

Social Security Pays Monthly \$485 Million to 9,200,000

Commissioners Get Report On Survey of County Jobs

Repair Ceiling, Board Decides

Repair of the courtroom ceiling was authorized yesterday by the county board. The commissioners several months ago gave approval to putting up acoustical tile, but decided yesterday that it may be more economical to patch the ceiling, paint it and install a public address system.

Acoustical tile was requested by the bar association as a means of deadening reverberation in the courtroom. This would involve taking down the present plaster plus the cost of the new ceiling and would cost about \$2,000, according to James D. Potter, county auditor.

A. H. James, clerk of superior court, said he thought the amplifying system would solve the problem. Chairman Moses Howard remarked that he thought a low acoustical tile ceiling would mar the appearance of the courtroom.

Mr. James also suggested that chairs be re-spaced in the jury box. He was authorized to get an estimate on the cost and report to the board in February.

Greenville Attorney Addresses Rotarians

Frank Wooten, noted Greenville attorney and member elect to the North Carolina legislature, was principal speaker at the Morehead City Rotary Club meeting Thursday night at Mrs. Russell Willis's Barbecue Restaurant.

Mr. Wooten discussed problems of eastern North Carolina which he expects to come up in the legislature and told his position on each one.

Lonnie Dill Joins Staff Of ESC Office, Morehead

Lonnie Dill, Beaufort, has joined the staff of the Morehead City office, North Carolina Employment Security Commission. Mr. Dill is an interviewer.

He replaces Robert G. Lowe, who has become farm labor representative for Carteret and Onslow Counties. Announcement of Mr. Dill's joining the ESC staff was made yesterday by Mrs. Julia Tenney, office manager.

STATEMENT
Monarch Fire Insurance Company
Cleveland, Ohio
Condition December 31, 1955, as Shown by Statement Filed.

ASSETS	
1. Bonds	\$3,842,454.70
2. Stocks	2,305,553.00
3. Cash and bank deposits	319,132.76
4. Agents' balances or uncollected premiums	57,280.24
11. Reinsurance recoverable on loss payments	219,254.93
14. Interest, dividends and real estate income due and accrued	25,129.08
17. All other assets as detailed in statement	2,247.75
Total admitted Assets:	\$6,771,032.46
LIABILITIES, SURPLUS AND OTHER FUNDS	
1. Losses unpaid	\$410,567.00
2. Loss adjustment expenses unpaid	45,482.00
3. Contingent commissions and other similar charges	17,941.10
4. Other expenses (excluding taxes, licenses and fees)	Underwriting \$ 5,618.68 Investment 731.50
5. Taxes, licenses and fees (excluding Federal income taxes) -- Underwriting	69,439.49
6. Federal income taxes	13,155.00
10. Unearned premiums	2,833,054.86
13. Amounts withheld or retained by company for account of others	638.41
14a. Unearned premiums on reinsurance in unauthorized companies	\$14,383.61
14b. Reinsurance on paid losses \$9.61 and on unpaid losses \$3,591.00 due from unauthorized companies	3,600.61
Total	\$17,984.22
16. Excess of liability and compensation statutory and voluntary reserves over case basis and loss expense reserves	400.15
18. All other Liabilities, as detailed in statement	26,726.64
23. Total liabilities	\$9,441,738.99
24. Special surplus funds:	\$ 91,794.20
25. Capital paid up	\$19,336.00
26. Unassigned funds (surplus)	2,418,182.77
27. Surplus as regards policyholders	3,329,293.47
28. Total	\$6,771,032.46

BUSINESS IN NORTH CAROLINA DURING 1955

Line of Business	Net Premiums	Incurred
Fire	\$ 1,197.86	\$8,673.72
Extended coverage	1,940.00	2,829.51
Torn., wind., etc., hail (except growing crops)	-13.97	
Inland marine	20.47	
Auto phys. damage	3,981.67	603.43
Total	\$11,768.93	\$5,908.98

President, V. L. Gallagher; Secretary, H. K. Jarvis; Treasurer, R. Fisher; Home office, Cleveland, Ohio.
Attorney for service: Chas. F. Gold, Commissioner of Insurance, Raleigh, N. C.

North Carolina Insurance Department,
Raleigh, 1956.

I, Chas. F. Gold, Commissioner of Insurance, do hereby certify that the above is a true and correct abstract of the statement of the Monarch Fire Insurance Company, of Cleveland, Ohio, filed with this Department, showing the condition of said company on the 31st day of December, 1955.

Witness my hand and official seal, the day and date above written.
(Seal) Charles F. Gold, Commissioner of Insurance.

Governor Urges Use of Vaccine To Prevent Polio

A new appeal for Tar Heels to take advantage of Salk polio vaccine in time for protection against next summer's danger period for the disease has been made by Governor Hodges.

