

# Women Affected By Change In Law

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Among the changes in the social security program recently signed into law by President Johnson are a number of special significance to women. Chief among them is a change that will make about 175,000 children eligible for monthly payments. It changes the conditions for determining dependency upon a working mother. Until now, for a child to be considered dependent upon his mother and therefore eligible for monthly payments when she died, retired or became disabled, she needed to have worked under social security for at least 1 1/2 years out of the last three years, unless she was actually supporting the child. The amendments eliminate this recent-work requirement. Beginning with checks in March, 1968, benefits are payable to the child of a woman worker who has died, retired, or become entitled to social security disability benefits if she has accumulated

enough social security credit to be "fully insured," whether or not those credits were for recent work under social security. Some widowers who were dependent on a wife at the time of the wife's death and some husbands who were dependent on a wife at the time of her retirement or disability may now also get benefits under this provision.

Another very important change in the law makes it possible for the disabled widow, or disabled divorced wife, or a worker to receive disability benefits beginning at age 50. This provision also applies to the disabled widower who was dependent upon his wife at the time of her death.

Under the old law a widow could not get social security benefits until she reached 60, unless she had in her care a child who was entitled to payments based on her husband's earnings. Now a widow whose husband has worked long enough under social security can be eligible for monthly benefits as early as age 50 if she is severely "disabled." A widow is considered "disabled" if she has a mental or physical impairment so severe that it keeps her from performing any gainful activity, and the condition has lasted (as is expected to last) 12 months or longer. Age, education and work experience, which are considered in the case of the disabled worker, are not considered.

In general, you can be eligible for widow's benefits only if your disability started before or within seven years after your husband's death. However, if you received benefits as a widow with children, you could be eligible for the new benefits if your disability started before the other payments ended, or within seven years after they ended.

Payments can start with the seventh full month of your disability. The first month for which benefits can be paid is March, 1968. If you were divorced from your husband before his death after 20 or more years of marriage, but were receiving support from him at the time of his death (or he was under a court order to provide support), you may be eligible for the new benefits.

The amount may be as low as 50 per cent of the benefit the deceased worker would have received, or may be as high as 82 1/2 per cent, depending on the age at which the widow begins to get benefits. For example, if you became disabled at age 50 and began receiving disability benefits, you would receive 50 per cent of the amount your husband would have received; if you started getting benefits at age 55 it would be 60 per cent. As under the old law, the full amount of a widow's benefit—payable at 82 1/2 per cent of your deceased husband's retirement benefit. If you start receiving widow's disability benefits at an earlier age under the new law, the reduced rate will continue after age 62 as well. This change in the law is expected to make payable \$60 million in the first 12 months to some 65,000 persons who have not been able to work long enough to become eligible for disability benefits on their own work records following the death of a wage earner.

If you believe that you or someone in your family may be eligible under these changes in the law, get in touch with us at our office. The address is 207 Boyd Avenue, Greenville, N. C. The phone number is 758-3121.

# Make Church - Going A Habit...

## SUNDAY SCHOOL LESSON ETERNAL LIFE FOR MORTAL MAN

International Sunday School Lesson for March 3

**Memory Selection:** "I am the Resurrection, and the Life; he that believeth in me, though he were dead, yet shall he live: and whosoever liveth and believeth in me shall never die."—John 11:25-26.

**Lesson Text:** John 11.

The nucleus of today's lesson is based on the fact that Jesus, as the great life giver, demonstrates His authority over death and emphasizes and delineates His claim to be the Resurrection and the Life—as witness the story of Lazarus, who was raised from the dead. In this lesson we witness the faith of Mary and Martha, sisters of Lazarus; we also hear the affirmation of faith by Jesus himself as—outside the tomb of his friend, He cried out to God: "Father—I thank thee that thou hast heard me." This, you will note, is a positive statement, couched in the past tense.

Before the people, Jesus was manifesting His Messiahship, His close communion with God, and His power over life and death. Before Jesus came into the world the resurrection of the dead on Judgment Day was a doctrine of the Pharisees; after His advent, it became an experience.

"I am the resurrection, and the life," declared Jesus, "and whosoever liveth and believeth in me shall never die..." (John 11:25-26). Death—instinctively dreaded by we who live and breathe—looms before most of us as an enemy, taking us away from our loved ones; it is the one thing which unequivocally runs counter to one of man's most basic instincts—the instinct of survival. It can come and claim us long before we reach our goal. Silence and isolation cuts us off from the busy hum of our everyday life, the companions at our side. Therefore it is not surprising that the hale and hearty avoid contemplation of man's natural end, and use all the wonders of medical science to defer the end of his mortal existence.

Christian faith does not sidestep the fact of this inevitable ending; Christian faith faces up to it, believing that conquest of the foe lies in Christ, and in their acceptance of Christ. For Christ, in His crucifixion, triumphed over death, and in His resurrection proclaimed to all the world His victory. And death is defeated by what Christ does in us. For our fear of death imprisons us in a web of anxiety, even as we live and breathe. If we wholeheartedly accept Christ as our Saviour and the doctrine of Christianity as our belief, that fear is replaced with faith.

Christ's whole doctrine was based on positive assertions—"I am the Light—I am the Resurrection and the Life—I am the bread of life—I am the good shepherd—I AM THE WAY."

