



"We honored a small and select group of people who on Monday, January 4 received their 300th monthly social security check," D. C. Nichols, Field Representative of the Asheville district office said today. "We are very proud of them."

Nichols explained that "this small group of people" because entitled to monthly benefit checks starting January 1940, the first month that such benefits were payable under the Social Security System.

To be entitled to a monthly retirement benefit in January 1940 one had to be at least 65 years old. "So, after receiving monthly checks for 25 years," Nichols went on, "such an individual would now be at least 85 years old — and most likely older. Therefore, it is a very small and select group indeed who received their 300th social security check on January 4. By their work and payment of social security taxes at the very beginning of this program they earned the right to these benefits. We take our hats to them."

In addition to this 25th anniversary of monthly benefit payments now celebrated, 1965 will also mark the 20th anniversary of the Social Security Act, which was signed by President Franklin D. Roosevelt in August 1935.

Nichols stated that beneficiaries under the old-age and survivors insurance program, as well as the disability insurance program which was added in 1954, have received benefits totaling more than \$114 billion from January 1940 to the present. Monthly benefit payments made during that first year, 1940, were just over \$15 million, and went to 102,941 aged workers, their dependents, and survivors.

"The social security program as a whole has shown a steady growth during this 25-year period. Benefits paid during the 1964 fiscal year, from July 1963 through June 1964, totaled \$15.8 billion. At the end of 1964, over 29 million people were receiving monthly benefit

payments." Social security benefits are paid out of two separate trust funds maintained in the U. S. Treasury. These funds have been built up with the social security taxes paid by employees, their employers and self-employed persons. "Money not needed for the payment of current benefits and for the administration of the program is invested in interest-bearing securities of the U. S. Government. The interest thus added to the funds is enough to pay for the administrative costs of the program several times over."

The old-age and survivors insurance trust fund totaled \$19.7 billion at the end of fiscal year, and the disability insurance trust fund established in January 1957, totaled \$2.2 billion, Nichols concluded.

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Library To Present Film Program Jan. 23

The Yancey County Library will present a film program Saturday, January 23 at the library at 7:30 p. m. The main feature is entitled **MIRROR OF THE PAST**; 28 minutes in color. This film presents the cultural life of 18th century England as transplanted in the colony of North Carolina through a description of Tryon's Palace in New Bern. Imported and locally produced artifacts, furnishings and utensils are shown; and the history of the palace and its restoration are given. The film was made in the springtime and shows the house and gardens at that season.

The second film, entitled **PIONEER JOURNEY ACROSS THE APPALACHIANS**, 14 minutes in color, follows a North Carolina family westward across the Appalachians before the Revolutionary War. Explains why the early settlers moved west, how they traveled, and other concepts underlying this movement.

This film program will also be presented at the Spruce Pine Public Library, Thursday, January 21st., at the Avery County Library, January 19, at Newland and at the Mitchell County Library, Monday, January 18, in Bakersville. The

public is invited and no admission charged.

Applications Being Accepted For March Class In Practical Nursing

The Asheville Buncombe Technical Institute has announced that applications are being accepted for the March class in Practical Nursing Education.

The qualifications for entering this class are: Applicant must be between 17 and 50 years of age, be a high school graduate or equivalent and have an aptitude for nursing as determined by testing.

Preliminary tests and interview will be held Friday, January 8 and Friday, January 15th at Memorial Mission Hospital. No appointments will be necessary on these dates.

If applicant is unable to attend on these dates an appointment may be made for another time by calling the School of Practical Nursing... Mrs. Ruth Digges — 254-3291 or Mrs. Ruth Gedding — 252-5331.

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NOTICE IN THE SUPERIOR COURT STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA YANCEY COUNTY

Yates R. Bennett, and the unknown heirs at law of S. M. Bennett and the Unknown heirs at law of W. B. Banks.

The Defendants, The unknown heirs at law of S. M. Bennett and the Unknown heirs at law of W. B. Banks, will take notice that an action, entitled as above, has been commenced in the Superior Court of Yancey County to enforce the tax liens for the years of 1962, 1963, 1964 for taxes due by the above named Defendants on and in Crabtree Township, Yancey County, North Carolina; and the Defendants will further take notice that the complaint in said action is on file in the office of the Clerk of the Superior Court of Yancey County, North Carolina, and the Defendants are required to appear and answer or demur to the said complaint within 30 days from the 22 day of January, 1965, or the Plaintiff will apply to the

Court for the relief demanded in the complaint. This 17 day of December, 1964. Glenna Thomas, Ass't. Clerk of the Superior Court Dec. 24, 31, Jan. 7, 14

NOTICE IN THE SUPERIOR COURT STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA YANCEY COUNTY

Glenna Thomas, Ass't. Clerk of the Superior Court, Yancey County, N.C.

The Plaintiff, Lou Ellen Wilkie will take notice that an action, entitled as above, has been commenced in the Superior Court of Yancey County to enforce the tax liens for the years of 1962, 1963, 1964 for taxes due by the above named Defendant on land in Crabtree Township, Yancey County, North Carolina; and the Plaintiff will further take notice that the complaint in said action is on file in the office of the Clerk of the Superior Court of Yancey County, North Carolina, and the Defendant is required to appear and answer or demur to the said complaint within 30 days from the 22 day of January 1965, or the Plaintiff will apply to the Court for the relief demanded in the complaint.

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