

KNOW YOUR SOCIAL SECURITY

P. E. Betsendorf, representative of the Social Security Administration, is in Edenton every Thursday at the North Carolina Employment Security Commission in Citizens Bank Building.

To draw disability payments or have his earnings record frozen under the Federal social security program, two things must be established. The first is that the person has worked long enough to meet the requirements of the law. As we discussed in a previous article, this work test requires that he have worked under social security for five of the ten years before he became disabled. Self-employed farmers who had no non-farm work under social security could not meet this requirement earlier than October 1959. If he meets this test, he must next establish that he is disabled within the meaning of the law.

The requirement is that his disability is so severe that he is "unable to engage in any substantial gainful activity." A decision must be made in each individual case based on medical records and other evidence. Usually these documents will include a statement from the applicant's personal physician or records of a hospital or institution where he has been treated. In some cases it may be necessary to have an examination by a specialist.

The disability may be mental or physical but cannot be temporary. The disability must be expected indefinitely or end in death. A temporary disability cannot be considered, regardless of how severe it may be at the time. For example, a person could suffer a broken leg in an accident and be laid up for eight months. This would not meet the test because the disability ordinarily would not be permanent. However, if complications developed resulting in the loss of the leg, the disability test might be met. In our next article we shall explain the 6-months waiting period which is necessary before disability payments can start.

SOIL CONSERVATION NEWS

By JAMES H. GRIFFIN, Soil Conservationist

State Meeting

The 1960 annual meeting of the North Carolina District Supervisors will be held in Raleigh, N. C., January 12-13 and 14 at the Cerulina Hotel. Representing Chowan County will be District Supervisors L. C. Bunch, H. F. Byrum and J. A. Webb, Jr.

District Meeting

District Supervisors of the Albemarle Soil Conservation District will meet at 10 A. M., January 6 at the Oak Grove Community Building here in Chowan County. District Officers for 1960 will be elected and a plan of operation for the district will be prepared. Chairman L. C. Bunch of Chowan County will be in charge of the meeting.

Brye Youngs, Administrative Officer for the State Soil Conservation Committee, will conduct a training program on the duties of a district supervisor. The public is invited to attend this meeting. Lunch will be "Dutch" served by the ladies of the Oak Grove community.

1960 ACP Program

H. O. West, Chowan County ASC Office Manager, has announced that sign-up for Federal cash-share assistance on conservation practices under the Agricultural Conservation Program (ACP) will be January 18 through January 22. He states that due to the large number of requests that will probably be the only sign-up period until the fall sign-up period to be announced later.

There are two changes in the conservation practices for 1960. A new practice, "The initial establishment of permanent vegetation as protection against erosion" has been added. This practice is to be used to seed vegetation on ditchbanks, gullies,

dams, dikes, levees, farm roadsides, and field borders to retard erosion. A cost-share payment of \$17.80 per acre can be obtained under this practice on fertilizer and seed. Lime at \$4.50 per ton will be furnished in addition if needed according to a soil test.

This practice was added by the Chowan County Technical Committee to meet the need for erosion protection on newly-constructed open ditches. Erosion has destroyed many of our ditches within three to five years due to poor maintenance and the lack of protection.

The other major change in the 1960 ACP practice is a reduction in cost-share assistance from 10 cents a cubic yard to 8 cents per cubic yard for excavated ponds for livestock and irrigation purposes.

Included as conservation practices under the 1960 ACP program are: Permanent pasture of 1.5% additional vegetative cover in crop rotation, liming materials, tree planting, permanent pasture or hay improvement, farm ponds, forest improvement, woodland diskling for reforestation, sod waterways, terracing, open ditch drainage, tile drainage, tree planting to prevent wind or water erosion, winter cover crop, summer annual legumes, year-around cover, small grain-fescue seeding in crop rotation, and initial establishment of permanent vegetations as protection against erosion. If you need any of these conservation practices on your farm, sign-up during January 18-29 at the local ASC office. SCS personnel will be available to assist you on your needs for open ditch drainage, tile drainage, sod waterways, terraces, farm ponds, tree planting to prevent wind or water erosion and any other practice you desire assistance on.

