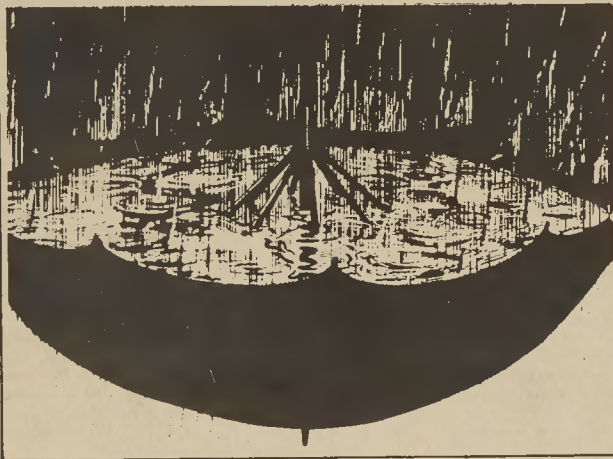


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## Social Security Questions-Answers

By Doug Butler  
Field Representative

**Q.** My Medicare premium (part B) is \$6.20 each month and my neighbor's is only \$5.60. Why is my premium more? Do we have the same insurance?

**A.** For those who were late enrolling in the supplemental medical insurance (part B) after their first opportunity to sign up or who signed up after they previously cancelled the insurance are required to pay an additional 10% for each year they were eligible but did not enroll. Your (part B) coverage is the same as your neighbor's.

**Q.** I am signed up for both parts of Medicare. After a car accident last month, I had some teeth broken and had to go to the hospital for jaw surgery. Will Medicare pay any of this?

**A.** Yes. Medicare covers this type of surgery, but not ordinary dental care.

**Q.** I was hospitalized for two weeks last month. Because of my condition my doctor requested a private room for me. Will my Medicare coverage pay for my private room?

**A.** Yes, Medicare can help pay for a private room when it is medically necessary. Of course, the hospital will bill you for the first \$68 of covered hospital services, which is the hospital insurance deductible for the present time.

**Q.** I am enrolled in both parts of Medicare, but I haven't needed to use it yet. If I forget my Medicare card, can I give a doctor or the hospital my regular Social Security number when I need medical services?

**A.** No, your Medicare card shows your complete claim number and this number is needed to process your claim for payment of medical or hospital services. But this shouldn't delay your treatment. Just bring your card in later or phone the number in.

**Q.** My son gets monthly Social Security student benefits. If he transfers to another college or starts attending classes on a part-time schedule, must he report it to Social Security?

**A.** Yes, he should notify Social Security if he marries, is legally adopted, stops attending school, stops attending school full time, changes schools, earns more than \$680 in a year or is paid by an employer to attend school at the employer's request.

**Q.** After my husband died, my son received monthly Social Security benefits until he was 18. His benefits stopped however, when he left school for a year. Now at 19, he plans to attend a local school. Can he get Social Security benefits again?

**A.** Yes, the child of a retired, deceased, or disabled worker can get monthly benefits until 22 as long as he is in full-time attendance at an accredited school and is unmarried. Contact any Social Security Office as soon as possible to have your son's benefits started again.

**Q.** Since my husband died last year, I have been receiving monthly Social Security benefits for my 18 year old son, who will be attending junior college next year. Do his benefits stop at the end of the school year or while he is on summer vacation?

**A.** No, monthly benefits continue for up to 4 months of vacation if your son was a full time student before the vacation period started and intends to return to full time attendance when vacation ends.

**Q.** I'm 65 and although I have never worked under Social Security I did enroll in the Medicare insurance program under Medicare as soon as I could. My doctor told me that I may soon need surgery.

Even though my husband is 63 and still working, it is possible for me to get hospital Medicare insurance now under his Social Security number?

**A.** Yes, even though your husband is not retired and not yet 65, he can file for Social Security just to provide you with hospital coverage. He does not have to get benefits himself, and he can keep right on working. Call any Social Security office and explain your particular situation.

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## Parents Know the Drug Threat

By Sheriff Kermit Banks

### The Child You Save May Be Your Own

Today's Subject: More Mind-Affecting Drugs Now in Use

To classify any one group of drugs as "mind-affecting" would be a truth, but only half true, because this would lead one to believe that some drugs in use do NOT affect the mind. The hallucinogenics, (those which cause "trips" of the mind), are generally referred to as mind-affecting, but in reality all drugs have their effect on the mind whether direct or indirectly.

