

Our County and Social Security

"That story, Mr. D'Auteuil, certainly points out the need for older workers to stop a moment and find out about their old-age insurance rights." Thus expressed your editor after our conversation about the case in which benefits were lost.

When a man makes a will, he tells his wife where he keeps it and what to do about it. He does the same about a life insurance policy. If he has a bank account, his wife often knows as much about the account as he does. There are millions of workers who have social security accounts—but not all workers and their wives know how to cash in on that account at the proper time. Your Editor's remark was prompted by a case illustrating this lack of knowledge.

The case was about an old furniture worker, who was not only self-reliant but proud of his good health at age 67. His pride lost him social security benefits. This old fellow had worked 50 years in his trade. He had been able to pay for his home and to put something aside for his old age. One day he began to have dizzy spells. At first he was able to work the better part of the day, but finally he reached the point where it was a tremendous effort for him to even get out of bed.

Finally he had to stop altogether. He felt that since he had never been sick a day in his life before this, that he'd soon get better and could go back to work. He, also, felt that if he filed for his old-age benefits, it would mean that he wasn't going to get better and wouldn't be able to go back to work. He didn't understand the provisions of his benefit rights under Old-Age and Survivors Insurance.

After not working for six months, his employer told him that he should visit our office and get his benefits. Well, he came in, but still fighting proud, said he would take his Old-Age payments temporarily. It's too bad he didn't come in right away when he got sick and file an application then. He would have gotten a payment for every month he didn't work. His wife, also 65, would have received payments for each month in which he did.

The servicing office of the Social Security Administration for this area is located in the Flatiron Building, Room 520, Norfolk, Va. A representative of this office is in Edenton at the local employment office, Citizens Bank Building, at 12:00 o'clock the second Wednesday of each month.

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November Supply Of Turkeys Plentiful

November is turkey time. And, with the U. S. Department of Agriculture reporting about 29 per cent more turkeys raised this season than in 1948, heavy turkey marketings in November are expected to cause both wholesale and retail prices to drop below those of a year ago, Miss Rebecca Colwell, home demonstration agent for the State College Extension Service, said this week.

What's more, she added, there's a better-than-average crop of cranberries this year to team with turkeys as well as broilers, fryers, and stewing hens. All are listed by USDA as plentiful foods for November menus. Pork also appears on the plentiful list, for the first time in several years, Miss Colwell said. Last season's large corn crop and heavy spring pig farrowing were given as reasons for the increasing supply of pork.

Fruits are well represented on the November plentiful list, with apples, grapes, and winter pears sharing the limelight with raisins and dried prunes. Plentiful vegetables include fresh sweet potatoes, greens, cauliflower, canned corn and canned pumpkin.

Eggs are slated for an increase in supply in November, USDA says, and bountiful supplies of manufactured dairy products and dried beans and peas offer other sources of protein for fall meals.

Tree nuts—pecans, walnuts, almonds, and filberts—cooking fats, honey, sugarcane syrup, and molasses are other plentiful on Southern markets.

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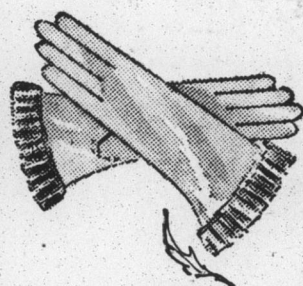
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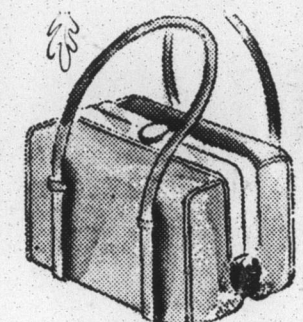
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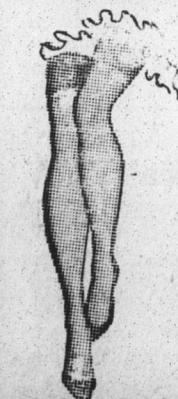


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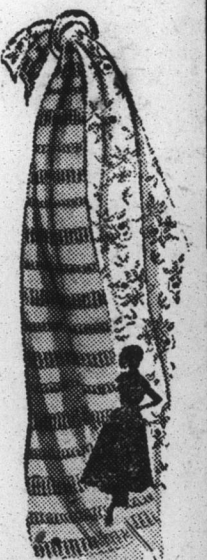
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