

Federal Civil Employees Eligible For Jobless Pay After January 1

RAISES—Federal civilian employees who are unemployed after next January 1 will be entitled to file claims for unemployment compensation as the result of an amendment to the Social Security Act by the 83rd Congress. Chairman Henry E. Kendall of the Employment Security Commission advises that administration of this program has been delegated to this and similar agencies in the 48 states, District of Columbia, Alaska and Hawaii, by agreement between these units and the Secretary of

the U. S. Department of Labor. Payments of unemployment benefits will be made from funds appropriated by Congress. The Federal employees filing claims under this program will be subject to the requirements of the laws of the various states and units paying the benefits.

Chairman Kendall states that the necessary organization and methods for processing and payment of these claims are being formulated and his agency will be ready to take applications or initial claims for unemployment

compensation for Federal employees on Monday, January 3, the first work day in 1955.

Before the claim of an unemployed Federal employee can be processed, Kendall points out, the claimant must have or obtain a Social Security account number issued by the Social Security Administration through one of its 13 district offices located in North Carolina. The employee must file his claim in the state in which he is living, regardless of whether he was employed in that state, another state or abroad, and is not eligible to receive benefits for any period covered by terminal leave pay from the Federal agency.

After the claim has been taken and the necessary wage information obtained from the Federal agency, the amount of the weekly payment will be determined. This amount ranges from \$7 to \$30 a week, depending on the total amount of wages earned in the base period, which, for claims filed from January 1, 1955 to March 31, 1955, inclusive, will be the last six months of 1953 and the first six months of 1954. The Federal employee may be paid as many as 26 weeks in the 12-month period following the filing of the initial claim.

To be eligible to receive these payments the Federal employee is subject to the eligibility requirements and penalties set forth in the State law for other unemployed workers, which are:

1. Be unemployed.
2. Register for work at the local Employment Security office.
3. Be physically able to work.
4. Be available for work, which means that the individual must be willing to take a suitable job, have no home restrictions or lack of transportation that would prevent acceptance of the job, be interested in obtaining work by making an earnest effort to find work on his own initiative each week; and female claimants are not considered available for the 3-month periods prior to and after the birth of a child.
5. Be subject to a disqualification of from 4 to 12 weeks with the maximum benefit amount reduced by the number of penalty weeks multiplied by the weekly benefit amount, if it is found that the employee voluntarily quit his last employer without good cause attributable to that employer, was discharged by his last employer because of misconduct in connection with his work, or refused to apply for or accept suitable work when offered, either through the local Employment Security office or by an employer.
6. Be subject to prosecution for any false statement misrepresentation or withholding facts in order to obtain benefits, and, if convicted, be imprisoned or fined.

Improperly used milking machines comprise the most frequent cause of injury to cows' udders. Such injuries lead to mastitis.



CHRISTMAS IS FOR GIVING

By Masad McCurdy Welch

TOMORROW was Christmas and Tommy was worried. It hadn't snowed at all, and if there was no snow to shovel, how could he make any money for Christmas? Tommy lived in the neat farm cottage with his Uncle Pete and Aunt Lucy. Aunt Lucy had just told him he could go over and see Jimmy Reeder but he sure to be back by five o'clock. So Tommy started walking slowly toward the Reeder farm, as he had a lot of thinking to do.

In the small sitting room Aunt Lucy and Uncle Pete were talking. Aunt Lucy insisted that two dollars was an awful lot to pay for a dog. They were poor people after all and could only afford to give Tommy sensible things.

Uncle Pete thought Tommy should have the puppy he wanted. He was only seven, and needed a playmate.

Tommy was walking along still slowly, trying not to think how wonderful it would be if he could have this little puppy. His name was Blaze, and he was a runt; that's why he cost only two dollars. Tommy thought how the puppy would trolle along beside him and wag his tail, and how they'd race over the fields when spring was here. But no use thinking about Blaze. He had to get a job.

It was when he was passing the big house where Mr. Robert Thatcher lived, that the idea came.

Tommy went in and asked Mr. Thatcher for a job. Mr. Thatcher was said to be a bad-tempered, stingy old man, but Tommy wasn't going to be afraid of him. He said, "I need some Christmas money, and I thought you might give me a job to do."

The old man asked grumpily, "What do you want for Christmas?"

His Xmas Wish

Tommy explained about the dog and Mr. Thatcher said, "All right, you can go to work in the orchard, cleaning out under the trees."

Tommy found the rake and other tools and went to work with vim. A little before five, the job was done. Mr. Thatcher took a look at it, and said he'd earned the two dollars.

