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Persons In Pitt Have Received \$396,000 Benefits

Social Security Activities In Pitt County, As Presented by Mrs. J. B. Spilman of the Unemployment Compensation Commission

Pitt county individuals and communities have received benefits to the extent of approximately \$396,000 through operation of the Social Security Act, it is estimated by Mrs. J. B. Spilman, vice chairman of the North Carolina Unemployment Compensation Commission, while in Pitt county Tuesday (February 6) for an address on "Social Security in the Home," at Fountain.

Mrs. Spilman said that Unemployment Compensation is the chief item of receipts of Pitt county, due to the fact that this county contains a fairly large number of industrial plants. In the two years of benefit payments through last December, the Commission has paid in benefits to residents of the county \$171,174.38, distributed in 36,387 checks.

Through the cooperation of Mr. Nathan E. Yelton, State Director of Public Assistance, and Dr. Roma S. Cheek, executive secretary of the State Commission for the Blind, and with figures from Washington and in the Central U. C. office in Raleigh, Mrs. Spilman said that she was able to get a fairly accurate record of distribution in Pitt county through Social Security.

Old Age Assistance in the 31 months of payments through January has amounted to \$118,882 in Pitt county. The January payments amounted to \$4,490, going to 520 needy aged persons. The average was \$3.64 each as compared with the State average in January of \$9.72.

Aid to Dependent Children, the help given to keep together families of those who have lost their natural breadwinners, amounted to \$48,874.50 in the same 31 months. In January, the amount was \$2,140, going to the support of 386 children. The Pitt county average was \$5.54, as compared with the State average of \$6.18 in January.

Aid to the Blind in the same 31 months reached \$10,918.56. January payments to 29 blind persons were \$414, an average of \$14.27 each, as compared with the State average of \$14.90.

Mrs. Spilman explained that the amounts for Old Age Assistance and Aid to the Blind are provided one-half by the Federal Government and one-fourth each by the State and county; and Aid to Dependent Children has been provided one-third each by Federal, State and county governments. From now on, however, the Federal Government will supply one-half of this aid, as in cases of the aged and blind.

In Old Age Insurance, it is necessary to make an apportionment of the State amount to arrive at figures for Pitt county.

This money has been in the small lump-sum payments to workers in covered employment since January 1, 1937, and who have since become 65 years of age or to families of such workers who have died since that date. The estimate indicates that probably 124 individuals or families have received about \$4,175.00 since payments started. The value of this program is just now beginning to be apparent with the payments starting on a monthly basis this month, as provided by Congress last summer, Mrs. Spilman explained.

With an estimate in this one division and practically accurate figures in the four other divisions, it is apparent that approximately \$354,025 has been distributed in these five major divisions. In the other five divisions, classed as "services," apportionment indicates that probably \$41,835 has been distributed in Pitt county about as follows: Maternal and Child Welfare, \$7,400.00; Services for Crippled Children, \$6,275.00; Child Welfare Services, \$6,060.00; Vocational Rehabilitation, \$3,200.00; Public Health Work, \$19,900.00.

Several factors enter into graduation of these amounts to Pitt county, Mrs. Spilman explained. The county had a population of 54,466, or 1.72 percent of the entire population of the State, 1930 census. This part of the program has been in operation almost four years, and the State has matched almost all of the funds coming from the Federal Government in these divisions. These factors are considered in making the estimate for Pitt county.

Figures in the U. C. office show that the county has about 108 residential units subject to the act, and that approximately 5,500 employees are employed by it. The employees in these years of 1937, 1938 and 1939, were 1,100, 1,200 and 1,300, respectively.

Employment Service records indicate that in the last three years, registrations for work by the unemployed in Pitt county numbered 12,424, while placements on jobs in the same three years numbered 6,115.

All of the communities in Pitt county are served by the Employment Service office in Farmville, Mrs. Spilman said.

Loan Program Expires in 1942

Mortgage Paper To Be Handled By Commissioner to Help Farmers Buy or Save Farms

Washington, Feb. 2.—The act of Congress signed by President Roosevelt authorizing land bank commissioner loans in the Carolinas and other sections of the country until June 1, 1942, will enable the commissioner to continue making first and second mortgage loans to assist in financing the purchase of farms, to refinance farm debts, and for other agriculture purposes.

At the Farm Credit administration, Governor Albert G. Black said approximately 440,000 farmers now have land bank commissioner loans amounting to \$690,879,000.

First authorized in 1933, the commissioner's loans were used primarily to refinance old debts. Since 1935, however, when Congress broadened the purpose for which the loans may be used, an increasing number of farmers have obtained them to assist in financing the purchase of farms.

