

Your Social Security

Many working people of retire-

ment age could be receiving social security benefits even though they continue to work, reports D. E. Butler, Madison County representative of the Social Security Administration. Recent changes in the law permit older workers and certain qualified dependents to re-

ceive social security benefits even when the worker earns several hundred dollars over the \$1200 per year permitted under the law. The present law, Butler states, permits a worker to earn up to \$1200 a year and still receive all of his social security benefits in

that year. If he earns over \$1200 a year a certain amount will be withheld from the social security benefits paid to him in that same year, as follows: For each \$2 he earns over \$1200 in the year, up to \$1700, he will lose \$1 in social security benefits.

If he earns over \$1700 in a year he will lose \$1 in social security benefits for each \$1 he earns in excess of \$1700. For example, if a man earns \$1800 in a year — which is \$100 over the \$1700 allowed — he will lose \$100 of his social security benefits for the

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We wish to express our deep appreciation for the kindness shown during the death of our husband and father, Woodard Rice. Thanks also for the many floral tributes.

MRS. WOODARD RICE and Family

A man earning \$2000 in a year — \$800 over the \$1200 allowed — will lose \$550 of his social security benefits: \$1 in benefits for each \$2 earned over \$1200 and up to \$1700, and \$1 in benefits for each \$1 earned over \$1700 (\$800).

Butler says that while in the latter case the loss of \$550 in social security benefits for the year might seem substantial, it may be only a portion of the total amount of benefits normally payable. As an example, Butler cites the case of a man who has earned an average of \$2000 for many years. This man would be eligible to receive a social security benefit of about \$61 per month AT AGE 62. If, when he is 62, he has a wife and a child under the age of 18, the wife and child would receive about \$37 each also. Thus the entire family's total benefit would be about \$135 per month, or about \$1600 a year. If the mentioned \$550 above was lost by the worker because he continued to earn \$2000 per year, he and his family would still be eligible to receive over \$1000 per year in social security benefits, bringing their total income (wages and benefits) to over \$3000 per year.

Butler urges all retirement-age workers to find out about this provision of the law, either by writing to the Social Security Administration, Asheville, N. C., for a free pamphlet on the subject, or by making an appointment to see him personally at the courthouse in Marshall.

James Teague, 89, Native Of County, Passes Saturday

James (Bob) Teague, 89, of Rt. 2, Leicester, died at 7:50 p. m., Saturday, March 9, 1963 in his home following a long illness.

Mr. Teague was a native of Madison County and had lived in Buncombe County for the last 70 years. A retired farmer, he had once taught school for some 11 years. He was a son of the late Ambrose and Sarah Payne Teague and was a member of Beulah Baptist Church.

Services were held at 3:30 p. m., Monday in Beulah Baptist Church.

The Rev. Fred Pegg had the Rev. J. C. Barnett officiated with burial in the church cemetery.

Grandsons served as pallbearers with friends and neighbors as honorary pallbearers. Nieces and granddaughters were flowerbearers.

Surviving are three daughters, Mrs. W. C. Rogers of Hendersonville and Mrs. Eugene Davis and Mrs. Kenny Roberson of Leicester; four sons, Guder of Baltimore, Md., and James, Mike and Fred Teague of Leicester; a sister, Mrs. Inez Austin of Asheville; 16 grandchildren; and 17 great-grandchildren.

The body was taken to the home at 3 p. m. Sunday and remained until placed in the church one hour prior to the service.

Painting By Mars Hill Artist Is Exhibited In S.C.

A painting by John Huff of Mars Hill, sophomore art major at Mars Hill College, has been selected for exhibition in the Fifth Carolinas' College Annual Exhibition, March 10-31, at the Columbia (S.C.) Museum of Arts.

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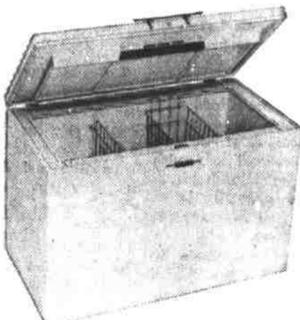
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