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GREATER IVY citizens accomplished many improvements during their April clean-up, paintup, fix-up project. Thirty large and small truck loads of debris were picked up in one day and hauled to the county landfill. Junk cars are also being removed to the landfill.

Top picture shows a truck loaded with trash from the roadsides and bottom picture shows one of the 100-ft. flower beds which has been sown. Beautification will be the result in progressive No. 4 Township.



Alums Applaud WCU Entry Into Southern

Madison County sport fans and alumni of Western Carolina University are sed with the action taken by the Southern Conference at a meeting held in Greenville last Friday when WCU was admitted to the Southern Marshall University and Tennessee-Chattanooga University were also admitted to the S. C.

Their admission to the 55year-old league at the final session of its three-day meeting will leave the conference with 10 members after Richmond, a member since 1936, pulls out.

In addition, East Carolina, ironically, host to this week's meeting, will leave a year later, having given notice several weeks ago of its decision to pull out.

"We're extremely pleased with the decision of the Southern Conference to include Western Carolina University as a member," said Dr. H. F. Robinson, chancellor of WCU.

"The conference has a tradition of high standards in athletics and we're excited about becoming a part of that tradition and competing within the conference."

WCU's membership bid was sponsored by Appalachian State, East Carolina and The Citadel

The three new members join Appalachian State, The Citadel, Davidson, Furman, Virginia Military and William and Mary as members next school year in addition to East Carolina.

Kelso won 31 stakes races and nearly \$2 million in purses in eight years of racing as a

You Can Apply For Widow's Benefits At 50

Q. I'm 49, a widow, and have no children living at home. What is the earliest age I can apply for social security widow's payments?

A. If you're disabled, you apply for disabled idow's benefits at 50. If you're not disabled, you can apply for reduced payments at ige 60 or you can wait till you're 65 and apply for full

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payments. Whenever you decide to apply, just get in touch with any social security

Q. I'll be 65 in June and expect to apply for social security retirement payments at that time. However, my wife will only be 63 then. If I apply for benefits for both of us, will she get half of my benefit or will it be less

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because of her age?

A. If your wife applies for social security payments on your earnings records at 63, her checks will be at a reduced rate. If she waits till she's 65 to apply for benefits, she'll get her full payment which is 50 percent of yours.

Q. I worked under social security for a short time before I took a job that's not covered by social security. Can I voluntarily make contributions on my own to the social security program so I can accumulate the credits I'll need to get benefits when I

A. No. There's no provision in the social security law which permits voluntary contributions. Benefits are based only on employment and self-employment that's covered by social security.

Q. I retired two years ago and get monthly social security retirement payments. Last month I took a part-time job and I just noticed that my boss is taking social security contributions out of my pay. I told him I get social security checks, but he said it doesn't make any difference. Is he right?

A. Yes. Everyone working in a job or in self-employment that's covered by social security must pay social contributions regardless of age or social security status. However, the

additional earnings may mean an increase in your monthly

OFFICE OPENING LITTLE ROCK, Ark. (AP) — The Arkansas Industrial Development Commission is opening an office, called Arkansas Overseas, June 15 in Brussels, Belgium, to encourage Eu-ropean industry to locate in the state.



CLAYTON E. SNYDER, president of Snyder Land Co., of Winston-Salem, met with contractors, engineers, architects and leasees last Thursday in Asheville to further plans for a proposed Mars Hill Shopping Center and motel complex which will include 40 acres. Definite plans will be announced when they are finalized.

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