

Disabled Persons To Receive First Security Checks In Aug.

More than one hundred thousand severely disabled people in communities all over the Nation

Weatherford Does It Again

By Benjamin C. Mays
Berea, Ky. — Dr. W. D. Weatherford of Berea College has made another significant contribution to our church in his new book AMERICAN CHURCHES AND NEGRO. Dr. Weatherford is author of several on this subject and his writings and he as a person command respect. Those who do not know what the attitude of the American churches was toward the Negro in slavery in the first half of the 19th Century and after should read this book.

Those who know what the attitude was should refresh their memories by reading it. Those who would like to know what the present attitude of the churches is and what their attitude ought to be should read Dr. Weatherford's book AMERICAN CHURCHES AND THE NEGRO. It is historical document tracing the churches' attitude toward the Negro from the early slave days to the present time.

No one can read the book without receiving valuable information and no minister can read it without his conscience being stirred and without being challenged to apply the Christian Gospel in the area of worship and church membership. The author is forthright. He makes no apologies for a serious and church and boldly states that the hour demands a Christian church which is open to all people irrespective of race or color. It is interesting to note that Christian fellowship was much more real in several churches during the days of slavery than it is in most churches in the South today. In many instances, masters and slaves did worship together side by side. Commenting on this point, Dr. Weatherford says: "In other words, the antebellum Christians looked upon the Negro as a possible son of God who had a right to every privilege of the church and it did not offend them to see him partaking of all these privileges; but, politically and economically, the slave rested under a curse and had no standing. We of the present time have reversed the attitude.

We claim that the Negro has full rights to economic, civic and political freedom, but we are sure that socially and religiously he must be completely separate and segregated. We not only would not call a Negro pastor to our church, however able and brilliant, but in most churches it would be at the cost of his position that a white pastor invite a Negro minister to fill his pulpit."

At another point, Dr. Weatherford says: "It is probably impossible for any white person to put himself completely into the position of a Negro, or for a colored person to completely understand and put himself into the place of a white man."

But it ought not to be impossible for a white Christian to understand how a colored Christian must feel when he faces the many frustrations of daily life. Most men become conservative with the years and do not take courageous positions—not as with W. D. Weatherford.

will receive their first social disability insurance checks in August, announced John Ingle, district manager of the Raleigh social security office today.
But many other eligible disabled workers 50 to 65 years of age, some of them no doubt living in the Raleigh area, have so far failed to make application to their social security offices. Those who have been disabled for work for a long time, must apply before June 30, Ingle pointed out or they will lose their rights to the new benefit payments.

Any severely disabled person who has worked under social security for at least 5 years and who has been disabled for 6 months or more should get in touch with his social security office right away, the social security district manager said. If he is between 50 and 65

years of age, he may be eligible for monthly disability insurance benefits.

If he is under 50, he may be eligible to have his social security record frozen to protect his future right to disability payments and also his and his family's rights to old-age and survivors insurance benefits.

"Unfortunately, there is a lot of misunderstanding, Ingle said, as to how disabled a worker has to be to get social security disability insurance benefits or to have his social security record frozen. The rules in the social security law for deciding whether a person is "disabled" are different from the rules in some other Government and private disability programs."

To be found "disabled" under the social security law, he said, a worker must have a disability

which, in the words of the law, makes him unable "to engage in any substantial gainful activity."

It must be the kind of physical or mental condition which shows up in the medical evidence, including his doctor's report, hospital reports, or special tests; and it must have lasted for at least 6 months and be expected to continue for a long and indefinite time.

In general, he said, "substantial gainful activity" means the performance of a substantial amount for work with reasonable irregularity in employment or self-employment. A person does not have to be completely helpless to qualify under the social security disability provisions, Ingle emphasized. Consideration is given to all of the facts in the individual's situation, both medical and non-medical.

First consideration is, of course, given to the severity of his condition as shown by the medical evidence. This evidence must show that the person has a condition which makes him unable to per-

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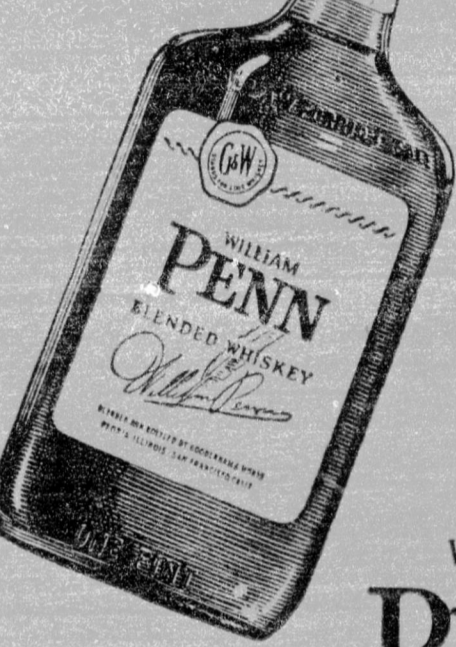
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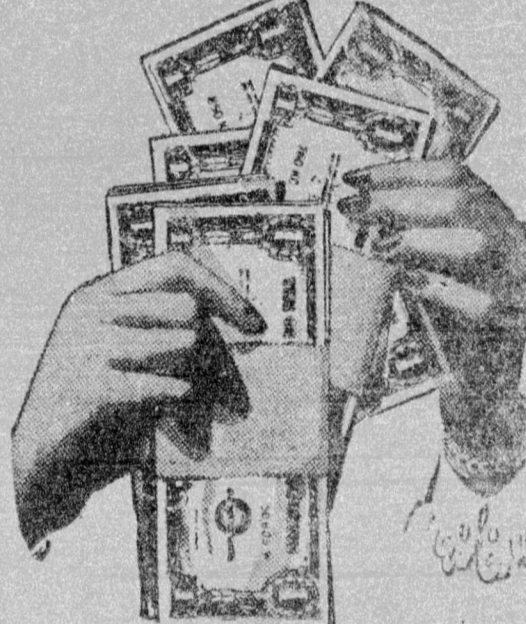
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