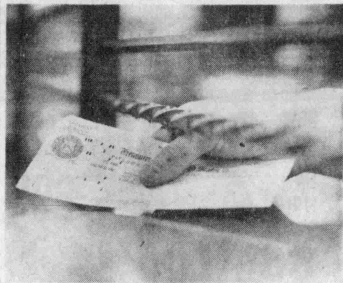




## Economic Revolution



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### Social Security Means \$6 Million A Year Here

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Charlotte News Staff Writer

James R. 65, a retired bookkeeper, lives in Dilworth. His wife died last year. Each month in the mail, Mr. R. receives a check for \$108.50. It is the major part of his income.

Andrew McD., 68, lives on Wilkinson Blvd. with his wife. He rents an apartment in his house for \$50 a month. He has a little income from life insurance. He, too, gets a check each month. It is for \$162.80, more than half as much as he earned while working as a TV repairman.

Theodore S. died in 1949 of a heart attack at the age of 42. His widow lives in Eastover with her two daughters, both in high school. Her income comes from two sources: Mr. S.'s securities — and a monthly check for \$200.

These checks are Mecklenburg County's biggest payroll — half a million dollars to 10,000 people in the county every month.

#### First of Two Articles

They come from the U. S. Dept. of Health, Education and Welfare. They are Social Security Checks.

Every day, the number of people who receive them rises. Their impact upon our economy is greater than that of any single Mecklenburg business or industry.

In addition to those who find these checks in their mailboxes each month, 80,000 other Mecklenburg citizens and their families can look forward to receiving them in years to come.

#### 20th Birthday For The Program

The year 1957 marks the 20th anniversary of Social Security. Today, nearly every man or woman who works — whether in a factory, in an office or on the farm — and nearly every baby who is born are covered by Social Security. Doctors are the only large group still exempt.

"Social Security has come of age," Charlotte area chief Lone Proctor says. "More people are covered than ever before and the number increases all the time. This year, it's easier than ever to qualify for benefits. And these benefits have become a vital part of the American economy."

They are a vital part of the local economy, too. You begin to see what Social Security's \$6 billion a year in Mecklenburg means when you compare it with the industrial payroll of \$75 million. Social Security yields a lot of buying power.

Moreover, it represents money out of the pocket — or into the pocket — of nearly every working Mecklenburg and his family.

Social Security means different things to different people. To the needy blind, it is Aid to the Blind. To the needy aged, it is Old Age Assistance. To children whose families cannot support them, it is Aid to Dependent Children. All these programs were made possible by the federal Social Security Act.

But to most of us, Social Security is a 2 1/2 per cent deduction from our paychecks each week under the cryptic name of Social Security Tax.

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## Frantic Workers Rescue Man Trapped In Chute

RALEIGH — Frantic rescue workers today succeeded in freeing a man after he had been trapped for more than four hours in the quick-sand-like coal dust in the chute of an industrial plant.

Wilbert Welborn, a Wake Forest electrician, was buried up to his neck in coal dust in a 65-foot chute at the Wake finishing plant of Burlington Mills.

Rescue efforts were carried out by a doctor and two workers before the man was freed from the chute.

Welborn was taken to Rex Hospital in Raleigh. He was suffering from shock and had chest injuries, the extent of which could not be determined immediately. However, Select Foremost Milk Products at your favorite store.—Adv.

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# BODIES SOUGHT IN RUINS OF HOME WHERE 70 DIED

## Folks Say Sinatra Didn't Slap Back

—REX HIT TWICE—

NEW YORK (AP)—Newspapers printed today that British actor Rex Harrison slapped Frank Sinatra in the face twice at a party in a misunderstanding over Harrison's fiancée, Kay Kendall.

The New York Herald Tribune and the New York Daily Mirror had similar stories from Hollywood about the incident which reportedly occurred last week.

Neither Sinatra nor Harrison could be contacted in Hollywood for comment on the stories, and other sources at the film capital were unproductive.

From the report, the incident shaped up along these lines: Sinatra, his fists clenched at his side during the double slapping, didn't strike back but walked away.

Sinatra later told friends that he didn't believe Harrison knew what he was doing and he didn't intend to take advantage of Harrison.

**THE INCIDENT**  
A friend of Sinatra said: "Frank knew he could whip Harrison with one hand tied behind his back. He was outraged that Harrison thought he was flirting with his girl. Later he thought the whole incident pretty funny."

The slapping occurred at a party attended by many Hollywood notables, with producer-

Charles Feldman as host. Sinatra went to the patio of Feldman's home to get some fresh air early in the morning and Miss Kendall joined him there for a chat. They had a casual conversation, in the course of which Miss Kendall admired Sinatra's shirt. Harrison, who had escorted his fiancée to the party, came out looking for her, and found her with Sinatra.

Miss Kendall said to Harrison: "Isn't this a beautiful shirt. Frank is wearing?"

**WHAT COLOR?**  
Harrison grudgingly agreed, and asked what color it was. Said Sinatra: "Just an old shirt. Kind of off-white, maybe yellow."

Harrison then slapped Sinatra. Sinatra, gritting his teeth and clenching his fists, said "It's still yellow."

Then came the second slap. Several other guests came out on the patio, and Sinatra walked away.

Harrison, who is on a month's leave as music star of the Broadway musical hit "My Fair Lady," was divorced in Mexico Feb. 7 by his wife of 14 years, Lilli Palmer. She charged in compatibility and mental cruelty as grounds.

