

Our County And Social Security

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Today, another straight-from-life story taken from our claims files. I shall use a fictitious name, of course, because our files are confidential.

Frank Holt had always been an active man and at 66 he felt that he had plenty of working years ahead of him. His wife had died some time before, and he made his home with an only son and his family. You can imagine that his great joy in life was playing the role of "Gramps" to his grandchildren.

His health began to fail and his son finally persuaded him to see a doctor, who told him he had a serious heart condition and would have to stop work at once. Mr. Holt became alarmed, not because he was ill, but because he had never saved much money, and he faced the prospect of becoming a burden to his son, who had his own responsibilities. He was a badly worried man until he visited our office and learned that he would receive retirement insurance payments of \$37.62 each month for the rest of his life.

Comparing \$37.62 with the present high cost of living, you would say that is not a lot of money, and I would agree, but it was enough to make a lot of difference for Frank Holt. What was worrying him, of course, was

that he wouldn't be able to contribute to the household funds for his board and lodging, as he had always done in the past. Now he can do that and have a little money left for himself, especially to get a gift now and then for his grandchildren. He needed a rest after a lifetime of work and he's getting it. He's feeling better. He still has the children he loves around him. And he's very thankful for Federal Insurance. A small regular income can lend dignity to a man's life when his working days are over.

Our office in Salisbury is located at 303 Post Office Building and the office hours are from 9:00 a. m. until 5:00 p. m. Monday through Friday. I am in the Town Hall in North Wilkesboro each Thursday morning at 9:45 a. m.

LIME FOR FALL PASTURES SHOULD BE APPLIED NOW

Farmers who have not already applied lime on land to be seeded to pasture this fall, should start applying in now, according to W. W. Woodhouse, Jr., soil fertility scientist with the North Carolina Experiment Station.

This is an important step for farmers who are planning on taking part in the "Green Pastures" campaign.

Most North Carolina soils should be limed to grow Ladino clover, says Woodhouse. While the work on the lime needs of Ladino has not been under way very long in this State, it appears that the plant is not too hard to satisfy. It is less exacting than alfalfa in this respect, says the scientist.

On a soil which was very acid (ph 4.8), says Woodhouse, one ton of ground limestone produced good results during two years of testing. Above that rate, the returns per ton of limestone were barely noticeable.

Liming for Ladino clover is necessary and profitable, but there is no reason to believe that a high rate of lime or frequent applications are required. Ladino seeded in 1948 responded well to a one-ton application of limestone made in 1938. The best guide is a soil test.

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