

### Elder Citizens Are Receiving First Checks

First monthly checks were delivered last week to about 1,000 elderly residents in the area serviced by the Gastonia Social Security District Office. The special benefits, payable to persons 72 or older who are not eligible for regular social security cash benefits, were made possible by amendment to the social security law enacted earlier this year, Lex G. Barkley, social security district manager, said today.

The special monthly payments, amounting to \$35 a month for a single person and \$52.50 for a couple, are financed out of general Federal revenues, not out of social security tax contributions, Barkley noted.

These payments are intended to provide a small continuing income to people who may have missed out on social security coverage because they were too old when social security started, or worked in occupations not covered by social security until recent years.

Persons 72 or older who are not eligible for a public retirement benefits from the Federal Government, or from a State or local government retirement system, can collect the monthly payments, Barkley said.

Those who are receiving public retirement benefits that are less

than the \$35 a month for a single person or \$52.50 for a couple, may be paid difference between their present public retirement benefits and the amount of the new special payments.

Those getting public assistance from a State welfare agency will be eligible for the new special benefits only for those months in which they do not receive a cash welfare payment.

"Most eligible people in our area were sent questionnaires from our office on the basis of their medicare application and did not have to make separate application for the special benefits," Barkley said. "About 100 persons whose names we did not have in our files did come in and apply, however," Barkley also had a special message for those who may now be approaching age 72. If you reach 72 before the beginning of 1967, you may collect these special payments without any social security credit, but you should come in and apply either in the three months before your birthday or the month of your birthday. The special payments are not retroactive and you will lose benefits for some months if you delay until after you become 72 to apply, Barkley pointed out. Older people who signed up for the voluntary doctor bill insurance to supplement their hospital insurance under medicare, and who have already paid their second quarterly premium of \$9, may have received first checks amounting to \$9 more than the \$35 special benefit payable to an old person alone, or \$6 more than

### Dr. Barrett Foote Director

EXTON, Penn. — Dr. Wayne F. Barrett, Vice President of Research & Development for Foote Mineral Co., has been elected a director of the firm, according to L. G. Bliss, President & Board Chairman.

Dr. Barrett joined Foote in January of 1963 as director of research and development and was elected a vice president the following July. He was previously associated with the research division of W. R. Grace & Co., the Mellon Institute at Pittsburgh and Phillips Petroleum Co. in Oklahoma.

A member of the American Chemical Society and the American Association for the Advancement of Science, he is the author of a number of scientific publications and patents.

### Back To Polls For Homemakers

RALEIGH — North Carolina homemakers can join their husbands at the polls Nov. 22 to vote for a continuation of the Nickels for Know-How referendum.

The 15-year-old program, designed to support agricultural education, research and extension at North Carolina State University, also benefits the family.

When research aids the farmer by showing him ways to improve his farming operation, it also helps his family by increasing family income.

In addition, the homemaker may benefit directly. Some Nickels funds are used for research at the School of Home Economics, University of North Carolina, Greensboro. Home economics researchers there have used Nickels funds for investigating the stretch properties of some cotton stretch yarns, measuring the strength or abrasion resistance of different sheet fabrics and determining what effect a new brand of liquid shampoo will have on carpets cleaned with it. Answers to these and similar research problems could aid Tar-Heel homemakers.

The unique Nickels for Know-How program is a self-help program. The investment is in the form of five-cent assessments

### Crop Damage Can Be Stopped

Those light yellow leaves that appeared in your soybeans, small grain or peanuts this year probably were the results of a manganese deficiency in your soil, according to H. R. Clapp, county extension chairman.

Peanuts, soybeans and small grain are particularly sensitive to manganese deficiencies. This usually appears as light yellow leaves with the veins of the leaves remaining green.

There are hundreds of such examples of how North Carolina farmers are helping themselves through their Nickels support of research and education.

"It would be difficult, if not impossible, to find a farmer in the state who hasn't benefited in some way from Nickels for Know-How research," said Mr. Clapp. "Nickel funds have been used at N. C. State to improve virtually every crop we grow from tobacco and cotton to livestock and commercial flowers."

Farmers have the opportunity every third year to vote on continuing the Nickels for Know-How program. The next referendum is Nov. 22.

### Don't Wait To Sample Soil

If you are planning on taking advantage of the soil testing service that is offered to all North Carolina residents by the North Carolina Department of Agriculture, now is the time to sample your fields to determine lime and fertilizer needs for next year's crops, reminds H. R. Clapp, county extension chairman.

Every year many farmers wait until the last minute to have their soils tested. This results in the soil testing laboratory becoming heavily overloaded during the months of January through March. This means that it may take as long as a month to get the results of the tests back in your hands if you send in your samples during this 'rush period.' Normally results can be returned in a week or ten days other than during this peak season.

A soil test will tell you the nutrient levels present in your soil. You will also receive lime and plant nutrient suggestions to use as guideline in planning your fertilization program. Take advantage of this valuable service urges Mr. Clapp. Soil sampling supplies are available at your county agent's office. Sample now in order to best the rush.

**LUTHERAN TOPIC**  
Rev. Charles W. Easley will use the sermon topic, "The Gospel According To Money" at Sunday worship services at St. Matthew's Lutheran church. The services will be broadcast via Radio Station WKMT during the month of November.

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