

SOCIAL SECURITY IN ACTION

In order to better acquaint the people of this area with the disability provisions of the Social Security Act, Albert L. Gray has given the Social Security Administration permission to use his story in any way that it sees fit.

This story is based on personal interviews with Mr. Gray by John T. Grooms, field representative with the Social Security Administration, Norfolk, Va.

All Social Security records are highly confidential and cannot be released or publicized without the consent of the applicant. Mr. Gray said that his disability payments had meant a great deal to him and that he would be only too happy to share his story if it would help some other disabled person become aware of his rights under the Social Security program.

Mr. Gray was employed by the Edenton Cotton Mills as a bobbin hauler from February, 1950, through June, 1959. At that time he had to quit his job because of high blood pressure and the accompanying dangers of working around machinery while suffering from an impairment of this nature.

In August 1959, Mr. Gray was able to get a light job with the Diagnostic Lab at Edenton. This job consisted of helping the veterinarian cut and examine hogs and also performing various maintenance duties at the



ALBERT L. GRAY

lab.

On the evening of April 2, 1960, after returning home from a regular day of work at the lab, Mr. Gray suffered a paralytic stroke and has been unable to work since that time.

He has, however, made considerable progress in the past year. The stroke paralyzed his left side, and he was confined to his bed or wheelchair for about nine months. Now, after a great deal of effort on his part, he is able to do a limited amount of walking with the help of a leg brace and a cane. Mr. Gray knows only too well the value of the brace and cane, but these would be useless without the excellent medical attention which he has received in Edenton, the constant care and encouragement which he has received from his wife, family and friends and, most important of all, his own determination to walk again and to as possible.

This is not the story of a man who is to be pitied. It is the story of a man who paid a part of his earnings into the Social Security Trust Fund during his working days and, upon becoming disabled, earned the right to receive disability payments.

In order to qualify for dis-

ability payments under the Social Security Act, a worker must have been disabled for at least six months and, in addition, meet the following requirements:

(1) He must have credit under social security for at least 20 calendar quarters (approximately 5 years of work) out of the 10 year period immediately before he became disabled.

(2) He must be so disabled that, in the words of the law, he is unable to engage in any substantial gainful activity.

Mr. Grooms urges all persons who feel that they may meet the disability requirements to contact the Social Security Administration, 220 W. Brambleton Avenue, Norfolk, Va. If this is not convenient, you are invited to get in touch with a representative from the Social Security Office who meets in Room 312, Citizens Bank Building, Edenton, beginning at 10:30 A. M., each Thursday. A representative also meets at the Court House, Hertford, on the second Wednesday of each month, beginning at 10:00 A. M., to discuss any questions which you may have concerning retirement, disability or death benefits under the Social Security Program.

Sunday School Lesson

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cowardice. Parents can give their children something truly beyond the price of rubies; they can set them such an example, in daily family living, of a pure and Christian life, that the memory of it will stay with the youngsters for the rest of their lives, guiding them in times of doubt and fear and temptation.

Another guard at the ramparts of our hearts is alertness to the nature of sin. Evil is deceptive. It comes in so many guises—even that of virtue. The only opening that sin needs for success is flirtation. To guard our hearts, we must be alert to the deceptive nature of sin. That "sociable" drink, that casually-lit cigarette, because "everybody's doing it," that witty remark (at somebody else's expense) that brings forth a laugh—all go under the guise of virtue—and can so easily become a habit.

And, most important, to guard the heart, we must also keep it pointed toward the highest. We become what we think, love, and worship. Each of us is, in a profound sense, the architect of his own destiny, the captain of his soul. This goal is, of course, one reason for attending church regularly. A service of worship helps to point our thoughts, affections, and worship toward the ultimate in truth, goodness, beauty and love—everything that is represented in God as

revealed by Jesus Christ. Through the habit of regular and devout church attendance each of us may keep his heart pointed toward the highest. Thus we station a guard for the heart.

But we need not wait for Sunday to worship and thank our Lord, and to draw the quiet inner strength that we need for this daily battle of ours, that we call living. An ancient and beautiful institution is the family altar. Out of the twenty-four hours that God gives us to dispose of as we may, surely we can spare ten minutes each day to worship Him? The family altar is a time for hallowed moments that prompt us to remember how much we belong to God as well as to each other; it is a time for us to remember that we have a soul as well as a body. It is an open Bible wisely read, reverently heard, earnestly heeded. Through the auspices of the family altar, God is given a special welcome every day, as the family's most honored Guest. Our destinies are truly determined by our response to the charge contained in our Memory Selection for today.

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Frankly Speaking

By Franz Roberts

Movie Notes: It took three years and 113,760 frames of finished film to produce Disney's "101 Dalmatians." By the way, if you forgot to count, there was an actual total of 7,000,000 black spots on the animated hounds. Actress Terry Moore is a licensed pilot. Most of the movie, "Sundowners," was filmed in Nimmitabel, an Australian town of 700. One of the filming problems in Fabian's "Hound Dog Man," occurred when 8-year-old Dennis Holmes is supposed to be fishing and pulls in a big one. To make sure he did pull it in, a fat trout was placed on the end of his line. Cameras rolled, the scene was being shot and young Holmes pulled in his line, but the previously attached fish still made his get-away. Glenn Ford was reduced in rank for his role in "Cry for Happy." He portrays an enlisted man in the navy. Prior to that role he'd been an officer in "Teahouse of the August Moon," and in "Don't Go Near the Water." Michael Wilding operates an American-style ice cream parlor in Lon-

don. Other Notes: The New York Times has a section devoted to North Carolina in their Sunday international edition. This is the Centennial Year for the Civil War and it's also the year of the trial of Adolf Eichmann. These facts led historians to come up with some facts about Civil War contributions by the Jews. There was Dr. Isadore Zacheira, a foot specialist, who treated President Lincoln and many members of the Union Army. The South had the nation's outstanding Jew. He was Judah P. Benjamin, a U. S. Senator from Louisiana who was also attorney general, secretary of war and finally secretary of state for the Confederacy. After the war he escaped to England and became a Queen's counsel. Finally, there was the President of B'Nai Brith who went into hiding following the Civil War. He had the misfortune to look exactly like John Wilkes Booth. In case you missed these advertisements here is a repeat. One is from Business Week magazine and is an advertisement for the American Electric Power Company for their book entitled: "Business Equivalent to the Reduction in Federal Income Tax-ation Resulting from Accelerated Amortization and Liberalized Depreciation, Which is Recorded as Earned Surplus Restricted for Future Federal Income Taxes in Accounts Maintained Pursuant to State Regulatory Requirements." Seems like the title might be longer than the book. The other advertisement appeared in New Yorker magazine. It was for a 1680 Meetinghouse

with a 2-story living room. It was Colonial-style and had many fireplaces. It had four master bedrooms, ample servants quarters, 240 acres of woods and fields, including a brook, superintendent's house, garage, barn with 2 box stalls. The asking price was a mere \$100,000. Closing Thought: Freedom is not worth having if it does not connote freedom to err.

program. They are the "teachers" named by homemakers themselves from their own ranks. All are trained and assisted by home demonstration agents. Home Demonstration agents, besides their work with groups, assist many other homemakers through workshops, visits, dem-

onstrations, tours, and public relations. **Intangible Assets** "Hallo, Tom, off for a vacation?" "No, I've just come back." "Feel any change?" "Not a blamed cent."

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