

**The Giddings News**

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**HELP FOR THE BLIND**

Mr. Rufus K. Conoley is the Old Age Assistance representative for Lee County, succeeding Mrs. Ernst Schneider who was transferred to Brenham. Mr. Conoley called on the editor and gave the following information in regard to aid to the blind, which he will handle also.

The State of Texas (with federal aid) will pay from \$5. to \$30 per month to blind or partially blind people over 21 years old and who are in need. The matter will be handled through the State Department of Public Welfare and applications can be filed with Mr. Conoley at Mexington, Monday, August 11, Giddings, Tuesday, August 12.

A blind person is one who cannot hold a job in industry on account of defective eyesight. Such persons receiving aid must be citizens of the U. S. A. and they must be examined by an ophthalmologist.

Blind children up to 21 years old are taken care of by the state.

This law for blind people is not to be confused with the law to provide for dependent children. This law will go into effect Sept. 1 and none of its provisions are known at present time. Watch this newspaper for details of that law when it becomes effective.

Remember to register next week with the Old Age Assistance Officer if you are a blind person in needy condition and over 21 years old.