is unknown. The ages of the children are: Girls—12, 10, 5, 3; boys—14 and 8.

11. Widow and five children. Children's ages: Girls—10, and 9 months; boys 8, 6, and 3.

12. This woman's husband is dead and left her with six children to support. Her basic needs will be taken care of beginning January 1, 1949, by the Welfare Department. This woman is overwhelmed with responsibility for her children and she is trying to keep them all in school except the preschool age. Funds are needed to lighten the burden of this mother and to provide a bit of cheer during the Christmas season. The

MORE ABOUT Election

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R., Judges.

Clyde—N. C. West, Registrar; Vanar Haynes, D., Jarvis Campbell, R., Judges.

Big Creek—J. M. Caldwell, Registrar; J. C. Hopkins, D., J. H. White, R., Judges.

Hazelwood—W. A. Whitner, Registrar; John Tittle, D., Fletcher Kuykendall, R., Judges.

Jonathan Creek—Dick Moody, Registrar; J. J. Boyd, D., Vinson Morrow, R., Judges.

Cataloochee—L. C. Caldwell, Registrar; Levi B. Caldwell, D., Cole Sutton, R., Judges.

White Oak—Estella Teague, Registrar; A. G. Baldwin, D., Jack P. Bramlett, Judges.

Crabtree—Fred Noland, Registrar; Hugh Best, D., J. C. Haney, R., Judges.

Fines Creek—Chas. B. McCrary, Registrar; Roy Rogers, D., Jack Ferguson, R., Judges.

East Fork—Rex Pless, Registrar; W. A. Pless, D., L. W. Clark, R., Judges.

Lake Junaluska—Elizabeth O. Reeves, Registrar; Hugh C. Leath-erwood, D.; Tom Fincher, R., Judges.

Beaverdam No. 1—W. W. Pless, Registrar; Jack Woody, D., Mrs. D. P. Shook, R., Judges.

Beaverdam No. 2—Jack W. Chapman, Registrar; Jake Smathers, D., Gladson Haney, R., Judges.

Beaverdam No. 3—Mrs. Howard Smathers, Registrar; C. E. Cole, D., Roy Matherson, R., Judges.

Beaverdam No. 4—Bill Franklin, Registrar; Wilmer J. Stevens, D., John Teague, R., Judges.

Beaverdam No. 5—Fred Winfield, Registrar; Elbert Mease, D., George A. Wilson, R., Judges.

Beaverdam No. 6—S. C. Wood Registrar; G. W. Smithers, D., George H. Johnson, R., Judges.

THEY GOT OFF EASY MIDDLEBORO, Mass. (UP)—Charles Hill's automobile tore through the guard-rail of a bridge, plunged down a 30-foot embankment and crashed into a freight car. Neither Hill nor a companion was hurt.

children's ages are: Girls—15, 9, 6; boys—13, 12, and 4.

13. The father drifts from one job to another. The mother does the best she can under these circumstances. The seven children in the family, ranging in ages from 12 years to one month, face a desolate Christmas unless someone plays Santa Claus to them.

14. An aged childless couple who have no relatives and are totally dependent on public assistance and outside help for comfort and cheer.

15. A mother with five children. A girl 16 will finish high school next year and a boy, age 14, is undergoing treatment for rheumatic fever. A boy, age 10, boy age 7, and another age 4, are also in the home. Also living in the home is the 80-year-old grandmother who is crippled and almost helpless. This family's basic needs are now covered by the Welfare funds but a friend is needed to provide Christmas cheer.

16. Father is tenant farmer. Mother is mental case. Ages of children range from: Boys—12, 10, 7; girl—six months.

MORE ABOUT Fire Loss

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ment officials estimated the loss around \$20,000. The fire occurred last Easter morning.

The local fire department is headed by Clem Fitzgerald as fire chief, and Felix Stovall, assistant fire chief. The volunteer firemen are: Walt McHaffey, Lewis Gibson, B. R. Hundley, Brad McHaffey, Tom Campbell, David Underwood, Robert Chaffin, Hub Burnett, Leon Killian, Jr., Will Strange, Ben Sloan, Paul Young, Alfred Fowler, Sam Kelley, H. P. Clay, and John Boyd.

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Rhodes Scholars

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MORE ABOUT Caldwell

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during the four years. He participated in many extra-curricular activities, being a member of the basketball team for three years. He was business manager for the football room during his senior year.

H. R. has been an outstanding member in 4-H club work since he was ten years old, and he has done much to encourage other young boys to enter club work.

His recent awards included a Farm Degree Certificate, a gold pin, and a \$50 check.

EXTRA SERVICE VETTED

CLEBURNE, Tex. (UP)—Traffic officers here have been instructed not to make change for motorists who do not have the right amount for parking meters. The order went out after some motorists inserted a coin part way into the meter spot when they didn't have proper change, depending on the officer to change it and put the right amount in the meter.

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