**EXCESS SPACE**  
He said the recommendation by him and the Budget Commission for three million dollars worth of developments at Wilmington and none at Morehead was based on the fact that Morehead now has excess storage space.

**Jury Ponders Beating Case**  
CAMDEN, S. C. — The Kershaw County grand jury considered today whether to indict six men charged with beating Camden Band Director Guy Hutchens Dec. 27.

Charges of conspiring against civil rights have been filed against two of the men, Neal W. Seagraves, 62, and Horace William Fritz, 39.

Charges of aggravated assault and battery have been lodged against the others: Homer Wayne Fields, 56; George D. Bigbee Jr., 40; John Walter McLanus, 32; and Steve B. Broadway, 33. All six are from the Camden area.

Hutchens was beaten brutally by a group of masked men when he stopped to change a tire on a highway near here, while returning from a television appearance in Charlotte, N. C.

The bandmaster said the hooded men charged him with making integration statements at a Lions Club auxiliary meeting two years earlier. Hutchens denied making such statements.

**BROADWAY HIT**  
Miller's play "All My Sons," was a Broadway hit in 1944 and won the New York Drama Critics' Award as the best play of the year.

Four years later his "Death of a Salesman" won both the Drama Critics' and Pulitzer Prizes.

**Evening Prayer**  
Assist us, O God, to be emancipated from those weights and sins which dull so easily beset us: our narrow prejudice, our limited vision, our selfish concern. May we know Thy truth that makes us free, through Jesus Christ our Elder Brother. Amen.

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## Teacher Pay Plan Relaxed

**SPECIAL TO THE NEWS**  
RALEIGH — Gov. Hodges said today he would not insist on his recommendation that merit factors be taken into consideration in granting teachers pay increases.

He has recommended a 9.1 per cent teacher pay increase which embodies a merit rating idea.

At a press conference this morning, he pointed out that Dr. Charles F. Carroll, State Superintendent of Public Instruction, has said that there is no way of measuring the teachers.

"There will be no insistence as far as I am concerned on a forced matter if they don't know how to carry it out," he said.

**IDEA WORKABLE**  
He added, however, that he feels the merit idea is "workable."

The Governor also made it clear he is opposed to suggestions that the sales tax be applied on food as a means of raising revenues for greater pay increases for teachers and state employees.

"It would be folly," the Governor told his news conference to place state sales tax on food. "I don't think we will be faced with that in this legislature, and I'd be against it if it comes up."

The Governor also told the newsmen the state has not made a decision in favor of Wilmington and against Morehead City for development as the state's major port.

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SITTING WITH dejected expression in the early hours this morning is W. S. O'Sullivan, operator of the Katie Jane Rest Home for the aged in Warrenton, Mo. The home was wrecked by a flash fire and explosion yesterday, causing death for at least 70 persons.

## Queen, Duke Get Portugal Welcome

LISBON, Portugal — Queen Elizabeth II and the Duke of Edinburgh moved from the relative privacy of their royal yacht today into the pomp and clamor of a state visit to Portugal.

The Portuguese friends and allies of the British for six centuries, were delighted. They cheered, waved and set off thousands of small rockets to emphasize their welcome to the handsome royal couple, reunited on Portuguese soil last Saturday after a four-month separation.

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## 16 Bodies Of Inmates Recovered

WARRENTON, Mo. — Grim-faced men poked through the smouldering ruins of an old folks home today for the bodies of at least 70 persons who died in the blazing funeral pyre within minutes yesterday.

The searchers, working in spots cooled off by streams of water, had found 16. A deadly stench filled the air. Smoke and steam continued to rise from the ruins.

Severity of the 155 inmates, including 43 women, were reported missing in the fast-spreading fire. A ripping explosion followed. One eyewitness said the entire building was aflame in three or four minutes. Another said about 15.

Authorities were baffled by the speed with which the flames raced through the two-story brick building.

The fire, probably the worst in Missouri's history, brought quick demands for state legislation that would tighten safety regulations for nursing homes and institutions for the aged.

The home had been approved in recent inspections for fire hazards.

**TWISTED PILE**  
The charred bodies were buried in a pile of twisted iron beds, plumbing fixtures, brick and mortar in the basement.

Searchers moved about one ton of debris to locate each body. Some, all but cremated, were so badly burned they were put in cardboard cartons—little more than a 4 square.

The building went down by floors. The roof fell in. The second floor followed and it all collapsed into the basement.

Sounds of pumps could be heard extracting water from the ruins to aid in the cleanup job. It was mostly a jick and shovel job.

But when the crews spotted a body they used their gloved hands to dig it out.

The ruins were cooled by blasts of water. Workers then went into the isolated section for their grim task. When it got too hot, they moved on.

**NONE FOUND**  
None of the 70 inmates reported missing had turned up overnight to further confirm the estimated death toll.

Officials felt most of the Sunday visitors managed to escape since no inquiries had been received. Just how many were there probably will never be known.

Missouri Gov. James T. Blair in Jefferson City today called the state nursing home inspection law "completely inadequate."

He said he would ask the legislature today or tomorrow for a better one. Blair said a thorough investigation of the tragic fire.

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QUEEN ELIZABETH II, smiling radiantly, stands close beside her husband, the Duke of Edinburgh, as they are greeted by Portugal's Foreign Minister Paulo Cunha (right) in Lisbon. The Queen arrived by air.

(AP Photo)