On the above named conservation practices, you must come to the local Soil Conservation Service office before signing up in order to get the necessary technical assistance in carrying out the practice. A priority system will be set up by the Chowan County district supervisors to service requests in 1960. In 1959, more requests for service were received by the district supervisors than service available from the Soil Conservation Service. Be wise in 1960 and make arrangements for service before signing up for ACP cost-share assistance on ditching, tile, sod waterways, terraces, farm ponds and tree planting to prevent wind and water erosion.

Wildlife
Now is the time to sign applications for plants and seed for wildlife food strips and multiflora rose fences. These materials are furnished by the North Carolina Wildlife Resources Commission free to landowners who want to increase wildlife on their farms. Application blanks are available at the local SCS office in the basement of the Post Office Building in Edenton. District cooperators who have wildlife food strips or multiflora rose fences planned on their farms should come by the SCS office at your earliest convenience.

Woodland Conservation
Now is the time to order your joblots and Slash Pine seedlings. Application blanks are available at the local SCS office in Edenton. Prices are \$4.25 per thousand, delivered from the N. C. State Nurseries. Order early to prevent delays. State nurseries started delivery December 1, 1959 for 1960 plantings. Yellow Poplar is available at \$6.50 per thousand this year also.

Frankly Speaking

By Frank H. Beris

Hi again! Hope your New Year's celebration was safe, sane and sunny and my best wishes to one and all that 1960 will be a terrific year for you. All the government experts have assured us that this year will be just wonderful. These are predictions left over from last year. Here's hopin'.

Musically, it's been a pretty blank year. Most of our good music has been in album form. However, in case you care for this kind of thing, these are the top 20 records of 1959, beginning with number 20, up to the big one of the year: "Til I Kissed You," "My Heart Is An Open Book," "Quiet Village," "Charlie Brown," "Smoke Gets In Your Eyes," (slaughtered by the Platters), "Pink Shoelaces," "Donna," "Stagger Lee," "Put Your Head On My Shoulder," "Sicce Walk," "Mr. Blue," "Kansas City," "Come Softly To Me," (a worthy disc by the Fleetwoods), "The Three Bells," "Dream Lover," "Lonely Boy," "Venus" (another good one), "Personality," "Mack The Knife." The big boy of 1959? "Battle of New Orleans,"

by Johnny Horton. Watch the 1960's for new names from Hollywood. The producers there are getting weary of shelling out unbelievable sums for name stars. For instance, last year John Wayne got \$633,000 for one picture; William Holden got \$750,000. The topper was Liz Taylor, demanding a million. Also there'll be fewer films made. Less quality, more quantity.

Big doings this past decade in Hollywood? Lana Turner's daughter slaying momma's boyfriend; Bing Crosby's wife dying of cancer and later Bing marrying Kathryn Grant; Grace Kelly winning (a) an Oscar and (b) a prince; deaths of three big producers, Louis B. Mayer, Cecil B. DeMille and Harry Cohn and these top stars: Tyrone Power, James Dean, Errol Flynn, Mario Lanza, Humphrey Bogart and Suzan Ball. Other events of the past decade that made entertainment headlines included Sinatra's battling romance with Ava Gardner; the divorce of Rita Hayworth and Aly Khan (along with Rita grabbing up husbands 4 and 5). This past decade also saw Ingrid Bergman mother an illegitimate baby, later returning to Hollywood esteem. (You may insert your own editorial opinion here). Lots of other happenings, of course, but those were the headline-makers of the fabulous fifties.

Henry Morgan fired from his program. Usual reason. Resulting a potential sponsor. Makes his network nervous.

Payola is still in the news, but I'm getting as tired of that as I am of Castro's wild ravings against the U. S.

Another showbiz death: Hanns Leo Reich, Austrian writer and radio broadcaster, who conducted a program called "The Austrian Hour."

One of the TV critics made the statement that the only smart TV papa is Robert Young. Evidently, he doesn't watch "Love and Marriage." Murray Hamilton is quite an intelligent papa on that and on "Leave It To Beaver." Howard Beaumont proves quite a sensible gent.

Once again, I hope this is a truly good year for you. Faith in God will help make it that. Closing thought is an interesting one, authored by Diogenes: Of a rich man who was mean and stingy, he said: "That man does not possess his estate, but 1959? "Battle of New Orleans," his estate possess him."

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