

Social Security Report

Equity For Women

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Equity For Women Under
Social Security:

One of the strengths of the
Social Security system is its
ability to adapt to changing
needs.

When the original Social
Security Act was passed in
1935, the United States was a
much different place than it
is today.

Over the years, the law
has been amended on
several occasions in an
effort to keep it up to date to
new conditions.

The treatment of women
under Social Security is a
case in point. In 1935, the
typical American family
consisted of a husband—the
breadwinner -- and his
dependent wife who cared
for their children; and, for
the most part, they
remained together until
"death did them part."

Only about one in every
four women was gainfully
employed.

Today, by contrast, we
find one divorce for every
two marriages, and more
than half of all women --
including half of all married
women -- are in the work-
force.

Obviously, the once
clearcut distinction between
men as wage earners and
women as homemakers no
longer exists.

Nevertheless, in large
measure of the program
continues to treat women
primarily as adult depend-
ents.

In recognition of the

changing roles of men and
women in our society,
Congress requested the
Department of Health,
Education and Welfare to
study the issue of equity for
women under the Social
Security program.

The Department report
was submitted in February
1979.

While offering no specific
recommendations, it did
suggest two approaches for
consideration -- an "ear-
nings sharing" plan and a
"double-decker" option.

Under earnings sharing,
one-half the total annual
earnings of both a husband
and wife would be credited
to each regardless of

Summer Job
Program

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emphasize the temporary
jobs program, Brown said.

While many of the sum-
mer jobs listed with local
Job Service offices are for
construction and restaurant
work, Brown said
recreation, retail, industrial
and other jobs also are
available.

Last summer, 28,290
youths were placed in 42,367
full-time, part-time and
temporary jobs. During the
1979 fiscal year, 42,278
youths were involved in
63,319 placement trans-
actions at Employment
Security Commission of-
fices.

whether one or both were
employed.

At retirement, benefits for
each would be based on half
the total earnings during the
time they were married in
addition to their individual
earnings during the years
they were single.

The rationale for this
proposal is that a husband
and wife are partners in a
marriage and, whether
gainfully employed or a
homemaker, should share
earnings equally.

In this sense, neither is
considered a dependent of
the other.

Under the double-decker
plan, a specific benefit
would be paid to every one
who met certain
requirements, regardless of
his or her earnings.

In addition, the person
would get a benefit based on
his or her earnings covered
by Social Security.

The issue of equity for
women was considered by
the 1979 Advisory Council on
Social Security, which is
appointed every 4 years.

The Council suggested
that earnings sharing is the
more promising approach,
but refrained from
recommending it since the
plan still has to be refined.

While the final word on
the question of equity for
women under Social
Security has not been
spoken, one thing is clear:
Social Security will continue
to adapt to society's
changing needs -- for the
decade of the 80's and
beyond.



BUMPER TO BUMPER ONLY FOR NOW -- Traffic
backs up on Tunnel Road in Asheville during rush hour, but
not for long. Construction is well underway on a multi-lane
freeway (I-240) from Charlotte Avenue to the I-40 and US-70
interchange. The I-240 project includes an open pass through
Beaucatcher Mountain which will alleviate the traffic jams
on Tunnel Road. Total estimated cost for the entire project is
\$49.3-million. Anticipated completion date is late 1981.

Peanut Market News

Southeastern Section --
Trading of peanuts grown in
the Southeast was
Referendum
Planned

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\$300-thousand for soybean
research and education
projects at the University
and more than \$185-
thousand into market
development programs.

Additional revenues
generated by the increase
will be used to beef up
research funding at North
Carolina State University
and for market development
activities through the
American Soybean
Association Market
Development Foundation,
according to Bursleson. The
Association is dedicated to
the goal of assuring a more
profitable industry for all
members.

"Rapid changes in world
economic conditions and
growing competition from
other oil and protein sources
have necessitated strong
state and national
associations to keep the
soybean industry healthy
and profitable", says
Bursleson, adding that "the
one cent per bushel 'check-
off' money goes into
programs that are
dedicated to the interest of
every farmer who produces
soybeans in North Carolina.
I encourage all soybean
producers to give this
program a favorable vote on
April 8!"

Sykes Earns CMA Certificate

The Institute of
Management Accounting is
pleased to announce that
Ollin B. Sykes, Certified
Public Accountant, Tim-

berlake & Sykes, P.A.,
Edenton, N.C., has earned
the Certificate in
Management Accounting
(CMA).

The CMA program,
established by the National
Association of Accountants
in 1972, recognizes
professional competence
and educational attainment
in management accounting.
The Certificate is awarded
to those who successfully
complete a two-and-one-
half-day examination and
have had at least two years
of experience in positions
requiring the application of
management accounting
principles. The examination
covers the following topics:
economics, business
finance, organization,
behavior and ethics, public
reporting standards,
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absolute veto over FTC
regulations was included.
The Senate, being somewhat
more liberal, did not agree
with this and as a result the
emergency funds, as of the
writing of this column, had
not been approved. It is now
assumed that the vast
number of employees in this
bureaucracy will not
receive their next
paychecks. That which
caused the House to include
the power of veto over FTC
regulations was their
proposals to regulate
funeral homes and
children's TV advertising,
most of which many of us
felt was totally unnecessary
and beyond the prerogative
of the FTC.

In getting around the
district during the latter
part of the week I want to
assure one and all that I am
keenly aware and genuinely
concerned over the situation
confronting our farmers.
The prices farmers are
receiving for corn and other
commodities are com-
parable to the 1960's,

whereas everyone knows
that what the farmers buys
has quadrupled, and more,
in cost. I am making every
effort to interest other
Members of the House
Agriculture Committee to
join with me in sponsoring
legislation which will assure
our farmers at least a
break-even return, and, for
that matter, some profit on
their investment of time,
money, and labor.

Advertisement for Taylor Electric featuring a man with a horse and the text 'REDFORD FONDA ELECTRIC THE ELECTRIC HORSEMAN' and 'Showplace Of The Albemarle Taylor'.

Advertisement for Atlantic Credit with the headline 'If money will help, we'll help with money.' and details about financial services.

Large advertisement for Gold Kist seed peanuts featuring a portrait of R. A. Howell and text: 'I think the Gold Kist seed peanuts germinate better than any of the others.'

Large advertisement for Whirlpool home appliances including a washer/dryer, electric range, refrigerator-freezer, and microwave oven, with prices and features listed.

Small advertisement for Western Gas, Inc. and an alarm clock LCD calculator.