Much Old Age Insurance Money Lying Unclaimed

For Workers Reaching 65 This Year

Thousands of dollars are lying unclaimed in the United States Treasury because those to whom the money now due under the oldage insurance provisions of the Social Security Act have not filed tings and a strip on the farm of claims for the amounts due them, Graham Martin, manager of the Asheville field office of the social security board, which serves this area, said today.

have reached 65 since January 1, 1937, and the estates or relatives of eligible workers who have died since December 31, 1936, apparently are unaware the social security board is making lump-sum payments now to those eligible persons who file claims, Mr. Martin said.

Although actuarial experts believe that there are 751 persons in the 19 western North Carolina counties covered by the Asheville field office who would be entitled to secure lump-sum payments this year, there have been only 120 claims filed to date from this area. It was estimated that 14 claims would be filed from Macon county. However, only one claim has so far been received.

It is probable that many persons to whom lump-sum payments are due have not filed claims because they do not know the social security board is making such payments now. They may be confused by the wide notice given the fact that payment of monthly old-age benefits will not begin before January,

Another reason may be that the sums due to many persons are small. The lump-sum payment amounts to 31/2 per cent of the total wages of the eligible worker. For example: Suppose wages totalled \$1,000; the 31/2 per cent lumpsum payment would be \$35; it wages totalled \$100 the 31/2 per cent lump-sum payment would be \$3.50. Many workers seem doubtful about what is meant by "total wages." Total wages, under the Act, means the sum of all the wages paid by all employers for all the time an employee worked in covered employment after December 31, 1936, and prior to death or reaching 65, not counting wages over \$3,000 from any one employer. Naturally the lump-sum payment due a man who reached 65 on January 3, after being paid for one working day, will not be as great as the amount due to the man who received an equal daily wage every working day since last December 31 till now.

Yet another reason many eligible persons have not filed claims seems to be they do not know they are eligible. Lump-sum payments now are due to two groups of persons:

First, to the worker himself who has reached 65 since January 1, 1937, and who has been paid wages ior work done as an employee since December 31, 1936, and before he reached 65.

Second, to the estate or relatives of a worker, no matter what his age, who has died since December 31, 1936, provided the deceased worker had been paid wages for work done as an employee, after December 31, 1936, and before he reached 65.

Every assistance will be given by the Asheville field office of the social security board to those who inquire about payments or who wish to file claims.

Tells How He Got Biggest Hay Crop

More feed than he had ever gotten from one acre before, is the way Ernest Long, a tenant on the farm of Joe Grant in the erosion control demonstration area near Burlington, describes his crop of hay from a one-acre meadow strip.

The strip was moved three times this summer and produced two tons of the best quality hay he had ever seen, Mr. Long said.

Fifty-six meadow strips, comprising 51 acres, have been constructed on farms of cooperators in the Burlington area, H. N. Kelly, act-

Lump Payments Ready ing project manager, reports. Eighteen of these were prepared and seeded this fall. These strips furnish a practical and economical method of disposing of surplus terrace water and at the same time produce much valuable hay, he points out.

A meadow strip on the farm of W. H. Squires produced two tons of high quality hay from two cut-Dr. S. F. Scott produced two and one-half tons from three cuttings this summer, Kelly said.

Meadow strips in the demonstration area are seeded to a mixture of lespedezas, clovers, and A large number of workers who grasses. On those prepared for spring seeding, all the seed are planted at the same time. On those prepared for fall seeding, grasses and clovers are seeded during September and October and the lespedezas are added the following spring, Kelly said.

Offers Solution For The Shortage Problem

Adequate storage facilities for clothes, gooking utensils, cleaning supplies, medicines, and other household articles add to the convenience of a home.

The fundamental principles for good storage, according to Pauline Gordon, home management specialist of the State college extension service, are:

close to the places where they are it in creases." used. Articles should be stored in such a way that each may be removed without handling any other

The storage space should fit the size and shape of the articles to be stored, and should also be in keeping with the size of the mrson who uses the articles most.

Closets, wardrobes, pantries, attics, porches and cellars are among the storage places that can be u to good use, Miss Gordon . . . Only seldom used articles, of

course, should be put in the attic. Shelves, book cases, shoe racks window-seat storage units, chests of drawers, are a decided help in

storing things conveniently and attractively.

Some of these things that can be made at home are well suited for Christmas presents, Miss Gordon added as a suggestion for those who are puzzling over their Christmas lists.

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