

**Social Security Activities In Past Year Reported**

The Regional Office of the Federal Security Agency in Washington, D. C. has released a very comprehensive report of its activities for the last fiscal year. According to Vernon D. Herbert, manager of the Fayetteville office of the Social Security Administration with offices in the Huske Building, the report is of particular interest because it deals with how people of North Carolina have benefited by the opera-

tions of the various programs of the Federal Security Agency.

The people of North Carolina have benefited to the extent of \$26,719,486, which represents the National Government's share in their State and Local investment in health, education and social welfare. "Even this substantial investment", Regional Director Dr. E. R. Coffey points out, "does not tell the whole story in terms either of people or of money, since it does not take account of certain nation-wide FSA services which benefit every citizen of North Carolina. These services are food and drug regulations, services to the State's educational systems, supervision of Federal credit unions and public health operated directly by Public Health Service."

A total of 150,360 men, women and children in North Carolina benefited directly from Federal funds added to North Carolina's investment in health, education, welfare, vocational rehabilitation and Social Security. "These direct beneficiaries", Dr. Coffey explains, "include: children who get health care, or who are dependent or in danger of becoming delinquent; the needy blind; disabled men and women being rehabilitated into jobs; old people receiving assistance; and those receiving Federal Social Security benefits, including both retired workers and families of insured workers who have died."

Under the Social Security Act, Federal funds are made available to help States finance approved

plans for public assistance. Federal grants to North Carolina for assistance to dependent children, the needy aged and the blind were as follows for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1949:

Aid to dependent children, 34,314 in 12,178 families, \$3,699,000. Old Age Assistance, 54,278 recipients for \$8,946,000.

Aid to Needy Blind, 3,661 recipients for \$868,000.

By June 1949, 42,370 residents of North Carolina were receiving monthly payments under the Federal system of Old Age and Survivors insurance at a monthly rate of \$652,762. This program is Federally administered and provides a monthly income for workers in private industry and commerce and their families when the worker retires at age 65 or later and for his family when he dies. Monthly benefits certified for payment to retired workers, their wives and their dependent children in North Carolina during the fiscal year amounted to approximately \$3,968,000. Monthly benefits to survivors of insured workers totalled approximately \$3,666,000. These payments went to children, widowed mothers, aged widows and aged parents of deceased workers. In addition, lump-sum payments totaling \$454,000 were made to survivors who were not immediately eligible for monthly benefits.

In the field of Public Health Service according to the report, North Carolina received a general health grant of \$352,000 to help build up and maintain its

local health departments, control communicable diseases, improve sanitation and other general public health services. In addition grants in the amount of \$82,000 were made for cancer control and \$93,000 for mental health activities.

North Carolina received \$246,000 to carry out effective measures for the prevention treatment and control of tuberculosis.

Grants in and for control of venereal disease in North Carolina amounted to \$638,000, also under the Hospital Survey and Construction Act of 1946, North Carolina was granted \$593,000 during the year for surveying its need for hospitals and health centers and for the construction of hospitals.

In the field of Education according to the report, North Carolina received \$917,574 to assist in the financing State and local programs of vocational education and \$110,762 for its land-grant college program. The Federal Security Agency helps in many ways to promote the cause of education throughout the United States. Finding of various research aimed at the solution of problems facing teachers and school administrators at all levels of education are available. Interpretations of their research findings are made available through publications, correspondence, personal consultations and conferences.

China's 1949 rice crop was about 14 per cent below the pre-war average.

**Arabia News**

By Mrs. D. B. Traywick

Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Covington and daughter, Ann. Mr. and Mrs. Dock Covington of Wade, Mr. and Mrs. Walt Maddox, Mr. and Mrs. Jake Beasley and Mr. and Mrs. Marvin Beasley of Laurinburg, Mr. and Mrs. Veasey of Raeford were visitors of Mr. and Mrs. S. P. Trawick Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Albert Quick and Mr. and Mrs. Graham McKenzie of Buie. Rev. and Mrs. I. J. Strawberry and daughter, Mary Ellen, spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. C. S. Bostic and family.

