

COST OF WELFARE DOUBLES TO 2.3 BILLION DOLLARS IN THE UNITED STATES

Costing More Despite Unprecedented Prosperity

Despite the unprecedented prosperity of recent years, the U. S. now is spending more than twice as much for public assistance as it did almost 20 years ago, it was reported in a new study by the Tax Foundation.

With both public officials and taxpayers concerned over increased welfare costs, total public assistance payments for the 12 months ending August 31, 1952, were \$2.3 billion compared with \$1 billion for a similar period in 1934, according to the Foundation study Improving Public Assistance.

The increase is particularly notable, said the Foundation, since the number of those receiving payments was virtually the same for both years—4,023,000 million in 1952 and 5,385,000 in 1934.

Among the factors held responsible for the huge increase in welfare spending are the increase in the aged and child populations and the failure of earnings to keep pace with rising living costs. Moreover between 1934 and 1952, the average payment per recipient jumped from \$23.26 to \$37.53 in August of the respective years.

The figures are based on payments for old-age assistance, aid to dependent children, aid to the blind, aid to the permanently and totally disabled, and general assistance.

The states are increasingly dependent on Federal funds for public assistance programs, said the Foundation, noting that Federal matching grants have become the largest single source of funds. Of \$2.6 billion spent for assistance in 1951, 48 per cent came from Federal sources, 41.2 per cent from state funds, and 11.7 per cent was provided locally.

In North Carolina the percentage of expenditures for public assistance was: Federal funds, 65.9 per cent; State funds, 15.6 per cent and local funds, 18.5 per cent.

Drivers Urged To Obey Traffic Rules

78% of Fatal Accidents Involved Traffic Law Violation

"Don't learn traffic rules by accident," is the word from Director Tervia Jones of the State Highway Safety Division who is waging a personal war on North Carolina auto deaths and injuries.

The safety chief bolstered his battle against fatalities and injuries with the flat statement that speeding last year caused the greatest number of deaths on the highway with reckless driving close behind.

In 1952, Jones said, there were 40,117 cases of speeding and 18,134 of reckless driving. Speeding alone caused the greatest number of fatalities.

"That's why knowing and obeying traffic laws is so important," Jones continued. "Seventy-eight per cent of all fatal accidents involved at least one violation of a traffic law. We refer to the fact that people can make laws designed to keep them safe and free from accidents, and then turn around and break every one of the laws they or their representatives have made for their own protection."

Last February, Jones recalled, there were 78 killed and 1,143 injured in traffic mishaps.

"I know everyone will agree this leaves a tremendous lot of room for improvement. If every driver will only remember to know and obey all traffic laws, and assume an individual responsibility for safety, this month's fatality and injury score could be greatly reduced," he said.

Club Leaders Hear Mrs. Roosevelt Speak

"If we stopped having faith in the ultimate abilities of peoples of other lands to work together to obtain world peace, the purpose of the United Nations will have been defeated," declared Mrs. Franklin Delano Roosevelt last week in Chapel Hill at the Third Annual Conference on World

Affairs. "The United States serves as a spearhead to fight for democracy, for free nations in the world," she explained.

"The United States has become a symbol of democracy to the world," Mrs. Roosevelt continued. "We are constantly being watched, listened to and inquired about. We are the oldest democracy but are we quite sure we live up to the ideals our forefathers put before us in the Constitution and the Bill of Rights? The government or our country is not painting the picture of democracy for others; it is you citizens of the country who are responsible. We must all face what we can do to build a strong United Nations."

"We must have the stamina to live in times of uncertainty. We are the leaders today and represent the strongest nation in the world, and yet we live in uncertainty of what our future holds. Day by day we are building our own answers, and we must have faith, courage, stamina and patience—above all patience. We must have a determination to make the United Nations work."

Mrs. Roosevelt's address was the highlight of the Third Annual World Affairs Conference in Chapel Hill. During the day more than 100 home demonstration club women, agents, and leaders representing counties from every part of the State were on the University of North Carolina Campus to participate in the world affairs symposiums. The theme for the 1953 conference was "The United Nations: Our Best Instrument for World Understanding."

TWO MASSES NEXT SUNDAY IN EDENTON CATHOLIC CHURCH

The Most Holy Sacrifice of the Mass will start at 9 and 11 A. M., next Sunday in St. Ann's Catholic Church, Edenton, each including sermon, Holy Communion and followed by Rosary in Honor of our Lady of Fatima for speedy Conversion of Russia. Universal and Everlasting Peace, Sunday School, with confessions for half hour before Services, stated Father F. J. McCourt, pastor, who invites everybody to all Services. Week-days at 8:15 A. M.: Mass.

