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 ible to receive help. As a result, the children were kept in school and all were graduated from high school. Two of the

sons drove the school bus for several years and during the summers all the children secured jobs.

The eldest son enlisted in the armed services after high school graduation and made an allotment to his mother for three years. She then requested termination of the aid to dependent children grant.

When he returned home, he attended college through his G. I. educational grant and part-time work. After graduation he became principal of an elementary school and during the summers attended college and secured his M. A. degree.

Now, reminiscing about his childhood, he stated that the aid to dependent children check, though small, meant food and clothes for the children. He remembers the genuine interest which the case-workers showed in his family and declared that she was always a welcome visitor, for whom they had great respect. Paying tribute to his mother, he stated that she knew how to "do the most with the least."

The other children in the family are also self-supporting, tax-paying citizens. This case, from the files of a county department of public welfare, is one of hundreds of similar cases, in which aid to dependent children helped a family during crucial years.

Rheumatic fever has a tendency to run in families, due either to inheritance or to living conditions. It is important to have the brothers and sisters of a rheumatic fever patient examined, says the North Carolina Heart Association.

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Husband Of Tabor Woman Gets Post

Colonel Thomas M. Metz, the husband of a former Tabor City woman, has assumed the duties of Alumni Secretary at the U. S. Military Academy at West Point, N. Y. and Editor of Assembly, the quarterly magazine of the Association of Graduates.

Col. Metz is married to the former Alpha Martin of Tabor City. They have two daughters, Mrs. Teresa Jane Donohoe and Mrs. Penic Ann Eledisoc.

Colonel Metz comes to West Point from Fort Belvoir, Virginia, where he served for three years as Chief of the U. S. Army Nuclear Weapons Coordination Group. Among his other assignments has been that of Executive Officer of the 55th Anti-Aircraft Brigade in the European Theatre of Operations from 1943 to 1945, for which he was awarded the Bronze Star Medal.

A native of Charleston South Carolina, Colonel Metz was graduated from The Citadel with a Bachelor of Science degree in Chemistry prior to entering the Military Academy as a Cadet in 1933. Upon his graduation four years later, he received a second Bachelor of Science degree and was commissioned in the Artillery Corps, United States Army. He also is a graduate of the Com-

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Social Security News

BY: ROBERT L. HAMEL

Almost every week on my regular visits to Columbus County I have the unpleasant task of telling someone that they are not insured for Social Security benefits. Sometimes this is because they have not worked long enough in work covered by Social Security, and sometimes it is because their employers have neglected to report their work.

The Social Security Act was enacted 27 years ago this past August, yet we still find an occasional employer who fails to file Social Security reports or wages for his employees.

At the present time, all employment in commerce and industry is covered by Social Security, and there is no requirement that an employer have a certain number of employees. For example, a contractor might employ just one helper; if so, he must file Social Security tax and report the earnings for Social Security purposes.

Each employer is required to keep a record for each em-

ployee of wages paid and taxes collected. The employer should copy into his permanent records the names and Social Security numbers of his employees exactly as they appear on their Social Security cards. At the close of each calendar quarter the employer must prepare a quarterly tax return and report these wages to Social Security purposes.

The return must be filed with the District Director of Internal Revenue for the district in which the employer's principal place of business is located. The Social Security tax must be paid with these returns. It is important that wages be reported correctly and on time, since the disability, survivors, and disability insurance benefits payable under the Social Security Act are based on the individual worker's Social Security earnings record.

We know that in the past some employers in Columbus County have failed to report wages, especially in some instances have just failed to

report them. In either situation, the person who actually did the work and his family are being done an injustice. There is only one real solution, if you are an employer, be sure you keep a record of the wages paid to your employees

and report them. If you are an employee, make sure that your employer has your Social Security account number and that he reports your wages. You should also keep a record of the employers you have worked for and any evidence you may have of this work. Check your Social Security at least once every three years to insure that your account is posted correctly.

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