"Could you give it to me in new shiny dollars?" Tommy asked.

The old man nodded. "Thought you were going to buy a puppy?"

"Nope. Can't have the puppy. Christmas is for giving."

The old man put two silver dollars in his hand. He said softly, "Glad you reminded me, Tommy. I'd almost forgotten."

Then it was Christmas. After breakfast Tommy proudly laid a shining silver dollar in Aunt Lucy's hand and one in Uncle Pete's. They were both so surprised for a moment they didn't speak. Then Aunt Lucy nodded at Uncle Pete. He left the room and they heard the chugging of the old Ford as it went down the lane.

"The dollar shines pretty, doesn't it?" Tommy asked.

"It's beautiful, Tommy. Thank you." Aunt Lucy's voice sounded choked up.

The Real Thing

When Uncle Pete came back, he gave Tommy two packages, mittens from Aunt Lucy and shoes from Uncle Pete. "Just what I needed," Tommy exclaimed and gave them both a big hug. Uncle Pete cleared his throat. "Tommy, your real present is on the back porch in a basket."

It was Blaze, the puppy. Tommy gave a cry of joy. He ran back to the sitting room, the puppy in his arms. "Oh, thank you, Uncle Pete. Thank you, Aunt Lucy. Thank you a million!"

But that wasn't all. An hour later a car stopped outside and a chauffeur brought in a big basket of fruit and one filled to the brim with wonderful things to eat. Even a turkey. There was a note, which read:

"Christmas is for giving. I wish you all a very Happy Yuletide." It was signed Robert Thatcher.

Aunt Lucy and Uncle Pete looked at each other in amazement. Then Uncle Pete said, "Well, Robert Thatcher certainly did get the Christmas spirit, didn't he?"

"Everybody is so good," Tommy said. He looked down at the puppy which was now asleep in his lap.

SANTA, INDIANA

The community of Santa Claus, Indiana owes its fame to its unusual name. At Christmas time its small post office is swamped with mail from throughout the world.

Laying flocks on hand in North Carolina are three per cent above the number on hand at this season last year.

Bethware Girls Win Over No. 3

Bethware high's girls posted an 81-54 victory over No. 3 at Bethware's gymnasium last Friday night to give the No. 4 Township cagers a split in the county twin-bill as the visiting boys rolled up a 66-41 edge.

Lauralane Morris hit the cords for 15 goals and three free shots to tally 33 points, which No. 3's Carroll matched evenly. Lib Bolin had 25 for the winners.

It was the fourth win against three losses for Coach Jeff Wells' sextet.

Jesse Putnam paced Bethware's boys with 13 points and Substi-

tute Rollins had 17 to top the winners.

GIRLS		BOYS	
Player	PTS	Player	PTS
Lauralane Morris	33	Jesse Putnam	13
Lib Bolin	25	Substitute	17
Mozelle Davis	11	Carroll	15
Arborella Champion	2	Carroll	15
Lois Gamble	5	Carroll	15
Jack Barrett	5	Carroll	15
Rachel Neal	5	Carroll	15
Rachel Hamer	5	Carroll	15
TOTALS	81	TOTALS	41

Technical Fouls: Hamrick, Nickels. Score at half: Bethware 40, No. 3 22.

BETHWARE (41)

Player	G	FG	FT	PTS
Ralph Horn	1	1	0	2
Jesse Putnam	1	1	0	2
Joe Chapman	1	1	0	2
Omar Ross	1	1	0	2
Ken Yarbro	1	1	0	2
Mayer	1	1	0	2
Jack Barrett	1	1	0	2
Bill Hurratcher	1	1	0	2
Bobby Canipe	1	1	0	2
Joe Whisman	1	1	0	2
Bobby Anthony	1	1	0	2
Bobby Crawford	1	1	0	2
TOTALS	17	17	0	34

Score at half: Bethware 18, No. 3 22. OFFICIALS: Dover and Gene Stone, scorers.

Girl Scout News

Girl Scout Troop 11 of Central Methodist church met Monday, December 20, with its leaders, Miss Mozelle Masters and Mrs. Bun Goforth. We had our business and afterwards enjoyed a film strip, "Christmas Around the World". We then went to the basement to enjoy a party honoring Miss Mozelle Masters, bride-elect of January 30th. After the party, several of the girls served refreshments. Our leaders dismissed us.

Peggy Black, reporter

Holiday Greetings
It's hail and hi-ho! Santa's on his way! Now's the season for fun and well-wishing; so, happy holiday to all!

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