Only a positive reaction to Christ's teachings can assure us of entry into everlasting life, as distinguished from immortality. We need to

# L. A. Cayton Taken In Death

Lawrence Albert Cayton died Monday at Chowan Hospital after an illness of several months. He was 53. Mr. Cayton was a native of Beaufort County. He was a son of the late Lawrence and Ida Cayton Cayton.

He is survived by one brother, Mack Cayton of Edenton; five sisters: Mrs. Grace Swanner of Newport News, Va.; Mrs. Mollie Hudson of Edenton; Mrs. Gladys Formica of Pennsylvania; Mrs. Daisy Patterson of Mexico and Mrs. Blanche Cayton of Edenton.

Mr. Cayton was a member of First Christian Church. Funeral services were held at 4 P. M., Wednesday in Williford Memorial Chapel with Rev. E. C. Alexander in charge. Burial was in Beaver Hill Cemetery.

# Veterans Plan Social Reunion

FONTANA VILLAGE—Veterans of the famous 30th (Old Hickory) Division, who gained fame by breaking the vaunted Hindenburg Line in 1918, will gather in a social reunion at Fontana Village May 24-26, 50 years after their combat experience in France during the first world war. Broadus Bailey, past president of the group, estimates that only a few hundred men have survived. He points out that the average age of the survivors is over 70.

Host group for the reunion is the Tar Heel Chapter of the 30th Division Association, made up predominately of World War II veterans of the same division, which gained the reputation of being the "Workhorse of the Western Front."

The division fought continuously from the beaches of Normandy in June, 1944, until the cessation of hostilities in May of 1945, at which time they had pushed to the Elbe River, not many miles from Berlin, where they were ordered to wait for the meeting with advance units of the Russians.

Gen. S. L. A. Marshall, official historian of the ETO, wrote "At the request of Gen. Eisenhower, we were instructed to draw up a rating sheet on the divisions, infantry and armor and report which divisions we considered had performed the most efficient and consistent battle service. The 30th Division was No. 1 in the combined judgment of the 35 historical officers who worked on the records. It was our finding that the 30th had been outstanding in three operations, any one of which would merit the presidential citation. It was further found that it had in no single instance performed discreditably or weakly when considered against the average of the theater. . . . We had to keep looking at the balance of things always and we felt that the 30th was the outstanding infantry division of the ETO."

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Dear friends,

The Lenten Season is at hand. We are admonished again to realize that all physical things return to dust. Only the spiritual structure we build—the acts of kindness, of charity, of wholesome instruction of the new generation—our spiritual acts alone will survive to bless us in the eons of time. In this earth lifetime, as well as the next, only true happiness comes from deeds of kindness to our fellowmen.

Sincerely,  
H. B. Williford, Jr.

*from market to table*

by your Vepco Home Economist

Do you realize that a few pennies saved on food every week can mean dollars in your pocket at the end of the year? That brings me to the penny-wise, vitamin-packed turnip. It's in peak supply now, at 10¢ a pound.

Most people like them mashed and seasoned with butter or margarine. But remember, if you have an electric range, always boil your vegetables in a small amount of water and in a tightly-covered sauce pan. Personally, I prefer half turnips and half potatoes, cooked in boiling salted water till tender, then drained and mashed with light cream or butter till fluffy. Another flavor surprise is to cook them in beef consommé (one 10 1/2 oz. can to 2 lbs. of turnips) until tender. Drain and mash the turnips till fluffy, then add a 1/2 teaspoon of sugar and 2 table-spoons of chopped parsley before serving.

And here's a recipe that should be on your list of specials. LEMON-PARSLEYED TURNIPS. Pare turnips and cut into sticks (as you would potatoes for french frying) till you have 2 cups. Boil in salted water until just tender, 10 or 15 minutes. Drain and add 1 tablespoon butter or margarine, 2 teaspoons snipped parsley, 1 finely chopped onion and 1 teaspoon lemon juice. Toss to coat evenly. Makes 4 superb servings, and the cost, about 28¢. The cost of electricity to cook it, less than 1¢. Quite a bargain, electricity. Think about that when you're boiling your thrifty turnips.

# Refreshing Outlook

**THE CHURCH FOR ALL...  
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The Church is the greatest factor on earth for the building of character and good citizenship. It is a storehouse of spiritual values. Without a strong Church, neither democracy nor civilization can survive. There are four sound reasons why every person should attend services regularly and support the Church. They are: (1) For his own sake. (2) For his children's sake. (3) For the sake of his community and nation. (4) For the sake of the Church itself, which needs his moral and material support. Plan to go to church regularly and read your Bible daily.

What an exciting, stimulating century we live in! There's so much to see and to do. From morning until night we're on the go, and sometimes we can't sleep because our minds are whirling with plans for a busy tomorrow. It pays to take time to breathe... time to unwind. We need a way to restore our souls and bodies so that the demands of modern life will not be overwhelming. The Christian faith offers in full measure that healing peace within us that the psalmist describes. The Christian outlook is refreshing in its sincere approach to the problems of our complex society. Why not join your neighbors, and attend church this Sunday? Here is a way to find "that peace which the world cannot give."

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Sunday Exodus 23:6-13	Monday Exodus 33:7-15	Tuesday Psalms 51:10-17	Wednesday Jeremiah 30:8-17	Thursday John 14:18-31	Friday Acts 3:17-26	Saturday Romans 15:22-33
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