



**and SOCIAL SECURITY**

A jury in Federal Court in Memphis, Tennessee on May 12, 1966 reached a verdict of guilty on two counts against a 64-year-old man charged with falsely pretending to be an employee of the Social Security Administration. This was announced today by Lex G. Barkley, district manager in Gastonia.

Mr. Lewis Green was convicted on two counts of falsely representing himself as an employee of the Social Security Administration and in such pretended character obtained the sums of \$220 and \$120. The violations occurred in 1964 and 1965. United States District Judge Marion Boyd sentenced Green to three years imprisonment on each count, the sentences to run concurrently. Judge Boyd also fined Green \$250 on each of the two counts. Prior to sentencing Green, Judge Boyd stated that he was in complete agreement with the verdict of the jury, and he felt that the evidence presented was overwhelmingly in favor of Mr. Green's guilt.

Barkley urged all residents of this area to be on guard against anyone who attempts to collect money alleging it's for social security purposes. "All representatives who work from our office have identification cards", he stated. If you are contacted at home about anything concerning social security and you have some doubts about the caller, immediately ask for some identification. If he objects to revealing his identity, then refuse to discuss anything with him. "Furthermore, if there is any suspicious character operating in a community, alleging that he is a representative from social security, jot down his auto tag number and notify the police or our office", Barkley added.

A prolonged drought has created a serious water shortage in Cuba.

**A Break in the News**



**GARDEN TIME**  
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A Wilkes County reader is having trouble with her boxwoods, which she values very highly. She writes: "I am enclosing samples of boxwoods which appear to be dying from some cause. I wonder if you could help me with diagnosis and treatment. My bushes are more than 100 year-old English boxes, and have always been free of disease until last year when some of them developed an orange and brown appearance on the tips of some

of the branches and then the whole branch died back.

"Last fall I cleaned up all the old leaves under and inside the plants and sprayed them but note little improvement this spring."

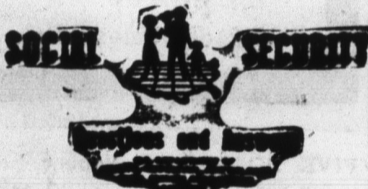
I must compliment this reader for sending in excellent specimens of the trouble (s) she is having. The samples were adequate and nicely sealed in a plastic bag. So often samples which are not representative and which are in such bad condition that diagnosis is practically impossible are sent in.

This is what we found: evidence of general decline which you would expect in plants over 100 years old; definite evidence of leaf damage caused by red spider mites and lace bugs, both sucking insects and difficult to control, unless you do a thorough job of spraying, especially the undersides of the leaves; evidence of nematode injury to the root system, a common ailment with many ornamental and other plants.

Suggestions: For spider mites and lace bugs, use malathion, either the emulsifiable concentrate, 1½ teaspoonfuls to 1 gal. water; or 4 tablespoonfuls (level) of the wettable powder to 1 gal. water. Use good pressure when applying the spray mixture.

If plants have not been fertilized, I would apply from 4 to 8 ounces Nitrate of Soda around each plant. The amount used will depend upon the age and size.

To keep older plants from reaching a state of rapid decline, the recommendations I have given will be helpful. Also, liberal watering during prolonged dry periods should be practiced.



Q—I will be 65 years old this year. I plan to continue to work and will earn \$8,500 this year. Do I have to retire to get medicare benefits? Must my employer be notified if I do file an application?

A—You don't have to retire to obtain medicare benefits. All that is required is that you file an application and prove your age. When you file an application you will receive a full explanation of how and when regular monthly benefits can be paid to you. You should file three months before you reach 65. Your record at social security are confidential, so no one needs to know that you have filed.

Q—I will be 65 years old late this year. When should I file for medicare benefits?

A—You will have medical insurance protection at the earliest moment (the month of your 65th birthday) only if you apply during the three-month period before the month of your 65th birthday. If you wait and do not sign up until the month in which you are 65, your coverage will not begin until the first day of the next month. This delay can mean a lost month of insurance against doctor bills and other medical expenses. If you wait to file after your 65th birthday, there will be an even further delay in your coverage. As for the hospital insurance part, you will be covered for this as soon as you apply. So, if you want complete medical coverage when you reach age 65, we suggest that you file within three months before your 65th birthday.

At Jolson's real name was Asa Jolson.

**First Medicare Notices Mailed**

First medicare premium notices were recently mailed to more than 2 million of the elderly people who sign up for the voluntary doctor bill insurance to supplement their basic hospital insurance under medicare. Lex G. Barkley, Manager of the Gastonia Social Security Office announced today.

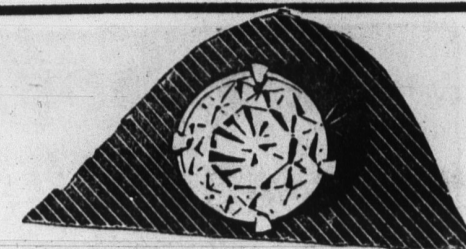
Another 15 million older people enrolled for the doctor bill insurance will not receive premium notices, Barkley said. Their \$3 premiums will be deducted from their monthly social security, railroad retirement, or civil service benefit checks, beginning with the checks due early in July.

The premium notices now being delivered, Barkley said, call for quarterly payments of \$9. Payment for the doctor bill insurance protection for the months of July, August, and September. This is one-half of the cost of the protection; the other half is paid out of general Federal revenues.

With the punch card premium notice is a return envelope pre-addressed to one of six social security payment centers which are located in New York, Philadelphia, Birmingham, Chicago, Kansas City, and San Francisco. Payment should be made by check or money order payable to "Social Security Medical Insurance," Barkley said.

Older persons who cannot manage to make the quarterly premium payment of \$9 may send in a payment of \$6 for two months coverage, or \$3 for one month. Or if they have any questions about the premium payments, they may get in touch with their local social security district office. Premium payments for medical insurance are due on or before the first day of each month of coverage.

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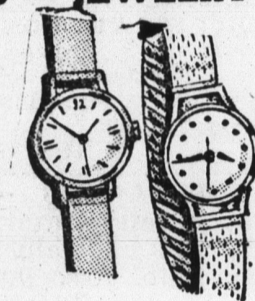
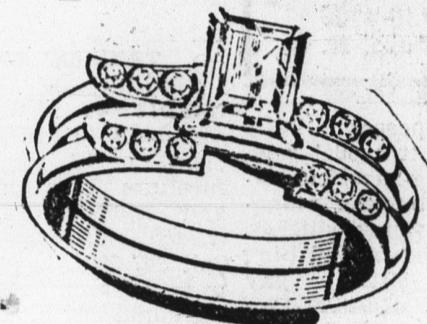
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