Mr. and Mrs. Edgar McGoogan received many nice gifts from relatives and friends Tuesday night at the housewarming given them by Misses Vera and Elva McGoogan.

Mr. and Mrs. Luther Jackson, Jr. and family have moved into the apartment at Mrs. D. B. Traywick's, recently vacated by Mrs. Mary B. Webb.

Mrs. Lida Hendrix Jackson of Atlanta is visiting home folks.

Rufus Davis of Roxboro is spending some time with his sister, Mrs. Callie Bostic.

Mr. and Mrs. J. L. McFadyen spent Saturday in Raleigh with Mr. and Mrs. Latta Cook and Con-

nie.

Mr. and Mrs. James McKenzie of Maxton, Route 2, spent last Thursday with Mrs. Carrie McKenzie.

**Farmers Producing Many Hatching Eggs**

Production of hatching eggs in seven western mountain counties of North Carolina has increased more than 700 per cent in the past four years, according to T. K. Jones, farm management analyst at State College.

Estimates by county agents show that a total of 849 farms in Clay, Cherokee, Macon, Jackson, Graham, Swain and Haywood counties now are engaged in the hatching egg business, Jones said. The total in 1946 was only 122 farms.

Farmers in these counties sold 209,989 dozen hatching eggs in 1946, 390,863 dozen in 1948, and 528,892 dozen during the first six months of 1949.

Most rapid growth of the industry has occurred in Clay County, where 385 farmers with 150,000 birds are now producing hatching eggs. Totals for other

counties are: Cherokee, 225 farmers with 75,000 birds; Macon, 200 farmers with 65,000 birds; Jackson, 34 farmers with 28,000 birds; Haywood, 25 farmers with 5,000 birds; Graham, 15 farmers with 3,000 birds; Swain, rice farmers with 1,300 birds.

