

KNOW YOUR SOCIAL SECURITY

F. E. Bettendorf, representative of the Social Security Administration, is in Hertford the second Wednesday of each month at the Perquimans County Court House.

When disaster strikes, we like to think that society is ready to help. When a man is crippled by disease, we believe that someone will see that his family has food and clothing, and that the rent is paid. But when his immediate day-to-day needs are met, what then? Will there be anyone to advise him how to protect his investment in social security for the sake of future payments? Or will he be like Paul Johnson?

Paul is 32, married, and has three children. Until five years ago, he was strong and healthy, never sick a day in his life. The Johnsons were paying on a new ranch-type house in the suburbs and Paul was earning high wages as a foreman in a factory making airplane parts. During his spare time he made improvements on the house, built a garage, fixed up the lawn, and planted shrubbery and flowers.

As soon as they completed one project there always seemed to be something else to start planning on.

Suddenly all this was changed. Paul was brought home from work one day after having collapsed at the factory. He hasn't been able to work since. To meet expenses, the Johnsons had to sell their house and automobile. They moved into a small upstairs apartment in a house owned by Paul's mother, and Paul's wife found a job in a neighborhood store. Paul has never given up hope of going back to work. He doesn't think of himself as disabled, and is full of plans for future activities. The fact that he collapses after slight exertion does not discourage him. A few friends visit him regularly and help to keep up his spirits, as well as doing what they can for

the family in a material way. No one has ever said anything to Paul about the "disability freeze" provision in the social security law. Either his friends know nothing about it, or they are unwilling to seem to pry into his financial affairs. Paul should be told that he should file an application for a social security disability freeze no later than June 30, 1958. If the disability freeze is allowed, his rights will be protected as to disability benefits at age 50, old-age benefits, and benefits for his family in case of his death.

In Paul's case, making application for a disability freeze no later than June 30, 1958 may mean payments of \$98.50 a month beginning at age 50; it may also mean that in case of his death, his wife and children would receive as much as \$200 a month. If he does not put his application in by June 30, 1958, he will receive no disability benefits at age 50 and, since he had not worked 10 years under social security before his disability, he will draw no old-age benefits. In case of his death, the payment of his survivors would be either reduced or lost entirely.

What should Paul do? He should telephone or write the social security office near him. That office is listed in the telephone book under U. S. Government, Dept. of Health, Education and Welfare. He can also get the address from his post office.

Protection against disability was written into the social security law as recently as 1954. The deadline of June 30, 1958 is important to those who have been disabled more than one year. Filing application by that date will mean the worker's account may be frozen as of the time he became disabled, even if that was as much as 18 years ago. If a disabled person believes he can meet the earnings requirement—five years' work under social security in the ten year period before he became disabled, and a year and a half in the last three years of that time—he should file his application without further delay.

Because disabled persons have often lost ability to protect their own interests, it is particularly important that relatives and friends help them. Full information as well as free booklets are available for the asking at any social security office.

Use Right Words

There is a great difference between the right word, and the word that is almost right. For instance, you can call a woman a kitten, but not a cat; a mouse, but not a rat, a chicken, but not a hen; a duck, not a goose; a vision, but not a sight.

SENATOR SAM ERVIN SAYS



Washington — Officials have been jolted into a realization that the recession has reached a point where aggressive action is required.

Points of View

I am supporting the view that the acceleration of projects for which funds have already been authorized and appropriated is the sensible approach to immediate positive action. Another view, supported by some Administration spokesmen, exalts a tax cut and less public works as the most desirable remedy. A good case can be made for some tax relief. I am concerned about what will happen to the unemployed. A tax cut for a person who has no job is purely an academic question.