Results obtained by use of the vaccine over the nation "indicate that it could be made the answer to our poliomyelitis paralysis problem in North Carolina" provided citizens take advantage of ample vaccine supplies, Governor Hodges said.

Through early December, a 30 per cent reduction in polio incidence in the state was noted, with 304 cases reported compared to 433 cases for the same period in 1955.

Among persons receiving one or more doses of Salk vaccine, the poliomyelitis paralysis rate was 6.37 per 100,000 population, compared with a rate of 22.1 for those not receiving the vaccine.

Since the start of the polio vaccine program in April 1955, official health agencies of the state have given 881,508 persons the first of the recommended three inoculations; 717,145 have received two doses; and 198,699 have completed the series.

Governor Hodges noted that while this is "an excellent start," the children reached so far "represent only 51.5 per cent of the eligible population as having received one dose, 42 per cent as having received two doses, and only 11.8 per cent" have completed all three shots.

"Lack of public understanding may result in failure to use this vaccine, which could prevent paralysis or death this summer," he warned.

"Among those children who have received two doses of the vaccine, the incidence of paralytic paralysis has been reduced 75 per cent. Even a higher percentage of reduction can be expected among those children who receive the full course of three doses needed to afford the greatest protection."

Supplies of the vaccine are plentiful, and should be put to use for the state to move "toward eventual complete control of this dread disease," the governor concluded.

Temperature Rises After Low of 23

After a low of 23 last Thursday, the lowest of the winter, the mercury has climbed into a more comfortable range, reports weather observer E. Stamey Davis. The low for yesterday morning was 40, and at 6:30 a.m. the temperature had risen to 48.

Traces of rain were recorded Friday and Saturday mornings and Sunday night. Humidity reading for yesterday morning was 97 per cent.

Maximum and minimum temperatures and wind direction for the week end follow:

	Max.	Min.	Wind
Thursday	42	23	NNE
Friday	56	32	SW
Saturday	58	43	NNE
Sunday	44	35	NE

Boston Pops Will Play In Wilmington Thursday

The famous Boston Pops orchestra, under the baton of Arthur Fiedler, will play in Wilmington Thursday as a part of that city's Community Concerts series.

Mrs. W. J. Ipeck, secretary of the Carteret Community Concerts Association, reminds Carteret Community Concerts members that they are eligible to attend Wilmington concerts at no cost. The concert begins at 8 p.m.

Five Vestrymen Take Office Sunday Morning

Five men were installed as vestrymen at the service Sunday morning in St. Paul's Episcopal Church, Beaufort.

They are Gray Hassell, Billy Mace, J. B. Sewell Jr., Robert Burroughs and C. D. Jones. Mr. Burroughs will serve a two-year term and the others three.

The vestrymen were installed by the rector, the Rev. C. Edward Sharp.

Two Fires Reported

Beaufort firemen report that over-heated stoves have caused two fires in the past weeks. They put out one fire at 211 Marsh St. Thursday and one at 367 Queen St. Sunday. Little damage was caused by either fire.

Port Calendar

Patella—Due today at Trumbull's docks with a cargo of asphalt from Caracas. The Patella is a Shell oil tanker.

Mission Santa Anna—Due today at Aviation Fuel Terminals with a cargo of aviation gasoline from Baton Rouge, La.

USS Fremont, USS Mulphes, USS Ohmstead—Due at state port today to pick up Marines and equipment for maneuvers.

"With the start of 1957, old-age, survivors, and disability insurance becomes a significant economic factor in the future of nearly every person who works for a living," W. W. Thomas, district manager of the New Bern social security office declared today.

About three million members of the uniformed services will come under the law; many totally disabled children over 18 will start getting monthly payments; self-employed lawyers, dentists, and some other professional people will have completed their first year under the program, and many farm landlords will be able to report their 1956 income from farm rentals for social security purposes.

Benefits at the end of 1956 were being paid to 9,200,000 persons at the rate of \$485 million a month. Insurance benefit payments to women beginning at age 62 first became payable for November and already 375,000 women in the 62-65 age group have started getting monthly checks.

New Coverage

Members of the nation's armed forces are the largest of the groups newly covered by the 1956 changes in the law. About three million in number, they started this month to earn old-age, survivors, and disability insurance protection on the same contributory basis as about 55 million civilian workers earn theirs.

Social security taxes will be deducted from the pay of members of the armed forces, and the government, like other employers, will pay an equal amount. Members of the armed forces received gratuitous social security credit for military service in World War II and up to Jan. 1, 1957, but they made no tax contribution for this coverage.