Some of the other drugs we have not mentioned thus far are Mescaline, Peyote, Psilocybin, DMT, STP and Morning Glory Seeds.

Mescaline is hallucinogenic in nature, a chemical found in the buttons of certain small cactus plants — peyote or mesquite — and these are also available illegally in powder and liquid form. The effects, for the most part milder than from LSD, often last 10 to 12 hours. Being bitter to the taste it is often mixed with a drink to make it go down easier. American Indians have used this drug in religious rituals for hundreds of years, so its use is not what could be termed new.

Peyote itself, coming from cactus, is a milder form of Mescaline. Sometimes it is referred to as "the button", "cactus", or just the letter "P". To this day it is still used in sacrament rites by the Native American Indian Church.

Psilocybin is from the Mexican mushroom and usually comes in crystal, powder or liquid form. Influence of the mind lasts from 2 to 6 hours generally and effects are similar to those of Mescaline.

DMT, (dimethyltryptamine), causes effects similar to LSD, when taken in large doses. Reaction comes quickly and the effects last an hour or two. It is made synthetically and is a natural component of seeds from plants growing in the West Indies and South America. For hundreds of years natives have used this drug by sniffing a powder from the seeds.

STP, (also known as DOM), is relatively new on the drug scene. It is a synthetic chemical related to Mescaline and the Amphetamines. Reportedly it is very mind-distorting, but not nearly so powerful as LSD.

Morning Glory Seeds of some varieties have an active principle closely related to LSD, but much less potent. The seeds are most usually chewed or made into a tea.

Then there is the "thing" called "68"; like banana peel, "68" or, as it is sometimes called "sex juice", may be a hoax so say the specialists of the American Pharmaceutical Association. Users have reported that it produces wild, short trips as compared to LSD or STP. There are conflicting reports on the chemical make-up and over all effects. Our Food and Drug Administration says that "68" is simply oil of peppermint.

So, in summary today, you may ask yourself why it is important to know all of these minute details about all of the drugs we have discussed. Much of the information you may never have an occasion to use — BUT, if you do have occasion it is much better to know facts than fiction, hearsay and the like.

The major point of this entire series is to better understand the drug misuse problem and to do this we must know basic knowledge and basic facts. Only through truth about the drug problem can we hope to combat it. Only through open-mindedness can we save our children from the horrors of drug misuse. WE are the adults — the solution to the problem is up to US — this is OUR responsibility!

Be with me next week, won't you?

## Bees Essential

### Vine Crops Need More Than Sunshine, Water

Sunshine and water may be enough for most vegetables, but those vine crops being planted in Tar Heel gardens this spring won't do a thing without something extra -- a visit by the honeybee.

The only way you're going to get a good set of well-shaped cucumbers, muskmelons, watermelons, pumpkins, squash or gourds in your garden is to have a lot of bee activity.

North Carolina State University extension horticultural specialists explain that vine crops produce male and female flowers at different locations on the same plant. Unlike some other crops, the vine crops are pollinated almost entirely by insects rather than by wind-blown pollen.

With man's encroachment into wooded areas where wild bees make

their home, bee numbers have dropped. Some commercial crops farmers compensate for this by bringing in colonies of bees. But most of the thousands of small gardeners Tar Heel homeowners produce each year are entirely dependent on the wild bees for pollination.

In some cases, wild bees will do an adequate job. But if you aren't getting good production from your vine crops and if you are getting a lot of abnormally shaped fruit, chances are good that poor pollination is a factor. This could mean the local wild bee population could use some help.

One suggestion is that one bee per 100 flowers is needed for adequate pollination. In commercial acreage, the experts recommend one to three colonies of 30,000 to 50,000 bees each per acre.

If it is determined there are enough bees present to do the job, then the most important management job the gardener has is to see that the bees are protected. Careful use of insecticides is an important factor.

The critical time for protection against these chemicals is after blooming starts and bees are present in the fields. Spray or granular formulations are less likely to drift than dusts.

It is best to make applications in late afternoon or early evening when bees have left the field or garden. Never apply insecticides over hives or on the windward side of hives.

## Quilting...

The old art of quilt making is not dead. It's not even fading away in Johnston County, where women young and old enjoy getting together to make a quilt.

The ladies have made many beautiful quilts and throws during their sessions, adds Mrs. Patricia Brown, associate home economics extension agent.

And they're helping the ecology movement, the agent believes. By quilting, the Johnston County women are using up scraps of fabric that probably would be thrown away otherwise, Mrs. Brown points out.

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