Governor Black said the total amount of commissioner's loans made from May 12, 1933 to the end of last year was \$994,434,000 of which \$208,115,000 or more than 20 per cent has been repaid. Repayments in 1939 amounted to \$64,005,000 which was about 10.7 per cent higher than in 1938.

It was the commissioner's loan, Mr. Black said, which in 1933-35 enabled the farm credit administration to refinance the debts of many thousands of farmers who faced foreclosure as a result of the depression. These loans made it possible to refinance the debts of farmers whose obligations exceeded the first-mortgage lending limits of the Federal Land Banks. The commissioner's loans are made on second as well as first mortgage security but may not exceed \$7,500 to any one farmer.

Cotton, Wheat Parity Payments Will Be Made

Parity payments on cotton and wheat will definitely be made in 1940 in North Carolina, says E. Y. Floyd, AAA executive officer of State College, in clearing up confusion resulting from consideration of farm payments in Congress.

"There was appropriated at a previous session of Congress \$255,000,000 for AAA parity payments in 1940, and Congress is now considering appropriations for parity payments in 1940," Floyd said.

The AAA officer explained that there can be no parity payment in 1940 on tobacco because the average price of tobacco in 1939 was more than 75 percent of parity.

"However," Floyd said, "a farmer who grows cotton or wheat, or both, as well as tobacco, will lose his parity payment if he overplants the sum total of his special allotments. For instance, if a farmer has a 10-acre cotton allotment and a five-acre tobacco allotment, he could plant five acres of cotton and 10 acres of tobacco and still receive his cotton parity payment, but he would lose his performance payment on tobacco. And if he planted 10 acres of tobacco and 5.1 acres of cotton, he would lose both his parity and performance payment."

Rates of parity payments will be announced later, Floyd stated. The rate of any crop cannot exceed the amount by which the 1939 average farm price of the commodity is less than 75 percent of the parity price.

Producers of winter wheat may apply for and receive 1940 parity payments before their 1940 performance is checked on cotton and tobacco, upon agreeing to make refunds if subsequent check-up show that they have overplanted their allotments of any of the special allotment crops.

after the worker becomes unemployed—and \$7,264 continued claims—the claims filed each week following the initial claim—have been filed by unemployed workers in Pitt county in the last two years.

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Russians Lose Many Men In Futile Offensive

Finns Report Slaughter of 1,800 Russians In Fighting North of Lake Ladoga

Helsinki, Feb. 7.—The Finnish high command tonight announced the slaughter of 1,800 Russians in fighting north of Lake Ladoga along the eastern frontier and the crushing of six powerful Red army blows against the Mannerheim Line on the Karelian Isthmus.

The Russians, aided by fresh reinforcements and better communication lines to Leningrad, smashed against the Finnish fortifications in clear, sub-zero cold for the seventh consecutive day, but were hurled back in each successive assault, tonight's communique said.

Twenty-two Russian tanks were destroyed in yesterday's fighting it was stated, bringing to 586 the number of tanks officially listed as having been captured or shattered by the Finns.

The number of Russian fighter and bombing planes shot down was increased to 314, it was announced, by the Russians' loss of six planes yesterday.

The high command said the Russians failed in their efforts to pierce the Mannerheim Line positions on the Isthmus.

The 1,800 Russians estimated to have been killed above Lake Ladoga fell in fighting near the Russian frontier northeast of the lake where an entire battalion of Russian ski troops was cut to pieces, and in the bitterly contested Kuhmo sector more than 200 miles to the north.

The enemy losses around Kuhmo in recent days amounts to nearly 1,500 dead, the Finnish communique asserted.

It was indicated that some of the heaviest fighting of the war was under way around Kuhmo, where the Finns are attempting to push the Russians back across the border and clear the eastern frontier areas of the enemy all the way from the Salla front down to the fighting zone directly above Lake Ladoga.

The heaviest fighting on the Karelian Isthmus, where the Russians are attempting to break through the Finnish line toward Viipuri, about 19 miles northward, again occurred near Summa along the main highway to Finland's second-largest city.

The Russian attacked in four waves against the Summa links of the Mannerheim Line yesterday—making a total of nine separate attacks there in 48 hours—with the heavy support of tanks. "Trojan horse" sleds and shattering artillery fire.

The Summa attacks all were repulsed, the high command said, as were two other major blows further east toward the center of the Isthmus at Punnusjoki, which had been quiet in recent weeks.