Where We Stand

As a nation this is where we stand now, according to figures released by the Departments of Labor and Commerce. Presently

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unemployed are 5.2 million, the jobless being 6.7 per cent of the total labor force of our country, compared with 5.8 per cent for January of this year. February figures project the number of unemployed beyond the highest peak of jobless in the 1954 recession and about the same as the economic dip in 1949 on a percentage basis. But the total number of jobless is reported to be at the highest mark in 16 years. Although we must take into consideration that some blame can be put on the unusually bad weather during February, it is nevertheless greatly disturbing to hear that the jobless figure rose by nearly 700,000 during February.

ary. Looking at the brighter side of the picture, there are now 61,988,000 people employed, and I think that thoughtful and positive action on the part of our country can halt the down-turn. It is in this belief that I voted for the acceleration of authorized civil and military projects rather than pursuing a policy of waiting to see what will happen. In my judgment it is far better to take preventative steps now rather than wait until our economy is flat on its back.

Tragedy of the Jobless

It is a tragedy when a person is honestly seeking employment and can find none. The lesson of the great depression of the early thirties should be clearly remembered by our country; the toll of a depression is so severe that it must not happen again.

North Carolina

Industry and labor in North Carolina deserve great credit for helping to continue our economy on a more normal plane than some other areas of our nation.

The mail I have had from the people reflect a definite concern about unemployment but shows no signs of panic. This is to our credit because the attitude of a people means much in this effort to isolate the recession damage and restore the economy.

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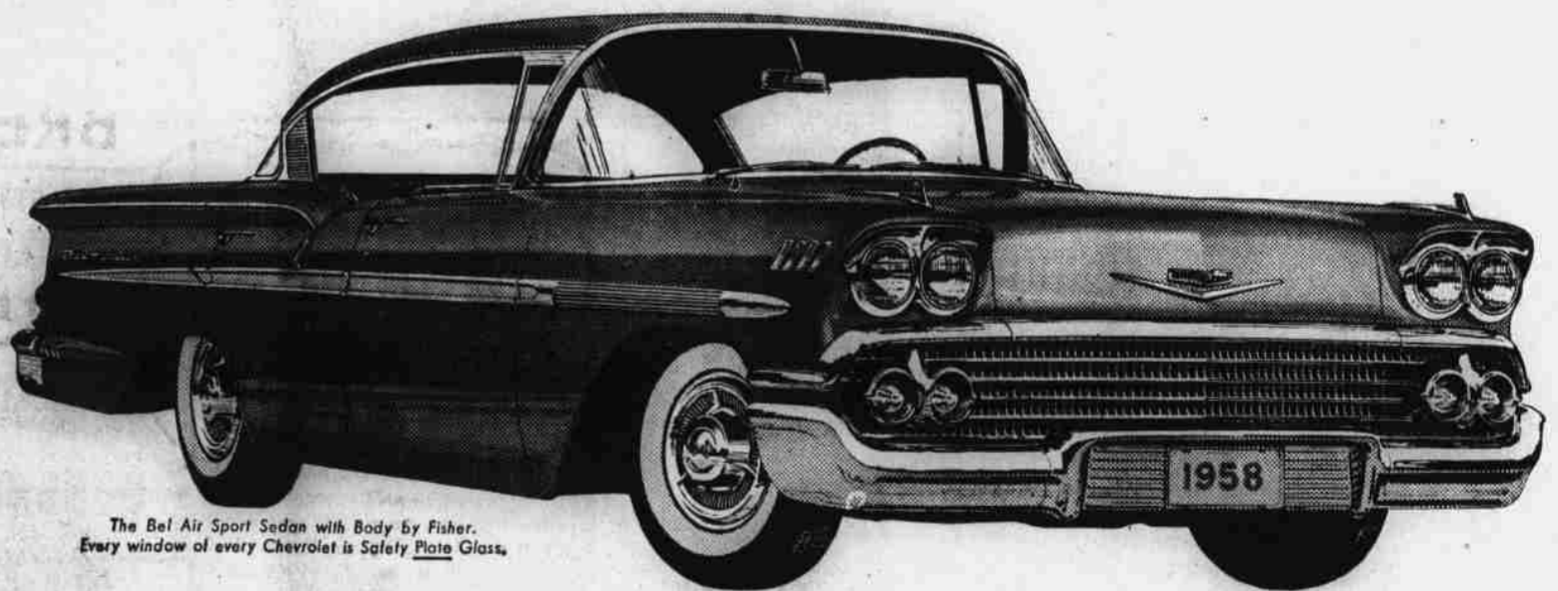
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