

# SECURITY PROGRAM WILL COST COUNTY \$56,548 EACH YEAR

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The new social security program which will become effective July 1 will cost Durham county \$56,548 a year, according to an estimate prepared by Mrs. W. T. Bost, of Raleigh, state commissioner of charities and public welfare.

Based on a property valuation of \$100,000,000, Durham county's contribution toward social security will necessitate an increase of seven cents in the county tax rate unless some additional source of revenue is found.

Mrs. Bost estimates that there are 550 aged persons in Durham county eligible for pensions and 529 dependent children entitled to receive aid. On a basis of these figures, the old age pensions will cost the county \$31,000 a year, and the aid to dependent children \$20,548. An additional \$5,000 will be required for the aid of the blind.

A tax rate of 5.65 cents will be required to meet these three social security expenditures, exclusive of the usual allotment of approximately 20 percent for failure to collect. This allowance will increase the tax rate needed for social security to approximately seven cents.

Mrs. Bost estimates that there were 141,000 people in North Carolina 65 years of age on July 1, 1936, and of these 22,700 will be eligible for old age pension. This calculation is based upon 161 out of every 1,000 aged persons—the number receiving aid in the 42 states administering old age assistance in December.

On this same basis it is estimated that 550 out of Durham county's estimated population of 85,000 will be eligible for pensions and that they will cost the county about \$31,000 a year. This represents approximately one-fourth of the total cost, the federal and state governments paying the remainder.

The estimate of Durham county's dependent children is also based upon population. The approximately 529 eligible for aid represent about 189 families. The number is arrived at by taking 1.7 percent of the total number of children under 16 years of age. This percentage is the national average for the month of December in the 28 states which now participate in the aid to dependent children feature of the social security act.