Lt.-Gov. Horton to Address Farmville Chapter D. A. R.

The Major Benjamin May Chapter, D. A. R., of Farmville, will celebrate the 14th anniversary of its organization in the Chapter House here on Saturday, February 10, with Lieutenant-Governor Wilkins P. Horton as guest speaker, and Mrs. U. H. Cozart and Mrs. J. C. Eagles, of Wilson, as hostesses. Mrs. T. C. Turnage is requested to speak on the subject of "National Defense" at this time.

The chapter, with a membership of around sixty representative women of Farmville, Fountain, Wilson, Rocky Mount, Kinston, Greenville, Raleigh, Lumberton and Raeford, and a number from Virginia, Tennessee, Florida and the District, is much more than a local group, and has been a factor in promoting State and National as well as civic interests in this section during the fourteen years of its existence.

According to club reports, 4-H Club boys of Chowokee County are displaying more interest in livestock and poultry projects this year than they did last year.

Through the Extension Service program, more farmers of Wilson County will be taught the necessity of having more food and feed crops at home this year, said Farm Agent T. D. Anthony.

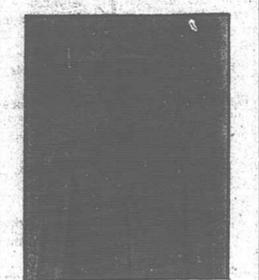
G. A. Jones Passes After Long Illness

Veteran Tobacco Buyer and Prominent Citizen To Be Laid To Rest In Wilson Cemetery Saturday Morning

Final rites for Gustavus Adolphus Jones, 72, a well known veteran tobacco buyer of Eastern North Carolina, and one of Farmville's most prominent citizens, will be held from his late residence on George street, at 10:30 o'clock Saturday morning, by Rev. J. R. Rountree, rector of Emmanuel Church. Interment will be made in the Wilson cemetery.

Mr. Jones had been in failing health for several years and his death, which occurred Thursday afternoon at 4:30 o'clock, was not unexpected.

He was a native of Pittsylvania county, Virginia, being born and reared near Danville, and residing in the city of Danville for several years, where he became in early manhood a tobacco buyer for his uncle, E. K. Jones, of E. K. Jones and Company. He later became associated with the American Tobacco Co., as buyer, and spent some time in Europe.



G. A. JONES
Veteran Tobacco Buyer

After accepting a position with the Imperial Tobacco Co., Mr. Jones came to Farmville as buyer soon after the opening of the Farmville market, and during a record period of 28 years on one market, he became prominently identified as a tobaccoist, was made branch manager of the local Imperial plant, served the Tobacco Board of Trade as president for a number of years and was recognized as one of the foremost tobacco buyers and branch managers of the industry. He was retired owing to failing health in 1935. The tobacco industry so filled his earthly life that it was his wish that he be laid to rest in Wilson, the world's largest tobacco market.

He had been a member of Emmanuel Episcopal Church for many years, and served as vestryman until ill health forced him to give up his service in this connection. He was actively identified with the building of the present edifice.

He later married Miss Lelia Ann Regis, of Washington, D. C., who survives him, together with a son, Max Frederick Jones, a senior at the University of North Carolina.

Surviving also are a sister, Mrs. J. B. White, of New York City, and a brother, Harry Jones, of Greenville.



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(Washington Correspondent)

FARM AID REDUCED. WALLACE PROTESTS. NAVAL AUTHORIZATION. EDISON CITES CONDITIONS. PRESIDENT ENJOYS ISSUE.

Rigorously following its economy policy, the House Appropriations Committee last week drastically reduced the budget request for farm relief, cutting the total from the \$788,929,519 requested to \$634,399,256. The chief slices from the budget figures were \$72,476,812 from the surplus commodity disposal item, which carries out the Food Stamp Plan; \$47,275,000 to carry out the 1937 Sugar Act and \$25,000,000 for farm tenant loans.

The severity of the cut recommended is emphasized by the failure of the President to recommend any sum for parity payments. The catch-sought goal of parity for farmers means payments designed to raise farm purchasing power to the 1910-1914 level. This should not be confused with price levels. Farm purchasing power depends upon the ratio between prices received by the farmer for agricultural products and the prices he must pay for necessities.

Farmers of Jackson County have made application through the county agent's office for 150,000 trees to be used in checking erosion and retaining worn-out land in their farms. (Continued on page 2)

Loans For Finns And Chinese Get Upper House Aid

Senate Foreign Relations Group Approves Bill Paying Way For Money Help

Washington, Feb. 7.—The Senate foreign relations committee cleared the decks for financial aid to war-invaded Finland and China today while the House defeated two proposals aimed at breaking off diplomatic relations with Russia.