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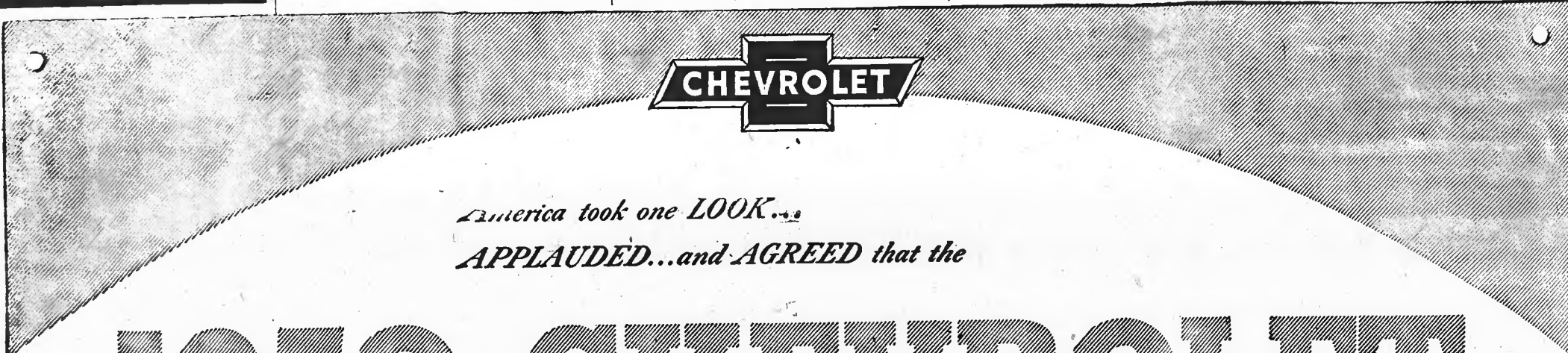
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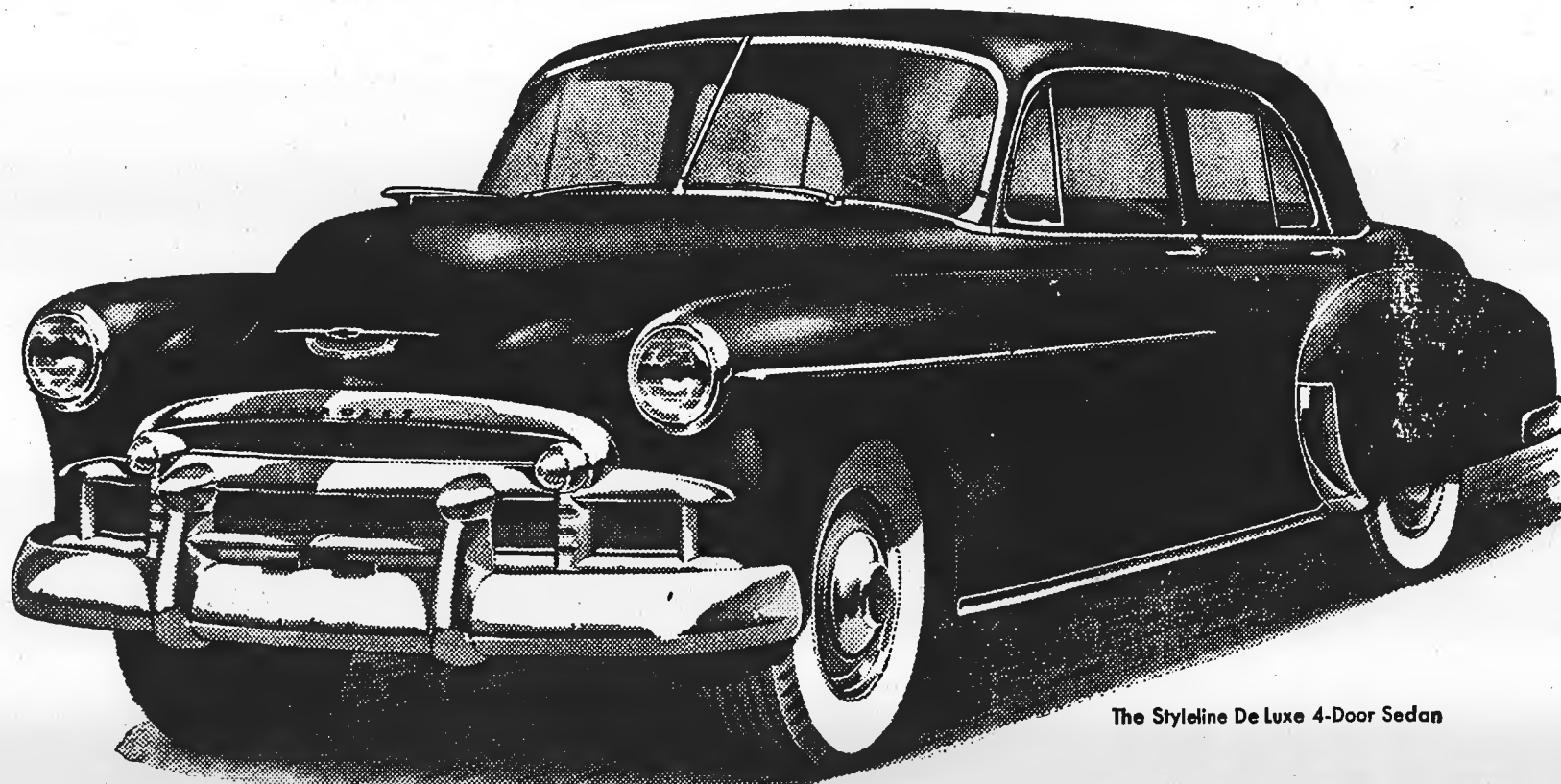
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