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Smaller Turkey Crop In Prospect For 1953

Production In State Almost Doubled Past Three Years

North Carolina's turkey crop will be cut by 5 per cent from last year for the 1953 season if growers' intentions of January 1 are carried out.

The State-Federal Crop Reporting

Service reveals that a crop of 967,000 turkeys was indicated as of January 1, compared with the all-time record of 1,018,000 raised last year. An exceptionally large turkey crop throughout the United States brought prices down while feed prices remained fairly steady last year, but increased consumption prior to the holiday season softened the blow to some degree.

Turkey production in North Carolina has almost doubled during the past three years. In 1950, only 559,000 turkeys were raised—followed by a crop of 783,000 in 1951. The average for the five years from 1945

through 1949 was 404,000.

On the U. S. level, including many states where turkey raising is big business, intentions indicate a cut of 8 per cent from last year—or a crop of 54,069,000 turkeys compared with 58,956,000 producer last year.

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—Mary Baker Eddy.

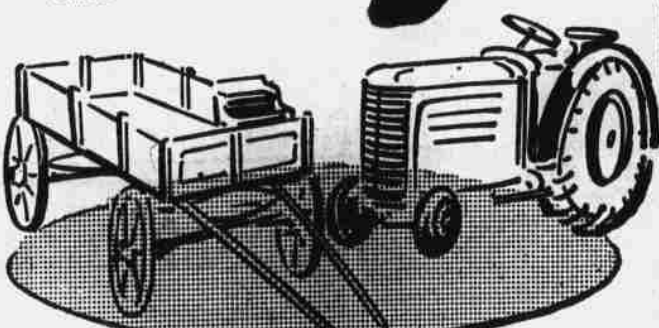
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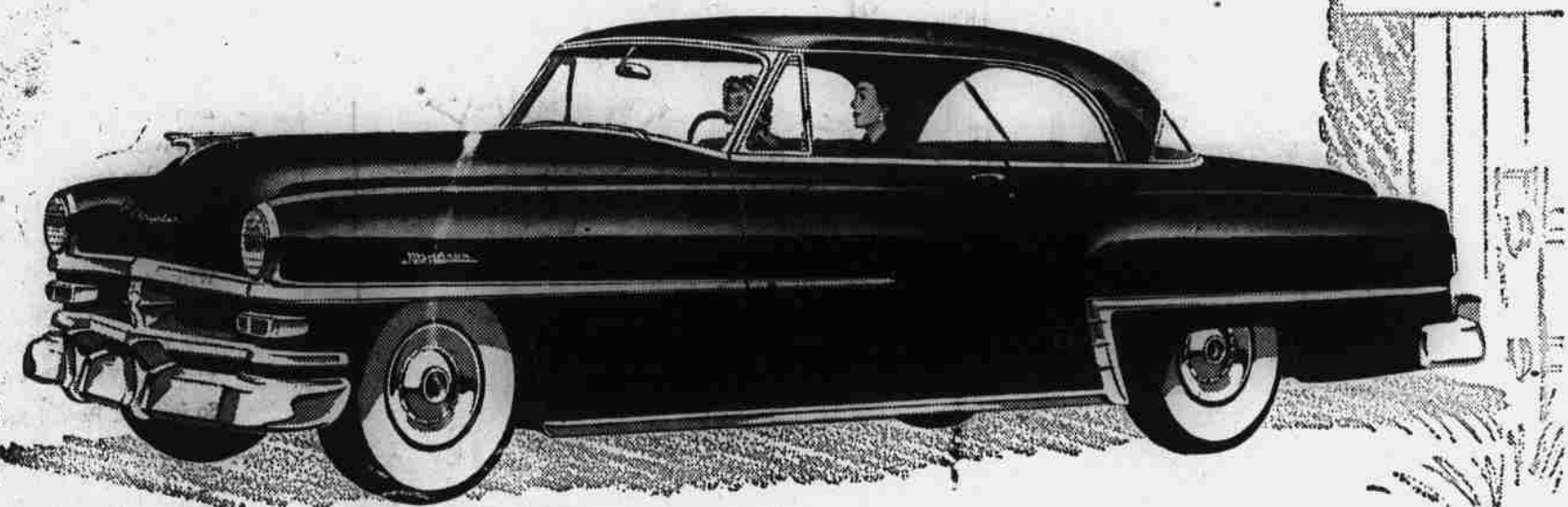
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