About 200,000 self-employed lawyers, dentists, osteopaths, veterinarians, chiropractors, naturopaths, and optometrists were also brought under the law by the 1956 amendments. Since they are covered by the law in their first taxable year ending after 1955, they will get social security credit for their 1956 earnings.

Along with the self-employed people who were previously covered by the law, they will pay their social security self-employment tax in 1957 at the time they file their 1956 income tax returns.

The year 1956 can count toward social security protection for about 400,000 farm owners who rent their farms to others but who participate in the farming operation. If the farm landlord has an agreement with the renter or shareholder under which the landlord participates materially in the operation or management of the crops or livestock, the farm landlord's income from the land counts toward social security.

At the end of the year approximately 60 per cent of the 10 million persons past age 65 who are without income from employment were receiving old-age and survivors insurance benefits.

Orphans Helped

Over 60 per cent of the paternal orphans in the country were receiving survivors insurance benefits.

Money to pay these benefits comes from the old-age and survivors insurance trust fund, which is built up from social security taxes paid by employees, employers, and self-employed people covered by the law. This fund is kept separate from all other treasury receipts and can be used only for the costs of administration of the program.

During 1956 the Trust Fund received \$6.6 billion, of which \$525,000,000 was interest on that part

Sheriff Looks For Check Passer

Sheriff Hugh Salter and his deputies are still looking for John Milton Lord who has milked Carteret businesses to the tune of over a thousand dollars in bad checks.

The sheriff said he learned of Lord's being at the Ocean Grande Hotel in Miami last week and by phone notified the authorities there to pick him up.

Two days later, Sheriff Salter hadn't heard from officials there, so he sent a wire inquiring what had happened. He received a wire in reply stating that Lord had left the hotel just a few minutes prior to the sheriff's phone call of several days previous.

Lord left this county in a 1953 Dodge, for which he still owes Mobley Buick Co. \$374. Other plaintiffs who received worthless checks from him, and the amount of the check, are Mrs. Edward Brown \$50.96, Ben Jones \$503, M. E. Willis \$346, Robert Littleton \$47.04.

George Morton \$88.20, Piggy Wiggly, checks for \$50 and \$21, J. B. Royall \$60, Johnnie C. Guthrie \$25 and Rupert E. Willis \$408.

Sheriff Salter said most of the checks were passed in October.

Benefit Payments

The first of two types of benefits based on disability which were provided by the 1956 amendments will become payable in January. These are payments to the disabled sons or daughters of workers who are now receiving old-age insurance benefits, and to the disabled children of workers who died after 1939 and were insured for survivors insurance benefits at death.

The disabled child may receive benefits regardless of his age if he is unmarried and has been totally disabled since before his 18th birthday. The mother also receives benefits if the son or daughter is in her care. Payments to a disabled child can continue throughout his life.

The second type of monthly disability benefit provided by the 1956 amendments will become payable for July 1957. These payments will go to people 50 to 65 years of age who are so severely disabled that they are unable to work, and who have worked under the law for 5 out of 10 years before they were disabled and also for 1 1/2 out of the 3 years before they became disabled.

As 1956 drew to a close, Mr. Thomas pointed out that disabled people, regardless of age should not wait too long to find out about the disability provisions of the law. Those who are 50 or over should ask about disability benefits, and those not yet 50 should inquire about having their social security earnings record "frozen" to protect future benefit rights.

Disabled people who wait until after June 30, 1957, to apply for disability insurance benefits or to have their earnings records "frozen" may lose their rights to benefits.

Camp Glenn Luncheon Menus for Week Given

Mrs. Lola McCabe of the Camp Glenn School lunchroom has announced the menus for the remainder of this week.

Today: Macaroni and cheese, tomato cup, green lima beans, fruit jello, bread, butter and milk.

Tomorrow: Fried chicken, rice and gravy, string beans, purple plums, bread, butter and milk.

Thursday: Big lima beans, carrot sticks, onion, biscuits, molasses, butter and milk.

Friday: Boiled eggs, deviled ham sandwiches, peas and snap beans, coconut custard, bread, butter and milk.

Board Defers Action On County CD Director

County commissioners deferred action yesterday on appointing a county Civil Defense director.

Efforts are still being made to locate a successor to Miss Ruth Peeling, whose resignation took effect Dec. 31, 1956. The board said it hoped to make an appointment at the February meeting.

In other business, commissioners directed that the clerk, Irvin W. Davis, write letters of sympathy and appreciation to the widows of Em Chaplain, the late county jailer, and John Brooks, assistant tax supervisor, who died Thursday.

Picture Wanted

Anyone having a picture of the small brick courthouse which stood on the courthouse square before the present building and is willing to let a copy be made from it, please notify THE NEWS-TIMES office or F. C. Salisbury.

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