The committee approved, 12 to 6, a bill increasing the Export-Import Bank's capital by \$100,000,000, of which \$20,000,000 could be loaned on a non-military basis to China and \$20,000,000 to Finland, although names of both nations are omitted.

The proposed Chinese loan came as a surprise and was interpreted in some quarters as a new blow at Japan in protest against her treatment of Americans in China.

China now is repaying a \$25,000,000 commercial loan made last year. The one tentatively approved today was sponsored by Committee Chairman Key Pittman who said "there is the greatest desire on the part of the administration to make the loan."

The House action came on two amendments to the State Department appropriations bill. They were sponsored by Representative John McCormack, D. Mass., and would have eliminated funds for keeping open the American embassy in Moscow and for paying the \$17,500 annual salary of Ambassador Laurence Steinhardt.

The first was rejected 95 to 38 and the second 108 to 106 after heated debate in which many Congressmen heaped calumny on Russia for her invasion of Finland.

The Senate is expected to take up the loan bill tomorrow. Under its provisions, the Export-Import Bank, at its discretion, can loan up to \$20,000,000 of new money to "any country." As drawn by the Senate banking and currency committee, it originally provided that no more than \$5,000,000 could be loaned to China, the amount the Far Eastern nation has repaid on its previous loan.

Pittman put through an amendment changing the language so that China can borrow up to \$20,000,000. At the same time, Federal Loan Administrator Jesse Jones confirmed a recent United Press dispatch saying that China was negotiating for a new loan and was asking for \$75,000,000.

Finland already has borrowed \$10,000,000.

The committee rejected, 15 to 3, a motion to grant the little Baltic republic a direct loan of \$30,000,000 which could have been used for purchases of munitions and armaments as well as non-military supplies.

As approved, the bill stipulates that all loans made must be for non-military purposes.

Lunch Room To Open at School Friday Feb. 9th

A great deal of interest is being shown here in activities connected with the opening of a lunch room in the Farmville graded school, Friday of this week by the Parent-Teacher Association in conjunction with the W. P. A.

The menu on opening day will consist of vegetable soup, crackers, muffins and apple sauce at a charge of 10c with milk and ice cream supplied at 5c each. A menu for each week will be published in these columns after next week.

Mrs. C. L. Barrett, president of the Parent-Teacher Association, and members of her committee have worked untiringly in behalf of the project and on the arrangements connected with operation of the lunch room.

The basement dining room, used by the Rotary Club, is being renovated and equipped this week to serve as the school lunch room.

This service has been badly needed here for years, and those responsible for its beginning and maintenance have a right to expect the parents of the town to cooperate heartily and allow their children to patronage the counter daily. Balanced menus, well prepared food and good service will merit and doubtless receive the patronage necessary to the success and continuation of the venture.

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Both London and Paris Reveal Growing Demand For Finnish Assistance

EUROPEAN SUMMARY

Helsinki.—Russian planes bomb prison full of Red army prisoners but Finns take Russians to shelter; Russians keep pounding in vain at Mannerheim Line after estimated losses of 20,000 wounded, killed in a week.

London.—Britain reveals dispatch of "war material" to Finland, appoints new minister to Helsinki; Irish mourn two Irish republican army zealots hanged at Birmingham gaol.

Washington.—House twice rejects efforts to end diplomatic relations with Russia; Senate foreign relations committee approves measure to help Finland by \$20,000,000 loan.

Berlin.—Authorized German sources disclaim existence of German-Russian military agreement.

World Day of Prayer

The World Day of Prayer will be observed at the Presbyterian Church on Friday, February 9, at 2:00 P. M., with the Baptist Missionary Society of which Mrs. G. W. Davis is president in charge, with representatives from all churches taking part. The public is cordially invited.

The service will be a simple, reverent period for prayer and presentation of the four special fields of work which the World Day of Prayer offerings help to support, namely: the Migrants, Christian Literature, Indian Students in U. S. Government Schools, and Union Christian Colleges which demonstrate the unity in, and growing opportunity for interdenominational service.

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After changing his cows from grass hay to lespedeza hay, F. L. Corriher of the Nathans Creek community in Ashe County noticed an almost immediate increase in milk production.

Japanese Debate American Issues

Tokyo Anticipates 'Difficulties' With Uncle Sam Over Trade Relations

Tokyo, Feb. 7.—The Japanese government told Parliament today that it was preparing for "anticipated difficulties" in its economic relations with the United States and was considering the question of abrogating the nine-power treaty of 1922.

