



NEW SOCIAL SECURITY.

Almost everybody who works for wages will be under social security when the new law goes into effect in January. And nearly all other workers who want to be. Mainly, the groups not covered are farmers—who for the most part made no effort to get in—professional persons such as doctors, who didn't want in, and various government employes groups who have retirement funds of their own.

Of special interest to women, the new law—in addition to bringing more people in and raising payments so they are more in line with living costs—includes the following changes:

1. A wife of any age may get benefits if she has dependent children and her husband was a covered worker. If she is only 30 when her husband dies, for instance, she starts to receive monthly checks. Up to now, only the children got monthly checks and the wife did not—until she was 65. The change will enable more widows to keep their families together.

2. A husband may receive benefits at 65 on his wife's social security account if he is dependent on her for support—if she is fully insured when she retires at 65 or when she died before that age.

3. A divorced wife, if she is caring for the insured worker's children, is entitled to benefits in some instances.

4. A retired worker, his wife or widow, and minor children may qualify for benefits without regard to their financial resources such as savings, property or other insurance. Husbands, widowers, and parents, however, must establish that the worker had been furnishing at least half their support.

BABY SITTERS AND COOKS.

Regularly employed hired help around the home—be they baby sitter, cook or practical nurse—come under the system if they make \$50 during a quarter, and work full or part time on 24 days of that three-months period. Housewives, or whoever is boss in the family, must pay 1 1/2 per

cent of their hired help's salary into social security and see that the help pays the same.

Whoever works for the housewife on a regular basis and meets the above requirements must have a social security number—and the housewife must see that the taxes are paid. No group needs social security more than domestic help and we can't believe that any housewife will mind the extra bookkeeping. The Treasury is going to make the system as simple for her as possible, and social security administration workers of your area will gladly explain it to you.

HOW COSTLY.

The increased benefits now due you will cost a little more, if you make \$3,600 a year or more. The tax rate paid remains the same for next year—or 1 1/2 per cent—but it will be collected on \$3,600 of a person's wages rather than on just \$3,000 as now.

If the wage is exactly \$3,600 a year, the tax now will be \$54 a year for the worker and a like amount for the employer. This means \$108 into that worker's account during the year. That's as much as anyone pays, for the tax is not collected on anything above \$3,600. The tax is less, of course, if the wages is less than \$3,600.

WHAT COMES BACK?

Most people get back more than they pay into social security, but everybody should remember that they are paying into a social insurance system and not into a savings account. No one draws out of social security like they would out of a bank account. The idea is not that you get back exactly what you pay. Everyone covered pays in at the same rate—1 1/2 per cent—but payments are made on a common welfare basis.

A working wife, for instance, might never get anything on her own account. She is entitled to hers, if she wants it, but she can select benefits on her husband's account—if that is larger. She cannot get both. A worker who leaves several dependent children gets more back than a bachelor

would. A worker who lives to be a hundred probably gets back much more than he paid, while one who dies at 66 gets very little.

IT'S CHEAP

When you pay social security tax you not only are contributing to an old-age pension for yourself but you are paying into a fund which helps dependent children, widows, the blind, and the destitute. In no other insurance system operating in the country could you get so much for so little and help so many other people at the same time.

IS IT PERFECT?

No. It helps you in old age, helps bury you, helps keep your family together if you die, helps the destitute. But it does not help cover sickness and disability if they hit before the worker is 65. A fully insured worker, for instance, can become completely disabled at 45 and have to wait 20 years for his social security.

Labor groups and the House of Representatives thought the new bill should make it possible for a disabled worker to begin drawing social security at any age. But the Senate did not think so, and this part of the bill was killed.

Some day without a doubt, the country will have a health insurance program to cover such cases, all health emergencies. In the meantime, these disabled workers can start getting social security next year—if you elect enough Congressmen who believe as your own labor leaders do. It would be simple to add such an amendment to the present bill, if your Congressman—and enough others—wanted to do so. Vote only for candidates who believe RIGHT on such subjects. Do not be swayed by propaganda from the insurance companies and the American Medical Association.

PROFITS AND WAR

Our country does not have an excess profits tax. This is dangerous to all of us during a war period, because the absence of such a tax is an invitation to raise prices and make a quick profit.

Send to Washington a Congress that believes in taking the profit out of war on all levels. Not necessarily because people get rich on profits, but because too-high profits come from too-high prices and too-high prices destroy our economic system. They undermine social security

Two Rulings Issued By Local Election Board

Election Board Chairman John G. Newitt has issued two important rulings on the conduct of the November 7 General Election.

One of them concerned absentee voting by civilians and armed forces personnel and the other deals with change of polling places in Lemley Township.

A number of questions on absentee voting have arisen, Mr. Newitt said, and these are the rules for application that should clarify the procedures:

1. By writing to the Secretary of State, Raleigh, N. C., or
2. By writing to the Chairman of the Board of Elections, Charlotte, N. C., for Mecklenburg County residents in the armed forces; or,
3. By applying to the County of Mecklenburg Board of Elections in writing through some member of his or her immediate family, and through their appearing at the election office and making the application (Husband and wife, brother and sister, parent and child only.)

4. These applications for eligible voters in the Army, Navy, Marines or other armed forces may be made from now to the General Election. As to civilian applications to vote by the absentee ballot these cannot be made until 30 days before November 7, 1950.

When the application of an eligible voter in the armed forces is received, it will be processed at once by air mail. Applications should contain information as to address of voter, his or her age, voting residence and desire to vote the absentee ballot.

Absentee voting will not be permitted in the school and auditorium bond elections scheduled for September 30 and October 17, Chairman Newitt emphasized.

The ruling on the changes in Lemley polling places:

Those who reside in the following described area will register and vote by obtaining a transfer and register in Box Number 1 located at the New Bryce Fiddler Store on the Gilead-Bethel Road.

Beginning at a point on the dividing line between Deweese Township and Lemley Township at the corner of the Robert J. White and Bryce Torrence lands;

and the wages for which you or your husband works.

Every time your grocery bill goes up or you have to pay more for bed sheets, it reduces the value of the social security check others are receiving and which you some day will receive. Your dollar buys less. Your social security check means less. Remember this at election time.

and running thence in a westerly direction with the Mose White Creek, crossing the Gilead-Bethel Road to the southeasterly corner of the J. E. Jetton, Sr., estate; thence with the southerly line of the said Jetton lands in a westerly direction to the northerly line of the lands of the Captain John Brown estate; thence with that line on a westerly direction to the Beatlie's Ford Road; thence in a line due west through the Hunter's Chapel Colored Church property to the east bank of the Catawba River; thence in a southerly direction with the east bank of the Catawba River to the dividing line between Lemley Township and Long Creek Township; thence with the southern line of Lemley Township in an easterly direction to McDowell Creek; thence with McDowell Creek and the easterly line of Lemley Township in a northerly direction to the point of beginning.

Those who live in the following described area will vote, and those who have not registered and wish to register, will register and vote in Box Number 2, which is located at the home of J. Boyce Knox, Rt. 1, Davidson, North Carolina. This area being called Box 2 and being comprised of the northerly part of Lemley Township not included in the above description of Box 1.

Bloodworth On West Coast
Atlanta, Ga. — Vice President J. O. Bloodworth, Jr., Office Employee International Union, has been on temporary assignment in California where it has been reported that a great deal of activity among the Office Employees has been in existence. Vice President Bloodworth is expected to return to the Southern territory in a few weeks.

It's American to vote. Don't fail to vote November 7!

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