

KNOW YOUR SOCIAL SECURITY

P. E. Bettendorf, representative of the Social Security Administration, is in Edenton every Thursday at the North Carolina Employment Security Commission in Citizens Bank Building.

Question: Do I have to sell my farm in order to get social security benefits at age 65?

Answer: No, a farmer may have net earnings from his business up to \$1,200.00 in a year and still receive social security benefit payments for each month of the year. If the net earnings exceed \$1,200.00 he may lose one or more checks. If he works every month in the year and has net earnings of over \$2,808.00, no checks would be payable.

Question: I am no longer able to operate my farm but I don't want to move off the farm. Could I rent my farm and still draw social security benefits?

Answer: The \$1,200.00 limitation on earnings after retirement does not include income received from rent or investment income such as interest and stock dividends. However, the extent to which a landlord participates in the production on the farm might affect his benefit payments. For further information contact your local social security office.

Question: If I never retire from operating my farm, how will I ever receive any social security benefits?

Answer: The law provides for payment of benefits at age 72, whether you retire or not and re-

gardless of the amount of your earnings. This provision was placed in the law so that persons who delayed retirement could receive some benefit from their social security tax contributions.

Question: Each year I make a profit of about \$1,500.00 from my farm. I don't expect to retire. Should I file for social security benefits?

Answer: If you have reached age 65, you should contact your social security office. Even though you do not retire you may be able to receive benefits for some months of the year. Some payments may be made if your earnings for a year are between \$1,200.00 and \$2,808.00.

Question: Both my wife and I are over 65. If I continue to operate my farm, is it possible for my wife to draw benefits?

Answer: Probably not, since benefits are not payable to a wife or dependent children for any month for which the insured person is not eligible for benefit payments. If your earnings permit you to receive some monthly benefits, your wife could also collect for those months. She cannot be paid wife's benefits for any months you are not eligible for benefits.

pressure brought to bear for legislative action."

Thus, it appears that the businessmen of the country—and rank and file citizens generally—must make emphatic demands upon Congress in order to be assured of proper remedial labor legislation. Unless this is done—much as the rank-and-file voters last winter demanded government economy—it is probable that the work of the McClellan Committee will be largely lost.

Secretary of Labor Mitchell unfolded to the AFL-CIO what he said is the Eisenhower program. It is not at all certain that Congress will be deeply impressed.

The program (generally referred to as the Mitchell program) instead of the Eisenhower program) was developed with the apparent idea of obtaining legislation to

meet some of the evils disclosed by the McClellan Committee. However, it does not go far enough to really meet the issue of labor monopoly.

In this situation, it is quite probable that Congress will neither be guided by the Eisenhower recommendations nor by any proposals, on a partisan basis, of either the Republican or Democratic leadership. Instead, it is quite possible that a northern Republican-southern Democratic coalition may be forged to attempt to cure some of the glaring evils of union monopoly.

It is true that some proposals in the Mitchell program would be approved by industry and by others as an attempt to ameliorate

some of the hoodlumism rampant in big labor unions. But on the other hand, the program shies away from proposals to make labor unions subject to the antitrust laws and to give individual employees freedom by prohibiting compulsory union membership. In any event, it is expected that the fight over labor legislation will continue for several months in the new session of Congress.

The Administration program, as announced by Secretary Mitchell, is much less comprehensive than some Congressional leaders think is necessary. Efforts will be made to obtain modifications in the program.

Senate Minority Leader William Knowland, in California, took a

strong stand against compulsory unionism. He cited the late AFL President Samuel Gompers, who advocated voluntary unionism and opposed compulsory unionism.

Some McClellan Committee members, notably Senators Goldwater, Mundt and Curtis, have demanded—and have been promised—an investigation of Walter Reuther's United Automobile Workers.

In particular these Senators have urged inquiry into the hoodlumism and boycotting activities of the Reuther union in the long Kohler strike.

Investigators recently began making some inquiries into the UAW. Immediately they were at-

tacked by union officials—after a committee investigator said he was astounded by some things uncovered in the auto workers union.

Ernest Lane Dies Suddenly Sunday

William Ernest Lane, 42, died suddenly from a heart attack at his home on Oakum Street Sunday afternoon. A native of Chowan County, he was employed at M. G. Brown Company.

Surviving are his wife, Mrs. Pauline Lane; his mother, Mrs. Ethel Lane; two sons, William Ernest Lane, Jr., and Robert L. Lane, both at home; a daughter,

Marion Ethel Lane, at home; two brothers, George R. Lane and Paulett Lane, both of Edenton; a sister, Mrs. Louis Craddock of Edenton.

He was a member of the Edenton Baptist Church. Services were held at the Williford Funeral Home Tuesday afternoon at 2 o'clock. The Rev. James McKenzie, pastor of the Presbyterian Church, officiated and burial was in Beaver Hill Cemetery.

Pallbearers were Percy Dail, J. P. Partin, Henry Quinn, Ralph Parrish, Leroy Haskett and Lloyd Burton, Jr.

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NO COMMENT

by JAMES W. BOWMAN

Washington—A major question being asked in Washington as the new session of Congress nears is: "Will Congress enact remedial labor legislation, or will it be intimidated by the labor bosses?"

A clue to the answer may be found in a statement by Rep. Leslie C. Arends (R-Ill.), minority whip of the House. In a recent speech he said:

"Nothing will be done unless public opinion continues to mount as a result of the McClellan Committee hearings, for corrective legislation to deal effectively with the shocking evils disclosed at the expense of the working man himself."

"At the present time, neither the courts nor the executive branch have effective weapons to deal with concentrated union monopoly power."

Mr. Arends says the McClellan Committee has focused public attention on the need for remedial labor-management legislation. He implies that Congress may consider much more seriously the recommendations of the McClellan Committee—as a result of its dis-

closures of hoodlumism, graft and monopoly in the trade union movement—than the recommendations of Secretary of Labor Mitchell.

With regard to the McClellan Committee, he adds: "It will, however, amount to nothing more than a recommendation unless there is sufficient public opinion

NOTICE!

This is to notify the shareholders of the Edenton Building and Loan Association that the annual Shareholders' meeting will be held on Monday evening, February 3rd, 1958 at 8:00 o'clock in the Court House in Edenton, N. C.

R. E. Leary, Secretary

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