These statements were made in a session marked by pointed remarks concerning the present relations between the United States and Japan, with one member raising the question of withdrawal of Americans from China and Premier Admiral Mitsumasa Yonai stating Japan would reconsider her attitude toward the United States if that country "continues its oppression and interference with Japan."

Discussion centered on expiration of the Japanese-American trade treaty of 1911 last January 26 after its denunciation by Washington.

Answering a declaration by Yoshimichi Kuroki, member of the Seiyukai, a major political party, that ending of the trade pact was "an insult," Foreign Minister Hachiro Arita said that the act was irreproachable legally, but that the manner had caused dissatisfaction to Japan.

Azao Matsumoto of Japan's second major party, the Minseitō, asked "What does the United States request from Japan for readjustment of relations?" with Japan, and Arita replied that the United States "requests the security of the lives and property of American residents in China."

"Has the government any intention to advise the American government to withdraw its nationals from China?" Matsumoto asked.

"It is a grave question," answered Arita, "and I am not in a position to answer that here."

"I suggest," continued Matsumoto, "that the Premier issue a statement of wishing to America, thereby reassuring the Japanese people."

Yonai responded: "I do not want to regard the American attitude with ill feeling, but I will reconsider if the United States continues its oppression and interference with Japan."

Arita said the government was "weighing the advantages and disadvantages of abrogation" of the trade pact.

A British Government Spokesman Says Substantial Aid Already Going to Little Baltic Nation; French Newspapers Call For Complete Backing of Finland

London, Feb. 7.—Britain underscored her support for Finland against Russia today with an official statement indicating that she is extending virtually every war aid short of active military intervention.

Assurance that Finland's appeals for help were being answered substantially were given in the House of Commons as Britain's own war was felt in a hitherto untouched maritime area. The 4,300-ton Irish mail steamer Munster sank between Liverpool and Ireland after an explosion apparently caused by a mine. The 200 passengers and crew were saved.

Replying to a question whether "every step is being taken to aid Finland quickly," Foreign Undersecretary R. A. Butler said "See. The urgency of this matter is very much realized by the government."

The Finnish war was in the forefront also in Berlin and Paris.

A movement to speed full material assistance to Finland gained steamroller strength in France as the authoritative newspaper Le Temps came out for "effective, complete and total" aid for the Finns.

French demands that the Allied governments give Finland "complete" aid in her fight against Russia increased amid press reports that Germany was seeking a Russian-Finnish peace in order to release Soviet resources for her own use.

The authoritative Le Temps editorial was typical of demands which have come from many sources, including Premier Daladier's own radical-Socialist party.

The newspaper said it no longer was possible to separate the European war from the Baltic conflict because of the close ties between the Reich and the Soviet and "any blow against the aggressor in Finland is against the ally and helper of Hitler and directly affects him."

Authorized German sources in Berlin declared Germany has no commitments to give technical or military assistance to Russia in Finland and declared there is no German-Russian military pact.

Not German Concern. The declaration restated Germany's position that the Finnish War is not her concern, though Nazis expressed sympathy with Russia's position.

Saying in Commons that "measures have been taken to assist the Finnish government with war materials, including aircraft," Butler said he understood "crews are readily available in Finland competent to fly any aircraft obtained."

The British were careful, however, to conceal the exact nature of aid to Finland.

"If we said we were sending so many tanks or that type of airplane or artillery weapon it would give away Finnish strategy," a military source explained, "but you can be sure we are sending manufactured articles, not raw materials."

At the beginning of her war with Germany, Britain seemed careful to avoid offending Russia, but her pledges of aid to Finland have changed that.

British assistance is not wholly altruistic, observers said, since Russian preoccupation in Finland diminishes Soviet "bogey" value in German diplomatic maneuvers, particularly in southeast Europe and the Near East.

Allies Alert. The allies have alert eyes in this region, as was demonstrated by the meeting in Cairo today of General Maxime Weygand and Lieutenant-General Sir Archibald Wavell, French and British military chiefs in the Near East, for an inspection of defenses and review of British Indian and Egyptian troops.

Britain's drive to expand munitions manufacture was viewed as holding possibilities of increased aid to the Finns.

W. P. A. Workers To Hold Session Here

According to information received, W. P. A. workers from three counties will meet in the Farmville High School building in an all-day session, Thursday, February 15.

Mothers are invited to visit the school on that day and see the operations of the new lunch room and astronomy class.

Some individuals are being held but they do not want to be held and they carry on their work.