

### Social Security Administration

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A young man with a family has a tremendous amount of responsibility. He is concerned about the welfare of his family. He is concerned about their future as well as the present. He may be planning to buy a home, acquire life insurance, and save

in other ways. One very important factor to consider in his planning is his social security. His social security may serve as a base on which to plan his entire financial program. For example, he may receive social security benefits when he reaches retirement age. Also for the aged is the health insurance

program known as "Medicare". He can build on top of this. A young man is also concerned with the immediate future. How would social security help if something happened so that he couldn't work? Social security benefits are for disabled workers and their families. He can consider this in his planning.



BROTHER P.L. STEPHENS, left, 99-year-old member of Perquimans Lodge No. 106; Brother M.V. Walker, the oldest living Past Master of Perquimans Lodge, and B.C. Berry, P.M. Master of Ceremonies and a 50-year Masonic Veteran, discuss "old times" at the testimonial honoring Brother Stephens.

Perquimans Lodge No. 106 honors Oldest Member: On August 18, 1970, fifty members of Perquimans Lodge No. 106, Hertford, honored Brother P.L. Stephens the oldest living member of the lodge. Brother Stephens will be 100 years old on October 27, 1970.

Brother Stephens has been a Master Mason for 65 years, having been raised to the Sublime Degree of Master Mason on November 20, 1905.

Brother M.V. Walker, the oldest living Past Master of Perquimans Lodge No. 106, who joined the lodge the same year that Brother Stephens did, was also present. He is a member of the Great Bridge Lodge in Chesapeake, Va., and a Past Master of that lodge. Brother Walker is an Honorary Member of Perquimans Lodge. He expressed a great deal of satisfaction in being able to return to his "Home Lodge" and take part in this memorable occasion.

Brother B.C. Berry Sr., P.M., and a 50-year Masonic Veteran, was in charge of the program. He gave a history of the lodge during the time the two distinguished brethren were raised to the Sublime Degree, and the years immediately following. This was very interesting and informative.

Brother Stephens is still alert and in good health. He takes care of all his personal needs, is interested in all sports, writes regularly to five daughters, maintains a small garden, and did attend Sunday School and Church, without missing a Sunday until this past November. He is completely deaf, but wears a hearing aid which helps him when talking to someone close up. He decided that after attending church for so many years without hearing what was being said, he'd stay home.

Brother Stephens expressed appreciation for the honor bestowed upon him, and credited his long life to good hard work and honest living.

Perquimans County is honoring Mr. Stephens this week. Mr. Stephens now living in Elizabeth City belongs to Hertford. He lives most of his life here. We recently had a story in this paper on his life. He now resides with his daughter in Elizabeth City, Mr. and Mrs. A.C. Shannonhouse. (The Perquimans Weekly wishes Mr. Stephens, who is an old friend of the editor, the happiest of birthdays come October 27th, 1970.)

### Veterans Administration

EDITOR'S NOTE: Below are authoritative answers by the Veterans Administration to some of the many current questions from former servicemen and their families. Further information on veterans benefits may be obtained at any VA office.

Q. May I purchase a house strictly for investment purposes using my GI home loan benefit?

A. No. To obtain a GI home loan, a veteran must certify that he intends to personally occupy the property as his home.

Q. Where may I obtain my discharge papers?

A. You should request your discharge papers from the branch of service in which you served.

Q. I'm a Vietnam veteran with two years of service who would like to go to college, but I lack a high school diploma. How can VA help me?

A. You can receive from VA, G.I. Bill monthly payments for high school training without charge against your basic educational entitlement. After completing high school, you are

### Cover Crop Seeding in Perquimans



COVER CROP SEEDING IN PERQUIMANS -- The above photo shows a cover crop of wheat being seeded Oct. 6 on a soybean field by airplane on the farm of Sterling Colson in the Durants Neck Community of Perquimans County. This is one way of getting a cover crop seeded early as the grain is generally seeded at about the time the leaves begin to shed on soybeans.

still entitled to 36 months of further training.

Q. I will be released from active duty just before school starts this fall. May I apply now to VA for a Certificate of Eligibility?

A. No. You will need your discharge paper and you cannot

obtain this until you are actually separated from active service. However, it is advisable to apply for school admission before you are legally separated to increase your chances of acceptance. You should hurry, as many schools have already completed their class enrollments.

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### Perq. Commissioners Minutes

October 5, 1970

At a regular meeting of the Board of County Commissioners of the county of Perquimans, North Carolina, held on the first Monday in October, October 5, 1970, at 10:00 o'clock a.m., at its regular meeting place in the courthouse, in Hertford, Perquimans County, North Carolina.

President R.L. Spivey, chairman presiding with commissioners, Riley S. Monds, Jr., Thomas D. Nixon, Lester H. Simpson, and Ellis Winslow.

All commissioners were present.

Report was received from Social Service Department.

On motion duly made, seconded and passed, the Board authorized the general county budget to be amended and increased in the amount of \$10,000.00, funds to come from sales tax, that the sum of \$10,000.00 be contributed to the Board of Education to supplement their 1970-71 budget.

On motion duly made, seconded and passed, the Board voted to make application to Farmers Home Administration, for grant and loan, for the purpose of establishing a solid waste

disposal program in Perquimans County.

On motion duly made, seconded and passed, the Board authorized the Sheriff's Department car budget to be amended and increased in the amount of \$1,500.00, and the funds to come from Nationwide Insurance Company, for payment of wrecked car.

The Treasurer was ordered to pay the following bills:

J.C. Blanchard & Company, Inc., \$22.18; Owen G. Dunn Co., \$90.37; Chowan Hospital, Inc., \$101.50; Jackson Wholesale Co., Inc., \$27.70; Harmon's Pharmacy, \$2.97; Harris Plumbing & Building Supply Company, \$94.64; Gatling & Gatling, \$16.36;

Eastern Office Equipment Co., \$11.77; Robertson's Cleaners and Laundry, Inc., \$3.85; Grey & Creech, Inc., \$19.82; Hertford Cafe, \$257.40; N.C. State University, \$20.00; Case Blue Print & Supply Company, Inc., \$1.08; Hollowell Chevrolet Co., Inc., \$6.50; American Public Welfare Association, \$35.00; Sheriff Dept., \$27.17; Tax Dept., \$2.00; Julian C. Powell, \$18.30; Richardson Machine Supplies, \$10.30; Drs., Steve C. Pugh & Robert L. Poston, \$12.00; Chowan Medical Center, \$6.00; Rose's Stores, \$25.24; C. Edgar White, \$25.10; The Perquimans Weekly, \$94.89.

There being no further business, the Board adjourned. Julian C. Powell Clerk to Board R.L. Spivey Chairman

### Historical Book Highly Praised

There have been many compliments to Raymond A. Winslow, Jr. and the Perquimans County Historical Society on the book that was compiled for the Perquimans County Tri-Centennial. The little book covers Perquimans County's 300 Anniversary 1670-1970, and is sponsored by the Perquimans County Chamber of Commerce.

Cover for the history booklet was designed by Herbert H. Nixon, Hertford native.

The book contains information on how the county began, lists the important sites and persons of the past and relates the story of the building of the Perquimans Courthouse.

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In our meeting, held recently, relative to delinquent accounts for fuel oils and kerosene, we wish to pass on to you, our decisions.

We find it necessary for our credit protection to follow the same rules as we have in the past years.

We will exchange (each with the other) the names of the delinquent accounts, and we truly do not want to include yours. You know how you stand, so won't you please pay, or make proper arrangement for your old balance?

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